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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

March 17, 2003 ♦ **MONDAY**

## Pat on the back

Eastern junior Pat Dowty advanced to the NCAA wrestling tournament for the second straight year.

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## Students use their breaks to relax

By Tim Martin  
CAMPUS EDITOR

In the eyes of one student, the only thing better than one week of spring break was three weeks of vacation time.

At least that was the case for Erik Lewis, a freshman business management major, who was sent home early by Health Services because of a case of mononucleosis.

"I went home Feb. 24, and I guess I had three weeks of spring break," Lewis said while lounging on his bed Sunday afternoon, playing video games with his roommate. "I slept in, was in the hospital for three days, my throat closed up and I could not do any physical activity."

While most students did not get the early reprieve, they did share Lewis' choice in relaxing at home.

"I sat around and did nothing — that's pretty much what happened," Jeremy Ohmart, a freshman pre-engineering major and resident of Lincoln, said. "I saw some friends, hung out and saw a lot of people I hadn't seen in a while."

Curt Stepp, a junior marketing major, also used the week off from classes to catch up with family and friends.

"We had some relatives over," Stepp, a resident of Trenton, said. "And we visited some friends last weekend at the University of Missouri in Columbia."

Springfield resident Jonathan Reuter, a freshman computer information systems major, used his spring break to make money working with his father.

"I put some cement in and worked around the yard — we did some spring cleaning," Reuter said.

However, for some students who stayed home, the hardest part in leaving was not the start of classes, but something else.

"Pretty much anything my mom cooked is better than anything around here," Ohmart said. "That will probably be the toughest part about coming back."

Although a majority of students stayed home, a few students managed to have the MTV spring break.

Andy Zalon, a senior industrial tech major, went to Cancun.

"It was a non-stop party," he said. "I saw one of the guys from 'Fraternity Life' (a show on MTV) who came down to promote their show, and Girls Gone Wild was down there the last day."

Nikki Verone, a junior history major,



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Keshia Anderson, a sophomore accounting major, and Sarah Tojo, a sophomore elementary education major, move their belongings from the car to their dorm room Sunday afternoon outside of Lawson Hall.

went on a cruise with 24 of her fellow Alpha Phi sorority sisters.

"Everyone on our cruise was from the Florida schools," Verone said. "When I told them we were from Eastern Illinois, they were like, 'where's that?'"

"Or we'd say we're from Chicago, and they would say 'That's so cold up there and that sucks' and I was like, 'thanks.'"

Zalon said Cancun, unlike Chicago, was anything but cold.

"I saw a 40-year-old mother take off her shirt in front of her daughter," he said. "It was crazy; there was like a group of 26 moms and daughters."

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The sunny weather Sunday may have put students in good spirit as they pre-

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—Andy Zalon

pare to return to class.

"Yeah, I am ready to come back to school, especially since I'm from a small town," Amber Estes, a freshman family consumer sciences major of Milford, said.

But the week(s) of leisure will soon switch to hard work when classes start Monday.

"I've got five midterms to make up, a speech Tuesday and a lot of homework," Lewis said.

## Eastern, other schools file suit

♦ *Eastern could lose \$290,000 as a result of problem with subscriptions*

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern is potentially out \$290,000.

That number is the amount of the 2003 university contract for Booth Library to receive magazine and journal subscriptions, reading material the library is danger of no longer carrying.

The company providing the library subscriptions filed for bankruptcy Jan. 27.

RoweCom, a library subscription subsidiary of Divine Inc., says the parent company illegally obtained funds, leaving the subsidiary unable to pay publishers and libraries they supply in danger of not offering patrons reading material.

Booth Library continues to receive most subscriptions, but "there is no perfect list anywhere" of magazines gone missing, Allen Lanham, dean of library services, said.

Publishers have graced most subscriptions since January and have continued so far into April, he said.

Eastern is involved in a lawsuit against the subscription providers with four other state libraries.

Western Illinois University, Illinois State University, Roosevelt University and Governors State University joined with Eastern in a case with a Boston law firm billing \$300 to \$400 per hour. The federal government is now investigating, said Western's general counsel Bruce Biangini.

Western could lose \$600,000 and ISU over \$1 million, he said.

He said RoweCom's claim of Divine's conduct is accurate.

"They really raped RoweCom looks to me ... this is one of those dot com situations," Biangini said.

In Eastern's situation, money won in the lawsuit will likely go to the magazine publishers, Lanham said.

"It is likely that later on, if there are other claims, the money will go to the publishers because the libraries have continued to receive subscriptions," he said. "The court at this time is unaware of the publishers who have continued to provide libraries with subscriptions."

Governors State University has not been so lucky in receiving reading material, with less than 1 percent prepaid magazines sent, said Tracy Sullivan, director of purchasing for Governors State.

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## Seventh Street closes

♦ *Road will re-open late March, closure for construction project*

A portion of Seventh Street was closed March 10, so a utility connection to the city can be made for the new Human Services Building.

The closed section extends from Klehm Hall to the north end of the Thomas Hall fire lane turnaround.

Work crews from Brinkoetter Plumbing & Heating will make utility connections from the new Human Services Building to the City of Charleston's water, sewer and sanitary mains, a press release stated.

Construction also will include street removal and reconstruction and the

installation of manholes.

The section was closed March 10 and will be reopened March 24, although the date could be extended if construction faces inclement weather.

The new Human Services Center will combine Health Services, Career Services, the Counseling Center and the communication disorders and sciences department. Completion is tentatively set for June 16, 2003.

The new 30,457-square-foot Human Services was created in large part so the new Doudna Fine Arts Center, which is set for completion in 2005, could be extended across the street where the Clinical Services and Counseling Center buildings currently reside.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

7th Street is now closed off near Thomas Hall so pipes can be added to connect the new Health Services building and the City of Charleston's water, sewer and sanitary mains.



# March celebrates women's history

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

While many new events have shown up on the activity calendar for March, the Women's History and Awareness Month has been around for quite some time.

"Every year since we have been here, Women's History and Awareness Month has been celebrated in March," said Jonelle Depetro, programming chair for Women's History and Awareness Month and associate professor of philosophy.

The theme changes each year. This year's theme is, "Women pioneering the future."

"It's an international event; it's nice that we celebrate it so enthusiastically here," Depetro said. "Students do a lot of work from input to what kinds of events the students are interested in attending and they design the promotional fliers that go up around campus and do the hard work of posting them all over campus."

According to the National Women's History Project, in March of 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential message to the American people, encouraging the recognition and celebration of women's historic accomplishments during the week of March 8 and Women's History Week. The National Women's History Project (NWHF) was founded in Santa Rosa, Calif., as a nonprofit corporation to provide a national clearinghouse for general information about women's history and for specific information about National Women's History Week celebrations.

With the support and curriculum materials generated by the National Women's History Project, many state departments of education promoted programs for National Women's History Week as a means toward achieving a more balanced curriculum.

In 1987, at the request of women's organizations, museums, libraries, youth leaders and educators throughout the country, the National Women's History Project successfully

petitioned Congress to expand the national celebrations to the entire month of March.

A National Women's History Month Resolution was quickly approved with strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

"It is an exciting time. Lots of energy goes into these programs. We have a line-up this month that is well worth attending," said Diana Slaviero, coordinator of women's studies, which is the academic minor and women's resource center.

"One of the wonderful things is that all these different organizations and departments are celebrating and participating in and it isn't just the women's studies program anymore that are celebrating these events," Depetro said.

"Many, many organizations and departments on campus participate in and one thing women's studies does is gather their information together and promote these events on their calendar. For, example, the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity sponsored a lecture on gender equity, the School of Business at Eastern is sponsoring 'Grace Bair Business Women's Series Panel' and The Vagina Monologues is sponsored by the Sexual Assault and Counseling Informational Services of Charleston."

There is also an essay contest open to all students and essay winners from the submissions will be announced at the WHAM awards reception that will take place Sunday."

Amasong, an acapella feminist chorus, will perform at the reception, Depetro said.

Depetro said the main presentation was keynote speaker Jo Ellen Jacobs.

This month is the first to include the gender and popcorn film series, Depetro said.

"It has been very successful and there have been great films and discussion afterward," she said.

The films are presented every Thursday in the Women's Resource Center located in the basement of Stevenson Hall.



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PHOTO EDITOR

Kelly McMaster, a sophomore elementary education major, throws a softball to Ashley Ballerini, a sophomore elementary education major, Sunday afternoon in the Tarble Arts Field. McMaster and Ballerini were outside enjoying the weather which reached a high of 73 degrees in Charleston.

## Weather observer: 'Spring is near,'

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Students returning from spring break found spring right here in Charleston with Sunday's high temperature reaching 73 degrees.

Dallas Price, former Eastern professor and local weather observer, said the temperature was only three degrees short of the record high for that date and the warmest temperature since Oct. 12.

"There are good signs we have that spring is near," Price said. "Flowers are blooming, and birds are singing."

Today's temperature is expected to stay in the near-70s, according to the National Weather Service.

Price said the warm temperatures came in accordance with an "astrological phenomenon," today's 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night, leading into the March 20-21 equinox.

"The sun will rise at 6:02 a.m. and will set at 6:02 p.m.," Price said.

Thursday will mark the equinox, when the sun's ray will form a 90 degree angle when crossing the equator at noon.

Price said the Alaskan polar region's cold air still has to be dissipated but the 12 hours of sun will assist in filtering out the cold air.

Along with this warm weather throughout the week will come showers and thunderstorms.

"Rain will be good," Price said. "We need moisture. For getting spring underway, we need more rain."

The National Weather Service forecast for Tuesday shows temperatures at a high of 68 degrees with a 30 percent chance of showers and storms during the day and a 50 percent chance at night.

Showers and thunderstorms are likely Wednesday. Temperatures will begin a slow decline later in the week, going down to 55 as Friday's high. Chances of

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—Dallas Price

showers are forecasted for the rest of the week.

Temperatures are expected to fall into the 40s by Sunday.

"Really, we have two weeks left in March; we can still have colder weather," Price said.

This variety of temperatures is expected to continue for the rest of the month.

"Spring weather doesn't really come and stay until the first week in April," he said.

He said Charleston residents are fortunate to live in a latitude where spring can make attempts this early in the year.

"That's March for you," Price said. "Winter and summer are fighting the battle that leads to spring."

However, Price said it is very unlikely for Charleston to receive any more snow this year. He said 30 inches have fallen so far this year, three of which fell in March.

"If we have any snow, it will be unusual and it will melt before it hits the ground because the ground temperature is now above freezing," Price said about weather conditions this close to spring.

In the absence of snow comes spring storm weather.

"Tornado season is moving in," Price said. Though tornadoes are rare, April is a common month for the more violent storms.

Until April, though, temperatures are expected to vary and precipitation is expected to be plentiful.

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## Shooting for the swish

Chris Bolinder, a freshman computer information systems major, gets ready to take a shot Sunday afternoon on the basketball courts across from Thomas Hall.

# New grass, university contracts will be discussed Tuesday

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's Board of Trustees will look at new grass and university contracts in a teleconference call Tuesday.

In January, the board discussed replacing the grass field at O'Brien Stadium with artificial turf, a project not funded by any appropriated funds or student fees, said director of athletics Richard McDuffie.

This week, the board will look at approving the almost \$750,000 project.

"We have all the sufficient funds for the project," McDuffie said. The funds include monies from outside sources and state grants.

About \$600,000 has already been raised.

The turf will be three to four inches thick and made of granulated rubber and plastic-like strands.

The change is necessary because of the maintenance needed on the current grass field, the likelihood it will reduce injuries and the expected low maintenance on the new grass, he said.

If approved, it will be installed between June and August.

"It's a new product ... we're about the only state school that doesn't have it," McDuffie said.

He said the turf is being used at Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, Illinois State University and in the high school market.

The rubber used comes from recycled Illinois tires, allowing Eastern to receive grants as part of a state recycling program, he said.

McDuffie said he expects the proposal to pass.

"We're not putting it in just for football," he said. Other university sports, intramurals and classes could use the artificial turf.

The BOT also could approve five

### BOT will look at ...

- ◆ Approving the nearly \$750,000 artificial turf project for O'Brien Stadium
- ◆ Approving five employee contracts
- ◆ Proposed bids for the expansion of the Tarble Arts Center

employee contracts.

The board will hear three full contracts with the faculty University Professionals of Illinois, Illinois Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and good services employees with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

Wage opener contracts with the Illinois Brotherhood of Teachers and secretarial employees with AFSCME also will be presented. The rest of the contract will be negotiated in several months after the third-year agreements expire.

All full contracts are for three years, said Bob Wayland, director of employee and labor relations.

Each AFSCME settlement affects about 200 union members.

The UPI negotiated for 11 months with steps made toward faculty striking. The contract includes provisions for intellectual property rights, academic freedom, distance education and workload, among other issues.

The board also will hear bids for the expansion of the Tarble Arts Center.

"There's a breakdown of the different water, electrical work" contracts that will be offered to the individual providers, media relations director Vicki Woodard said.

The BOT will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the president's conference room in Old Main.

# Former student's rape trial postponed until later date

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Former Eastern student Condric A. Sanders' rape trial has been postponed to an undetermined date.

"Currently, we have no trial date, but hope to have one soon," said Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters.

Originally scheduled for Jan. 14, 2003, the jury trial date has been set back repeatedly. A motion for continuance was filed and signed Jan. 13. The prosecution postponed the hearing because Deters was scheduled to begin another trial simultaneously. The continuance motion

was approved Jan. 21 and the hearing date was moved to March 5.

A motion for the issuance of a subpoena *duces tecum* and proof of service was filed Feb. 13, requiring that an expert witness bring relevant papers before the court. At the March 5 hearing, Defense Attorney Carol Dison called for a hearing on the *duces tecum* motion.

Dison's argument was heard and the defense was given 14 days to file a petition limiting expert witness testimony and the prosecution was given an additional 14 days to respond. The case was continued to April 16, but the jury trial date is still undetermined.

"The latest issue is contesting

the admissibility of the evidence of the victim suffering from Rape Trauma Syndrome, which is related to post-traumatic stress disorder," Deters said.

Rape Victim Advocates, an organization in Chicago, defined Rape Trauma Syndrome as a "cluster of emotional responses to the extreme stress experienced by the survivor during the sexual assault."

Particularly, Rape Trauma Syndrome is a reaction to the fear of death a victim encounters within the course of an assault.

Although responses to rape trauma vary by victim, there is a series of physical and emotional

reactions victims experience.

Emotional trauma responses include both controlled and expressed styles. Controlled response victims downplay fear, sadness, anger and anxiety. Victims displaying the expressed styles tend to show exaggerated forms of their emotions.

Typical Rape Trauma Syndrome symptoms are fear, humiliation, confusion, vengeance and an inability to trust. Victims often suffer from diet changes, insomnia, nightmares and physical pain.

Social, psychological, sexual and physical concerns for a rape survivor are long-lasting aspects of Rape Trauma Syndrome.

Deters said the prosecution will try to prove the alleged rape victim is suffering with the trauma syndrome.

Sanders is accused of forcing intercourse with a woman who was unable to consent Feb. 17, 2002. These charges could entitle a four-to-fifteen year prison sentence.

Sanders, 34, of Rockford, is one of three former Eastern students indicted May 2002 on charges of rape.

Antwan G. Oliver was found not guilty in December because of an inability to prove force. Louis A. Taylor, of the Chicago area, has yet to face trial.



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### EDITORIAL

# Energy savings admirable

Although Eastern's recent tactic of spending money to save money may not seem logical, this campus has earned national kudos for its energy-conserving efforts.

The Safe Energy Communication Council, based in Washington, included Eastern among the top Illinois businesses and organizations that save money by using energy more efficiently. The university completed a \$1.1 million lighting-upgrade project in August, which is expected to save up to \$250,000 a year on energy costs.

The new, efficient system features lights that automatically shut off when a room is not in use. Students who have been mysteriously left in the dark while studying in an empty classroom can find comfort in the fact the loss of light is saving the university thousands of dollars.

The lighting upgrade, as well as improvements to campus ventilation and water systems, is an outlet for Eastern to manage funds better.

"The upgrade reduces our deferred maintenance needs, and the savings generated by the project assure us the funds to support future repairs, allowing the university to reallocate resources to other priorities," said Gary Reed, superintendent of utilities and director of the physical plant.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, also said the project will help the university to not increase future room and board rates.

The energy improvements deserve national recognition, but the benefits of saving energy and money are especially relevant during a time of financial crisis.

With a \$2.2 million dollar deficit in Eastern's operating budget this year, every facet of this university should be trying to pinch pennies.

As Illinois' budget situation looks increasingly bleaker, at least one group here might be prepared when Gov. Blagojevich calls back a large chunk of money from state schools.

It's possible the upgrade project will pay for itself in three to four years and produce an annual return on investments to Eastern of up to 30 percent.

The benefits reaped from the project will be two fold. Not only is Eastern undergoing an environmentally sound endeavor by conserving energy, the campus also is saving a significant amount of money.

Campus utilities personnel should be further commended for their efforts.

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

**At issue**  
 Eastern being recognized for its energy conserving efforts

**Our stance**  
 The university should be commended for saving money by preserving energy.

### OPINION

# Today more than sea of green



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Whether it be shamrocks, leprechauns or simply green beer, there are many things highly commercialized that people associate with St. Patrick's Day. And, typically, people don't exactly think of the actual saint or what he did to become the patron saint of Ireland when they think of the day commemorating the Irish saint.

Before you whip out the 'kiss me, I'm Irish' t-shirts or dye your hair green, let me refresh your memory on just who St. Patrick really was.

Born in Wales, around AD 385, Maewyn (the saint's given name until he later picked up the Christian name Patrick), acted far from saintly up until the ripe age of 16. He had considered himself a pagan up until this time, according to wilstar.com/holidays/patrick.htm.

Before he was sold into slavery by Irish marauders, he didn't have a substantially close relationship with God. After being held as a slave for six years, he eventually escaped and studied monastery under St. Germaine, a bishop at the time. He subsequently returned to Ireland to attempt to convert the Irish country to Christianity while also establishing monasteries across the country.

His mission in Ireland lasted for

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30 years before Patrick retired. He died on March 17 in AD 461. St. Patrick's Day was officially celebrated in the United States in 1737.

The fact that St. Patrick's Day is so publicized and commercialized in the United States can be viewed as both a positive and negative thing.

The day is no doubt special to people, especially those of the Irish heritage, but unfortunately, it seems the day is centered around too many things other than the saint. However, the fact that stores cash in on the day with green t-shirts or shamrock shakes is inevitable, and ultimately it helps make the day more recognizable while encouraging people of all descents to celebrate their heritage.

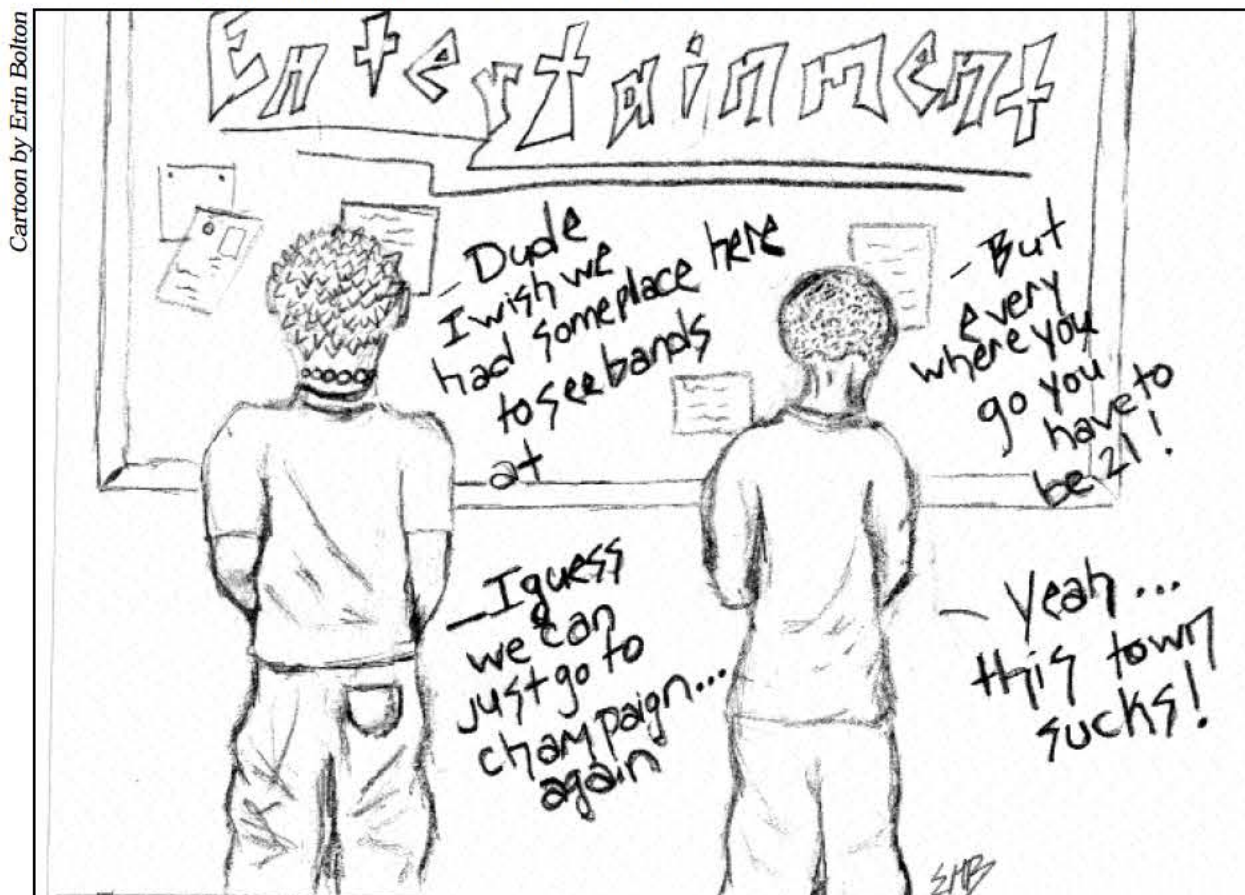
Since the day is so highly promoted and celebrated nation-wide with parties, parades and tradi-

tional meals often consisting of corn beef and cabbage, the day is one I've always relished. When I reminisce about past St. Patrick's Days, my mind is flooded with memories of drinking green fruit punch and exchanging shamrock stickers with friends in grade school.

And although I admit it's easy to focus on the day and all the sea of things green it represents instead of thinking about the saint and all he did to make the world a better place, without all the commercialization I don't think the day would have nearly the significance it does today.

Although St. Patrick's Day is commercialized as an Irish holiday, it is uplifting to see the day celebrated by people of various nationalities. St. Patrick may have been an Ireland native, but most importantly, he is someone who made a difference in the lives of others. And it is encouraging to see his day celebrated by all types of people.

So gulp down your shamrock shakes, snarf up your green-frosted cookies and chug your green beer, but don't forget all this day represents and the saint who made it what it is today.



### YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Column contained contradictions

Anthony Mertz, a man who had perfect attendance in church for 13 years and a wonderful boyfriend. These are the reasons we should see good in this coward. These are the reasons he wrongly received the death penalty.

I'll begin by clearing up some contradictions presented in the column "Every life is worth saving," published in the Feb. 28 edition of The Daily Eastern News. Mertz did not spend his early life "abandoned by people who were supposed to protect him." He spent them with his grandmother, where "everything was perfect." Even if this were true, the murder he was guilty of committing is not justified. As for the wonderful boyfriend he was, I guess it just matters what day the writer went to court because other girlfriends speak of abuse and rape.

Every life is worth saving. Worth doesn't have to be monetary, but in my opinion, spending more than \$75,000 a year on a coward who isn't worth anything himself is too much. I suppose the writer meant worth in a

humane and just sort of way (two things he was not).

In regards to Mertz being "soon forgotten by many of us," he will never be forgotten by any of us. We will all forever remember Shannon and that she is not here with us, and for that reason, we will always remember him.

The government did not play God; the jury carried out his justice. "Moreover, you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death" (Numbers 35:31)

Mary Dwyer  
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### People need to be educated on ephedra

In regards to the column "Ephedra ban should be made soon," published in the Feb. 27 edition of The Daily Eastern News, I would first like to say I am in no way in favor of everybody using ephedra. I will say

facts need to be given about why ephedra is dangerous, rather than the spouting off the deaths of people who have died from it.

The people who have died from ephedra are known because their deaths have been made public, but if we were to spout off people who died from Aspirin and other related painkillers, we would have to put 7,600 people's names here. You can look those up at the Centers for Disease Control Web site, in case you think I am making it up. Every death is a tragedy, but reporters tend to look over the fact that Bechler had prior heat illness incidents which the probability of recurrence heightens, family history of sudden death following exercise (his half-brother died of an aneurysm at the age of 20 after overheating from playing

baseball. It appeared he was wearing two or three layers of clothing during workouts, he was overweight, had hypertension and liver problems and was starving himself while training in 108 degree weather. No, it couldn't have been that stuff contributing to his heat stroke; it must have been the evil dietary supplement!

Baylor University professors and independent sports nutrition experts attributed his death to the heat stroke and not ephedra.

So what it basically boils down to is not to demonize everything that kills someone, but people being properly educated about what it is they shove down their throat.

Paul Lotz  
 Junior physical education major

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# Non-senate members sought for elections positions

By Avian Carrasquillo  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Students wanting to get involved in campus politics will have the opportunity next month.

With upcoming Student Senate elections in April, non-senate members are being sought to fill positions on the Student Body

Elections Commission and to staff polling locations.

Alison Mormino, student body president, said many of the positions needed for election time have remained unfilled in past elections.

"If (students) have any interest in student government or politics, this is a great way for them to get involved," Mormino

said.

The positions needing to be filled for the upcoming election include executive director, director of eligibility and registration, director of legal affairs, director of planning, director of poll operations, director of public affairs and director of records and information.

"These are vital positions. We

will take applications from anyone with an interest, but we'd prefer anyone with a marketing or public relations background," Mormino said.

Mormino would like to see more student involvement this year in all aspects of the election process.

"We hope that students will take an active approach and

vote," Mormino said.

In addition to the available elections commissions positions, students are also sought to operate the polls from 7:50 a.m to 5 p.m. on April 21 and 22.

Applications for all of the positions are available at the Student Activities Center in the Union. For more information contact Mormino at 581-7670.

# Student Government battles apathy with voter campaign

◆ *Door-to-door voter registration campaign to occur March 23*

By Jeremy Pelzer  
CITY REPORTER

Looking to combat widespread political apathy among Eastern students, Student Government is organizing a campus-wide door-to-door voter registration campaign tentatively scheduled for March 23.

Student Government members, along with members of the Student Action Team, will go through residence halls registering students to vote, said Lindsay Baum, student senate student relations chair.

"We just want to get a big chunk of the students registered," Baum said.

Nancy Zegler, Student Senate Housing Committee Chair, said

the goal of the drive is to increase student participation in the November general election and the 2004 presidential election.

"In a year, no one has an excuse not to come vote," Zegler said.

The deadline for registering in time for the April 1 local election, where park district and school board seats are up for grabs, expired March 4, Coles County Deputy Clerk Sheryl Thomas, said.

Although Eastern students are heavily affected by city, state and federal policies, voting levels on campus have traditionally been low.

Marty Ruhaak, Student Action Team chair, estimated that of the more than 10,000 students that attend Eastern, only 1,000 to 1,100 students are currently registered to vote in Charleston.

*"We just want to get a big chunk of the students registered."*

—Lindsay Baum

campus, although many non-students are also included in that figure.

Of those students registered, fewer cast ballots on Election Day.

Student participation in city elections is "pretty much slim to none," Zegler said.

With the door-to-door campaign, Zegler said she hopes to triple the number of registered Eastern students.

Low voter registration levels cost Eastern state funding and prevent Charleston officials from taking students seriously, Baum said.

"When Student Action Team, for instance, goes to Springfield and says: 'We need more funding,' (legislators) are going to see that we're a serious group of students ready to vote for who we feel is good for Eastern," Baum said.

High student voting levels would show "it's important for people's political interests that Eastern get funding," Ruhaak said.

Increased student participation in city elections, Ruhaak said, would also give students influence over city policies such as the Project 21 program, meant to crack down on underage drinkers.

Before the door-to-door campaign begins, Coles County Clerk Betty Coffran will deputize Student Government officials at a Student Senate meeting, Ruhaak said.

Although the exact date has not been determined, Baum said any students wanting to be deputized with Student Government may do so.

"We can use as much help as we can get," Baum said.

# Trio Program event will assist students with resumes

◆ *Resume workshop free to all students, and will take place Tuesday*

By Aaron Saudargas  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Trio Program is sponsoring an event to help build a future for students. The Trio Program is offering its assistance to students on building a resume for future jobs.

The workshop is intended for students eligible to graduate.

The Trio program was created to help low income students and students with disabilities in reaching their academic goals, Claude Magee, director of the Trio Program, said.

The goal of the program is to find academic solutions for students who have academic problems, offer counseling and tutor Eastern students.

The primary focus of the Trio Program is to increase the graduation rates of the eligible students and allow them to get jobs easily out of college, Magee said.

Magee said the Trio Program has offered workshops on note-taking and studying habits in the past.

Magee said in a press release he has access to special software allowing the resume build-

ing to be created quickly and easily without much hassle.

This workshop is offered to more than 75 different job fields and different majors' types of resumes, Magee said.

Personnel will be on hand at the event to provide assistance for the resume building.

Magee said the drive is held not only to help the students, but also "getting the Trio Program name out there."

The workshop is offered in celebration of National Trio Day, which means other campuses across the country are celebrating similar programs as well, Magee said.

The resume workshop is free to all eligible graduating students and will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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# FBI investigates possible terrorist links at colleges

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — The University of Idaho seems an unlikely backdrop for international terrorism.

Tucked into a small town amid the rolling wheat fields of the Palouse, the campus of about 9,700 students is far removed from regional and national centers of commerce or government.

Yet FBI agents on the hunt for

potential terrorists are turning their attention to this and other college campuses, many in small-town America, where foreign students for decades have blended into diverse student populations.

The reasons are simple: Foreign exchange programs make it easy for people from other countries to arrive and stay in the United States for long periods, many campuses

are in rural settings with few police officers, and they often have sophisticated communications links to the outside world, such as high-speed Internet access.

In Idaho, agents recently arrested two people with ties both to the University of Idaho and to a group suspected of funneling money to terrorist groups and is investigating two others.

"It's clear there's activity like this all over the country," said an FBI agent investigating the University of Idaho cases, talking about the cases on condition of anonymity.

In North Carolina, suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, recently arrested in Pakistan, graduated from North Carolina A&T University in

Greensboro in 1986. He had first attended tiny Chowan College in Murfreesboro, a town of about 2,000 residents in the northeast part of the state.

Sami Al-Arian, who studied at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, was arrested recently on charges of operating a terrorist cell while a professor at the University of South Florida.

## Suit:

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"Very few are sending any journals," Sullivan said.

She said Governors State's loss is about \$250,000 for January renewal subscriptions.

Eastern planned to replace Rowecom with another provider July 1, Lanham said.

State university libraries buy many items cooperatively, Sullivan said.

"The request for proposal for fiscal year 2004, which begins July 1, is currently being evaluated," she said.

Rowecom is trying to reclaim \$74 million from Divine, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Feb. 25.

## Faithful gather to celebrate Smart's return

### ◆ SALT LAKE CITY (AP) —

Mormon faithful

gathered to pray

Sunday at

Elizabeth Smart's

church, where

her grandfather

declared that the

15-year-old was so

robbed of her

free will by her

captors that she

didn't try to

escape even when

left alone for a

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Her bishop called

Elizabeth

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Smart's grandparents

and uncle

spoke to about 250

people gathered

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where the Smart

family worships.

"As a doctor, it's

amazing to me

that you can

become so brain-

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washed that you identify with your captor," grandfather Charles Smart said.

During her time with her abductors, "Elizabeth had the chance of escaping. One day she was completely by herself, but she didn't try to run away," he said. He did not elaborate on circumstances in which the girl was left alone.

Smart was snatched from her home June 5 and found by police Wednesday walking near Salt Lake City. Brian David Mitchell, a religious fanatic who did handyman work at the Smart house one day in November 2001, is suspected in the kidnapping, as is his wife, Wanda Barzee.

Those two remained in jail

Sunday awaiting charges, expected to be filed Monday. Federal and local authorities, meanwhile, refused to comment on the investigation for a second straight day.

### ◆ Victims of nightclub fire remembered during parade

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — Thousands stood in silent tribute Sunday to the nearly 100 victims of a nightclub fire during West Warwick's St. Patrick's Day parade, the town's biggest festival of the year.

Police estimated 20,000 to 25,000 people lined the one-mile route for

the 44th annual parade, which began with a moment of silence for the victims. Bagpipers broke the stillness with "Amazing Grace" as the procession paused about two miles from the former site of The Station nightclub.

In the wake of the fire, organizers considered canceling the parade. But parade committee chairman Michael O'Connell said the panel decided to dedicate the celebration to the victims and to the firefighters and police officers who responded to the Feb. 20 inferno.

"West Warwick needed this," said Robert Iannotti, who stood watching the parade outside his funeral home along the route. "We need to go on."

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# Chicagoans demonstrate against war at Daley Center Sunday

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands of war protesters crammed Chicago's Daley Plaza on Sunday to join religious, labor and community leaders in opposing an invasion of Iraq.

While listening to dozens of speakers, demonstrators hoisted American flags and placards with slogans including, "Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld. The real axis of evil."

"We are part of a significant tradition, holding the powerful accountable," said the Rev. Calvin Morris of Chicago's Community Renewal Society.

"We are concerned with all of God's children. And for all of those who question our patriotism: We love America because America is a place where when things are out of order, people can disagree and protest."

Organizers estimated the crowd at 10,000. Police did not immediately provide a crowd estimate, but said there were no early reports of arrests.

Labor leaders addressing the crowd said an Iraqi war in defiance of the world community would divert funds needed at home and disrupt international cooperation.

"(President Bush's) policy will rip apart the UN, and brothers and sisters, it will leave us a much less peaceful world," said Tom Balanoff, president of the Illinois chapter of the Service Employees International Union.

Balanoff said a war would cost billions of dollars that should go toward schools, health care and other domestic needs. "That's the

real threat to homeland security," he said.

Crowd members like Vietnam War veteran Virgil Mathis said they felt little threat from Iraq.

"This is not a just war," said Mathis, 57, of Chicago. "It's too much equipment sent over there for a little country like Iraq. Guys are going in there and dying for nothing."

Janine Jurkowski, 30, of Chicago, said the threat of Iraqi aggression doesn't justify making Americans look like "warmongers."

"I don't think it's a good enough reason to put people's lives at risk, put the economy at risk, put our world standing at risk," Jurkowski said. "It's just sad that Bush isn't paying attention to anyone. He isn't listening to his own people. Hopefully this will show the world that not all Americans agree with him."

While the crowd chanted, sang and cheered speakers, children crawled on the city's landmark iron Picasso sculpture, scrawling anti-war slogans in white chalk. Some protesters carried French flags and signs such as "Buy French wine" or "Eat French fries" in apparent mockery of the Bush administration's rift with France over Iraq.

Author Studs Terkel noted that rift when he addressed the crowd. He said it was evidence that the administration is looking for enemies rather than friends.

"One day we'll be wearing a button that says, 'Bomb Paris.' Is that next? There's a madness we're

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fighting here," said Terkel, 90, winner of the 1985 Pulitzer Prize in nonfiction for his book, "The Good War: An Oral History of World War II."

As on most weekends in downtown Chicago, Navy sailors in uniform saw the sights and celebrated graduation from basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. They skirted Daley Plaza on Sunday, but one said the message coming from that direction was discomfoting.

"It kind of irritates me," said Seaman Recruit Bradley Johnson, 18, of Casper, Wyo. "(But) if the support's not there from everyone, that's nothing new."

Johnson now heads to Naval intelligence school in Virginia Beach, Va., and said he is not worried about possible wartime duty after that.

"I joined to serve my country and do what needs to be done," he said.

The Chicago rally capped a weekend of nation- and worldwide war protests, including one in Washington that park officials permitted for 20,000 people and appeared larger than that. Protesters in Portland held a rally of similar proportions.

# Nokomis farmer chases his airplane dream into the clouds

NOKOMIS (AP) — Harley Dahler is a can-do type of guy.

He's been in love with planes and flying since he was knee-high to an undercarriage and hasn't let much deflate his dreams.

Back in 1980 Dahler was finishing his first self-built aircraft, a four-seater, working away busily in the upstairs of his home near Nokomis.

Trouble was, the completed fuselage was too big to get out of a door or window.

"So I took a chain saw and cut the side of the house off," said Dahler, 76. "You know, that story made the local paper."

Dahler's understanding wife, Bonnie, who married the widower after the Nokomis chain saw house massacre, is a flyer, too. She's grown comfortable cruising through life with a co-pilot who's always done things his way: "Well, he is kind of an extraordinary man," she said.

"When he was young, he tells me he used to fly his own aircraft half a mile just to go milk his grandmother's cow," she said. "I've also discovered he's a very clever man, able to build almost anything."

Dahler farmed for 40 years but always had his heart in the clouds

while his feet were in the mud. Flying since he was 17, he became an Air Force mechanic in the Korean War but would later ground his civilian flight aspirations for years to raise a family of five children. As those kids got older in a turbulent world of temptation, however, dad dusted off his chocks and reached for the sky again.

"I thought introducing them to flying would be a way for them to have some fun — and some real thrills — without taking drugs or anything like that," he said. "And we did have a great time."

With his kids having flown the nest long ago, Dahler has been able to indulge himself a little more.

His latest project, seven years in the making, is the precise restoration of a 1932 Fairchild 22, a plane only five years younger than its pilot. Powered by a 125-horsepower "Menasco Super Pirate" engine, the Fairchild was built just five years after Charles Lindbergh had become the most famous person on earth by crossing the Atlantic in the Spirit of St. Louis.

The open-cockpit two-seater is

painted "Madrid Red" with a "Tucson Cream" stripe, and the lever that controls the elevators at the back is the window-winder from a Model A Ford, which is just what the aircraft factory used in the depressed 1930s.

"There was still that excitement about flying back then," said Dahler. "It was an adventure."

Dahler has done his best to spread the excitement around, taking local school kids up for a spin 700 feet above their school. He's also hauled pieces of his planes into junior high classrooms to explain the mechanics behind the wonder of flight in the hopes of engaging and hooking a new generation on what he considers the ultimate high.

Sometimes, though, it's hard to get youthful imaginations off the ground. He remembers one classroom session where he had spent a while talking over the marvels and intricacies of wing design: "Pretty soon this one little girl held her hand up," recalled Dahler.

"I said 'Yes?' and she looked at me and said 'Do you have false teeth?'"

# Adults coming back to table hockey they enjoyed as kids

CHICAGO (AP) — Anybody who knows hockey understands that this year, like the 42 years before it, the Stanley Cup won't be coming to Chicago.

But in the basement of a neighborhood tavern on Chicago's South Side, hockey players are preparing to make a run at their game's most coveted trophy.

Of course, these players are in the Chicago Table Hockey League. The Stanley Cup on which one of their names will be inscribed is named after Stan, whose kindness in allowing his son and his pals play table hockey in his basement led to what is

believed to be the oldest table hockey league in North America.

"These are just guys that couldn't get enough hockey," said Gary Leverence, the son of Stan. Gary helped found the league 38 years ago and won the cup eight times before his arthritic hands told him to retire 17 years ago. He is now the CTHL's "executive producer."

"Through marriages, divorces, guys getting new jobs, losing jobs" the league has thrived, said Gary, 54, who has watched some 500 players come and go over the years.

The 26-member CTHL might be the oldest, but it isn't the only table

hockey league. A quick trip on the Internet reveals leagues from California to Sweden.

"You don't realize it ... but there's a whole subculture of table hockey players out there," said Barry Daniels, a 47-year-old software engineer and CHTL member. It is unclear if table hockey is finding new players years after video games swept it aside and knocked manufacturers out of business. What is clear is that more adults who haven't played since they squared off in their bedrooms, pretending they were Bobby Hull against their little brother's Gordie Howe, are returning to the game.

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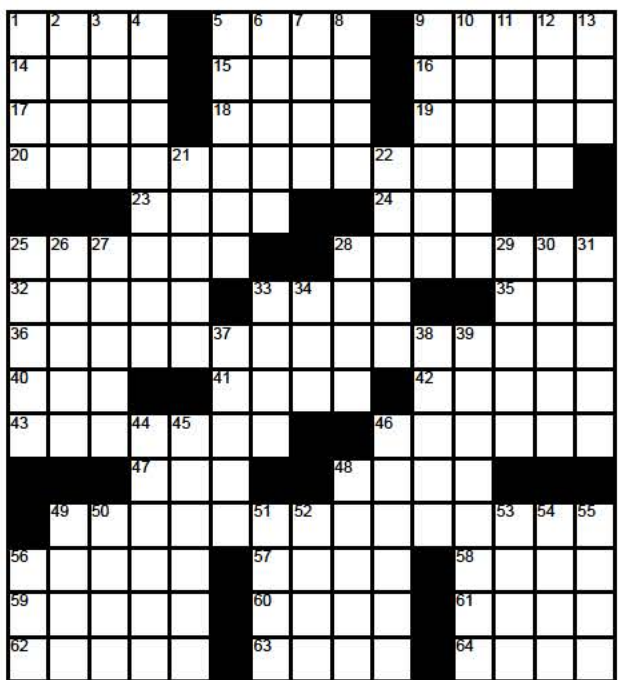
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Governors' league dominance provides them with a No. 13 seed

By Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

Ohio Valley Conference Tournament champion Austin Peay was selected as a the No. 13 seed by the NCAA Tournament selection committee Sunday.

The Governors (27-7, 13-3) will face the NCAA East Regional's No. 4 seed and Conference USA Tournament champion Louisville (24-6, 11-15). The two teams will meet Friday at Birmingham, Ala. It will be the first time a men's basketball team from Austin Peay will compete in the NCAA Tournament since 1996.

Louisville defeated Alabama-Birmingham 83-78 for the Conference USA Tournament championship.

Austin Peay earned the OVC's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament with a 63-57 victory against Tennessee Tech March 8 at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Austin Peay led by nine points in the first half, but lost the lead midway through the second half.

Senior forward Damien Kinloch scored 15 points and 13 rebounds to help give the Golden Eagles (20-12, 11-5) a four-point lead, but Austin Peay's balanced scoring attack rallied to reclaim the lead.

The Governors had five players score in double-digits. Guards sophomore Anthony Davis and junior Corey Gipson led the team with 13 points while juniors forward Adrian Henning and guard Rhet Wierzba added 12 apiece.

OVC Tournament Most Valuable Player junior center Josh Lewis scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Tech's junior guard Cameron Crisp was held in check, after scoring over 20 points in his previous three games, he managed just four points.

Senior guard Brent Jolly tried to make amends for Crisp's off game with 12 points of his own, but it was not enough.

Austin Peay advanced to the championship game with an 59-56 win overtime preseason conference favorite Murray State (17-12, 9-7), who eliminated Eastern (14-15, 9-7).

Lewis made a layup with 50 seconds remaining to give the Governors a 57-56 lead and blocked junior forward Cuthbert Victor's shot on Murray's following possession. Davis gave the Governors a three-point lead by making two of three free throws after he was fouled while attempting a three-pointer.

Murray State had a chance to extend the game into a second overtime, but senior forward Antione Welchel's buzzer-beating attempt was off line.

Tech reached the championship game for the second year in a row by defeating Morehead State 88-71.

Crisp led the Golden Eagles with 22 points in the game, while Kinloch finished with a double-double with 21 points and 10 boards.

OVC Player of the Year Ricky Minard scored 22 points for Morehead (20-9, 13-3), who tied Austin Peay for the regular season title.

Henning, Gipson and Lewis earned All-Tournament Team honors for Austin Peay. Other All-Tournament Team members include Murray State's Victor, Tech's Crisp and Kinloch.

the NCAA Tournament and a team from the OVC has not advanced past the first round since 1989.

Austin Peay is one of the OVC teams to have advanced past the first round. In 1987 they received the No 14 seed and upset No. 3 Illinois.

Could Austin Peay become this year's Cinderella season? Odds makers would say no, but picking No. 13 Austin Peay to upset No. 4 Louisville may yet yield fruitful results.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Austin Peay's undefeated league season draws No. 14 spot, North Carolina matchup

By Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

Austin Peay's women's basketball team is building a dynasty in the Ohio Valley Conference. After winning their third consecutive OVC Tournament championship, the Governors received the No 14 seed and will face No. 3 North Carolina.

The Governors (27-3, 16-0) will take the nation's second-longest winning streak, 22 games, into the tournament against the No. 3 seeded Tar Heels (27-5), who earned an at-large bid after losing the Atlantic Coast Conference title game to Duke.

Austin Peay rolled through the OVC Tournament like they did during the regular season where they set an OVC record for conference wins (16).

In the championship game, the Governors downed No. 2 seed Southeast Missouri State University 85-61, March 8 at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The Governors made 55 percent of their

field goals in the first half of the championship game, helping them jump ahead by seven at the half. Austin Peay scored 56 points in the second half to pull away to an insurmountable lead.

OVC Player of the Year senior guard Brooke Armistead led the Governors attack with 27 points to become the tournaments most valuable player for the second time.

Armistead also set an all-time tournament scoring record, finishing her career with 252 points in four OVC Tournament appearances.

SEMO reached the championship game by defeating Tennessee Tech (12-17, 6-10) 78-65.

Senior forward Lori Chase scored 20 points and hauled in six boards. Junior guard Kenja White had 18 points and junior guard Yashika Sidbury added 10 for the Otahkians.

Chase and White took home All-Tournament Team honors as well as Tennessee Tech freshman forward Emily Christian.

## Salukis back for more 'Madness'

CARBONDALE (AP) — Same seed, different regional for Southern Illinois.

For the second consecutive year, SIU (24-6) has received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. This year the Salukis, who played in the East Regional as the 11th seed last year, received the same seed Sunday, but landed this year in the Midwest.

Southern Illinois won two games in the NCAA tournament last season.

Salukis coach Weber said he had told his players "to expect the unexpected" and to realize that there was no guarantee they'd be selected.

"But for us to get a back-to-back at-large bid as a mid-major is a tremendous accomplishment," Weber said. "I know our players are very appreciative and I hope our fans are."

The Salukis captured the Missouri Valley regular season before being routed by Creighton in the tournament finals. SIU will play Missouri (21-10) Thursday in Indianapolis.

"We have so many kids from Missouri," Weber said. "I know they'll be fired up. They know a lot of the Missouri players."

"It will be a big game for us, for them emotionally."

The players and coaching staff were huddled around a large television at a lodge outside Carbondale when the NCAA selections were announced.

### Dowty:

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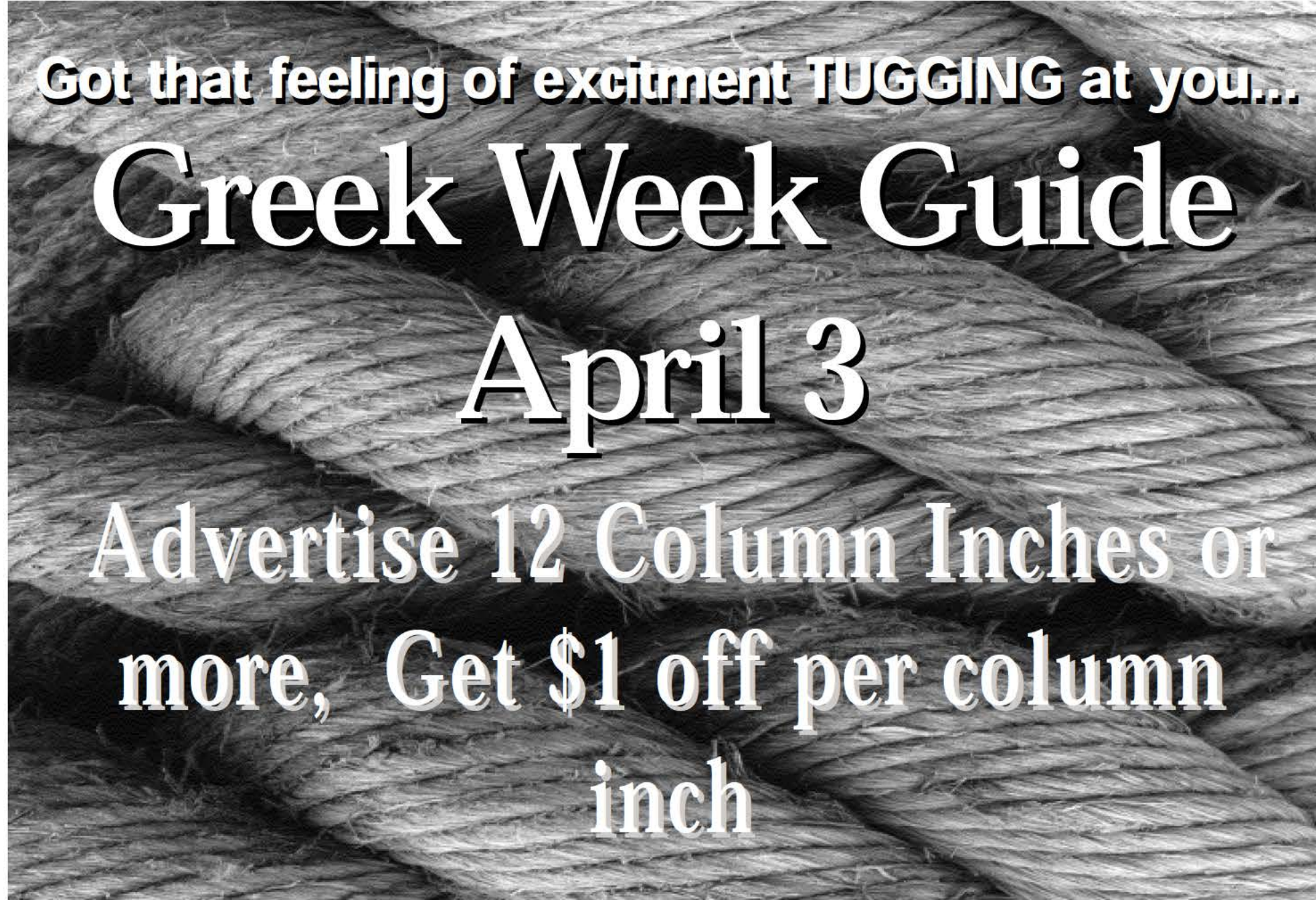
weight class.

Air Force heavyweight Kevin Hoy won the Outstanding wrestler award after the regional was finished. He won both matches over highly regarded wrestlers such as Brad

Steele of Wyoming and Paul Hynek of Northern Iowa.

The only other Panthers to take places in the regional were Clay French and Frank DeFilippis.

French took third in the 174-pound weight class and DeFilippis finished fourth in the 157-pound weight class.



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BASEBALL

# Eastern lights up in Sunshine State

By Jamie Hussey  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern came back with a record of 3-4 after its excursion to Jacksonville, Fla., to play in the Kennel Club Classic.

The Panthers (4-8) played seven games in seven days.

The Panthers won against Central Michigan, Jacksonville and Creighton.

Their losses came from North Florida, U.S Naval Academy and Notre Dame.

Eastern's game against Michigan State was canceled due to rain so they picked up another game against the Navy to make their single game a doubleheader.

In Eastern's first game it won over Central Michigan 2-1.

Senior pitcher Damon White led

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  - ◆ Notre Dame 3, Panthers 2

Eastern in pitching and threw seven shutout innings. White has only allowed one run in 16 innings of pitching this season.

Senior pitcher Nathan Stone closed the game and got his first save of the season.

Senior infielder/pitcher Aaron Shelbourne led the way in batting by getting Eastern going with a

RBI single. Senior outfielder Danny Jordan sacrificed a pop-up to score another run for Eastern.

Eastern defeated Jacksonville 5-4 in its third game in the Classic. Eastern was down by 3-1 in the sixth inning when junior outfielder Marcus Jackson led off and started Eastern with a single. Junior infielder Jeff Cammann followed with a single and junior infielder Chris Uhle loaded the bases after he was walked.

Senior catcher Bret Pignatiello lined a single scoring Jackson and Cammann. Shelbourne and Jordan assisted with two RBI singles.

Junior pitcher Jared Marshall stopped Jacksonville from monopolizing on loaded bases in the first inning. Marshall struck out one batter and then was able to end the

inning with a double play.

Senior pitcher Micah Gray appeared in his first game after coping with an injured elbow. Gray threw two shutout innings, struck out two and only allowed three hits.

Stone came in with a strong ninth inning and got the win for Eastern.

The Panthers' game against the Bluejays was extended to 12 innings. Eastern came out on top 2-1 with senior outfielder Kirk Walters making the game winning run. Walters was batted in by Shelbourne.

Senior pitcher Matt Tyson pitched a career high eight innings only allowing one run on five hits, walking one with five strikeouts.

"I just spotted pitches and just wanted to end the road trip on a

win," Tyson said.

Sophomore Jason Pinnell relieved Tyson in the eighth and was able to shut out the first batter.

Stone closed the game pitching for 3 2/3 innings and kept the Bluejays at two hits and had three strikeouts.

"We really tried hard on that game and it was kind of nerve-racking because it did go that long, and I only usually pitch one inning and I pitched three and two thirds," Stone said. "It was an exciting game."

Stone said the team played well and also wanted to go back on a winning note.

"All the games that we won our starting pitching was good and they went deep into the game and our pen did good," Stone said.

GOLF

## Panthers plan to roar at Bearkat Classic

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's men's golf team will be attacking one of the most toughest golf courses in the country during the Sam Houston Bearkat Classic Monday and Tuesday.

The Panthers will be playing 36 holes at Waterwood National Golf Course in Dallas.

The Pete Dye designed course consists of a slope rating of 142 and a course rating of 75.2 (more than four strokes over par).

This course has hosted national amateur championship events and the final stage of the PGA Tour Qualifying school where current PGA Tour players Paul Azinger, Hal Sutton and Scott Hoch earned thier tour cards.

This course has the tight fairways and undulating greens which is common for Pete Dye's european design style.

The 14th hole has been rated as one of the 36 best holes in America, according to Golf Magazine.

This hole is a 225-yard par three which requires players to carry Lake Livingston.

Eastern will encounter a 442-yard par four to begin their round and is immediately followed by another 225-yard par 3

which will require players to be incredibly accuarrte with long irons early.

Players better reach the fairway on the sixth hole becuae the toughest hole on the course is covered by ponds and pot bunkers down both sides.

The first par five doesn't come until the eighth hole which has a green covered by sand on the front and back.

Therefore, long hitters off the tee will question going for the green in two.

The tenth hole is properly named temptation as a par five with big fairways but a small green to approach with three levels making a two putt a good score.

If the tournament comes down to the final hole it will be a long par five with birdie possibilities.

The Panther projected lineup will consist of Dave Rella, Jim Hamann, Matt Holmes, Kyle Maxwell and Kyle Awkerkamp.

Rella will look to come out of the gate and lead this young squad in his senior year after leading the Panthers in scoring average with 75.6.

The tournament will hosted by Sam Houston State and will also involve Army, Southern Miss, Oral Roberts, Oakland, Nichols State.

SOFTBALL

## Panthers take five of 12

By Matt Williams  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern softball team won five of its 12 games over their Spring Break tour of Alabama.

They started off well, tying for first in the Western Kentucky Tournament, but ended on two disappointing one-run losses in the Samford Invitational.

Eastern (5-12) also fit in two games apiece against Jacksonville State and Troy State to round out its trip.

**Samford Invitational**

Eastern went 1-3 at Samford as the host team won all four of its games to take the title. Eastern opened play with a 3-0 shutout Saturday over Alabama A&M as senior pitcher Kristen Becker went the distance in the win.

The Panthers dropped game two against Samford 5-3 as Eastern lost control of an early 3-1 lead.

Eastern then dropped its first game Sunday 2-1 in eight innings to Alabama A&M. Samford beat the Panthers for the second time 3-2 in Eastern's second game Sunday.

Becker was named to the All-Tournament team with four earned runs on seven hits in 13 innings.

**Western Kentucky Tournament**

Eastern opened its long span of games with three straight wins in the Western

Kentucky Tournament. It beat the host team 5-4 in the first game as the Panthers picked up their first win of the season.

In the second game, Sanders pitched a 5-0 complete game shutout against Indiana State.

Two first inning runs would be all the Panthers needed in the third game as Kristin Lovering batted in Hagerty and Ninness as the Panthers shut down Western Illinois 2-1.

Eastern dropped the final game 2-1 to East Tennessee State giving the two teams a share of the tournament title as both finished 3-1.

**Jacksonville State**

After a solid tournament performance, the Panthers dropped a pair of games against future Ohio Valley Conference foe Jacksonville State.

Eastern dropped the first game 3-0 as Gamecock hurler Tera Ross gave up just two hits in a shutout.

In the night game, Jacksonville State opened the game with three runs in the first inning to take a 7-1 victory.

**Troy State**

Eastern then split a pair of games with Troy State Wednesday.

Both games were decided in the late innings as Eastern came from behind for a 3-1 win in the afternoon game and the Trojans broke up a tie game in the seventh inning to take the nightcap 3-2.

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WEDNESDAY	Baseball vs. Indiana State	2 p.m. Coaches' Stad.
THURSDAY	Softball vs. Indiana State (2)	2 p.m. Williams Field

## LONG SHOT



Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Tourney time part of pop culture

Place your bets — it's tournament time!

After the brackets were announced Sunday afternoon, everyone in the country with the least bit of knowledge about college basketball filled out brackets for their office pool, perpetuating the yearly tradition that momentarily makes a group of teenagers and early 20-year-old males the most important people in the world.

At every impasse and break in the day, participants eagerly check the latest tournament updates. The water cooler conversation shifts from old episodes of Seinfeld to No. 12 seed's upset of the No. 5 seed or speculations of how many No. 1 seeds will make it to the Final Four.

But the inevitable result of every NCAA Tournament is a small mid-major school playing above its expectations to become the tournament's Cinderella story and reaching the sweet sixteen or elite eight.

In 1998, Mid-Continent Conference Champion Valparaiso upset Mississippi and the No. 13 seeded Crusaders advanced past No. 12 Florida State.

In 2001, nine teams with the No. 10 seed or higher, including Eastern rival Indiana State (No. 13), advanced past the first round.

However, this year, mid-major teams like Creighton, Gonzaga and Southern Illinois have cracked the top 25 in the national rankings at one point during the season.

As Southern and Creighton increase the Missouri Valley Conference's presence on the national radar, the Ohio Valley Conference remains relatively obscure.

Sadly, the only attention the OVC has received this year has come from the worst team in the conference — Tennessee State.

The Tigers' tumultuous season began when head coach Nolan Richardson III threatened his assistant coach Hosea Lewis with a fire arm. Then Lewis was given the reigns of the Tigers and his tenure as interim head coach was highlighted by a bench-clearing brawl with Eastern Kentucky. This led to the first woman men's basketball head coach in NCAA Division I history, when Tennessee State director of athletics Teresa Phillips coached the Tigers to a loss against Austin Peay.

However, the OVC just might have a perfect Cinderella story in this year's champion, Austin Peay.

The Governors were selected to finish fifth in the preseason poll conducted with head coaches and sports information directors. Austin Peay made a late-season push to tie early front runners Morehead State and the tie breakers gave them claim to the No. 1 seed of

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## WRESTLING



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Eastern junior Clay French (top) grapples with Wyoming's Trevor Murray during a match at the 174-pound weight class in a match at the NCAA West Regional Finals on March 8 at Lantz Arena.

# Dowty does it all — again

♦ *Junior earns second straight NCAA tourney trip at Eastern*

By Aaron Seidlitz  
STAFF WRITER

As a result of the West Regional Finals which took place at Eastern on March 8, Panther junior Pat Dowty will be going to his second straight NCAA national championship meet.

Dowty was selected as one of the 11 wild card wrestlers to go to the NCAA national championship. He will be the only Panther to make the trip to Kansas City from March 20-22.

Among some of the toughest wrestling competition in the nation at the regional, Dowty was able to reach the final in the 133-pound weight class. In the final he lost to Fresno State wrestler Pat Garcia, who had beaten Dowty two

times already this year.

Also, somewhat surprising was that Dowty was able to shrug off injuries that had plagued him the entire year.

As a team, Eastern did not find the same kind of success as Dowty did individually. The team finished last in the regional, which included such nationally ranked teams as Northern Iowa and Fresno State.

Northern Iowa, who came into the tournament as the favorites, lived up to the billing when they dominated the rest of the field. In a surprise showing, Air Force came in second place but finished behind Northern Iowa by a score of 126-59.5.

As a result of finishing in first place at the regional Northern Iowa head coach Brad Penrith was voted the West Regional Coach of the Year.

The Panthers dominance was obvious in the individual results, in which they won 7 of the ten weight classes.

Fresno State, who was predicted to finish second behind Northern Iowa, came in third. Wyoming and Fresno State rounded out the standings when they finished fourth and fifth respectively.

The Bulldogs did not have one individual champion in the regional, as the other three weight class champions were from Air Force and Wyoming.

Eastern was unable to win any individual championships, and thus finished last in the field. But Dowty did reach the championship match in the 133 pound weight class, and he was the only Panther who reached the finals of any

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## FOOTBALL

# Carr drives into Eastern as new assistant coach

By Matthew Stevens  
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern is turning the offensive keys over to new offensive coordinator John Carr.

Carr spent the last five years as an offensive coordinator at Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee State.

"They have been able to move the ball well against us in recent years," Panthers head coach Bob Spoo said. "They do many similar things offensively."

Spoo and the other Eastern coaching staff seemed mildly confident that Carr will not totally change the offensive philosophy with such a young team returning next year.

"I don't believe he will change many things and he got very high

marks from every coach," Spoo said.

Carr is stepping into a perennially powerful offensive program which ranked third in the NCAA 1-AA and averaged 35.4 points per game being led by 2002 Walter Payton Award winner Tony Romo.

"When the position became open I was immediately interested because I've gained a lot of respect for Coach Spoo and Eastern's program," Carr said.

Carr originated his career as a offensive coordinator in the Chicago High School Public League where he worked at Chicago Julian (1991-1994) and Leo (1994-1996) High School.



John Carr

"I'm from Chicago so it's an opportunity to get back closer to home," Carr said.

Spoo feels like recruiting could receive an instant shot in the arm over the next couple of years because of the hiring of Carr who knows the talent-rich area.

"Coach Carr is a wonderful gentlemen that will be great for recruiting purposes," Spoo said.

Carr was a former quarterback at Southeast Missouri from 1987-89 under the tutelage of then assistant coach Jon Gruden who is the head coach of the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. However, Carr transferred to Purdue University and earned a

degree in law and society in 1991.

Carr will be one of four new coaches for the Panthers going into the 2003-2004 season, which could cause concerns involving group dynamics.

"There's always a concern that the staff will have to gel very quickly," Spoo said.

Spoo said he will have interviews with two other candidates to fill the open slots still available on the Panthers staff.

Eastern will look to hire coaches as soon as possible to prepare for spring drills.

"We are running out of time in a way because we don't want to go into April with open spots," Spoo said.

Carr will arrive on campus Monday to begin preparations for spring practices.