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## Three of the Swiftest

Eastern's women's swim team will have three of their best to battle against underdog Millikin.

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Eastern students carry a keg to a house party during Homecoming weekend. Eastern is trying to crack down on the number of house parties in the community by cooperating with Charleston police.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Replacements 'top priority' for governor

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Replacements for Eastern's Board of Trustees are currently being reviewed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, a spokeswoman for the governor said Wednesday.



Rod Blagojevich

Rebecca Rausch, spokeswoman for the governor, said the replacement of the three members who recently resigned is in the works.

"(Gov. Blagojevich) has some candidates in mind, and the governor is reviewing them with his staff," Rausch said.



Lou Hencken

Although the governor has a State of the State address scheduled for noon today, he is still working on replacing former members of schools and organizations from across the state, Rausch said.

"There is no set time period, but it is a top priority," she said of the replacement process. "There are no deadlines the governor is working under."

Although Rausch said candidates for the positions are being reviewed, she could not release how many have applied or how many have been turned away.

President Lou Hencken said no one from the governor's office has contacted him about the replacement process but said "it's not unusual not to hear from the governor."

Hencken said when the decisions are made, the university will be informed quickly.

"I heard there could be delays in appointing the new trustees," Hencken said.

After several members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education were removed and replaced, Hencken said "I've been impressed with those people who have been appointed."

Last December, the governor

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# How Eastern is planning to curtail house parties

By Evan Hill  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Eastern students planning to host house parties in the future should be prepared to have both the Charleston police and the university get involved if the party gets out of hand.

When the extension of bar hours issue failed to pass the city council, another issue at the time was how to deal with house parties that have become problems in Charleston. The issue of house parties seemed to die along with the bar hours proposal, however, Bill Davidson, stu-

dent executive vice-president said the issue may have another chance.

"Student government and a few members of the city council have talked about getting back together on the issue of extending the bar hours," he said. "Basically we're just waiting for the right place and time to meet with the concerned parties."

For now, Eastern is continuing its current disciplinary procedures.

Keith Kohanzo, director of Judicial Affairs, said due to legislation passed in recent years,

Eastern can now contact the parents of students caught drinking underage or providing alcohol to minors.

In addition to this, Kohanzo said judicial affairs is beginning to include Charleston police arrests as university judicial violations if the violation has a negative impact on Eastern or the community.

Kohanzo said Eastern would only send a warning letter to a student on a first violation, but would notify the student's parents if more violations occurred, though he said Judicial Affairs has not had to follow up on any letters yet.

Normally Judicial Affairs only has jurisdiction for off-campus incidents if they happen at a university-sponsored function such as the Homecoming Parade, Kohanzo said. After the law changed, Eastern decided to include off-campus violations if they were deemed by Judicial Affairs as serious or having a significant impact on the community.

Kohanzo said Judicial Affairs does not normally deal with minor offenses, but the problem of parties where alcohol is served to

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# Wage hike affecting area businesses

By David Thill  
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 1, 2004, minimum wage increased from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.50. It is set to raise to \$6.50 on Jan. 1, 2005. This sudden increase is set to have major effects on the economy of Illinois — more specifically on small, locally owned businesses.

Keith Bliss, owner of Jitter's and Bliss, a local coffee shop, said that by increasing minimum wage, the government is placing too strong of an influence on the marketplace.

"The increase will force everyone to be treated equally, which isn't fair because some people deserve to be paid more for the work that they do," Bliss said. "It's hard to raise prices in

such a small town because customers are leery when they see such a large jump in prices."

Mike Boksa, owner of Boxa, said the increase to \$5.50 will not affect the restaurant, but the second increase may force the store to downsize.

"The only people we start out at minimum wage are our delivery drivers," Boksa said. "Unfortunately, the reality of the situation is that the price of running a business will go up, and that means that prices will go up."

Boxa is currently in the process of installing a new computer system that will increase the speed with which they can complete an order.

The system itself will mean the restaurant will need less staff to operate, and the increase in minimum wage

will not help matters.

McHugh's Double Drive-Thru, a local fast-food restaurant, is experiencing a similar situation.

According to Mary McHugh, owner of McHugh's, the first raise in wages will not likely affect them. The second one, however, will be a different story, she speculated.

Todd Raney, an associate at the Mattoon restaurant Cracker Barrel, said he can find nothing negative in the increase.

"Anything we can do to help people make more money is a good thing," Raney said. "The raise in wages is way overdue, and people deserve more money for the amount of work they do."

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Lindsey Seils of Mattoon and Phonda Sykes, a senior speech communication major, make sandwiches for customers Wednesday in the University Food Court.



Today  
Sunny



34° 23°  
HIGH LOW

Friday  
Cloudy



36° 31°  
HIGH LOW

Saturday  
Light showers



46° 25°  
HIGH LOW

Sunday  
Partly cloudy



44° 24°  
HIGH LOW

Monday  
Sunny



32° 24°  
HIGH LOW

Tuesday  
Sunny



35° 26°  
HIGH LOW

Wednesday  
Rain/snow



37° 26°  
HIGH LOW

## RHA to discuss parking issues

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association will further continue its discussion of the parking situation on campus, which began before winter break.

RHA President Nachel Glynn said there will be decisions made on ideas to improve the parking situation on campus.

RHA Vice President Matt O'Malley said underclassmen feel differently than upperclassmen do about parking because upperclassmen have more areas to park.

"Upperclassmen definitely have a different opinion than underclassmen will. Underclassmen have to understand that any change is not going to happen overnight," O'Malley said. "The problems won't be fixed until they are upperclassmen."

O'Malley said the current system works fine and it should not be changed. "I feel we should just keep it the same," O'Malley said.

Glynn said RHA will host a guest speaker at Thursday's meeting. Matt Boyer, coordinator for the Housing and Dining Administration, will speak about hiring 23-25 students to work from May 11 to Aug. 11, helping out with customer service and programs involving high school and grade school students visiting Eastern.

"It's a fabulous program," Glynn said. The chosen students will do desk work, recruiting work, help with band and sports camps and much more, Glynn said.

Glynn said she has done the program for two years but won't do it this year because she's graduating in May. "I have a personal commitment to it," Glynn said. "If I was able to do it again, I would do it in a heartbeat." RHA will take nominations Thursday for a committee consisting of three RHA members and three Student Senate members to review and make recommendations about the proposed increase of the room and board rates.

RHA will discuss the spring retreat, which will be held at Camp New Hope in Mattoon. The retreat will take place from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, and any student is allowed to come along, Glynn said.

RHA will also discuss the Winter Business Meeting with the Illinois Residence Hall Association, which Eastern is hosting Jan. 23-25.

The Residence Hall Association will meet tonight at 5 p.m. in the basement of Andrews Hall.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

A group of finalists during last year's Mr. EIU/Ms. Fitness competition in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

## Students prepping for fitness contest

By Nicole Nicolas  
FEATURE REPORTER

Eastern students have officially started getting in shape for the annual Mr. EIU and Ms. Fitness Competition.

The competition will take place Feb. 21 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A planning meeting for the competition is scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight.

"We will establish the weight categories and performance routines and establish a program agenda," said Ken Baker, director of campus recreation.

Baker will lend a hand to co-directors, math graduate Tom Leong and recreation graduate

field worker Chad Ingle in planning the competition.

"Like most things at the Rec. Center, students take the lead and I help them," Baker said.

The competition for both Mr. EIU and Ms. Fitness will have five judges.

The competition will have a disc jockey, announcer, and during intermission, Leonong, Ingle and Baker plan on having the EIU dancers and the dance team Jolie perform.

The cost to attend this competition is \$5.00.

According to Leonong, the Ms. Fitness contenders first step out together posing in their suits while facing toward the judges.

"(The) judges take a look at physique and proportionality," Leong said.

Next, each of the contestants come out and does an individual routine. In the past, dancing, jumping, tumbling, strength holds, push-ups and splits have been included in the female performances. Depending on what the contestants favor, each routine could last from two to three minutes.

Next, the women come out one last time for a final evaluation, and then the judges pick a winner.

Mr. EIU contestants are competing against each other in a body building competition.

There are about four different weight classes, depending on what the contestants decide, according to Leonong. Usually the four weight classes include bantam, middle, light-heavy, and heavy-heavy weight classes.

"The lowest weight class, the bantam weight class, does quarter turns while judges look

at physique and muscle separation, or how well they can see each muscle," Leong said.

"Routines consist of mandatory poses and personalized poses."

The mandatory poses include side chest, side triceps, front last spread, front double biceps, rear double biceps, rear last spread and crab. The routines usually last from one to two minutes.

Leonong said next the male contestants come out as a group in a front relaxed pose and the head judge calls out mandatory poses.

"Four winners compete against each other to be Mr. EIU and only do mandatory poses and quarter turns," Leong said.

## Fate of creative English class up to council

By Jennifer Peryam  
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs will decide whether or not to approve English 4761, Creative Nonfiction Writing, as being part of the English curriculum for Fall 2004.

"Creative nonfiction writing has been a thriving and growing genre that many prestigious colleges have offered advanced degrees in," English Department Chair Dana Ringuette said. If the course is approved it will be an advanced class joining lower division writing courses in poetry, drama and fiction, he said.

"The course is an expanding opportunity for creative writers as well as creative and professional writing minors," Ringuette said. Students from any major can take the course, but all students must complete the prerequisites of the 1002 and 2001 English courses unless excused by the instructor.

"The English department is seeing a great deal of interest in this class from students, allowing more opportunities for students to strengthen areas of writing for their minor and delve deeper into writing itself," Ringuette said.

Dr. Martin Scott, assistant English professor, came up with

the idea for the course. The class will teach genres including personal essays, narratives and meditative writings.

"Creative Nonfiction Writing will allow students to learn about writing inspired by art told from personal and subjective angles," Scott said.

The English department discussed the course in the past, but is now looking more seriously at implementing the course because of its growth as a genre in the past 10 years, Scott said.

"The class will give students a chance to further develop their writing skills with more intellectual content and historical

sweeps," he said.

Scott said the class would fill a hole where graduate students have not had an option to take upper-division nonfiction courses.

"This course will be a useful application to both graduates and undergraduates in a field as fast growing as nonfiction writing," said Angela Vietto, director of undergraduate studies.

The CAA will also discuss additions and revisions in finance and accounting as well as career and organizational studies courses.

The CAA will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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# Area tax program assists buildings

By Alisia Figueroa  
STAFF WRITER

Building owner Jim Di Naso knew he had a problem when, because of years of corrosion, the limestone and sod began to pull away from the front of his building.

Built in 1894, the building where his business, The Body Club, is located brings a sense of history to Charleston's Town Square.

DiNaso said he wished to maintain the historical look of the building, but the cost of rehabilitation was beyond what he could handle on his own.

In early December, he turned to Charleston's Tax Increment Financing program or TIF for assistance and received a \$28,000 loan as well as a \$27,000 grant.

The program was created in 1986 because of a need to revitalize the downtown area, city manager Scott Smith said.

He said awards were once limited to \$10,000 each, but now larger amounts are not uncommon. Awarded funds can only be used in the TIF district, an area that covers much of the Square.

Some funds for the TIF program come from sales taxes in the TIF district and money received from loan payments from previous years.

The payments are also used for improvements within the district that include work such as sidewalk repairs, Smith said.

The purpose of the program is to revitalize a once-thriving district, a category that downtown

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—Jim Di Naso, The Body Club owner

Charleston fits into.

"The TIF program keeps our district area alive and looking good," City Comptroller Tamara Moshtagh said.

TIF funds dedicated to private businesses may be used solely for the purpose of rehabilitation of businesses in the square. If the building becomes a non-retail establishment, the loan is required to be immediately repaid, Moshtagh said.

The general idea is to keep Charleston's downtown business from declining and to attract regional clientele to the area.

"The TIF program is excellent," DiNaso said. "It's done wonders for the downtown area."

Last year, more than \$13,000 was awarded to Diane Knoop, whose building houses Jackson Avenue Coffee.

Knoop said she used the funds to update the electrical system as well as to resurface the garbage bin in the rear of the building.

No grants or loans will be given out after 2006. However, three additional years are given to complete projects, bringing the final expiration date for the program to 2009, Smith added.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Building owner Jim DiNaso stands outside The Body Club, his fitness training store located at 618 Jackson Ave. on the Square, Wednesday afternoon. Due to the Tax Increment Financing program, DiNaso received \$55,000 in loans and grants for repairs to the building.

# Charleston fills two new administrative positions

By Jessica Youngs  
CITY EDITOR

Over the holidays, two new clerk positions were filled for the city of Charleston. Deborah Muller took over the position of City Clerk on Dec. 29, while Dustha Goddard began acting as the Human Resources and Accounts Payable Clerk, Monday.

Both women said their first few days at their new positions in City Hall were hectic and full of training by City Comptroller Tamara Moshtagh and others willing to lend a helping hand.

"I have quite a bit in my head now," Muller said. "A lot of what I'm doing right now has a lot to do with familiarizing myself with what has to be done in the office and filing systems that other people have used in the past."

She added she does not hesitate to ask questions if she does not understand something.



Deborah Muller

Muller said she is becoming very familiar with birth and death certificates during her training.

Charleston acts as a sub-registrar to those people who would be filling the certificates in other towns and with other non-area funeral homes, she said.

"It's quite a convenience to come here as opposed to Mattoon," she said.

So far, Muller said her new job has been very exciting.

"Everybody here is very warm and generous with their time and very helpful about getting me acquainted with the office."

By working as a paralegal, Muller received some of the necessary training for the clerk duties



Dustha Goddard

such as taking minutes for city council meetings.

Muller, who received her master's in English from Eastern, said she had taught a composition course at Lake Land College in Mattoon since 1990.

Last year, she also worked at Eastern for Academic Assessment and Testing.

Although a job for the city is very different from that of a teacher, Muller said so far it has been "very exciting."

"A lot is happening here," she said. "I get to the inner workings of the city, and I really enjoy being involved in that."

The largest future project facing Muller as city clerk is the resolu-

tion for improvements to Charleston's Rotary Swimming Pool.

The council decided in a special meeting on Friday, to place a referendum on the March 16 primary ballots asking local voters if they would condone the city taking out bonds to fix the pool.

"(The project) will be very exciting. There was a wonderful presentation on projected images and a number of just fun things for children and families," she said.

Goddard, who took over her clerk position two weeks later than Muller, said she is also "learning the ropes."

She said she applied for the Human Resources and Accounts Payable Clerk job because she and her husband were relocating back to the Charleston area and she felt a desire to remain in the human resources field.

"I was very excited to relocate and have a position in Charleston,"

she said.

Goddard said she has spent much of her professional life in the human resources field.

Goddard graduated from Eastern in 1998 with a degree in management with a concentration in human resources. She also earned her master's of Business Administration in 2001 from Eastern, she said.

"(Getting my master's) opened new doors, and it was a great experience," she said.

For the last two years, she had worked as a human resource director in Muscatine, Iowa.

"For the most part, I do the same sort of things (here) that I did there," Goddard said.

Now, as the new clerk, she said her duties will range from payroll, benefits administration and accounts payable.

Goddard also will be teaching a night class in human resources management at Eastern, she said.

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**OPINION**

# And all (Wo)men created equal



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My mom told me that even when I was young, I always picked being employed in a stable career on my own over to living any Cinderella lifestyle with a handsome prince.

I am by no means a feminist. I think of myself more as an equalist and just as I feel strongly about racial equality, I am passionate about gender equality.

Though I consider myself the epitome of a hopeless romantic, I still find the traditional marriage lifestyle of secondary importance. Being able to follow my dreams and achieve them without worrying about having to prove myself over an equally or less qualified male applicant and knowing I can make it on my own are incredibly important to me.

I saw the movie "Mona Lisa Smile" Saturday night and gained some perspective on my viewpoints.

Set in the early 1950s, the movie focused on a professor's attempts to make students of an all-female university look for more from their education than becoming "the perfect housewife."

Times have changed. It is now not only acceptable but encouraged for a woman to pursue a college education and compete in the career field, making attaining my goals seemingly simple.

However, times haven't changed enough.

Women outnumber men, yet men have a higher employment rate. Women are still treated as objects rather than equals.

According to the Women's Resource Center Web site, a study conducted by the National Victim Center revealed nearly 4 women 18 years of age or older in the United States are forcibly

*"...we planned what we were wearing out around avoiding being groped, and the worst part was not that we were so offended by it, but that it's become so common we're just annoyed."*

raped every three minutes. That translates to 78 per hour, 1,871 per day, or 683,000 per year.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 91 percent of the victims of rape and sexual assault are female and 9 percent are male.

How can a woman feel equal or powerful if she can't feel safe?

Socially, female celebrities are trying to fight inequality by conveying control over sexuality.

Music artist Kelis' latest hit says her "milkshake brings all the boys to the yard," but I don't think using a sex act cleverly disguised as the ability to make a frosty beverage to attract "boys" is something to take any sort of pride in.

I would like to see an artist who can find a witty, catchy presentation of how she gained status without using her body as the hook.

I do think women should be able to behave as they wish (as openly sexual or conservative as they desire) without the worry of developing a stigma, but I don't think our ability to do that

should have priority over our abilities to perform as the chief executive officer of a corporation or the editor of a newspaper.

I don't think that women should be displaying their liberation by proclaiming control over sexuality alone; I think we should find liberation and equality through working to hold the same positions as men in the career world, earning equal pay and receiving mutual respect.

When I go out, I should be treated the same way whether I am wearing jeans and a sweater set or a short, strapless, lace-up dress. A short skirt is not an invitation.

I was going out with my friend Emily over break and we planned what we were wearing out around avoiding being groped, and the worst part was not that we were so offended by it, but that it's become so common we're just annoyed.

Women have the same right to go out and enjoy themselves however they want without being labeled promiscuous or prudish. We should be approached as more than an opportunity for sex and our capacity as more should be more prevalent.

Emily and I talked about how exciting it would be if we could be talked to instead of touched and if those words involved getting to know us instead of trying to persuade us.

Presenting our gender as equal, powerful and strong should come through poise and class rather than sex appeal.

I respect tradition - I appreciate a man holding a door for me, but that doesn't mean I can't open it myself or even hold one for him someday on our way into work.

**EDITORIAL**

## Governor needs to take action

Eastern's Board of Trustees could remain short three members when it meets again in February, still left without knowing when Gov. Rod Blagojevich will make a decision on replacement members.

Betsy Mitchell and Julie Sullivan, both BOT members and registered lobbyists, resigned from the board last semester because of former House Bills 3412 and 702, passed mid-December. The bills are ethics Legislation including a provision banning lobbyists from serving on state policy making boards and commissions.

Governor's spokeswoman Rebecca Rausch said Blagojevich is still unsure when the positions will be filled. In the mean time, Eastern is left with a board of only five members and a loss of objectivity and perspective, BOT chair Nate Anderson previously said.

**At issue**

Eastern's BOT will remain short three members until Gov. Rod Blagojevich selects replacements. **Our stance** More members increases perspectives, so the governor needs to make appointments sooner than later.

"The advantage of having more board members is they have expertise in different backgrounds," Anderson said. "The pool of thought has shrunk."

Eastern is not the only state body at a disadvantage. Other schools such as Western Illinois University had board members resign because of the Legislation. Of about 130 state boards and commissions, an estimated 40 were effected by the state's new ethics approach, governor's spokesman Tom Schafer said last month.

While Rausch said she was not allowed to talk about the application process Wednesday, she did say appointing board members was a "top priority" for Blagojevich.

It is understandable the governor has many other priorities and concerns such as Thursday's State of the State speech, but state boards and commissions are suffering with empty seats.

Blagojevich needs to make a decision sooner than later. Although a third Eastern BOT member resigned for reasons besides the ethics law, Anderson said Mitchell and Sullivan did not need to be removed.

"There's no gain for us. Nobody's gotten a job, growth, gain or some power," by serving as both lobbyists and on Eastern's board, Anderson said.

University President Lou Hencken said he has not heard from the governor's office regarding board replacements, but he has heard of more delays.

"It's a well intentioned bill but sometimes there's some innocent people who can get hurt by this," Hencken said.

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

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Nicole Jensen (center) spells out the word "convalescent" Wednesday evening in the Greenwood School Museum just north of Buzzard Hall while Jack Harris (left) and Clayton Cooper (right) wait their turn during the second round of the 26th Annual Dennis Coughill Memorial Spelling Bee. The contest featured fifth graders from Jefferson Elementary School and was sponsored by Eastern's School of Education and the Coles County Historical Society.

# Senate members plan outside talks

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate tabled a bylaw change authored by Student Senate Speaker George Lesica that would allow a certain committee to discuss a bill or resolution before the senate votes.

Lesica said the bill would make sure everybody in a committee will be able to discuss the proposed bill or resolution.

"It's to force committee chairs to get the rest of their committee involved," Lesica said.

The proposed bylaw change would allow the committee to recommend to the senate to pass or fail it, but the committee will be able to force the senate to vote either way.

"It forces legislation to appear in front of a committee before going to the senate," Lesica said. "The committee will be able to recommend to the senate to pass or fail."

Lesica said the bylaw change would also allow non-senate members to get involved more with the senate.

"It allows for students who are not senators to come and talk about senate issues," Lesica said.

Amanda Sartore, student vice

president for academic affairs, said each member of a committee should have a voice that will be considered by the senate.

"It makes more sense if the whole committee gets to review it," Sartore said.

The bylaw change would add one more week on path to getting a resolution passed, Lesica said.

Senate member Adam Howell said the bylaw change would complicate things too much and would waste time.

"If we keep overcomplicating this it could go on forever," Howell said. "I think it will just add an extra period of stalling."

The bylaw change will be voted on at next week's meeting.

Senate also allocated \$3,980 to send 40 students to Atlanta to study diversity at historical black universities, a museum honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and a civil rights park.

The senate also tabled a bill allocating \$3,392.50 to send four students to the Conference on Student Government Associations at Texas A&M on Feb. 21-24.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Iuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Student group offers oasis for nontraditional students

By Kathleen Gore  
STAFF WRITER

If nontraditional students have a tough time returning to school, a campus group offers an oasis from their stresses.

Nancy Crone, a graduate student at Eastern studying college student affairs, is in charge of a support group at Eastern called Oasis. The group is designed to help nontraditional students at Eastern cope with the problems they face.

The Association of Nontraditional Students in Higher Education's Web site said nontraditional students, which make up more than 50 percent of college enrollment in the United States, are adults returning to a college or uni-

versity after a lapse in enrollment to study full or part time, but reasons for returning vary.

Nontraditional students may return to school to broaden their educational backgrounds or to advance or change their careers.

Regardless of their reasons for returning to school, nontraditional students often find the return difficult to handle.

"One thing that nontraditional students are not aware of is that even as adults they are entitled to the same services, such as the counseling center, as younger students," Crone said. "Oasis points these students in the right direction."

Nontraditional students encounter more complex problems than the typical student. Issues such

as childcare, balancing a career, school and a household and unfamiliarity with computers are some of the many problems these students face.

Karyn Gray, 27, of Champaign, is a nontraditional student who attends the University of Illinois and experiences some of these problems.

"Sometimes I feel awkward because I'm so much older than many of the other students, but I get over it because I'm here for the same thing they are," she said.

Gray married when she was 18 and has since moved around with her husband Rudy who is in the U.S. Marine Corps. Karyn attended various community colleges since marrying. She currently lives in

Champaign and majors in accounting at U of I. Gray also works full time at Schnuck's in the bakery department.

"I think the hardest part about balancing school and work is actually being able to concentrate because I have too many things on my mind," Gray said.

Crone said the goal of Oasis is to promote academic and social welfare for nontraditional students. At meetings, members talk about issues they face at school or at home. Members vary from single parents to couples.

"What is talked about at the meetings basically depends on what's on people's minds," Crone said. "We talk about kids or classes they have, or plans for after gradu-

ation."

Oasis is working toward becoming a recognized student organization.

"We try to get speakers at our meetings to talk about the issues that pertain to nontraditional students," Crone said. Oasis meets informally at noon on Wednesdays in the food court of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. However, regular meetings are on the first Thursday of every month in the Women's Resource Center. A speaker from Career Services will be at the next formal meeting Feb. 5.

For more information about Oasis contact Nancy Crone, 581-7227.

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Larry Rennels, owner of Rennels T.V. and Appliance, 211 Lincoln Ave., says the minimum wage increase will not affect his business, he can see how it will for other local businesses like fast food restaurants.

#### Wages:

### Rennels: increase negative, not positive

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Larry Rennels, Charleston City Council Member and owner of Rennels T.V. and Appliance, said he sees the increase as more negative than positive.

"The increase will not directly affect my business, but I can see how it will harm local businesses such as fast food restaurants," Rennels said.

Local businesses are not the only ones feeling pressure from the wage change.

Eastern employs 2,305 student employees, most of which

make minimum wage.

Steve Lane, Eastern Compensation Manager, said all permanent staff members are paid more than minimum wage, so the increase will not affect those Eastern staff members directly, but student employees will be affected.

Nancy Dole, financial aid advisor, said that as of right now, no downsizing in the number of student employees is foreseen.

Last year, Eastern spent \$2,761,753.60 in student employee salaries. As of 2005, minimum wage is set to go up to \$6.50 per hour, which would force Eastern to pay \$3,485,708 in student salaries if the same amount of students were employed at that time.

This would mean an additional \$723,955.40 would be needed to accommodate the increase.

#### BOT:

### Eastern administrators knew about ethics bill

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signed an extensive ethics reform bill that banned registered lobbyists from serving on boards or committees that affect Illinois policy or law. Both Betsy Mitchell and Julie Sullivan resigned from Eastern's BOT to continue their careers as professional lobbyists. Bob Manion resigned from the BOT before Mitchell and Sullivan, citing personal reasons unrelated to the ethics reform bill, leaving the BOT to operate with five people; exactly enough for a quorum. Hencken said Eastern administrators knew about the ethics bill long before it was signed into law and had "hoped some of these folks would be grandfathered in. We knew when the legislation was passed that some people would be leaving."

The bill was designed to stop potential corruption of lobbyists who may use their political connections to push business contracts of clients they represent, the bill said. "It's a well intentioned bill, but sometimes there's some innocent people who can get hurt by this," Hencken said. As for the future, Hencken said "I'm confident that we will have board members to replace them who will be just as qualified." The length of time the search will take does not bother Hencken, and he said it will benefit the Eastern.

## W-2's available in payroll office

STAFF REPORT

Anyone who was employed by Eastern last year can pick up their 2003 W-2 tax forms in the payroll office through Jan. 22.

Jan Hinkle, acting payroll manager, urges all students and faculty to go to Room 2011 of Old Main before they start mailing out the forms on Jan. 23.

There are more than 6,000 people who need to pick up their forms, making a hefty cost for the university to mail them out.

"That's \$0.37 for every person," Hinkle said. "It just helps save the university some money."

W-2 forms can only be picked up with a picture ID. The payroll office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## 'Mini-trial' begins in southern Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The suspect in a series of killings that terrorized southern Louisiana residents for more than a year claimed DNA evidence linking him to the women's deaths might have been planted by state officials, a detective testified Wednesday.

Derrick Todd Lee is scheduled for a March trial in the beating and stabbing death of 22-year-old Charlotte Murray Pace, and also is a suspect in five other killings. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Baton Rouge homicide detective Chris Johnson testified Wednesday at a hearing, expected to run two days, that is to determine whether prosecutors can use evidence from some of the other slayings and crimes.

Assistant District Attorney John Sinquefield, lead prosecutor on the case, described the hearing as "six mini-trials," saying, "It's going to be bringing out a lot of the evidence we intend to use." Johnson testified that Lee bragged about being a ladies' man, but he did not say if Lee claimed to have had relationships with any of the victims.

"He said the attorney general's office had been trying to arrest him for years and that possibly they had planted it on the bodies," Johnson said.

of Lee's reaction to the DNA evidence.

Johnson also described in detail Pace's bloodied, half-clad body, which was riddled with stab wounds.

"Part of her neck, I don't want to say it was missing, but there was a gaping hole in the side of her neck," Johnson said.

Pace's mother, Ann Pace, had said she feared the hearing would be "nightmarish." The slayings occurred from September 2001 to March 2003.

#### Parties:

### Preventing underage drinking one reason police enforcing policies

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minors is more serious.

"Students are jeopardizing their own enrollment if they are serving [alcohol] to underage people," he said.

Students who are quiet and not calling attention to themselves

have a lesser risk of getting caught. Kohanzo said the University Police and the Charleston Police have "made it clear" they are not targeting students but rather noisy gatherings brought to their attention by complaints from neighbors.

"Nobody's out to ruin anybody's life," said Roger Cunningham, assistant chief of the Charleston Police Department.

"We just want to get these people back on the right track."

For several years now, university police and Charleston Police have been getting together on cooperative patrols on weekends to deal with parties that become problems.

UPD Chief Adam Due said UPD officers ride along with Charleston police officers on Friday and Saturday nights from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. In addition, regular patrols will be performed by both departments.

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## Bush talks of 2015 moon space vehicle

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush proposed on Wednesday to develop a new spacecraft to carry Americans back to the moon by 2015, and to establish a long-term base there as an eventual springboard to Mars and beyond.

Bush would withdraw the United States from the International Space Station by 2010 and retire the space shuttle fleet at about the same time. Details of his proposal were released by the White House in advance of a speech by the president at NASA headquarters.

Bush wants to use the moon as a base for more ambitious missions to Mars and into the deeper reaches of the solar system, the White House said.

An extended human presence on the moon "will enable astronauts to develop new technologies and harness the moon's abundant resources to allow manned exploration of more challenging environments," the White House said in a prepared statement.

"The experience and knowledge gained on the moon will serve as a foundation for human missions beyond the moon, beginning with Mars," the statement said.

The moon has one-sixth the gravitational field of Earth, so moon-based aircraft could launch from there more cheaply.

## Cheerleader dies, 2 men initially arrested

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — A high school cheerleader on a dream trip to Hawaii to perform at a college football all-star game plunged naked to her death from a ninth-floor hotel balcony. Two men were arrested on suspicion of murder and later released.

On a 9-degree morning thousands of miles away, a New Jersey suburb grieved Wednesday for 18-year-old Lauren Crossan as it waited for answers about her mysterious death.

"I can't even describe how much it hurts," said Erica Bauerlein, a senior from Randolph, N.J., who had known Lauren since both were 3 years old. "People were breaking down in school. I've never seen anything so somber since 9-11. The hallways were so quiet."

Crossan's body was found Monday morning by a hotel guest only hours after she had checked into the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa.

On Tuesday, police in Hawaii arrested two men, ages 19 and 20, on suspicion of second-degree murder, said Lt. Tivoli Faaumu. The California men, who were registered to the room from which Crossan fell, were released Wednesday pending investigation, according to a police records. They had not been charged.

# Bush reaches out to allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering whether to award lucrative reconstruction projects in Iraq to allies who opposed the U.S.-led war in a major change of policy.

Bush outlined his new policy Tuesday as he announced that Canada would be allowed to bid on some of the \$18.6 billion in reconstruction work from which it had been excluded.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said three or four other countries, which he declined to name, also would be eligible to bid for a second wave of reconstruction contracts, which U.S. officials estimated were worth roughly \$4.5 billion.

White House press secretary Scott

McClellan said any country that had been excluded because of opposition to the Iraq war could now qualify if it had made a pledge toward Iraq's reconstruction at the donors' conference held in October in Madrid, Spain. Canada has pledged \$225 million toward Iraq's reconstruction.

McClellan also held out the possibility that other nations, perhaps such as those that have agreed to forgive some of Iraq's massive foreign debt, would be allowed to bid. Though McClellan would not speculate on specific countries, and said discussions were continuing, that category would include France, Germany and Russia, which were furious that Bush left them out of the contracts process because of their

opposition to the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.

"We've always said that if other countries want to participate in the efforts of the coalition and other countries that are participating in Iraq right now, then circumstances can change," McClellan told reporters traveling with Bush in Mexico. The president returned to the White House Tuesday night.

In Paris on Wednesday, French Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said her country remained committed to helping rebuild Iraq but will not drop its demand for the transfer of power into Iraqi hands for the chance to bid on lucrative reconstruction contracts.

## Judge refuses to dismiss Peterson murder charges

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — A judge refused to dismiss murder charges Wednesday against Scott Peterson in the deaths of his pregnant wife and unborn son, rejecting defense arguments that prosecutors failed to show that a crime even took place.

Judge Marie Silveira said the charges will stand.

Peterson, 31, is charged with two counts of murder that could bring the death penalty. Laci Peterson was eight months pregnant when she vanished from her Modesto home on Christmas Eve 2002.

Her remains and those of the fetus washed ashore along San Francisco Bay in April two miles from where Scott Peterson said he was fishing when she disappeared.

The defense argued that prosecutors did not present enough evidence of a crime during a preliminary hearing late last year.

## Ohio man executed for fatal robbery in 1983

LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A murderer whose claims of mental retardation were rejected by the courts was executed Wednesday, struggling with guards and pleading for his life until the last moment.

Lewis Williams was put to death by injection for fatally shooting a 76-year-old woman during a robbery at her Cleveland home in 1983.

Williams, 45, originally was scheduled for execution in June after the Ohio Parole Board and Gov. Bob Taft rejected his requests for clemency, but the execution was delayed after Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Janet Burnside allowed Williams to present evidence that he was mentally retarded.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2002 abolished executions of mentally retarded inmates, ruling that it was unconstitutionally cruel to execute those who may be incapable of fully

understanding their situation or unable to help their lawyers.

The judge later rejected Williams' claim after an expert hired by his attorneys determined he was not mentally retarded.

Williams was the ninth inmate executed in Ohio since the state resumed the death penalty in 1999.

He struggled as he was carried into the death chamber.

## Plans surface to break from Anglican Church

(AP) — The "ultimate goal" of conservative Episcopalians opposed to an openly gay bishop is a "replacement" for the Episcopal Church that will be aligned with like-minded Anglican churches in other nations, according to a detailed memo from a key strategist.

News of the memo, first reported in Wednesday's Washington Post, comes as conservatives prepare for a crucial closed-door meeting next week in Plano, Texas, to establish a national group called the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes.

In recent weeks, conservative leaders have said this will not be a formal breakaway from the Episcopal Church. But the memo indicates the Plano meeting may face a division between those favoring a conciliatory strategy and militants prepared to defy the church.

"Our ultimate goal is a realignment of Anglicanism on North American soil committed to biblical faith and values," says the memo by the Rev. Geoffrey Chapman. "We believe in the end this should be a 'replacement' jurisdiction ... closely aligned with the majority of world Anglicanism."

Episcopal Church headquarters had no immediate response to the memo.


The confidential document was sent to interested congregations Dec. 28 by Chapman, of Sewickley, Pa., on behalf of the Washington-based American Anglican Council, which is helping organize the network.

AAC media director Bruce Mason said Chapman is not a policy spokesman and the AAC does not intend to "supplant the current structure" of the Episcopal Church. However, he said, the conservative forces "remain faithful to the Anglican Communion" and the Episcopal Church does not.


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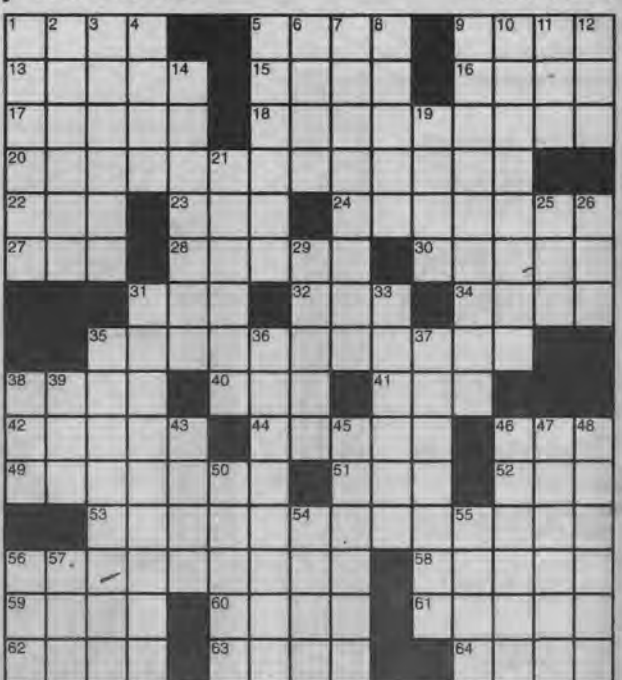
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Big tooth
  - 5 Whopper
  - 9 \_\_\_ facto
  - 13 NASA gasket
  - 15 "East of Eden" twin
  - 16 One with a pounding head?
  - 17 Don't
  - 18 Send packing
  - 20 Not definite
  - 22 Rapper \_\_\_ Kim
  - 23 Donald Rumsfeld's bailiwick: Abbr.
  - 24 Simultaneous
  - 27 Overseas carrier
  - 28 Building beam
  - 30 Revolutionary War officer \_\_\_ Putnam
  - 31 Farm female
  - 32 Overly
  - 34 Writers' blocks
  - 35 1994 Paul Newman film
  - 38 Din
  - 40 Goombah
  - 41 1982 biography by Joseph Alsop
  - 42 Chair man?
  - 44 Lingerie item
  - 46 Big galoot
  - 49 Chopin piece
  - 51 Alliance created in 1948: Abbr.
  - 52 Tax form info: Abbr.
  - 53 Hit song by Jackson Browne, 1982
  - 56 Savanna
  - 58 Name in 1999-2000 news
  - 59 Microwave
  - 60 Sexologist Shere
  - 61 Kind of question
  - 62 Look over a wall, say
  - 63 "Do \_\_\_ else!"
  - 64 Letter opener
- DOWN**
- 1 Demolishes
  - 2 Muse of astronomy
  - 3 Sistine Chapel figures
  - 4 Radio feature
  - 5 Blushing bride of '81
  - 6 "Exodus" author
  - 7 Silicon Valley city
  - 8 Full-length
  - 9 Out of it
  - 10 Wagner's final opera
  - 11 Messina Mr.
  - 12 "\_\_\_ Buttermilk Sky" (1946 hit)
  - 14 "Bravo!"
  - 19 When repeated, a cry of approval
  - 21 It used to be sung on street corners
  - 25 Hut material
  - 26 It goes this way and that
  - 29 "Fashions fade, \_\_\_ is eternal": Yves St. Laurent
  - 31 Spoilsport of a sort
  - 33 When one's not at one's best
  - 35 Junior, to Senior
  - 36 Attractive single person, slangily
  - 37 Trip to tell about
  - 38 Theater company, for short
  - 39 Propeller
  - 43 Bottoms of columns
  - 45 Walk unsteadily
  - 46 Go between
  - 47 Illinois college town
  - 48 "I Will Survive" singer Gloria
  - 50 Deepak Chopra's birthplace
  - 54 Not fooled by
  - 55 Wasn't color-fast
  - 56 Econ. yardstick
  - 57 It runs through Montréal

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 6 EXODUS  
 7 SILICON  
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 11 MESSINA  
 12 BUTTERMILK  
 13 NASA  
 14 BRAVO  
 15 EAST OF EDEN  
 16 ONE WITH A POUNDING HEAD  
 17 DON'T  
 18 SEND PACKING  
 19 WHEN REPEATED, A CRY OF APPROVAL  
 20 NOT DEFINITE  
 21 IT USED TO BE SUNG ON STREET CORNERS  
 22 RAPPER KIM  
 23 DONALD RUMSFELD'S BAILIWICK  
 24 SIMULTANEOUS  
 25 HUT MATERIAL  
 26 IT GOES THIS WAY AND THAT  
 27 OVERSEAS CARRIER  
 28 BUILDING BEAM  
 29 "FASHIONS FADE, \_\_\_ IS ETERNAL"  
 30 REVOLUTIONARY WAR OFFICER PUTNAM  
 31 FARM FEMALE  
 32 OVERLY  
 33 WHEN ONE'S NOT AT ONE'S BEST  
 34 WRITERS' BLOCKS  
 35 1994 PAUL NEWMAN FILM  
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 48 "I WILL SURVIVE" SINGER GLORIA  
 49 CHOPIN PIECE  
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 57 IT RUNS THROUGH MONTRÉAL



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski



STATE NEWS BRIEFS

# State address on education

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich says the state's budget crisis kept him from launching an overhaul of the Illinois education system last year, but now he wants to make up for lost time.

"An area we would have liked to begin in earnest on in the first year — but we couldn't because of the fiscal crisis — is to really grapple with the state of education in Illinois and the education infrastructure and things of that sort," he said in a recent interview with

The Associated Press.

Blagojevich is already offering previews of the programs he will propose in Thursday's State of the State Address. He wants high school students to perform community service before graduating. He thinks the state should provide one book a month to children. He wants to hire reading specialists to work in failing schools.

But some of his proposals are already being labeled "fluff," and Blagojevich has given no hint of how he will address

the eternal question of Illinois education — money.

Many people will be watching to see what Blagojevich has to say about issues other than education.

The state's budget deficit — projected to be about \$2 billion in the next fiscal year — is a major concern. How to fight unemployment and counteract Illinois' decline in manufacturing is another.

Blagojevich makes it clear education will be his priority.

# State bans toughman competitions

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Wednesday banned organized fights that pit untrained and unconditioned fighters against one another.

Emergency rules the state from the Department of Professional Regulation end so-called "toughman competitions," also known as "ultimate fighting."

At least 12 people have died during contests nationally, according to the administration. Jodie Meyers, the sister of a Florida woman who died in such a fight last year, and her husband Donald joined Professional Regulation Director Fernando Grillo in announcing the change.

The Meyerses have become activists in getting states to prohibit the fights. Illinois is the 14th.

"These competitions amount to organized street fights," Grillo said. "The participants lack training, the rules are loose — at best — and the outcomes are often seriously damaging, if not deadly."

The rules strengthen definitions in the Boxing Act that allowed promoters to mask such competitions as "kickboxing" events, which were previously permitted. The competitions often took place in bars and taverns.

# Illinois Supreme Court justice sues paper

GENEVA, Ill. (AP) — An Illinois Supreme Court justice has sued the Kane County Chronicle and two of its employees, claiming the suburban Chicago daily falsely reported that he was politically biased in a case leading to the suspension of the Kane County state's attorney.

Justice Robert R. Thomas alleged in the suit filed Friday in Kane County Circuit Court that columnist Bill Page deliberately defamed him in three columns saying politics was involved in the four-month suspension of State's Attorney Meg Gorecki's law license.

The Supreme Court unanimously ordered the suspension after Gorecki admitted saying in 1998 that she could arrange jobs with the county in exchange for campaign contributions.

"The Kane County Chronicle categorically denies Mr. Thomas' assertions, and we will zealously defend our newspaper," publisher Mark M. Sweetwood said in a statement to the Chronicle staff.

The suit seeks damages in excess of \$50,000.

# Man guilty of releasing cougar into wildlife

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A Petersburg man has been sentenced to a year of supervised probation after pleading guilty to illegally buying a cougar and later releasing it in a wildlife area in Mason County.

Tracey Richards, 38, was sentenced Tuesday in federal court in Springfield. U.S. Magistrate Judge Byron Cudmore also levied a \$500 fine and ordered Richards to pay a \$25 special assessment.

Police officers with the state Department of Natural Resources received a citizen complaint in October 2001 that a cougar had been released into the Sanganois Conservation Area, Santel said.

# Illinoisans give Bush edge over Dean

CHICAGO (AP) — Nearly half of Illinois voters do not want President Bush re-elected. But they'd still choose him over Democratic front-runner Howard Dean.

According to a Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV poll, 48 percent

of voters surveyed said they don't want the Republican incumbent to be re-elected to a second term.

But 46 percent also said Bush would get their vote in a race against Dean. Forty percent said they would vote for the Vermont governor.

And significantly, 45 percent of independent voters said they supported Bush while 34 percent favored Dean.

The general election survey results showed that Bush has seen his fortunes in the state improve slightly since the capture of Saddam Hussein.

Bush garnered a 49 percent approval rating, compared with 46 percent in the fall.

The poll of 700 voters statewide was taken Jan. 6 through Jan. 9 and has a margin for error of plus or minus four percentage points.

In a separate poll, Democratic voters preferred a candidate that's not even on the ballot. Park Ridge native and New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton overwhelmed the competition.

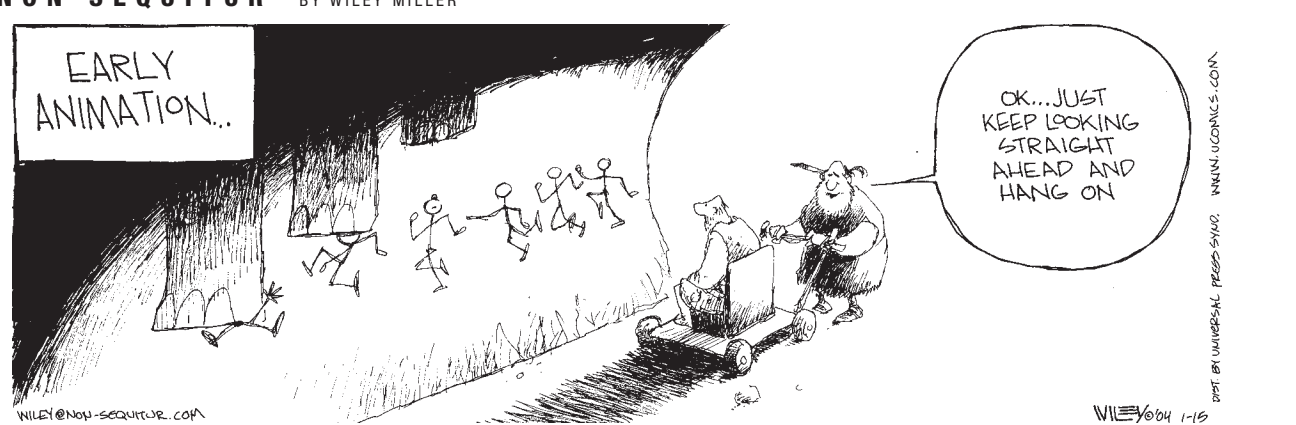

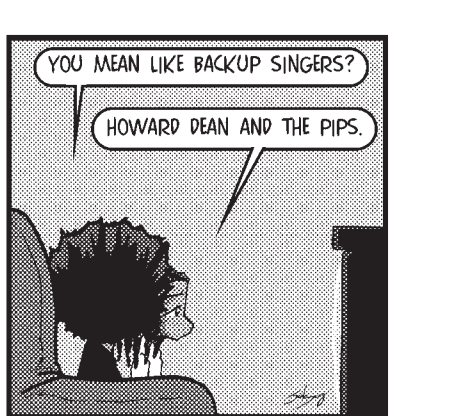
Forty-seven percent of voters said they'd vote for Clinton for the Democratic nomination, compared with 12 percent for Dean.

The poll of 528 likely voters in Illinois' March 16 primary was taken Jan. 6 through Jan. 11 and has a margin for error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

One explanation for Clinton's strong showing may be a belief among Democrats that the current candidates are weak.

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# Ohio State tailback pleads guilty to reduced charges

(AP) — Suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett, accused of lying on a police report, avoided a criminal record by pleading guilty Wednesday to a lesser charge that carries no jail time.

The judge lectured Clarett about his responsibility to the community.

"I will definitely consider the judge's advice to me whenever I make decisions that not only affect me, but also the kids who look up to me, family, friends and teammates," Clarett said in a statement.

Clarett, 20, pleaded guilty to failure to aid a law enforcement officer. Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Mark S. Froehlich ordered him to pay the maximum fine of \$100.

The sophomore, who helped Ohio State win the 2002 national championship, was accused of filing a campus police report that exaggerated the value of items

stolen from a dealership car he borrowed in April. Had he been convicted of the original falsification charge, possible penalties ranged from probation to six months in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.

Froehlich told Clarett he hoped the experience would make him a better person.

"You are in fact a role model," he said. "Many people in this community look up to you. Don't let them down, but most importantly don't let yourself down. Try to give back to a community that has given so much to you."

Clarett's mother held her hand on his back as he stood before the judge and gave only yes and no answers.

Although Clarett is separately suing the NFL to change its eligibility rules so that he may enter the draft a year early, he said in his statement that he wants to focus on the Buckeyes.

## OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE BASKETBALL

# Top two find themselves in usual spot

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

The more things change in the Ohio Valley Conference, the more they stay the same.

The year is different, the players are new and the OVC has coaches in their first season at the helm, but the two powerhouses have come out of the blocks fast once again.

The defending OVC champions and NCAA Tournament participant Austin Peay hasn't played a league game at home but is undefeated in a trio of OVC games in the 2003-2004 season.

Austin Peay allows its opponents more than 60 points per game and have held opponents to 40 percent shooting from the floor.

After defeating Southeast Missouri 52-48 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Governors head coach Dave Loos said what every other coach in the OVC already knew.

"Our defense is becoming this team's trademark," Loos said. "To hold a team like this to 48 points really says a lot."

The Governors are currently not projected to win the OVC by major news organizations but

### Numbers breakdown

	AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS	MURRAY STATE RACERS
<b>RECORD (CONFERENCE)</b>	OVERALL: 6-7 (3-0)	OVERALL: 12-2 (2-0)
<b>RPI RATINGS PERCENTAGE INDEX</b>	182	42
<b>GOOD WINS</b>	EVANSVILLE 62-54 @SEMO 52-48	SOUTHERN ILL 68-64 @TCU 73-67
<b>GOOD LOSSES</b>	@ALABAMA 47-65 #5 KENTUCKY 53-61	#8 LOUISVILLE 69-91 #13 PITTSBURGH 53-61

will be receiving national attention on television.

This will occur when Austin Peay travels to Morehead State this Saturday. The conference matchup will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 1 p.m.

The national public also took notice of Loos' crew when his experienced team went into Rupp Arena and lost to nationally-ranked Kentucky by eight points. The 61-53 defeat to a Southeastern Conference powerhouse put Austin Peay on the map this season.

ESPN college basketball analyst

Joe Lunardi projects the Governors as a 15th seed in his weekly "Bracketology" section.

"I was pretty proud at the effort of our guys," Loos said in the post game press conference. "I thought we executed well on defense."

Morehead State expects a sellout crowd at the 6,500 seat Johnson Arena when the conference favorite comes to town.

The projected winner of the OVC by CBS Sportsline is the Murray State Racers. Head coach Mitch Cronin has his team out to a 10-2 record and 2-0 in conference play.

ESPN has the Racers in its Mid-Major Top 10 poll, and CBS has Murray State as the 14th seed in its projected NCAA Tournament bracket this week.

The Racers have wins over two large conference foes in TCU and Southern Miss along with a win against a solid mid-major in Southern Illinois.

One thing is for sure, all eyes will be on the one matchup between Austin Peay and Murray State at the Dunn Center February 14th because, like always, this game looks to have major conference importance.

### Seidlitz:

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SEMO started to switch back and forth between their base man-to-man defense and a zone.

The Panthers reaction to the switch in defense wasn't apparent. The player who had the biggest impact in the game, in a positive way, hardly saw the ball after the switch to zone.

Aaron Patterson finished the game with 19 points and nine rebounds, but when the Indians went to a zone defense all the Eastern guards saw was the three point line and thought they should shoot behind it.

This didn't work out too well, and the distance started to be widened between the two teams that lead to the blow out final score.

"Our execution wasn't solid against the zone. In fact, we didn't do anything against it until I called a time out, and this was something we had prepared for in practice," Samuels said.

So that means that the Panthers were so lost in the second half that they couldn't stop the Indians on the defensive end of the floor, especially SEMO guard Derek Winans who finished the game with 29 points, and they couldn't function offensively against a defense that had practiced for.

That means one of two things. The first being that the message coach Samuels is trying to give his team throughout practice isn't being received by the team.

Or the teaching of coach Samuels isn't what the team needs to prepare for certain teams.

Whichever one is true, the Panthers seem unprepared for certain teams in certain games. In situations like that, something needs to change, and fast. Otherwise it could be a long road trip for Eastern after their home game on Saturday.

### Leaders:

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5,000-meter run, Simone turned in a Panthers best of 18:04.38. That time was well over a minute quicker than Lizette Ruvalcaba's second-place finish of 19:19.05 in February.

With the new season just underway, McInerney is looking forward to Simone improving her already stellar times.

"I sure hope she does," McInerney said. "Angie has set big goals for this season, and she already had an

indoor PR (personal record) in the mile run at Indiana State last month."

McInerney said Simone, Stephanie Bone and Amanda Schuette are the leaders of the distance corp. It appears the Panther track team is in good hands when it comes to the distance crew, and McInerney pointed out Eastern will need a strong year from these ladies in order to bring home an Ohio Valley Conference title come late February.

"We're trying to build our team with nice numbers in all the events (sprints, hurdles, distances)," McInerney said. "We can't win unless each area is strong and gets points. Right now we have a few injuries with the distance runners, but the distance crew still wants to play a crucial role on our team."

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**Depth**

**Coach Padovan confident swimmers ready after training trip**

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Louis and a victory in the 200 freestyle versus Butler. Junior Tom Watson chipped in with a victory in the 500 free at Saint Louis.

While the Big Blue's 13-man roster does pail in comparison to the Panthers 25 man squad, Millikin isn't without its own set of stars.

Leading the charge for Millikin is junior Tom Sur. A two-time All-American, Sur placed third nationally in the 100 breaststroke at the NCAA meet with a Big Blue record time of 56.70. He also placed sixth in the 200 breaststroke (2:05.39) at the same meet.

Paul Yemm is another swimmer who could cause fits for the Panthers. Yemm was an NCAA qualifier last season and competed in the 200 individual medley and the 100 and 200 butterfly.

While the men haven't competed in a dual meet recently, the Panthers have stayed busy. Over the winter break many of the Eastern swimmers traveled to Florida for the Ft. Lauderdale Swim Forum from Dec. 28 through Jan. 9. As Padovan described it, the "business trip" was a success.

*"I'm not worried because we're coming off the training trip and, we've looked good in practice."*

—Ray Padovan, Swimming coach

"It was excellent because the weather cooperated for us," Padovan said. "All of the pools are outdoors so it was important that the weather held up. We got a lot accomplished with the main reason to spend time training."

Because the Panthers stayed fresh at the Ft. Lauderdale Swim Forum, Padovan is not expecting any rust heading into the Millikin meet.

"I'm not worried because we're coming off the training trip, and we've looked good in practice," Padovan said. "We're prepared, and we stayed in the water over break. We're looking good."

The women (2-5) will enter the Friday swim with a good chance to increase their winning streak to two meets. The women defeated Butler 123-91 last time out and again due to depth Padovan believes the women should be victorious against Millikin.

Despite heading into the meet as favorites, Padovan didn't say he was looking at this meet to turn the women's season around.

"It's mostly just a time to swim and keep swimming," Padovan said. "We have good talent on the women's team and only four meets and three weeks to get everyone ready for conference."

The season ending Midwest Classic Championship meet is just over a month away. The swim versus Millikin will be a good chance for certain swimmers to solidify their spot on the roster and others to make impressions.

"This is a meet to straighten your spot on the team, because I have to make a couple decisions in certain positions," Padovan said. "I also need to know where to swim certain people in which events come conference."

The meet will begin at 6 p.m. The Panthers have only one more remaining home meet on the season and that will take place Feb. 7, against rival Saint Louis.

**WRESTLING**

**Injuries hamper starter's status**

By Dan Renick  
STAFF WRITER

*"We'll make mid-week evaluations and have to make some decisions."*

—Ralph McCausland, Wrestling coach

The Panther wrestlers are trying to stay focused while five starters are questionable for their next meet.

Pat Dowty, Matt Veach, Adam Sesso, Jim Kassner and Kenny Robertson all missed Sunday's meet with injuries and, with the exception of Robertson, the meet before as well.

Eastern turned to its freshmen in the dual meets against 21st ranked Northern Iowa and the Big Ten's Northwestern.

"It's pretty tough to beat a Big Ten team missing half your starters," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said.

Three of the five freshmen in the lineup were getting their first or second starts of the year.

"I started all four years in high school so I was ready for it," freshman Adam Beeler said. "But it's a whole different level of competition."

Beeler said the injured starters have kept their hopes up but are frustrated to not be out there in some of the biggest matches of the year.

But McCausland is trying to

keep the team's mind off the injuries and let the wrestlers have some time off after a rough stretch of meets.

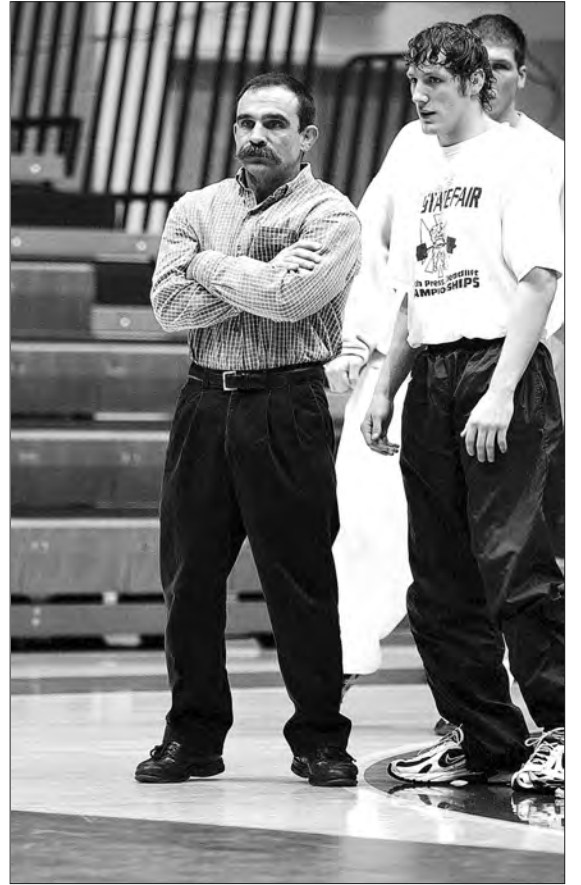
"We're trying not to dwell on the negatives," McCausland

said. McCausland compliments the freshmen on their enthusiasm and wants to try to keep them focused. The status of the injured starters remains questionable for Sunday's match up with Big Ten powerhouse Purdue.

"We'll make mid-week evaluations and have to make some decisions," McCausland said. "We don't want to risk anyone going back too early and getting hurt again."

This season isn't the first season that McCausland's crew has faced adversity regarding injuries. Last season, Dowty was hampered with several injuries throughout the season but still managed to get himself healthy enough to qualify for the NCAA Regionals.

In its last two dual meets, Pete Ziminski scored the team's only points. The five starters that are missing have accounted for nearly half of Eastern's wins in dual meets.



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Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland watches a meet. Eastern will turn to its freshmen to overcome injuries.

**Bears get defensive, hire Smith**

(AP) — Now that he's turned around the St. Louis Rams' defense, Lovie Smith is taking on the Chicago Bears.

Smith was hired Wednesday as the Bears' head coach, agreeing to a four-year deal. He replaces Dick Jauron, fired Dec. 29.

Smith will be introduced at a news conference Thursday. He was in St. Louis on Wednesday and not available for comment.

"There's a position right for everyone," he said Tuesday when he came to Halas Hall for his second interview. "And I'm hoping this position is what is right for me."

The Bears hope so, too. Team founder George "Papa Bear" Halas helped create the NFL, and some of the game's greatest players once wore Bears uniforms.

Chicago has been more

laughingstock than leader in recent years, though. The Bears have had just one winning season in the last eight, and haven't won a playoff game since 1995. Smith will be the team's third coach in six years — fourth if you count that botched attempt to hire Dave McGinnis in 1999.

But Smith is confident he can make the Bears winners again.

"Tough, hard-nosed football, that's what Chicago football is all about," he said. "That's what I've seen at times. The consistency probably wasn't there. That's why probably the coaching change was made."

"I think they can win. They just need a little boost, just a little bit more energy, a change of scenery. That's what I think I can bring."

Smith was the defensive coordinator in St. Louis the

past three seasons. The Rams had one of the NFL's worst defenses when Smith arrived, allowing a whopping 471 points in 2000.

One year later, St. Louis had the league's third-best defense, giving up 273 points — a whopping reduction of 198 — on the way to the Super Bowl.

The Rams were 16th in the NFL this season, allowing 315.8 yards a game. But their 46 take-aways led the league, and they had four players with four interceptions apiece.

Leonard Little also had 12 1/2 sacks, third-best in the NFC.

"It's a terrific opportunity for Lovie," Rams coach Mike Martz said. "I'm excited for Lovie, and I'm also excited for the Bears' organization. I'm not sure they fully realize the quality individual and the professional they are getting.

They will soon realize that and fully appreciate it."

The Bears' list of prospects came down to Smith and Pittsburgh offensive line coach Russ Grimm as finalists after front-runner Nick Saban turned them down last weekend. General manager Jerry Angelo also interviewed New England defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel and Jim Mora Jr., who later took the Atlanta job.

Grimm had an impressive playing career, winning three Super Bowls as part of the Washington Redskins' famed "Hogs" offensive line. But he lacked experience, never having been a coordinator.

Smith, on the other hand, has had just about every coaching job imaginable. Before going to the Rams, he spent five years as linebackers coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

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# SPORTS

## Panther sports calendar

FRIDAY	Swimming vs. Millikin	6 p.m.
SATURDAY	W. Basketball vs. Tenn. State	2:05 p.m. Lantz Arena
	M. Basketball vs. Tenn. State	7:05 p.m. Lantz Arena
SUNDAY	Wrestling vs. Purdue	2 p.m.



THROW  
DOWN

Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Players not getting the message

"Well, we got some work to do."

This was the simplest of statements from Eastern head coach Rick Samuels after his team's disappointing effort against Southeast Missouri Tuesday night; a game the Panthers lost 84-64.

Although the message was simple from their coach, the next couple of weeks could be anything but simple for the Panthers, especially if their coach has something to say about it.

After their home game on Saturday against Tennessee State, the Panthers go on the road for six of their next eight Ohio Valley Conference games.

This will be a test for the Panthers to see how they prepare and if they are ready to compete against solid teams that are usually extremely hard to beat at home.

Samuels' disappointment in his team was obvious even before the final buzzer sounded Tuesday night. The expression on his face after junior guard Derik Hollyfield received a technical foul after trash-talking following a blocked shot was one of disbelief.

The technical foul led to a stern talking to on the sideline as Hollyfield was fouled out of the game.

Showing emotion is not always a bad thing for certain players, but to trash talk after a good defensive play is something else. Especially considering Hollyfield's team was down by 15 points at the moment, his actions seemed even more out of place.

His coach and Hollyfield's teammates wanted him to know that they feel he needs to be a major contributor to the team, but they also felt that plays like that just couldn't take place.

Moreover, there is just no place for that kind of outburst in a game that one's team is barely competing in anymore. Not much, if anything, good can come from trash talking and when a team is down by that much it is pointless to open your mouth.

But there also seemed to be other troubling matters for the Panthers.

At least Hollyfield showed some emotion during the game. Very few other players seemed to notice that the Panthers were completely crumbling away during a conference game.

From the look of many faces, it seemed that the players were just going through the motions, while SEMO was busy running circles around the Panthers on both ends of the court.

The execution of the Panthers in the second half was so lacking that their coach even questioned if the team could recognize a zone defense when the Indians switched to one.

Early in the second half,

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## SWIMMING

# Depth should overcome



Sophomore Christina Wallace swims against Butler in the 200 meter backstroke in Lantz Natatorium.

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♦ Panther's roster outnumbers Millikin's Big Blue

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After a six-week layoff since dual meet competition, the Eastern men's and women's swim teams will be back in action Friday as the Panthers host Millikin University at the Lantz Natatorium.

The Panther men (5-2) last swam competitively against Butler University Dec. 6, and turned in one of their finest meets of the year with a 117-86 victory over the Bulldogs. According to Panther head coach Ray Padovan, the Panthers should enjoy another successful outing against the Decatur based Millikin Big Blue.

"We should have some good swims, and it should be a good meet for us," Padovan said. "Millikin is very talented, but from a numbers standpoint we have more depth and that should translate into the win/loss perspective."

The Panthers will bring three swimmers currently at the top of their game into the meet.

Senior freestyler Rich Wahlgren has won four individual events over the last two meets against Saint Louis and Butler.

In late November, against the Billikins, Wahlgren was victorious in the 200 freestyle and followed that win with another in the 100 freestyle. Two weeks later, against Butler, Wahlgren led the way with a win in the shorter 50 freestyle and later finished first in the 500 freestyle.

Freshman Bill Senese continued his incredible first year for the Panthers with a win in the 50 free and a second-place finish in the 100 Backstroke against Saint Louis and a victory in the 200

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## WOMEN'S TRACK

# Leaders of the distance corp

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

In her first opportunity of the indoor track and field season, Angie Simone already made a statement with her feet.

Facing Indiana State University at the Sycamore Preview Track and Field Meet on Dec. 13, 2003, Simone bested a field of six in the one mile run with a time of 5:14.03. Simone was so far ahead of the pack that her closest competitor (Dani Prince of ISU) was more than five seconds behind her.

"She's doing fine so far," John McInerney, Eastern track and field distance coach, said. "She had a nice mile run at Indiana State to start the season."

Unfortunately for Simone, she hasn't been able to run in competition since. The Panthers are in the midst of a five week break that will culminate Jan. 24, with the EIU Mega Meet. Of all Eastern runners, McInerney knows Simone will come out strong after the layoff.

"Angie is a kid I don't have to worry about," McInerney said. "She had a good three week break over Christmas, focusing on the season and keeping her milage up with runs."

The mile is not the only run Simone will look to dominate this indoor season for the Panthers. A versatile runner, the Hickory Hills native will appear in a plethora of distance events in the upcoming season.



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Members of the Eastern track team practicing at O'Brien Stadium March 26th. The Panthers will be led by junior distance runner Angie Simone.

"Angie will run many different events for us," McInerney said. "She'll run the 3,000-meter, the 5,000-meter and the mile throughout the season. Angie prefers the indoor season and she's better on the track. She's more aggressive running inside."

While Simone can compete in all three events, McInerney said she'll only participate in the lengthy 5,000-meter run a few times during the year.

"Those larger runs are strenuous," McInerney said. "Runners can't do those events week in and week out. To keep the legs fresh she

will only be in the 5,000-meter a couple of times, but because of her versatility we can use her on and off in each of the distance events."

Last season, as just a sophomore, Simone showed that bright performances were on the horizon. In two of her three distance events, Simone turned in the fastest times of any Panther.

In the 3,000-meter run, Simone's time of 10:17.91 was nearly a half minute faster than runner-up Krissy Peters' 10:45.39. In the longer

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