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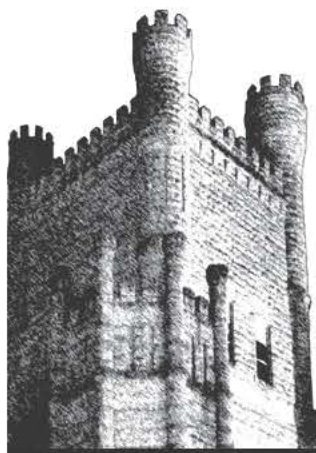
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

SPORTS ♦ Men's basketball loses 72-68 in tournament: page 12

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Students are learning from students

Panel discussion helps undecided majors

BY ASHLEY CORBETT
STAFF WRITER

The 2005 fall and summer registration deadlines are soon approaching, and undecided majors may be having a hard time choosing classes.

But yesterday, choosing a major became a little less difficult.

"What's Your Major?," an informal panel discussion led by students, was held at 4:30 p.m. yesterday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The panel consisted of 10 students with eight different majors including communication disorders and sciences, psychology, physical education, clinical lab science, communication studies, pre-physician assistance, computer information systems and family and consumer sciences.

The majority of the panelists stressed the importance of research when searching for something to major in so as to end up with a job that can be enjoyable.

"Start out by thinking what else is out there," said panelist Jill Callaghan, a psychology and speech pathology major. Callaghan started out as just a psychology major and found there were many other options she could take besides psychology.

Gabe Holmes, a senior computer information systems major, said students should do what they want to do, otherwise they will be miserable.

Top 10 most in-demand college majors:

- ♦ Accounting
- ♦ Electrical Engineering
- ♦ Mechanical Engineering
- ♦ Business Management
- ♦ Economics/Finance
- ♦ Computer Science
- ♦ Computer Engineering
- ♦ Marketing
- ♦ Chemical Engineering
- ♦ Information Systems

Most overpaid jobs:

- ♦ Wedding Photographers
- ♦ Baggage Handlers
- ♦ Orthodontists
- ♦ Motivational Speakers
- ♦ Pilots
- ♦ Mutual Fund Managers
- ♦ Real Estate Agents

Jennifer Reed-Lewis, academic adviser, informed the small number of students who attended the discussion that there are approximately 74 programs Eastern offers to students. Approximately 35 percent of freshmen have undecided majors, she said.

The panelists each described their majors and gave the audience members a piece of advice about choosing majors.

"Do not go into dietetics because you are afraid of (the hard) classes," said Heather Morris, a senior dietet-



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Jennifer Lewis, Academic Adviser for Eastern, talks about high demand majors for undecided students in the Mattoon-Charleston room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday afternoon.

ics major. "If you choose to major in dietetics, get to know the professors."

Jessica Thornton, an undecided freshman, thought the discussion was really helpful.

"Especially with english and communication studies, it was very help-

ful in deciding which way to go," she said. "It was better hearing it from students than reading it on paper."

The majority of students who attended said the information they received from this event was helpful because it consisted of students giv-

ing other students helpful advice when it came to picking a major.

"Get involved," said Katie McCarty, a senior communications studies-public relations major. "The more things you do, the more you have to put on your resume."

Not quite an 'American Idol'

Danville student considers coming to Eastern, participates on show in meantime

BY DEIRDRE SHEAHAN
STAFF WRITER

Some people may wait for hours, even days to try out for "American Idol," a reality television show aired on Fox that helps talented singers in furthering their careers.

For some who compete on the show, it may be about the fame, glory and even a record contract. But for Jared Yates, an 18-year-old senior at Schlarman Catholic High school in Danville who is considering coming to Eastern upon graduation, it was a different story.

On Jan. 2 Yates' house burnt down from a space heater catching fire to a wall. Because Yates has been performing in school plays, concerts

and singing for the past four years, he decided to try out for "American Idol" in St. Louis.

His idea was to win and purchase a new house for his mother. Unfortunately, Yates was one of the first-four semifinalists to be eliminated on Feb. 23 after singing "How Do I" by Marc Anthony, his favorite artist.

"I honestly was in shock when my name was called to leave the show," Yates said. "It was the worst night of my life, and I hope the other contestants prepare themselves for that."

Judges Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Paula Abdul all agreed it was a poor choice of a song. Cowell was asked if he had any tips for Yates, and Simon simply said "no."

Yates also felt America would have voted differently if he received as much airtime as some of the other contestants.

Although Yates will not be the next



JARED YATES

"American Idol" this year, he is still confident in landing a record deal and has plans on continuing with acting and even auditioning for some sitcoms through Fox or MGM.

Yates said he feels that having the "American Idol" experience under his belt will be extremely helpful in accomplishing his dreams.

"Because of 'American Idol,' I already have my foot in the door, and this is not the end for me," Yates said.

Yates also said that "American Idol" was the experience of a lifetime, and he had no regrets.

He not only became friends with the other contestants, but he had the opportunity to meet Alice Cooper in the lounge of his hotel.

"He's a really cool guy, and it was awesome that I was able to take a picture with him and talk to him for a while," Yates said.

He also met the judges and Ryan Seacrest, host of "American Idol."

Romana Murphy, Yates' aunt, was exceptionally proud of him through-

Faculty research online

BY JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate approved a motion for the Office of Grants and Research to publicize faculty research by means of an annual online report.

The office publicizes faculty research through a quarterly newsletter and is working to get press releases out to inform the university about the research that is being conducted by Eastern faculty, said Bob Chesnut, director of grants and research.

Chesnut presented a new online format for publicizing faculty research. The format will summarize faculty members' research accomplishments and grants they have received. The report is broken down by each college.

This format is used by the University of Wisconsin and reports the grants received by each academic department.

Faculty Senate members expressed their interest in the format.

"We need to emphasize what we do well because every department has an individual identity."

WILSON OGBOMO, SENATE MEMBER

"I think its beneficial because we need to celebrate the research conducted by faculty," said Senate member Reed Benedict.

Benedict said the report would benefit Eastern by allowing faculty to see the research being conducted by other faculty across campus. Other Senate members spoke about the report.

"We need to emphasize what we do well because every department has an individual identity," said Senate member Wilson Ogbomo.

Ogbomo emphasized that research is a strong complement to teaching and that the report should

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
37
15
Sunny

THURSDAY
38
29
Sunny

FRIDAY
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33
Few showers

SATURDAY
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39
Rain/snow showers

SUNDAY
48
39
Mostly sunny

CAMPUS BRIEFS

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Educator Job Fair in Lantz Gymnasium.

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mid-America Educator's Job Fair in University Ballrooms in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Meet with recruiters from school districts across Illinois and nationwide for job opportunities in education.

1 to 2 p.m. Find Information Fast at Booth Library in Booth Library E-Classroom. A free tutorial session providing tips on how to use library materials to find information. This session is intended to help students and others become comfortable with selection and use of print and electronic resources.

2 to 3 p.m. Turnitin Training in CATS Training Lab, McAfee Gym, room 1214. For participants who want assistance adding their courses and assignments using the Turnitin software tool. Topics to be covered: a quick overview of Turnitin, how to add courses, how to add assignments and how to submit files.

7 p.m. Company Research Workshop in Lumpkin Hall, room 1041. Find out what to look for when researching companies for interviews.

7 to 9 p.m. Safe Spring Break-Are you game? Win a car! In the University Ballroom in the Union. Interactive displays, games, door prizes, raffles, candy and special guests.

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Free credit reports

CARBONDALE - In an effort to combat identity theft, consumers living in Illinois will be able to obtain one free copy of their credit report a year from each of the three major national credit bureaus.

In 2003, as a reaction to the rising problem of identity theft, Congress amended the Fair Credit Reporting Act to include the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, which provides consumers with the free reports and allows greater opportunity for inaccuracies in credit reports to be corrected. The new law, which takes effect today, also applies to consumers in 11 other Midwestern states including Missouri. The three major credit bureaus are Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. Within a 12-month period, a consumer may obtain one report from each bureau.

Generally credit reports contain personal information such as Social Security numbers, addresses, telephone numbers and birth dates, as well as financial information such as outstanding debt, credit cards, student loans, mortgages, lien and bankruptcy information.

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WANT SOME COOKIES?



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Heather Miller (left), 8 years old, and her sister, Alisa Richards (right), count out change while they sell Girl Scout cookies in Andrews Hall lobby Tuesday evening.

ONLINE POLL

What do you think should have won the Oscar for Best Picture?

- A) "The Aviator"
- B) "Finding Neverland"
- C) "Million Dollar Baby"
- D) "Ray"
- E) "Sideways"

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WTF?

Old couple sells pot

DANVILLE, W.Va. — A 78-year-old woman faces drug charges and authorities are searching for her 72-year-old boyfriend after police found more than a pound of marijuana stashed in a freezer on her property.

State police arrested Mollie Williams last week after responding to a dispute between her granddaughter and the granddaughter's husband, who were arguing over drugs. Police learned the man allegedly had bought marijuana from Williams, State Police Cpl. Larry O'Bryan said Monday.

Armed with a search warrant and a drug-sniffing dog, troopers went to Williams' residence near Danville. The dog led troopers to a freezer in an out-building where the marijuana, worth an estimated \$4,000, was hidden under frozen meat and other food, O'Bryan said.

Williams was jailed and later released on \$15,000 bond. Her live-in boyfriend, Jack White, who was recovering from heart bypass surgery, was given the opportunity to turn himself in but failed to do so, authorities said. He remained at large Monday.

"They appear to be the typical grandma and grandpa individuals. However, they sell marijuana," O'Bryan said.

The granddaughter was charged with possession of marijuana and released on bond.

PEOPLE

50 Cent boots the Game

NEW YORK — Another day, another feud for 50 Cent. This time, he's beefing with his own protege, the best-selling rapper The Game. Actually, make that former protege.

In an interview on hip-hop radio station Hot 97 Monday night, 50 announced that he was kicking The Game out of his G-Unit clique because of disloyalty - for refusing to take 50's side in his latest battles with high-profile rappers. Then a shooting occurred outside the radio station, wounding one man, police said.

At the time, 50 Cent was inside speaking on the radio - the interview ended abruptly as security people escorted the rapper out the building, a spokesman for the radio station said.

"No one from Hot 97 witnessed this incident," said Alex Dudley, the Hot 97 (WQHT-FM in New York) spokesman.

Investigators, still trying to sort out the chaotic scene, suspected 50's comments were heard on the radio by associates of The Game, including the shooting victim. The associates allegedly went to the radio station, where they were met outside by members of 50 Cent's entourage and the violence erupted, police said.

It was unclear whether The Game was directly involved, police said.

COUNTING DOWN

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Days until Spring officially begins.

WORD DU JOUR

perturb

1. to disturb or disquiet greatly in mind; agitate
2. to throw into great disorder; derange

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Vascular diseases affect teenagers in U.S.

Teenagers are affected most because many are overweight

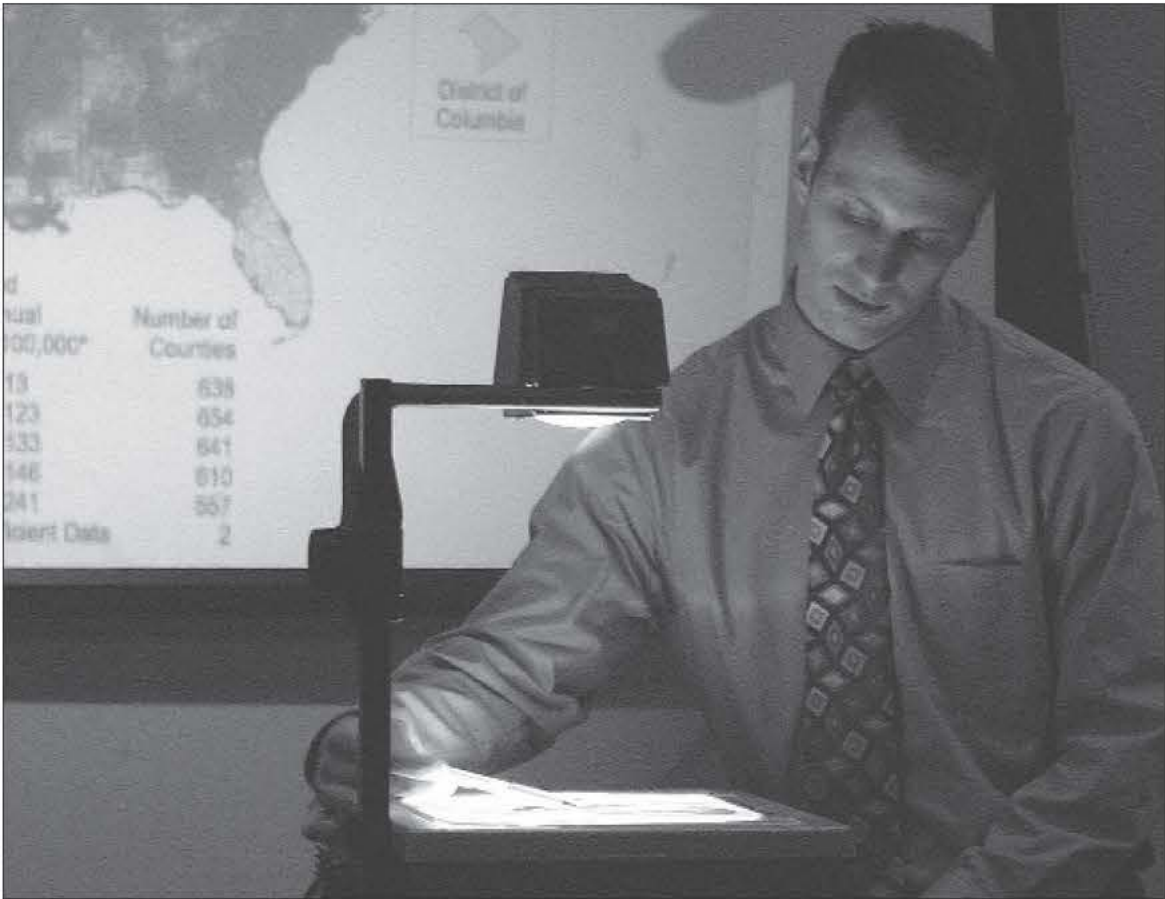
By YOUNGCHI CHANG
STAFF WRITER

Having good diet habit, regularly exercising and releasing stress are some measures people can take to prevent vascular diseases, or diseases that affect blood vessels, said Carl Sather, a speaker giving "Recipes for Prevention" Tuesday night.

To educate Charleston community members and Eastern students about vascular diseases, the first "Recipes for Prevention" seminar was held to offer healthy suggestions.

Based on his studies performed in the east central Illinois region, Sather, a senior at the University of Illinois - College of Medicine at Rockford, said vascular diseases have increased rapidly in the past 10 years, especially in the Midwest.

"The most serious problem is these diseases are affecting



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Dr. Carl Sather talks to the community about vascular diseases Tuesday evening at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital.

teenagers in the United States," he said.

This is because so many people, especially teens, are overweight in today's society, he said. During the last 10 years, one-third of Americans have become obese, he added.

"If you are 5' 8" and over 200 lbs, you would be likely to get a vascular disease," Sather said.

Someone at the same height

would be healthy at 168 lbs., Sather said.

He recommended people use the Body Mass Index, the best-known measure of appropriate body weight, to measure their healthiness.

There are various factors that can increase the risk of vascular disease.

Sleep apnea, fatigue, depression and smoking can all contribute, Sather said.

"Not smoking is the greatest step in reducing risk to you and loved ones for vascular disease," he said.

A family history of vascular disease, especially heart disease, is another factor contributing to the risk of suffering from a vascular disease.

"These risks are essentially irreversible but can be accounted for by good education and good personal care for known risk factors," he said.

Sather will talk more about strokes and heart attacks, two of the most common types of vascular diseases, in the two remaining sessions of the "Recipes for Prevention" series.

The next session will be 7 p.m., March 8, at the Education Center of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

Sorority house moms listen, care for members

By KAYLA CROW
STAFF WRITER

Some sorority members on Eastern's campus have a mom away from home.

Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Gamma Delta sororities have caring women known as house moms who live in their houses and watch out for the girls. Wanda Bence takes care of the members of Alpha Gam while Wanda Reid watches over the Tri Sigma members.

House moms have many duties, ranging from being a good listener to making sure rules are enforced by all members of the sorority.

"(Bence) enforces the rules," said Shelby Blomberg, a sophomore fashion merchandising major and member of Alpha Gam. "We're not supposed to have boys in our house, so she makes sure that we follow that rule and all of the other rules set out by nationals."

Another job of a houseman is to take care of the members and help them with their problems. The members of both Tri Sigma and Alpha Gam agree their house moms are special because they are great listeners.

"(Reid) is our peer adviser," said Amie Adams, a sophomore elementary education major and member



of Tri Sigma. "Her door is always open, and you can talk to her about anything."

Bence also helps the members of Alpha Gam with any problems they may have.

"She is like a mom to us," said

Kristen Wilson, a member of Alpha Gam and sophomore elementary education major. "Whenever someone is homesick she talks to them and lets them know that she is there for them."

Reid said it is her goal to do what is best for the Tri Sigmas. Doing what's best can range from tiptoeing around the house in the early morning hours so she does not wake any of the girls to driving girls to 8 a.m. classes on her way to work at the cashier's office on campus.

"I think it helps that I am a natural mother," Reid said. "I know how to take care of the girls, and it

helps that these girls are just so smart, funny and delightful."

The members of these sororities feel they have a great relationship with their house moms because of how nice the women are.

"(Reid is) the sweetest lady," Adams said. "She knows everyone by name and is friends with everyone."

The members of Alpha Gam feel having a houseman benefits everyone involved in their sorority.

"(Bence) is always there for us when we need her," Blomberg said. "Besides, it is really comforting to our parents to know we are being taken care of."

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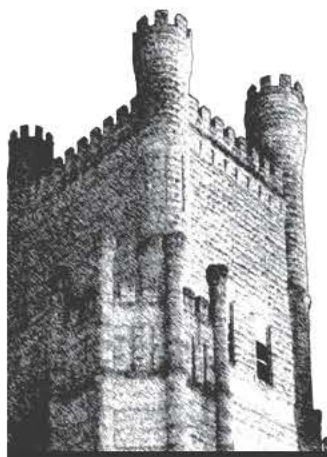
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The best is yet to come



CARLY MULLADY

SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

Mullady is a guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News* and editor of the *Warbler*.

In the few weeks of mourning common to the wake of Valentine's Day, I've seen far too many people wearing broken hearts on their sleeves. It's a phenomenon I've been guilty of myself, and a common problem I desperately hope to reduce in popularity.

My age group, at the least, and the general public at most, has a tendency to let a relationship determine personal value.

Not a day goes by where I don't encounter a person with a broken heart, or hurting, trying desperately to make something happen that won't.

Too many times I've seen people abandon who they really are, leave behind their strengths and wither away to nothing over a failed relationship.

I've been just as guilty as the next person. In the past, if I couldn't resolve conflicts or make my guy be happy only with me, I concluded it was my faults.

I would refuse to give up and move myself to some dream world where extreme incompatibility and the pain that person caused me didn't matter. If I couldn't change things, it wasn't the fault of destiny or even reality, but my own inadequacies.

While day after day, things were done that hurt me, I didn't accept that it was life happening; I truly believed if I were patient and giving, things would, in time, turn around.

Although I always tried to keep my main goals- education, a career, success- in mind, much of the attention I should have been directing toward those goals was being put toward the not-so-much-greater good: a false sense of love.

And while, yes, these times spent with people we care about are: very significant, they can't be taken for more than what they are: experiences.

It's OK to be disappointed when something that so much effort and care was put into doesn't work out. That's fine- curl up

in bed with boxes of tissues and watch sappy movies for a couple days, decorating the floor with empty Haagen-Dazs containers. Don't answer your phone, shower or change out of pajamas. Fill a shoe box with old love notes, photos and dried flowers.

But then snap out of it. Whoever you are, wherever you are, you're too good for this. Those three days you spent wallowing were three days you could have been finding happiness being you or going out on the prowl for someone more suitable.

The truth is relationships don't always work out. It's a fact of life. Another fact of life is that there are millions more people out in the world, thousands of which each of us could find attractive and hundreds of which we could find at least temporary happiness with.

We don't need to expect permanence. It's time people liberate themselves from this need to cling desperately onto the things that hurt us.

There truly are plenty of fish in the sea. There's no need to settle for one who can't swim happily by your side.

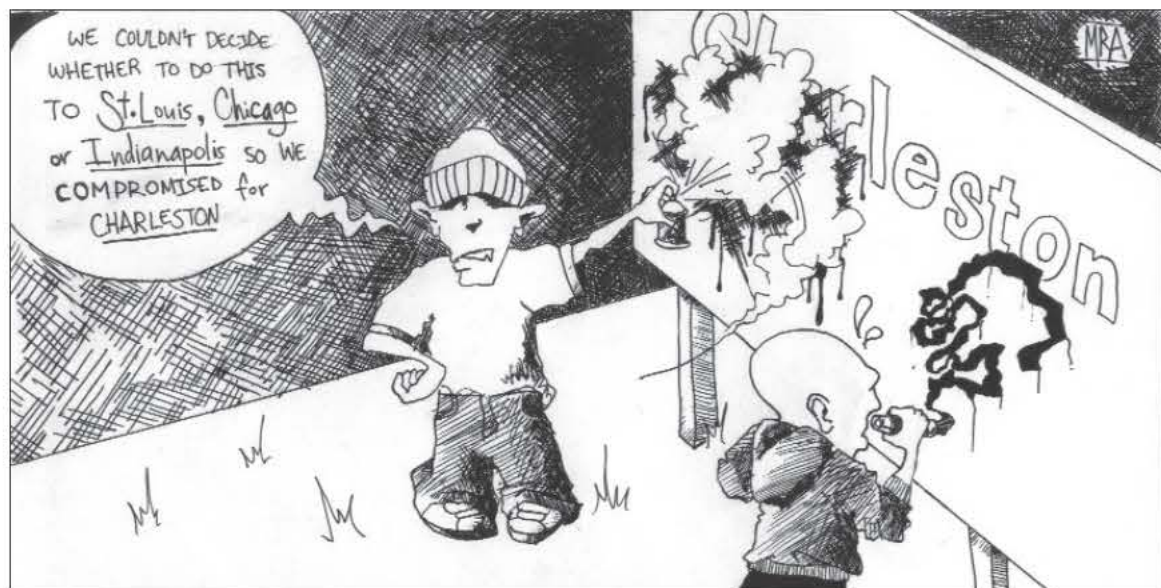
When relationships don't work out, it isn't so much a reflection of the people in them as it is a Cupid's arrow mis-fire.

I promise, as soon as you let go, a year from then you'll be thanking yourself for moving on and allowing yourself to find something better. It worked for me.

Time's going to heal those wounds, a more suitable fish is going to swim by and, in the mean time, you can become more comfortable with the things you love about yourself.

After all, it takes truly loving yourself before you can love someone else.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY MICHAEL ABERNATHY



EDITORIAL

Graffiti incident unfortunate

Last week the buildings and signs in Charleston were victim to blue and black graffiti. The graffiti was consistent with that of a gang called the 'Gangster Disciples.'

The Charleston Police Department said they were not sure if it was done by actual members of the gang or by 'wanna be' gang members, as detective James Blagg described them.

Either way, it is an unfortunate event expected to cost \$1,000 in labor to repair. In addition, it reflects poorly on the city.

While some argue that graffiti is a form of artistic expression, this event was far from that. It can be a form of art if carried out properly with the permission of the owner of the wall. This was simply an irresponsible, selfish form of cheap fun.

There truly is no point to graffiti. Stealing, although still wrong, has a point: to acquire something one doesn't have. However, vandalism is simply the destruction of someone else's property, be it graffiti or actual physical destruction.

At issue

The defacing of Charleston property with gang graffiti

Our stance

Vandalism is a selfish act that does nothing but cause frustration for those whose property is damaged.

The graffiti was reported to police on Tuesday, Feb. 22 and is expected to have taken place late Sunday night. The city's entrance signs, several of the city's parks, the city's amphitheater and Lovell Shoe Repair were all locations that fell victim to the spray can.

While three of these facility's repair bill will be paid by the city, which is the Charleston taxpayer's pocket, the owner of Lovell Shoe Repair, Jane Lovell, had to pay for the cleaning herself.

Luckily, graffiti isn't a regular problem in Charleston, a reflection of the positive community that students are lucky enough to attend college in.

Hopefully, the graffiti was just done by some 'wanna be' gang members and will be an isolated incident that doesn't warrant any further attention.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO EXCUSE FOR LACK OF EDUCATION FUNDING

It is with concern and regret that I have read *The Daily Eastern News*'s and the administration's pronouncements regarding the Eastern's budget proposal from Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Both *The DEN* and the administration seem to be content with the continued under funding of our students' education. I am not.

I am most troubled by *The DEN*'s position, since the administration's seeming obsequiousness is understandable given that they serve at the government's pleasure. I am

shocked however by your editorial board's complacency, especially your acceptance of the commonly proffered excuse that there is simply not enough money available for higher education.

The state of Illinois has one of the more diverse and robust economies in our commonwealth, a commonwealth that has seen year after year of increases in productivity.

Money is plentiful in this state. What doesn't exist is a means of allocating a sufficient portion of our state's abundant resources to education. Our governor and legislators have chosen to maintain a penurious, regressive tax structure that per-

petually under funds government programs, such as education, while still showering money on the governor's and legislators' pet projects.

To put it bluntly, our state, one of the richest in our nation, consistently ranks as one of the cheapest when it comes to funding higher education.

We are blessed to live in one of the most powerful and abundant economies in history. In my mind, the excuse that there is not enough money is inaccurate and inexcusable.

KEITH WILSON
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Leadership Council fills RSO needs

By KRISTY MELLENDORF
STAFF WRITER

Many people turn to a support group to connect with others and find answers to questions. Now Resident Student Organizations (RSOs) have a group specified for this concern.

The Student Leadership Council (SLC) was formed in 2003 during Unity Week.

"We strive to unify the RSOs," said Matt Kulp, Student Government vice president of Student Affairs and creator of the SLC.

Officers are elected to positions on the basis of merit through applica-

tions. Current members include Kerry Curran, program coordinator; Rene Lozzi, community service chairman; Kayla Bryan, program coordinator; Trisha Varland, public relations coordinator; and Chelsea Frederick, co-coordinator.

"The Student Leadership Council is a good place for RSOs to come and ask for ideas and get advice that they need on anything," Kulp said.

Rene Lozzi, a sophomore recreation administration major, said she makes sure that all participating groups get the amount of service they need. This is accomplished through continually tallying the amount of service hours



MATT KULP

"I heard that the position was open and thought that, since I had experience with community service from high school, I could help," Lozzi said. "There was a girl in my (sorority) house who participated in (SLC) last year and recommended me to it."

Lozzi asks around Charleston to see what needs to be done so then she

that each RSO has.

If needed, Lozzi is the person to ask for community service ideas.

knows what to distribute throughout the groups, she said.

"We currently don't have any fundraisers, but we would like to see all RSOs receive funding, to continue networking RSOs and to make it easier for the RSOs to put on programs," Kulp said.

There are currently eight to 20 RSOs meeting every Thursday within the SLC.

Members of the SLC are looking forward to Unity Week, Kulp said.

The group, which is open to all RSOs, meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

Principal charged

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERWYN- Cook County prosecutors on Tuesday charged a Berwyn elementary school principal with failing to report allegations of child abuse by a band teacher.

Karen Grindle, 53, principal at the Pershing School, faces a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine on the misdemeanor charge, the Cook County state's attorney's office said.

Grindle surrendered to Berwyn police on Tuesday, the same day that former band teacher Robert Sperlik Jr., who is charged with sexually abusing more than a dozen students, pleaded not guilty during his arraignment, Cook County state's attorney's spokesman John Gorman said. Sperlik, 45, remained in custody without bond.

According to the charges filed against Grindle, two female students complained in a 2001 letter that Sperlik engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with them. Prosecutors also allege Grindle failed to report a subsequent complaint against Sperlik for inappropriate touching.

Under state law, Grindle should have informed the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services of each complaint against Sperlik, according to he state's attorney's office.

STUDENT SENATE

New Senate members may have to take oath

By AMY SIMPSON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Government leaders are looking to usher new members into a more professional Student Senate.

A bill to create an oath for inauguration of new members to draw attention to the responsibilities of their office was tabled last Wednesday.

"(The oath is a way) to make (inauguration) more of a formal event to hold senators more

accountable for what they're doing," said Cole Rogers, chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee.

Induction should be more than announcing a name, clapping and taking a seat on Senate, Rogers said.

Ryan Berger, speaker of the Senate, said adding the oath would help members realize the importance and responsibility of holding a position.

"(Senate needs to) step up the bar about seriousness and the image we have of each other and

on campus," Berger said.

Senate also tabled a suggestion to create an annual tradition of tree-planting on campus.

"(Planting trees is) a great way to give back and (create a) lasting impression," said Lauren Kluge, chairman of the University Development and Recycling Committee.

Locations for the tree will be explored by the committee but will ultimately be determined by the Senate as a whole, Kluge said.

Approximately \$150 has been

reserved in next year's Student Government budget for the event, but because the planting is still on a trial basis, Kluge said details will be worked out by the committee this semester.

Kluge said if the bill passes, she anticipates the event will be a "fun, annual tradition with fewer rules than other things (Senate does)."

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Developing teaching styles

Faculty Senate looks to involve different forms of teaching

By Gregory McElroy
Staff Writer

Approximately 10 Eastern faculty members had the opportunity Tuesday to learn how to get students involved in active learning.

Jeff Stowell, professor of psychology, was the facilitator for the focus group that presented learning techniques that can be used for faculty in their classrooms.

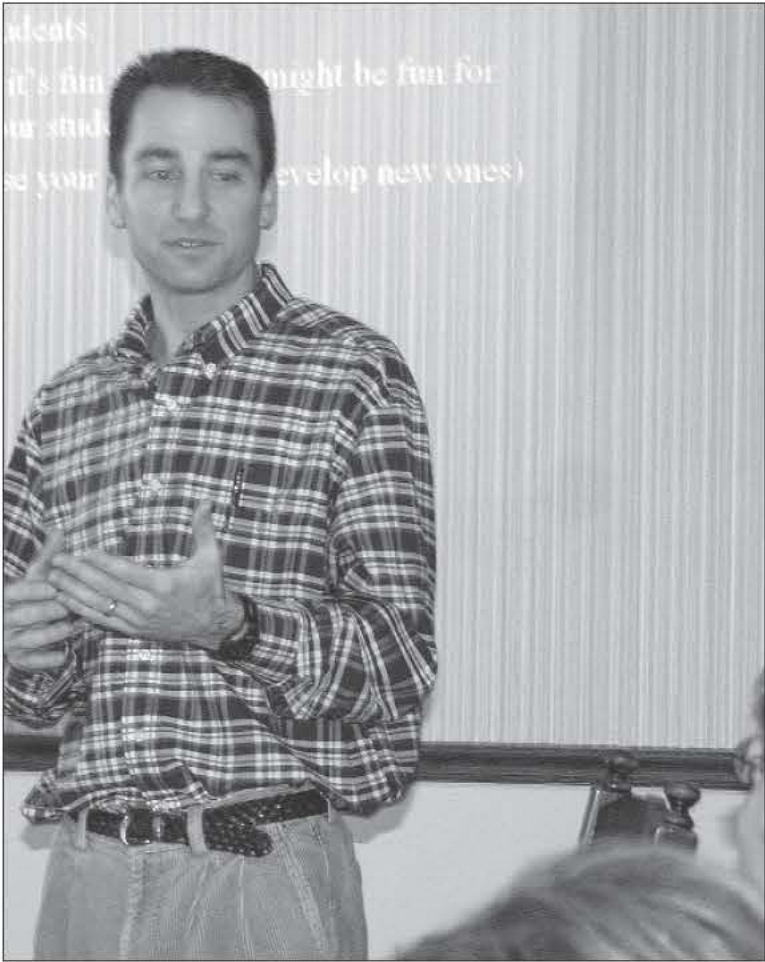
"The intention of this group discussion is to provide different examples of learning techniques," Stowell said.

During the focus group, Stowell handed out a sheet that informed faculty how to involve students in active learning.

Some examples of active learning Stowell presented included conducting experiments, simulations and games, music, art and reflective thinking.

"I do a lot of thinking, pairing and sharing with my students," said Mildred Pearson, director of faculty development and assistant professor in the early childhood, elementary and middle school education department.

Pearson discussed some of the



Jeffery Stowell, an Eastern psychology professor, speaks to a focus group in the Lord Dining Room in Pemberton Hall Tuesday afternoon. The focus group was held to try and get students involved in active learning.

ways she gets her students engaged in active learning.

"I remove the subject from the textbook and apply it to their everyday lives, and it is interesting to hear their responses," Pearson said. "I think it brings the lecture to life."

Stowell gave the faculty an opportunity to respond to questions regarding roles of instructors, students and technology in active learning.

"We intend on getting the faculty excited about creating or using their own active learning technique," Stowell said.

City Council votes to give Eastern tournament funds

By Kyle Mayhugh
Staff Writer

The Charleston City Council voted Tuesday to give \$1,000 to Eastern's Athletic Department to help cover costs of a tournament this weekend.

Eastern will host the National Junior College Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 4 and 5.

The city's contribution had been recommended by the tourism council, said Mayor Dan Coughill.

Also at the meeting, the council approved a bid award for preliminary demolition in the Rotary Pool improvement project. The lowest bid of \$33,126 was submitted by A&R Services Inc. of Urbana.

The council also approved a tax abatement in relation to the city's water treatment plant, and preliminarily approved another tax abatement for the Rotary Pool improvements.

The city has the right to issue a property tax levy to help pay back the bonds Charleston issued for the two capital projects, but it intends to pay for them with sales tax revenue, Coughill said.

"We can choose to abate the taxes and tell the county clerk not to (issue the tax)," he said. "We just have to tell them not to do it."

The Rotary Pool abatement is now on file for public inspection and

will be voted on at the next council meeting in two weeks.

A proposed new student housing development moved another step forward at the meeting when the public hearing on annexation, which had been going on for two previous meetings, was closed.

By a 4-1 vote, the council closed the public hearing when people failed to participate.

Council member Lorelei Sims, who voted against the closing, said she hoped further publicity might entice more people to come forward with their opinions on the project.

"I believe it is in everyone's best interest to continue," Sims said.

The annexation is dependent on the City Council approving a pre-annexation agreement with University Village Housing LLC, the company that would own the housing development.

The council put the possible agreement on file for public inspection, and it will be voted on in a future meeting, Coughill said.

"The pre-annexation agreement has just been received by the council," he said. "So most people, including me, have not had a chance to read it yet."

The council also approved a raffle permit for the Fox Ridge State Park Foundation and approved the replat of lots 11 and 12 of Normal Park Place Subdivision.

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Voters deciding whether to repeal anti-discrimination ordinance

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOPEKA, Kan. — A minister known for picketing the funerals of AIDS victims with signs reading “God hates fags” saw his effort to repeal an anti-discrimination ordinance failing narrowly in early election returns Tuesday night.

One of the minister's granddaughters, meanwhile, was trailing in her efforts to unseat an openly gay member of the City Council.

The Rev. Fred Phelps Sr. was seeking to remove from the books a city ordinance that prohibits discrimination against gays in municipal hiring. The repeal measure would also bar Topeka from reinstating such protec-

tions for 10 years.

Initial returns showed Topeka residents opposing the repeal, with 51 percent voting “no,” and 49 percent “yes.” Seven percent of precincts had reported.

Phelps' granddaughter, Jael Phelps, was among three candidates challenging openly gay council member Tiffany Muller in a nonpartisan primary.

Early returns had Muller in second place, which would allow her to advance to a general election in April. Jael Phelps was running fourth.

Muller, 26, pushed for the anti-discrimination ordinance after she was appointed to fill a vacancy on the council last year.

The council approved the ordinance in November. The senior

Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Church then launched a petition drive against it. Less than two months later, opponents had collected enough signatures to force the city to put the ordinance to a citywide vote.

“That's my job — to preach this stuff and to strive against sin,” Phelps said Tuesday, describing homosexuality as a “filthy lifestyle.”

Phelps has long been a fierce foe of gay rights. His church has picketed the funerals of AIDS victims for more than a decade. His protest outside the 1998 funeral for Matthew Shepherd, the gay college student beaten to death in Wyoming, led to his portrayal in the play “The Laramie Project.”

Schwarzenegger backs election initiatives

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Tuesday he will go over legislators' heads and take his case straight to the voters with a special election later this year on overhauling pensions, teacher pay and the way political districts are drawn.

He said he and supporters will start gathering signatures to place the measures on the ballot. No date has been set for the special election, but it would probably be held in the fall.

Schwarzenegger has been threatening such a move for months. It would pit the popular Republican governor against some of the state's most powerful political forces — including the majority Democratic Party and the teachers union.

During a news conference, Schwarzenegger endorsed

three specific initiatives. They would privatize the state's public-employee pension funds, which manage more than \$300 billion in investments; give authority for drawing legislative and congressional districts to a panel of retired judges; and tie teacher pay to merit rather than seniority.

“The problems are too big to ignore and too dangerous,” Schwarzenegger said.

Rob Stutzman, Schwarzenegger's director of communications, said the governor also supports a measure that would lengthen the time it takes teachers to become tenured, from two years to five years.

In addition, Schwarzenegger is still considering different versions of a budget initiative that would impose across-the-board cuts when revenues don't match spending, Stutzman said.

New Scott Peterson book

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A new book written by Scott Peterson's half-sister paints the now-familiar picture of him as a lying philanderer fixated on himself and uninterested in the search for his missing wife.

But it also sheds new light on Jackie Peterson, describing her as a mother willing to go to any lengths to save her son.

Author Anne Bird was given up for adoption by Jackie Peterson in 1965 and did not reconnect with the family until five years before the 2002 murder of Peterson's wife, Laci, and her eight-month-old fetus.

AMERICANS USE CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING

WASHINGTON — More people than ever are driving under the influence of their cell phones, according to a survey released Tuesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The survey showed 8 percent of drivers, or 1.2 million people, were using hand-held or hands-free cell phones during daylight hours last year, a 50 percent increase since 2002 and a 100 percent rise in four years.

SCIENTISTS SAY REMOVAL OF WASTE IMPRACTICAL

WASHINGTON — A significant amount of radioactive waste

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from Cold War bomb-making should remain at former production sites, and several locations should be kept open longer than planned to treat waste from elsewhere, scientists recommended Tuesday.

Reports by two panels of the National Academies urged the Energy Department to revamp its massive \$140 billion cleanup plans for defense nuclear waste with the goal of transporting less of it to a central facility.

OFFICIALS OPPOSE BUSH'S COMMUNITY CUTS

WASHINGTON — President Bush's plan to overhaul a popular community development program would devastate revitalization efforts by cities that are crucial to creating jobs, local officials said Tuesday.

They urged Congress to reject Bush's plan to reduce the Community Development Block Grant program, which they say provides the money and flexibility that cities and counties need to improve the poorest parts of the United States.

“The one-size-fits-all approach proposed by the administration will likely stifle the flexibility and effectiveness” in the program said James C. Hunt, a city councilman from Clarksburg, W.Va.

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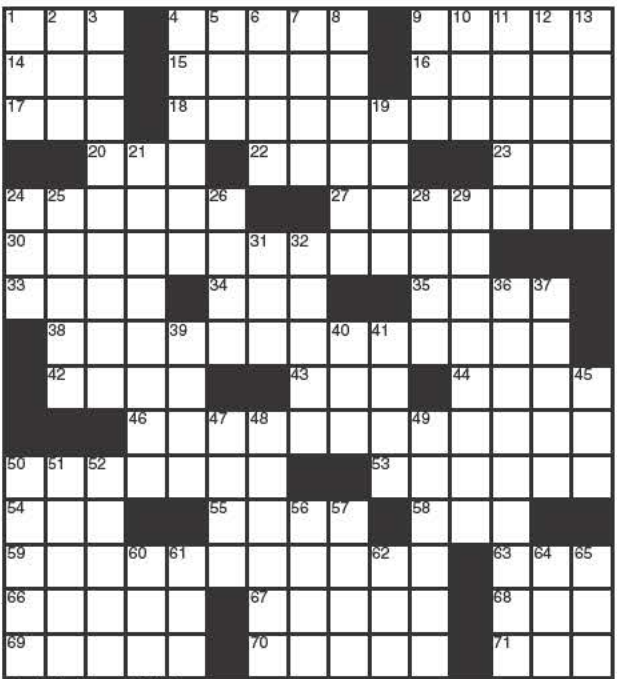
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out this entire process.

“This is only a stepping stone for Jared’s future,” Murphy said. “More good will come out of all this, and it will only make him stronger. This is truly a positive thing for Jared’s life right now.”

When Yates and his mom made their way home from the airport Saturday, they stopped at the local County Market grocery store. Little did he know he was in for a surprise from family, friends and the Danville Mayor Scott Eisenhower for a small party.

“When I got there, there was tons and tons of people,” he said. “It was crazy. I was really surprised.”

FACULTY:
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include research as well as teaching accomplishments conducted by faculty.

The Senate went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue after the online report was approved.

“When dealing with faculty hirings and firings, the open meetings act gives you that exclusion,” said Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter.

Carpenter said the last time he could recall the Senate going into executive session was in 1993 when former Eastern President David Jorns’ job security was in question.

After the Senate went into executive session, two drafts of a question-

“We are developing a format so we can get the best responses.”

JOHN POMMIER, CHAIR OF THE DAY CARE SEARCH COMMITTEE

naire to see if there is a need for day care at Eastern.

“We are developing a format so we can get the best responses,” said John Pommier, chair of the Day Care Search Committee.

Assege Haile Mariam, day care search committee member, said the committee is looking into putting the questionnaire online and working with the Center for Academic Technology Services to allow that process to happen.

“One of the ideas is to put the questionnaire on the Web so we can have a spread sheet of responses to save time and eliminate errors,” Haile Mariam said.

The Faculty Senate and Student Senate have been working with Eastern’s Parent/Student organization to receive feedback on the questionnaire.

The Faculty Senate meets 2 p.m. every Tuesday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEF

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UKRAINE’S DEFENSE PULLS TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - Ukraine’s top security body decided Tuesday to withdraw the nation’s troops from Iraq, and officials said the pullout would start this month and be completed by October.

The National Security and Defense Council, headed by President Viktor Yushchenko, made the widely expected decision to withdraw Ukraine’s 1,650-strong contingent.

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the free-throw line.”

The Golden Eagles (18-10) made 23-of-24 from the foul line in the second half, while Eastern made 4-of-5.

“Free throws were big because we weren’t making any other shots,” Tech senior forward Willie Jenkins said. “It’s what won the game for us tonight.”

Jenkins lead the Golden Eagles with 17 points on 5-of-18 shooting, making all six of his free-throw attempts.

Senior guard Emanuel Dildy scored a game-high 20 points. Freshman guard Bobby Catchings finished with 15, and senior guard Josh Gomes scored 11 in the losing cause.

After a 6-2 run to start the second half put Eastern ahead 38-24, Tennessee Tech tightened its defensive pressure, while it heated up offensively. The Golden Eagles held Eastern scoreless for nearly four minutes and cut the Panther lead down from 14 to three.

“When you’re not scoring in a row, it takes away your confidence,” Catchings said.

Tech took their first lead of the game with 4:36 to go when senior Ben Jacobsen sank an open three-pointer to put the Golden Eagles ahead 52-49.

The lead change came during another Panther scoring drought, this one lasting over five and a half minutes. Over that stretch, Eastern went from leading 49-46 to trailing 56-49. The Panthers would never have the ball down three or less the rest of the way but didn’t go quietly.

Dildy scored 15 points in the game’s final 1:33, but Eastern could never get within three, as Tech sank free throw after free throw.

“Our effort, intensity and our focus were as good as they could be,” Samuels said. “And we made them beat us, and they certainly made some big plays to beat us.”

The first half the Panthers looked more like the OVC’s top seed as they led 32-22 at the break.

The Panthers exploited Tennessee Tech’s defensive pressure in the first half, getting easy looks near the rim from penetration and back door cuts.

When Eastern wasn’t scoring from inside the paint, they were connecting from beyond the three-

Tennessee Tech 72, Eastern 68
Eastern (12-16, 7-10)
Dildy 7-15 2-2 20, Patterson 3-3 0-0 6, Gomes 3-9 4-4 11, Catchings 6-9 0-0 15, Tandy 1-5 0-0 2, Sinclair 3-5 0-0 6, Duany 2-5 1-2 5, Gobjczynski 1-2 0-0 3
Percentages: FG 26-54 .481, FT 7-8 .875
3-FG 49-18 .500, **Rebounds:** 31 (Dildy, Domes 4), **Assists:** 14 (Gomes 4), **Blocked shots:** 5 (Catchings 3), **Steals:** 8 (Dildy, Gomes 2), **Turnovers:** 21 (Dildy, Catchings 4) **Team fouls:** 22 **Fouled out:** Catchings

Tennessee Tech (18-10, 12-4)
Stribling 2-6 3-4 7, Clark 0-2 2-2 2, Boyd 2-8 3-4 8, Jenkins 5-18 6-6 17, Jones 3-7 2-2 8, Fisher 2-7 9-9 14, Jacobson 4-5 2-3 12, Taylor 1-1 0-0 2, McKenzie 1-1 0-0 2
Percentages: FG 20-55 .364, FT 27-30 .900, 3-FG 5-19 .263, **Rebounds:** 32 (Jenkins, Stribling 5), **Assists:** 12 (Boyd 4), **Blocked shots:** 7 (Jones 3), **Steals:** 11 (Jenkins 4), **Turnovers:** 14 (Jenkins, Jacobson 3) **Team Fouls:** 15 **Fouled Out:** None
Halftime: Eastern 32, Tennessee Tech 22

point arc. Led by Catchings’ three three-point baskets, the Panthers shot 5-of-9 from three-point land in the first half. Catchings’ nine points led the team at the half to go along with his three blocks.”

The first half we didn’t have any pressure on us,” Catchings said. “We knew if we came out and played our game, we could play with them.”

As a team, Eastern hit on half of their shots, downing 12-of-24.

Tennessee Tech did force Eastern into committing 12 first-half turnovers, but the Golden Eagles couldn’t convert any into baskets, while Eastern scored five points off of Tech’s nine turnovers.

Tech had trouble converting on any of the possessions, in fact, shooting just 26.7 percent.

Jenkins’ nine points led the Golden Eagles’ attack, but he connected on just 3-of-11 from the field.

Jenkins said he knew the Panthers were going to give his team all it could handle.

“I wish their season wasn’t over,” Jenkins said. “But, I’m glad ours is still going.”



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior guard Jake Sinclair controls the basketball in the first half of the Panthers’ 72-68 loss to Tennessee Tech in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Sinclair had six points in 19 minutes of action.

NO. 2 EASTERN KENTUCKY 74, NO. 7 TENNESSEE STATE 68

RICHMOND, Ky. – Eastern Kentucky used a 14-4 run to spark a 74-68 comeback victory over Tennessee State (14-17) in the opening round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Tuesday.

EKU forward Alonzo Hird led the host Colonels (20-8) with a double-double evening that included 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Hird was one of five Colonels in double figures that didn’t include season leading scorer Matt Wit.

“We made some adjustments at half-time, and everybody stepped it up on the defensive end,” EKU head coach Travis Ford said.

The victory gave Eastern Kentucky its first 20-win season in 26 years.

“There’s not a team in America that works harder than our guys,” Ford said. “Old-fashioned hard work paid off tonight. Our guys just refused to lose.”

NO. 6 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 61, NO. 3 MURRAY STATE 58

MURRAY, Ky. – There will not be a repeat

Ohio Valley Conference Tournament champion.

For the first time since 1987, the Murray State Racers failed to reach the semifinals of the OVC Tournament after its three-point upset loss to Southeast Missouri. The sixth-seeded Redhawks (15-13) were led by forward Reggie Golson’s 21 points and 11 rebounds along with guard Derek Winans’ 20 points.

SEMO came out the block on fire shooting 57 percent from the field.

Shawn Witherspoon led the Racers (17-11) with 15 points but missed a three-pointer in the final seconds that would’ve tied the game.

This is only the second time in 20 years that

Murray hasn’t won a post season game.

NO. 5 AUSTIN PEAY 71, NO. 4 SAMFORD 60

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The last time Austin Peay went into Seibert Hall, they walked away with a disappointing overtime loss. The Governors got revenge Tuesday evening in its 11-point road win over the Bulldogs.

APSU (12-18) got 37 points from its guard combo Maurice Hampton and Anthony Davis while Samford’s (15-13) leading scorer was junior J. Robert Merritt who had 19 points.

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TENNIS

Road matches have ups and downs for Panthers

BY MATT DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend saw both the Eastern men's and women's tennis teams on the road in Ohio Valley Conference action. On Friday, the teams took on Austin Peay University.

"It's always tough to play at Austin Peay," said head coach Brian Holzgrafe.

The men were defeated 6-1, while the women picked up a 5-2 victory. Sophomore Chuck LeVaque was a bright spot for the men on Friday, picking up a win at No. 1 singles by defeating Ankur Sigla 6-3, 6-7 (10-8), 6-4. In action at No. 2 doubles, LeVaque paired up with freshman Sean Bush to record a 8-6 victory over

Austin Peay's doubles team of Cody Wall and Brett Bolton.

On the women's side, all-around strong play led to victory over Austin Peay. In six of the singles matches, Eastern picked up wins in four of them, with freshman Sandra Sasidharan leading the pack with a win at No. 1 singles, 6-1, 6-3 over Elizabeth Whelpey.

Sophomore Madina Mambetova picked up a 6-3, 6-3 straight set victory at No. 3 singles, sophomore Jill Wirtz won easily 6-1, 6-1 at No. 5 singles, and at No. 6 singles, freshman Ashley Glover won in straight sets 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

In doubles action, the No. 1 doubles team of Sarah Freeman and Sasidharan emerged victorious, and the No. 2 doubles team of

Mambetova and Wirtz also won their match.

The teams traveled to Nashville, Tenn. to take on Samford at a neutral setting on Saturday. Both teams came away with losses, a 6-1 defeat for the men and a 7-0 loss for the women.

On the men's side, LeVaque continued his strong play and picked up the only team point with a win at No. 1 singles with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Manuel Militec.

On the women's side, all matches were close and competitive, but Samford, the reigning 2004 OVC tournament champion, was able to have the edge.

"We are capable of competing with Samford on both the men's and the women's side," said Holzgrafe.

On Sunday both teams faced off against Tennessee State. On the men's and women's side, the two teams came away with a shutout of Tennessee State, winning all six singles matches and picking up the doubles point to win 7-0.

"Overall, this weekend was real good in terms of how we played," said Holzgrafe.

With this tough three matches in three-day road trip out of the way, both teams can now relax for a few days before getting back in play. The men, 3-6 overall, have their next match this upcoming Saturday in Chicago against DePaul.

The women, 3-2 overall, have a bit longer lay-off, as they do not get back into action until next Wednesday when they travel to Indianapolis to take on IUPUI.

NBA

Rockets pummel Bulls by 30 at United Center

CHICAGO (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored 32 points with seven assists in three quarters and Mike James added 26 points on 11-of-15 shooting to lead the Houston Rockets to a 119-89 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Houston won for the first time since the All-Star break, snapping a three-game losing streak.

The resurgent Bulls, in playoff

contention for the first time since 1998, suffered their worst loss of the season.

Eddy Curry scored 17 points for Chicago and Ben Gordon added 15.

Leading 29-22 late in the first quarter, Houston increased their lead with a 23-6 run in the first half. James, recently acquired in a trade from the Milwaukee Bucks, scored nine points in the span. He hit a 3

with 3.4 seconds left in the first quarter and then had a steal and a lay-up to start the second quarter.

Jon Barry hit a 3 for Houston to make it 46-28 and Juwan Howard capped it off with a jumper, giving Houston a 52-28 lead with 5:12 in the second quarter.

McGrady scored 19 points in the half for Houston and James added 16 with Yao Ming on the bench. Yao

picked up two early fouls and only played six minutes in the first half.

Barry finished the game with 13 points for Houston. He was 3-for-4 from 3-point range. James was 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

Houston opened the second half by outscoring Chicago 9-1. After back-to-back baskets by McGrady made it 75-40, Bulls head coach Scott Skiles subbed in five new play-

ers, drawing an ovation from the sold out crowd.

Late in the third quarter, Tyson Chandler lost his cool and drew a technical. He made an obscene gesture in the direction of official Sean Corbin after being called for a foul.

Bulls rookie forward Luol Deng sprained his right ankle in the opening minutes after being fouled by McGrady.

With the Rockets in full control, McGrady sat out the entire fourth quarter.

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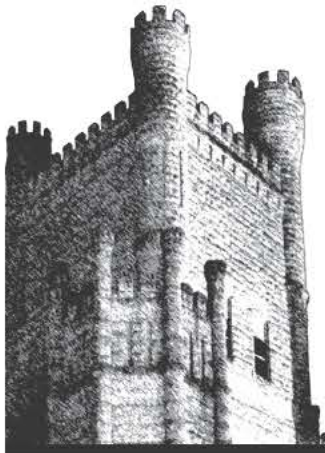
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BALL FOUR

JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

It's up for grabs in the OVC

Eastern showed almost anything can happen in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, sticking with top-seeded Tennessee Tech down to the final seconds.

It just almost happened, and that is exactly how the rest of the tournament will go because of the parity in the OVC. Let's take a look back at the recent past of the OVC.

In the past five seasons the OVC regular-season champion won the OVC tournament two times.

When Eastern won the OVC tournament in the 2000-01 season, it played Austin Peay. The OVC regular season champion that year was Tech. This, of course, means the regular-season champion didn't even make it to the OVC finals.

Every Ohio Valley Conference men's basketball coach I've talked to cannot say enough about parity in their conference.

When you look at some of the upsets late in the season, there's no wonder OVC parity is the talk of the conference. Maybe this year is no exception to the whole OVC parity argument. Maybe OVC coaches have been saying the same thing year in and year out, and I just don't know about it.

But here are some more facts.

Murray State (11-5) is the only OVC team that didn't lose to a conference foe with a sub .500 record. Tennessee Martin (3-13) won six games all year, but on Feb. 12 it beat Tennessee Tech (12-4), and a week later it beat Tennessee State (9-7).

Jacksonville State (2-14) finished last in the OVC, but one of its wins was against second place Eastern Kentucky (11-5). The only sub .500 team Samford (10-6) lost to was Eastern (7-9).

Southeast Missouri (9-7) lost to Morehead State (5-11). Tennessee State lost to three sub .500 teams: Eastern, Jacksonville and Martin.

Austin Peay (9-7) lost to Eastern. What does all this mean?

It means...

A) I just rambled off a bunch of statistics, and nobody is reading this anymore.

B) Nothing because we're talking about the OVC here, and nobody really cares about the OVC.

C) Pick this one because it's the answer. Isn't it obvious? It means anything can happen in the OVC tournament.

Any of the four remaining teams could be marching on to the NCAA tournament.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND



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Junior guard Josh Gomes tries to get by Tennessee Tech junior forward Derek Strubling Tuesday night in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers lead by as many as 14 points in the second half, but they could not hang on, falling to Tech 72-68.

Panthers can't hang on

Eastern falls 72-68 after leading by 14

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COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—If it had been a 34-minute game, the Eastern men's basketball team would have won in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference.

But in the last six minutes Tuesday night at Tennessee Tech, the Panthers found themselves doing something they hadn't done all night — trail.

After taking the lead for the first time with four minutes 36 seconds left, the Golden Eagles never let go and hung on to defeat Eastern 72-

68 at the Eblen Center, ending the Panthers' 2004-05 season.

The Panthers led by as many as 14 in the second half, but Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said Tennessee Tech's defense swung momentum back to the Golden Eagles.

"Their defense is what dictated us," he said. "And I thought we played solid defense, too, but the difference is we gave them chances to get to the free-throw line."

"Their defense didn't give us chances to get to



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Eastern senior forward Andy Gebczynski attempts to drive past a Tennessee Tech defender Tuesday in Cookeville, Tenn.

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FOOTBALL

Carr to leave after two years as offensive coordinator



JON CARR

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After just two seasons with the Panthers, Eastern offensive coordinator Jon Carr resigned last week, head coach Bob Spoo said.

According to sources on the team, Carr, who is also the quarterback's coach for Eastern, is leaving the Panthers to pursue a job at Mid-American Conference champion Toledo as a wide receivers coach. Neither

Spoo nor anyone at Toledo could confirm any hirings and Carr couldn't be reached for comment.

The Rockets wide receivers coach John Shannon, a 1976 Eastern grad, was promoted to offensive coordinator Feb. 18, leaving the receivers coaching position vacant.

Last year Carr's offense was second in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring (26.5 points per game), fourth in passing (224 yards per game) and third in rushing (167 ypg).

In Carr's opening campaign with the Panthers, the team was second to last in the conference in scoring (17.5 ppg), second to last in passing (163 ypg) and last in total yards (293 ypg).

Previous to Eastern, Carr was the offensive coordinator at Tennessee State. In 2001 Carr's Tiger offense was third in I-AA in passing (302 ypg), sixth in total offense (465 ypg) and 14th in scoring (35.4 ppg). Carr won two OVC championships with Tennessee State.