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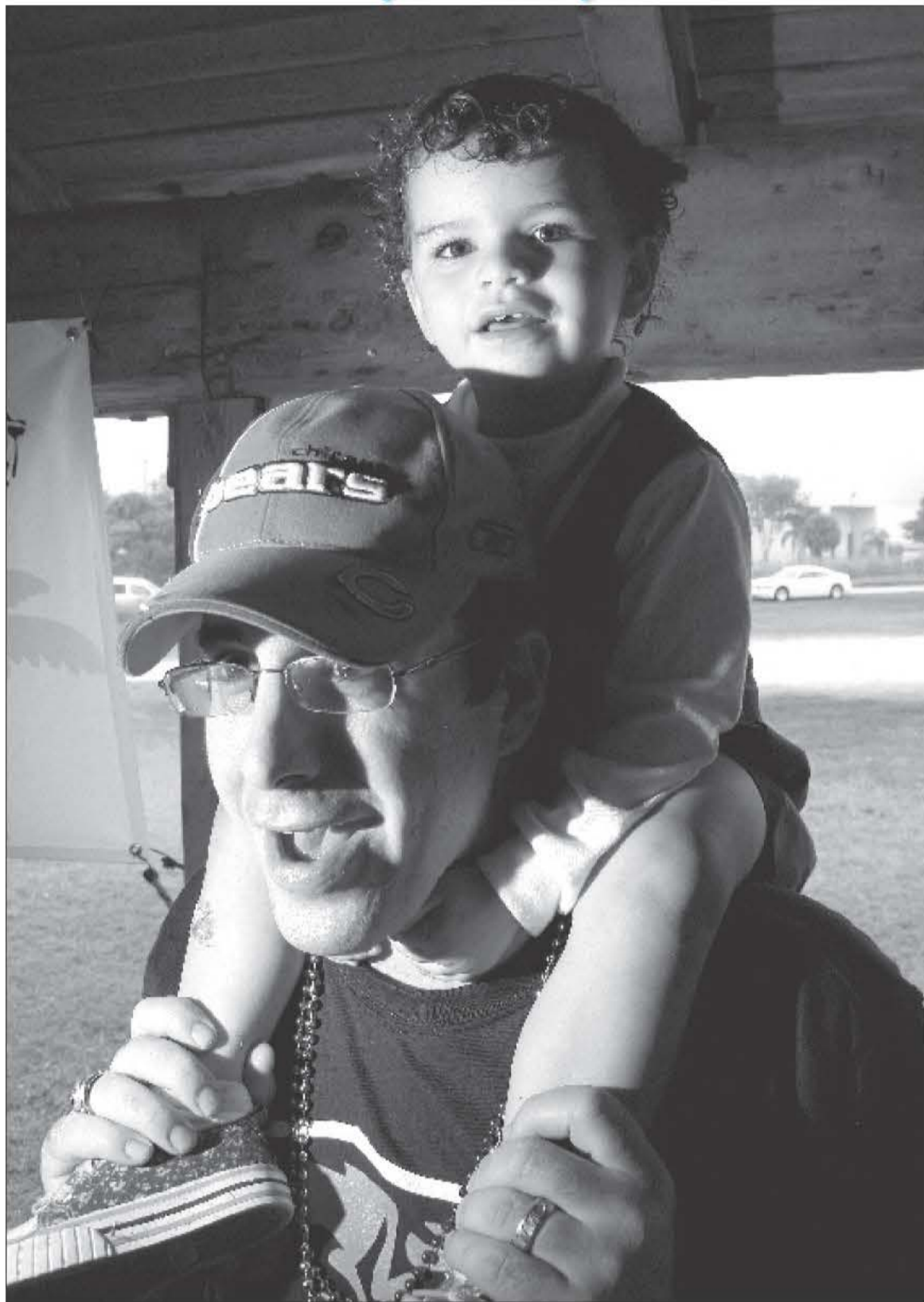
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ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Cambell Alkhatai, a 2-year-old from Del Ray Beach, Fla. sits on her dad's shoulders while tailgating at C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines, Fla., Sunday morning before the start of Super Bowl XLI. Go to Dennews.com to see a slideshow from the Super Bowl.

Charleston crime rates decrease

Burglary only index crime to show significant increase

By Rob Siebert
Senior City Reporter

In 2006, Charleston's index crime rate dropped to 2.41, which is 17.2 percent less than 2005's rate of 2.91.

Index crime rates are calculated at a rate of per 100,000 people. Charleston's population is less than 22,000.

So in theory, 2.41 crimes are committed per 100,000 people in Charleston.

A total of 483 index crimes took place in 2006, which is 104 less than in 2005.

Charleston's index crimes are divided into nine categories: murder, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault/battery, burglary, residential burglary, theft, motor-vehicle theft and arson.

The only index crime that showed a significant increase between 2005 and 2006 was burglary.

The number of burglaries reported in Charleston in 2006 totaled 106. In 2005, 90 were reported.

Part of the rise in burglaries can be attributed to a select few individuals, said Mark Jenkins, deputy chief of the Charleston Police Department.

"Early in the summer, we had a couple of juveniles or young adults that were going around and doing several car burglaries..." Jenkins said. "But eventually they were caught and convicted."

Charleston had a total of 788 alcohol arrests in 2006.

Of those arrests, 536 were for the acceptance of alcohol by a minor.

Jenkins said that individuals

arrested under acceptance-by-minor charges were predominantly Eastern students.

A total of 149 city ordinance arrests were made in 2006. Of those, 29 arrests were made for disorderly conduct and 28 were made for obscene conduct.

Such violations usually occur when an individual causes a scene or gets into a verbal altercation outside a bar or near a local business, Jenkins said.

The Charleston police had 36 drug-related cases in 2006, and made a total of 67 drug-related arrests. Of those arrests, 21 were for the manufacturing of drugs and 16 were for possession of meth chemicals.

Jenkins said these figures are usually what the department gets in an average year.

"Unfortunately it maintains a pretty steady pace," he said.

Even so, Jenkins said the department is pleased with its performance over the past year.

"I think when you look at the neighboring communities, we're doing a very good job," he said.

Mattoon, Charleston's neighbor city, had 647 index crimes reported in 2006, which is 164 more than Charleston.

Theft was the most highly committed index crime in Mattoon, with 397 instances. This amounts to 77 more than Charleston's number, 320.

Like Charleston, Mattoon also had problems with specific groups of thieves throughout 2005 and 2006, which police Chief Larry Metzelaars said likely contributed to the high number.

Metzelaars advised Mattoon residents not to leave valuables, such as a purse, in an unoccupied vehicle for long.

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Eastern anticipates IBHE's budget request

Funding for nursing program is top on the budget list

By Ashley Rueff
Senior University Reporter

Eastern is waiting with fingers crossed to hear the Illinois Board of Higher Education's state budget request for the 2008 fiscal year.

The budget was not discussed at Tuesday's IBHE meeting in Springfield, but postponed for a

LOU HENCKEN | PRESIDENT

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special meeting yet to be scheduled, said President Lou Hencken.

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don't think they'd go through the trouble (of postponing the budget request figures) if the increase was zero. I'm using Hencken logic on this; I hope it's the same."

IBHE uses all budget requests from public higher education institutions to compile one budget request for the state office of management and budgets. The

higher education request is then put into the state budget where the governor and legislature make the final call about appropriations for higher education.

Eastern's top priorities in the school's budget included more funding for the nursing program, an increase in general operation costs and funding for satellite programs in Decatur and Chicago.

For nursing, Eastern requested \$285,000 in next year's budget for the first year of the new program.

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CAMPUS | LOBBYING

The student's voice counts

Student Action Team takes charge at Eastern

By Stacy Smith
Campus Reporter

The Student Action Team planned to leave for Springfield at 8 a.m. today, weather permitting, to persuade state politicians to finish funding the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The SAT received approval for \$7.5 million for Doudna Fine Arts Center but has only received \$6 million thus far.

The group will go try to ensure the remaining \$1.5 million is allocated in the budget.

"It's a way to show what kind of power you have as a student," said Levi Bulgar, student vice president for business affairs and SAT member. "Students don't realize they take for granted how much they can actually do."

Approximately 15 students participate on SAT, but because of other obligations, 10 will go on this

semester's trip.

First-time students are usually paired with someone experienced to get an idea of how to approach legislatures.

"One time a girl and I memorized a script of exactly what we were going to say," said Kent Ohms, a junior political science major and SAT member. "But she was so nervous, she ended up saying the whole thing."

The group tries different techniques to prepare students before going to Springfield.

"It can be intimidating to talk to senators, but the people of higher education are passionate about the same thing you are," Ohms said. "If they sense you're nervous, they try to calm you down."

SAT tries to prepare students by discussing budget issues and researching addressed topics at their weekly meetings.

The group also role-plays to give students an introductory approach to all types of people.

"When someone is mean, I have to remember that my voice is for the school and I'm representing

almost 12,000 students," Bulgar said.

An important part of lobbying is researching the topic and being able to answer any unexpected questions. Knowing more about the topic usually relaxes students because they are more comfortable discussing it.

"You're not going to know 100 percent about everything, you just have to be honest. Let them know you'll get right back to them and follow through with it," Bulgar said.

If one member of the legislature supports the request, it is common others will follow.

"Once you win one person, you've already won," Bulgar said. "Because they'll tell another person who may vote in your favor and they'll tell another."

Students of all majors are encouraged to participate in SAT.

"It shows everyone cares instead of just political science majors," said Amanda Raz, executive vice president of student government. "Art students (should) come and support Doudna because they're the ones it's getting built for."

CAMPUS | SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

Campus to get safer

New safety committee formed to look at safety on campus, suggest possible improvements

By Nora Maberry
Editor in Chief

Eastern is one of the safest college campuses in the state, with one criminal sexual assault, seven aggravated batteries, and seven simple batteries reported in 2006 according to Eastern's crime statistics.

However, the University safety committee realized that Eastern could be safer.

So Eastern has a new safety committee, a decision that was made during the Fall 2006 semester. The first committee meeting was held in January.

"Since September, the forming of a committee was requested and it took until January to actually have one," said Sean Anderson, student body president.

The committee was formed to assess campus safety and to suggest improvements to the quality of campus safety, said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

"Eastern Illinois University works hard to maintain one of the safest campuses in the country. We are always looking for ways in which to make improvements for the future," Nadler said. "Campus safety improvements will benefit the entire EIU community."

Cathy Engelkes, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, was chosen by Nadler to participate in the committee. Engelkes has taken an active interest in campus safety because the union is open late at night.

"The student union is utilized during various hours and we want to make sure it is safe," she said.

Gary Reed, director of facilities

ONGOING PROJECTS TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE AT EASTERN:

- » Employ, supervise and train approximately 25 fully commissioned police officers who patrol the campus 24 hours a day
- » Operate and maintains 19 emergency phones
- » Operate an after-hours calling system and dispatch services
- » Certify Eastern fire detection equipment on an annual basis through the Charleston Fire Department
- » Administer a night assistant program in the residence halls
- » Keep residence hall doors locked
- » Replace lock cores when residence hall keys are lost

Total investment in fire suppression sprinklers, when completed by Jan. 2013, will be \$14 million.

planning and management is a member of the safety committee. Nadler chose Reed as a member so he could provide the committee with information relating to the physical facilities of the university.

"The committee will benefit students by addressing concerns and any ideas that implemented will improve the safety of students on campus," Reed said.

Police Chief Adam Due was also chosen by Nadler for the safety committee.

"I was appointed to the committee by Dr. Nadler and I assumed it is because I am the chief of police and deal with many aspects of campus security daily," Due said.

He said he believes the goal of the committee is to serve Eastern and its students.

"The goal of the committee is to identify campus safety problems and suggest possible solutions," Due said.

Some possible solutions the committee is looking into includes installing security screens on the ground floors in University Court, replacing all the exterior security doors in the union and installing security lighting in the union.

Student Body President and ex-officio member of the committee Sean Anderson campaigned on a promise of campus safety during the 2006 student government elections.

"This committee is going to create progress," he said. "We will see progress this year, and with this committee, students are guaranteed to have a continual voice and centralized place to voice their concerns and suggestions."

Anderson's campus safety initiative: "Illinois, a plan to improve campus safety across the state," focuses on some of the same goals as the University Safety Committee, such as better lighting and more security cameras.

"I'm not exactly certain how the committee will work with Sean's campus safety initiatives," Due said. "But I think many of his goals are the same as those that the campus administration (has)."

One goal Anderson and the administration share is the construction of a Brightway Path. The path is a pedestrian walkway that has enhanced lighting. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale has had a Brightway Path for more than 10 years.

Anderson said he plans to meet with Nadler this week to discuss the path.

Nadler said he believes that any campus safety improvements, such as the proposed Brightway Path, can only benefit the campus.

"We have made many improvements over the years and are always seeking new, innovative leads for future improvements," Nadler said.

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- Tuesday- EIU RED day! (All students wear red)
- Wednesday- Jay Blackwell, Director of Training
6pm Charleston/Mattoon room
- Thursday- ΔΣΘ sponsors
Free confidential HIV/AIDS testing
1895 room
Does HIV look like me?
7PM GDR
- Friday- Quilt panels in Bridge Walkway

8500 people die everyday due to AIDS

University Board Events

Feb 7 Open Mic/Five Times August 7pm
7th Street Bridge Lounge

Golden Dragon Acrobats 8pm McAfee

Feb 8 HIV looks like me 7pm GBR

Feb 9 Up all nite Las Vegas 8pm-12am

The Departed 8pm Buzzard

Feb 10 The Departed 8pm Buzzard

Student Senate expects debate

Request of nearly \$50,000 will be voted on tonight

By Matt Hopf
Student Government Reporter

Nearly two months have passed since the Apportionment Board asked Ken Baker, director of campus recreation, to present on three different projects, including a Frisbee golf course.

The Student Senate will vote on the proposals at tonight's meeting. Ken Baker will not be in attendance at the meeting due to a prior commitment, but he answered questions to the Legislative Leadership committee Tuesday.

Baker said that he doesn't want the senate members to have unanswered questions.

The Legislative Leadership committee meets prior to the weekly senate meeting.

It is comprised of the senate speaker and the senate committee chairs.

The committee reviews proposals and recommends the passage or failure of it.

"I think you will see a lot of debate at the meeting," said Senate Speaker Jeff Lange.

The nine-hole disc golf course would start by the campus pond pavilion and go along areas of the former campus golf course.

A Life Fitness Circuit Series set uses hydraulics for resistance to allow beginning weightlifters to tone their body in under three minutes.

Two additional elliptical machines could be bought to lower wait times for the elliptical machines that the Student Rec Center currently has.

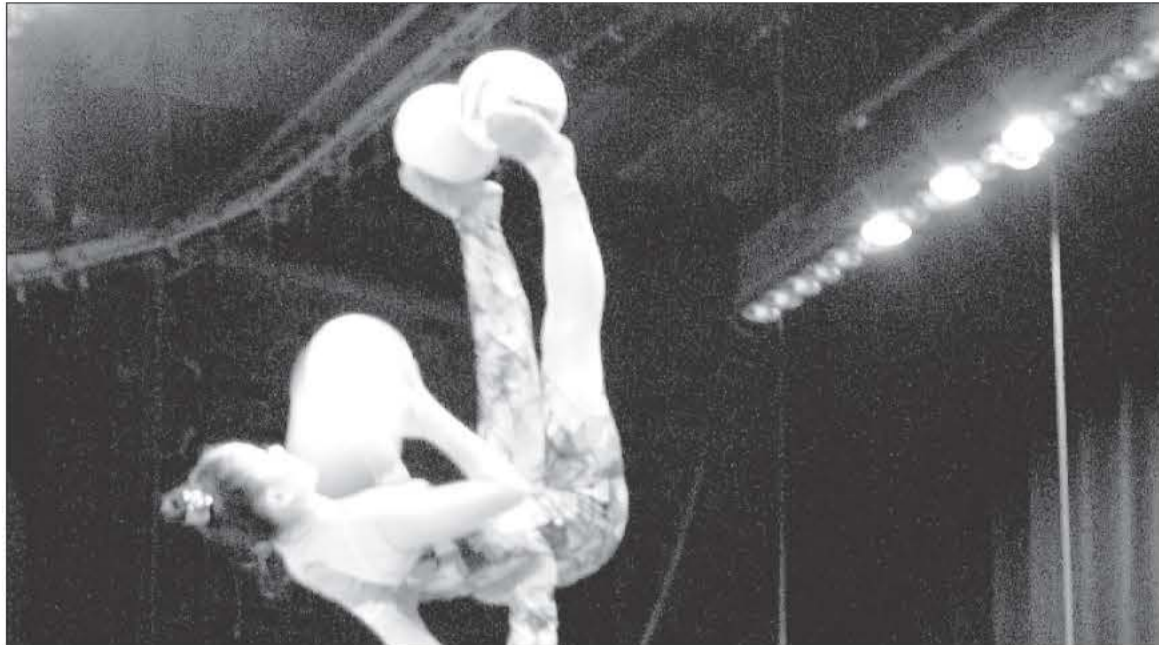
Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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ACTIVITIES | CULTURAL EVENTS



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Golden Dragon Acrobats are returning to Eastern to perform their balancing, tumbling and juggling acts in McAfee Gymnasium.

Acrobats tumble to McAfee

Group celebrate Chinese New Year early with performances

By Julie Morss
Senior Campus Reporter

Men jumping and flipping through hoops.

Groups of women and men riding on a bicycle while only one man pedals. This is just the beginning of what is in store at McAfee Gymnasium tonight.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats will perform at 8 p.m. for the fourth time at Eastern.

Acrobatics began in China more than 27 centuries ago and the Golden Dragon Acrobats are carrying on the tradition. The company has performed in more than 65 countries on five continents. It performs during a single month to 20 sold-out venues.

"We are very busy," said Eric Huang, road manager for the Golden Dragon Acrobats. "Usually the local theater or university calls with dates and we see if it fits in the schedule."

The University Board started planning the event in November.

TICKET INFORMATION

» Tickets for the Golden Dragon Acrobats may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ticket Office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Call 581-5122 for more information.



For video

Check out dennews.com to see video of the Chinese Acrobats.

are available for the acrobats to rest, get dressed and rehearse at 5 p.m."

Golden Dragon Acrobats have won the National Association of Campus Activities Entertainer of the Year Award and the *Campus Activities Today* Performer of the Year Award.

"This group has been performing together for the last two years," Huang said.

The group consists of 17 acrobats who have been training since their youth.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats' performance consists of traditional costume and dance, contortions, balancing, tumbling, juggling and hoops.

The performance is \$3 for students, faculty and staff with proper ID. General public is \$5.

"We called the troupe for open dates and troupe performances," said Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life.

A contract was signed in December and the acrobats decided to come to Eastern tonight, 11 days before the Chinese New Year.

The University could not get the troupe for the Chinese New Year because they were already booked at the University of Wyoming.

"We worked to ensure that there was room in McAfee for the performers," said Emin Nabijev, graduate student University Board cultural committee. "Three rooms

Pulitzer Prize winner comes to campus

Professor to speak on underclass community

By Holly Thomas
Staff Reporter

She gave birth to her first child at the age of 14. Seven more children followed, fathered by six different men. She prostituted her 11-year-old daughter, sold drugs with the help of her children for survival and died of AIDS in 1995. She was part of the growing underclass population.

Her name was Rosa Lee. Her life was an eight-part Pulitzer Prize-winning series for the *Washington Post*, written by Leon Dash.

Her life helped tell society the story of growth of the underclass community.

Underclass is defined by the Urban Institute as a female-headed, chronically unemployed, marginally educated family who often falls into crime.

The first of the series on Lee was published on Sept. 18, 1994, in the *Washington Post* where Dash worked as a reporter. He called it "Rosa Lee's Story: Poverty and Survival in Washington - A Difficult Journey: From Rural Hardship to Urban Adversity."

His motivation for writing the series was his "interest in chronicling human behavior," he said.

The last of the series was published on Oct. 2, 1994. Dash won the Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Journalism a year after the first article ran in the newspaper.

Dash will be speaking on journalism in the underclass at 5:30 p.m. in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

Dash interviewed Lee and her family from 1990-1994 and said it was not hard to remain objective in his articles.

"Be fair and balanced in all you report and write about," he said. "Look under every rock when working in the public's interest."

Dash's journalism success did not begin with winning the Pulitzer Prize.

He was one of the 44 founders of an organization nine years in the making, the National Association of Black Journalists, which was first established Dec. 19, 1975.

Dash's first book, "When Children Want Children: The Urban Crisis of Teenage Childbearing," discussed contradictions to the common belief that the rise of teenage pregnancy in urban areas is because of inadequate birth control and sex education.

That was published in 1989.

Winning the Pulitzer Prize did not end Dash's success as a journalist, either. He won an Emmy Award in 1996 for a documentary series.

Dash left the *Washington Post* in 1998 for a teaching career at University of Illinois.

He was selected as the first Swanlund Chair Professor in Journalism and Afro-American Studies at U of I in 2000.

"Professor Dash is known around the college for being a tough teacher," said Teresa Sewell, NABJ President at U of I. "I think most students are intimidated by his class because of it; however, every person that I know who took his class say they learned a great deal."

Students respect Dash as a professor and a journalist.

"He treats us like the real world would treat us," Sewell said. "He's respected by everyone because of his long list of accomplishments."

CAMPUS WEDNESDAY 2.7.07 campusbriefs

HIV tests will be provided for free by Delta Sigma Theta

» Delta Sigma Theta is working with Brothers and Sisters United Against HIV and will provide free HIV testing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The testing is a part of the National Black HIV Awareness Testing Day.

Effective delegation workshop to be run by Health Service

» There will be a workshop that will focus on effective delegation. Eric Davidson, associate director of Health Service, will run the workshop.

It will be at 8 a.m. on Feb. 13 in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

For information, call Julie Benedict at 581-8415.

Applications for Homecoming co-chair are being accepted

» Applications are now being accepted at the Student Activities Office for 2007 Homecoming co-chairs.

Applications are being accepted for chairs for the Panther Pride Parade, Coronation, Activities, Community Relations, Elections, Secretary and Webmaster.

The office will stop taking applications on Feb. 15.

For more information, contact Student Activities at 581-5522 or contact Homecoming Chair Brian Allen directly at blallen@eiu.edu.

McAfee parking lot closed for Acrobat performance

» The parking lot at McAfee Gymnasium South will be closed to faculty, staff and students all day today.

The closure is because of the Golden Dragon Acrobats, who will be performing at 8 p.m. tonight.

It will be the fourth time the world-traveling acrobatic team has been at Eastern.

The lot will re-open immediately following the performance.

—Marco Santana, Campus Editor

FAST FACTS

- » **Disc Golf Course:** \$15,769
- » **Life Fitness Circuit Series set:** \$23,026
- » **Two elliptical machines with monitors:** \$10,940
- » **Total cost:** \$49,735

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ourview

Many still fail to celebrate diversity

Black History Month has been annually celebrated in the United States since 1926.

This was a great necessity in early America where black history was not even documented, let alone celebrated or even taught in academia.

The teaching and celebration of history and culture is an important part of our society, which is commonly referred to as a melting pot.

All cultures in our society need to be sufficiently recognized in order to celebrate the diverse culture in which we live in.

Here at Eastern, during this Black History Month the opportunities are there for students to diversify themselves in a culture that is different than their own.

But these opportunities are not taken advantage of by the majority of the Eastern student population.

Being students at a university, it is our responsibility to expand our horizons and to take advantage of opportunities that are made available. Black History Month is not only a time for African Americans to celebrate their under recognized culture and history, but a time for all Americans of any race, color or culture to stand in solidarity with their fellow Americans.

The Black Student Union and the University Board have done a stellar job in providing a platform to make this month a time when all students and faculty can gather together in unity. However, these events are often only attended by either black students or by those who gain extra credit for their classes.

The extra credit is gained not only through points gained in a class but also through gaining cultural diversity in oneself.

This cultural awareness should not only be limited to black and white culture, but we should keep in mind the need to be aware of all cultures that are not only a part of our country, but even more so locally at Eastern.

Eastern may not be the most ethnically diverse university, but that is no excuse for the lack of diverse cultural awareness.

The emphasis should not be on the differences of all the cultures, but rather the unity that occurs from people of different backgrounds living in close proximity.

Black History Month is a time when all students of all backgrounds should come together to celebrate each other and our country's history from all aspects.

So, too, should all of the other months designated for cultural awareness.

Asian, Hispanic and Black history all need to have a close look taken at them so that our melting pot of a country remains a place where diversity is celebrated and not ignored.

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DON WRIGHT



COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

Standing on a mountain of privilege

This week's column is in response to Don G. Smith's "eloquent" letter to the editor last week; it is also in reference to the thoughts that, in the words of Katherine (an online poster), so many white people at Eastern have.

While this column is a response to Smith's letter, it is not really for him to read, for, let's get this out on the table, Smith is a homophobic, racist zealot, and I am sure one column from a power-hungry gay minority will not change his world view.

Let's dive right in. I am a minority; I am unapologetically black, gay and atheist, and I do attack traditional thought; I attack it because it is rooted in racism, patriarchy, homophobia and sexism. I do not apologize for this, nor do I apologize for not simply deleting the words victim, victimizer, oppressed and oppressor from my vocabulary, and thus successfully play into what it is that people like you, Mr. Smith – I refuse to call you "doctor" because it scares me that you ever taught a single pupil and it terrifies me even more that you taught young white students who may, like Ms. Katherine, rush to your side and shout bravo to your racist lunacy – want minorities to do and be like.

You want all the privileges without the blood debt and baggage these privileges carry with them. You and those like you want to stand on top of your mountain of privilege and ignore the fact that you are standing on top of black bones, brown bones, female bones, gay bones, Arab bones and Asian bones.

You say that "white students around [me] might be getting a little tired of being oppressed by oppression museums that blame them for everything wrong in the world."

Firstly, I, and most minorities, don't blame them for everything wrong in the world. I hold them accountable for what is currently theirs, privilege and the refusal to recognize and cast off that privilege. I also don't "blame," I hold people accountable; I accuse; I charge; I don't play nice; in the words of Margaret Cho, "I don't want to rise above it" and I don't try to. I also do this with the gay community and minority communities.

But, most importantly, if you are only feeling tired and bored by these conversations, then we minorities are not doing our job. I don't want you to get tired; I can't afford to get tired and neither can other minorities. I want you to feel; I want you to think; I want you to look down and see the bones you stand on top of and get off. I want equity. Your fatigue does nothing for me or any minority; your fatigue is not the goal.

Cho also states that to "live as a minority in America is like dying from a thousand paper cuts."

You and your fans complain about how hard and unfair it is to be white, straight, Christian and privileged in America.

So, tell me, no, show me: How many paper cuts do you have?



Maurice Tracy

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FEATURED BLOGGER | SCOTT RICHEY



"It may seem wrong to place the blame solely on the shoulders of one player when there are 53 on the team, but right now, at this moment, I blame Rex Grossman for the Bears' loss."

YOUR TURN | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

At least he is retired

As I read the ignorant letter from the retired professor Don G. Smith entitled "White male are scapegoats," my emotions went from rage to sadness. I spent 15 minutes of my and my students' lives (unfortunately 15 minutes we are never getting back) discussing his ignorant letter during our African-American Studies 1000 course. I admitted to both of my classes that I had this ignorant man as a professor and I explained how grateful I am to make it out of his course untouched by his ignorant teachings. As an undergrad, my response to such an ignorant letter would have been at least three pages long, but not today. As an alumnus of EIU and Temple University, going out into the real world filled with ignorant and racist people; I have seen racism, met it, worked with it, and (now I know) taught by it, I only have this to say to Don G. Smith, Retired Eastern Professor ... THANK GOD FOR RETIREMENT!

Yolanda Vivian Williams | Professor of African-American studies

GUEST COLUMNIST | COLIN LEPISCOPO

Former VP a hypocrite

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO - When I hear the words "Nobel Peace Prize," I immediately think back to 1964's winner, Martin Luther King Jr., for all of the cross-bearing he did in the civil rights movement. Nominated for this prestigious award this year, to my shock, was former vice president Al Gore.

This nomination is ridiculous compared to the caliber of people who have previously been honored.

Gore was partially responsible for polluting the Caney Fork River in 2000, which runs adjacent to his ranch in Tennessee. EPA testing claims the Pasmenco Zinc Co., which mines zinc on Gore's property, was polluting the nearby river causing unhealthy levels of zinc to be in the water.

During the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign in 1996, the zinc mining operation failed multiple EPA tests to ensure water quality. Not one, but two other independent agencies were hired by The Wall Street Journal to test the water and both found that the river was polluted with various amounts of zinc, barium, iron, arsenic, chromium and lead. Because Pasmenco was mining on Gore's land, he was aware of the pollution and should have acted against the mining company.

Aside from global warming being a convenient stepping stone to a Democratic presidential nomination, Gore doesn't really care about the environment. He just wants the tree-hugger vote. Why else would he let his home state of Tennessee be responsible for having the second worst water pollution in the nation in 2000 and currently placing eighth for the most chemicals released into the environment? If Gore really cared about the environment more than votes, he would actually be doing the things he acts like he's doing. But for some, claiming that you're helping is enough.

If he really cared about the environment, he wouldn't allow such a large amount of pollution into a river that runs near his property and then claim to be some environmental protection advocate.

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Moving beyond the race card

By Marco Santana
Campus Editor

When Keith Wise was in middle school, he heard racist comments that he said were just a product of immaturity.

When he attended a leadership conference Saturday at Indiana University, he heard stories about racial discrimination on campus.

When he left a function that celebrated African-American Heritage Month on Friday, he experienced racism directly.

Wise said he was the target of racial slurs as he walked to his car following the kickoff banquet.

That incident is one of a few that drove Wise to push for a student forum that will be held at 9 tonight at 7th Street Underground.

The forum will allow students of any race who have felt discriminated against to tell their story and discuss possible actions they can take to improve the situation, Wise said.

"We hope to try and make changes on campus," he said. "We are going to try and talk about it first. Talk about seeing what we're going to do."

On Jan. 31, a letter to the editor in *the Daily Eastern News* called

for heterosexual white students to "detest the climate of political correctness that demands your conformity."

It also suggested visiting a Web site that subscribed to white supremacist beliefs.

Ashley Montgomery said she dealt with discrimination last week in the union.

These events all led to the push for the forum.

Montgomery, who is a member of the Black Student Union, said the forum is a chance to share incidents.

"It's a chance for other people to speak out on what's happened to them," she said.

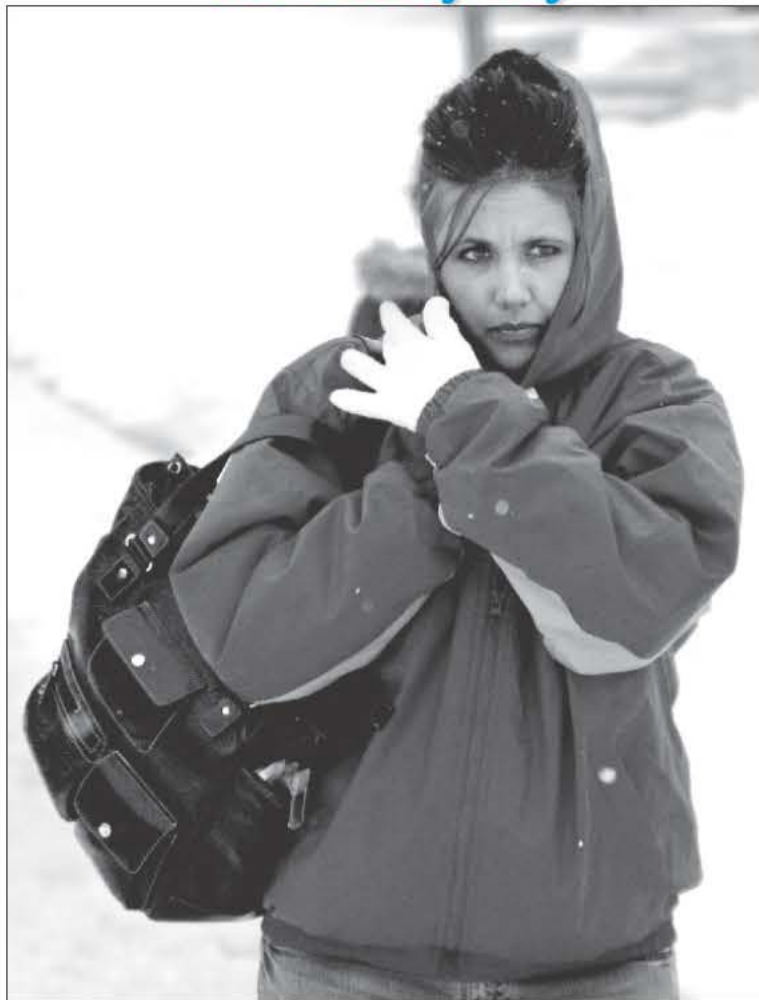
The idea of a forum came out of the Black Student Union's meeting Monday. BSU, Eastern's chapter of the NAACP and Eastern's chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council have all worked to put it together.

"We just hope to get everyone on the same page," Wise said.

Montgomery said the meeting will help anybody deal with any problems they might have at Eastern.

"Nobody should ever have to feel bad about who they are," she said.

The snowy day



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior journalism major Heather Smith walks through the Library Quad Tuesday. Students encountered a snowy and cold surprise on their way to class. Temperatures are expected to be in the 20s today.

Jackson trial to continue today

-Staff Report

The trial for Patrick Jackson, 25, the man accused of breaking into an apartment and attacking an Eastern student, begins today between 8:30 and 9 a.m.

Jackson allegedly broke into the Brittany Ridge apartment on September 14, 2005.

Jackson is charged with armed violence, home invasion, aggravated battery and attempted criminal sexual abuse.

All of the charges are felonies.

According to the Charleston Police Department Affidavit of events, the Eastern student woke to find a strange man in bed with her.

The Eastern student reported the man as having a knife in his possession and stabbing/slashing her in several places. Upon discovery by the student's roommate, the man fled from the scene.

Jackson also faces charges of a misdemeanor battery. Jackson is accused of pushing and scratching the woman's roommate as he was trying to leave their apartment.

The student later identified Jackson out of a police line-up of suspects. Jackson, who was serving in the Army National Guard at the time, was due to return to Iraq on Sept. 23, 2005. However, because of ongoing litigation, Jackson was not to return to Iraq nor leave Coles County.

He is currently living in Lovington.

IBHE

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With the increase, Eastern would expect to have 80 enrolled students and 30 graduates after the first four years of the program.

Also at the meeting, a report was given on textbook rental programs

and the possibility of using them at all public higher education institutions. State Resolution 692 passed last year requires IBHE to explore the possibility in an attempt to help college students save money.

"I don't think it will help Eastern students because we already have it, but it could help other places,"

Hencken said, adding that Eastern is an example for other schools that are exploring the option.

Another topic that wasn't on the agenda at the meeting was the resignation of IBHE chair James Kaplan who announced that Tuesday would be his last regular meeting. He has been on the board for eight years and served as chair

for four.

"Because of wanting to devote more time to his family and other reasons, he announced that this was his last meeting," Hencken said.

At the meeting Kaplan said he had "tried his best" for higher education in Illinois, which has faced budget problems in the last few years.

Crime

FROM PAGE 1

There were 29 drug-related cases in Mattoon during 2006. Metzelaars said methamphetamine was a problem during the year.

The city also saw an increase in crack-cocaine usage. Metzelaars attributes the increase to individuals visiting or moving to Mattoon from larger metropolitan areas.

Burglary was also high in

Mattoon, with 155 offenses.

Mattoon saw 65 cases of aggravated assault and battery, compared to Charleston's 28.

The town also saw two murders during 2006.

Metzelaars said the difference between the crime rates in the two cities might stem from Charleston being more of an education-oriented, white-collar community, while Mattoon is more of a blue-collar working community.

Jenkins said Mattoon likely sees more crime because it caters to a different population than Charleston.

"They have two or three low income housing projects, and things that are going to lead to more crimes, and more calls for service and more arrests," Jenkins said.

He attributes Charleston's reduced crime rate to the police department's plan to be more proactive, and present in the town.

The community is also more educated and aware of crime, which makes things easier for police, Jenkins said. People have a better idea of what to look out for.

In 2007, the Charleston Police Department hopes to increase community-policing programs to further that education.

"A lot of these (crimes) are things you don't have a lot of input in," Jenkins said. "But education is the first step."

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President proposes raising Pell Grant funding

By Raquel Christie
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

COLLEGE PARK, Md. – President Bush included in his proposed 2008 federal budget Monday the largest single-year increase in the primary source of financial aid for low-income students in more than 30 years. If the budget is approved by Congress, Pell grants would increase by \$550 to \$4,600 in October, providing the first boost in several years to a program that provides financial aid to 5.3 million college students. During the next five years, the maximum Pell grant would increase to \$5,400. While several Congressional Democrats, students and educational leaders applauded the initiative as a step in the right direction, many also chided the initiative's specifics and questioned its potential effectiveness. Jim Boyle, president of College Parents of America, expressed concern that the Pell grant expansion's heavy price tag would hurt other financial aid programs. "It's always positive when more money goes to student aid...but usually there are tradeoffs involved, and it appears that the tradeoffs are going to have a negative impact on some of the other student programs," Boyle said. "However, I feel that the Pell grant is the most important federal aid program—it's where the dollars get the biggest bang for the buck." Boyle's concern lies in the initiative's \$15 billion cost. While the majority of the cost would be funded by cuts to lender subsidies—a reform generally agreed to be necessary—the rest of the money would be acquired in controversial ways, such as cutting both the Perkins loan and the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant programs.

'OPEN MIC NIGHT' | FIVE TIMES AUGUST

Eastern hosts Five Times August

Acoustic singer is playing tonight in conjunction with Open Mic Night

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior Activities Reporter

Acoustic singer Brad Skistimas realized early in his career that his last name would be tough to sell.

"I've had trouble with people remembering (my last name) all my life, so I knew I wouldn't be able to say 'check BradSkistimas.com' or something," Skistimas said.

To combat his unique last name, Skistimas decided that Five Times August would be easier to remember.

"My birthday is August 5, so I decided to work off that, and Five Times August came about from that," Skistimas said.

Five Times August will perform at 7 tonight in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as part of Open Mic Night.

"We saw and met him at NACA (the National Association for College Activities), and we enjoyed him when we were there," said Chad Quinones, Graduate Adviser for the University Board. "So we decided



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY FIVE TIMES AUGUST

Brad Skistimas of Five Times August will perform at 7 tonight in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

to book him."

Skistimas released his first album, "Fry Street," in 2005, which focused on the relationship struggles of a typical young adult.

"They were those kind of relationships we all go through, where they consume your every thought," Skistimas said. "So I wrote them down and gave them each their own melody."

Skistimas said he grew up

listening to the Beatles and likes the fact that the Beatles' songwriting appealed to every age group.

"I definitely love writing songs the most," Skistimas said. "It's like putting together a puzzle that is only one color; the color being the mood or feeling."

"Once it's completed, you don't really know how you did it, but you did. It's very gratifying," he said.

Although Skistimas might not be

known to the mainstream audience, he hopes that time will take its course.

"There are a lot of arrogant prima donnas out there right now that don't know how to sing or play an instrument, but are making it big," Skistimas said. "I just hope more people realize there are a lot more undiscovered artists out there not eating what the major labels feed the public."

Human dog-sled race begins RHA Winter Olympics

Ceremonies to run through Feb. 10

By Ashley Sloane
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association is turning Eastern's on-campus residents into dogs.

Well, not exactly.

RHA's winter olympics start today and it begins with a human dog sled race in the South Quad at 5 p.m.

This is the first year the RHA winter olympics will be held.

The dog sled race consists of teams that can include up to four

members designating three "dogs" to pull the sled and one rider to occupy the sled.

The team can decorate its sled but it must follow certain regulations, like creating sleds using only duct tape and cardboard.

Also, teams can only decorate the sled using crayons.

Sleds will be checked before the race to ensure they are up to par for the event. There will be checkpoints throughout the race containing obstacles that each team has to finish to move on.

Anyone who lives on campus was able to sign up and participate in the events.

"I wanted to sign up because I love being involved with RHA and

I really want to have more points than Carman," said Erica Jones, a resident of Taylor Hall. "Carman talks a lot of smack about how they won ROC Fest last year so I want to beat them this time."

Jones also has an idea to help her team's strategy.

"Carman may have the guys but I'm really light-weight so I could ride in the sled," Jones said.

Ben Roth, a resident of Thomas Hall, has a different reason for signing up.

"It seems interesting and (I) like a weird experience," he said. "I want to beat Taylor. I have a friend over there so it's kind of a rivalry."

The olympics will run through Feb. 10.

"We have a lot of fun events planned," said Mike Hilty, RHA vice president. "It should be a really good time."

Residents who are not directly involved with the olympics are still welcome.

"Members from the hall also come out and support their teams," said Carrie Mueller, president of RHA.

There are points given on attendance so the more residents the teams bring to the event, the better.

"I wanted to get more people involved and I've been telling my friends to come watch so we have more people to beat Carman," Jones said.

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CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE

Faculty, students discuss academic excellence

Faculty Senate hosts Faculty-Student Forum to debate academic quality standards

By Jess Kinsella
Faculty Senate Reporter

Theater, music, film series and heritage months are just a few of the cultural opportunities offered to students on Eastern's campus.

The question is how to get Eastern students interested and engaged in these opportunities.

This was one of the four topics discussed at the annual Student-Faculty Forum hosted by Faculty Senate on Tuesday.

Groups of 12-15 students, faculty and administrators sat in intimate circles to discuss a topic that was of interest to them.

Brenda Wilson, head of the Faculty-Forum Committee and senate member, was expecting a larger turnout, but the harsh weather conditions prevented some from attending.

"It is about quality not quantity," said Faculty Senate Chair Assege HaileMariam.

HaileMariam noticed everyone was engaged in great conversations about each topic when she walked from group to group in the University Ballroom.

One group, led by English professor John Kilgore, discussed academic quality and standards.

Kilgore said his group came to the consensus that academic excellence means total engagement inside and outside of the classroom.

Many of the groups started their discussions from a set of questions created by the Forum Committee.

Kilgore's group posed the question, "What do grades tell student faculty and employers?"

The group decided that grades don't provide much information since they can mean a number of things, Kilgore said.

Another group was led by Robert Horrath, who engaged in research and creative activities.

The group came up with six

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE STUDENT-FACULTY FORUM

- » Getting Eastern students interested in cultural opportunities on campus
- » Academic quality and standards
- » Academic research and creative opportunities
- » Internships, study-abroad programs, student exchange programs

main points that Thomas Sinclair, social education professor and Forum Committee member, announced to the forum after their discussions.

They concluded that most students do not know what undergraduate research consists of, he said.

Groups came up with suggestions on how to solve a problem in a particular area on campus.

Sinclair added that Bob Chesnut suggested having an undergraduate research fair on campus.

The Forum Committee also felt that internships, study-abroad programs and student exchange were all important issues.

Mike Haney led this group in which they discovered the study abroad programs are growing 30-50 percent each year, Wilson said.

Wilson's group suggested providing more information about study abroad programs, internships and ROTC programs in Eastern's recruiting materials.

"The purpose of the forum is to suggest ways on how to provide students with the best education possible," HaileMariam said.

For Mona Davenport, director of Minority Affairs and leader of the discussion on cultural opportunities, it is about meeting students halfway to reach those goals and expand student interest in those opportunities across campus.

HaileMariam said the Forum Committee will meet next week to summarize more in depth each group's suggestions.

The Faculty Senate will then discuss those suggestions at a following meeting and present them to the president as well as the vice presidents in those particular areas, she added.

CITY | COMMERCE



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Matthew Montgomery, assistant vice president of the western region for Buxton ID company, explains to the city council and residents of Charleston what the company does to help cities such as Charleston attract retailers.

Business wanted?

City council to decide between two companies to help boost retail business in Charleston

By Rob Siebert
Senior City Reporter

The city council heard a business proposal from a company hoping to bring new businesses to Charleston on Tuesday.

Matthew Montgomery, Western Region Assistant Vice President of Buxton, a site selection firm that helps retail outlets decide potential locations, outlined the way they do business and how they could help Charleston.

Buxton works with municipalities to identify specific retailers and restaurants that are good fits for those communities and their larger trade area, Montgomery said.

The company works to define

JOHN INYART | MAYOR OF CHARLESTON

"They (Buxton) have more experience working for municipalities"

the town's trade area and identify traits and spending habits of customers. It then matches those customers to specific retailers.

Eastern students would be profiled along with Charleston residents.

If hired by the city, Buxton would provide the city with 20 retail matches, then prepare marketing packages in attempt to draw them to Charleston.

Buxton is one of two firms being considered by the city for retail recruitment consultation. The other is Mass Information Representatives.

Buxton's proposal is likely the one that will come before the council for approval, said Mayor John Inyart.

"They have more experience working for the municipalities,"

Inyart said.

Buxton is also working with Mattoon. Its services would be purchased through Coles Together.

Inyart said there is no specific timeline as to when the proposal would come before the council.

Residents living on Cedar Drive also came before the council with a petition asking the city to repeal public parking on the street.

The street is too narrow and the parking causes hazards for the young children and elderly people who live there, residents said. The numerous cars cause congestion for residents.

Inyart said it is unlikely that the street would go back to resident-only parking, but the council would consider making it a no-parking zone or installing specific time restraints.

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NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Rivera flies to Dallas; meets with Cowboys

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera arrived at Dallas Cowboys headquarters around 4 p.m. Tuesday. He spoke with reporters before meeting with team owner Jerry Jones to discuss the head coaching vacancy.

Rivera didn't officially become a candidate until speaking with Jones Monday night. However, he'd been expecting the call since Jones decided to hold the job open through Super Bowl week, when Rivera was off-limits because he was getting his team ready for the game.

Rivera was the ninth person Jones interviewed. Indianapolis quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell will become No. 10 on Wednesday.

Eagles head coach's son charged with felony

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — The 21-year-old son of Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid was charged Tuesday with drug and weapon offenses stemming from an incident in which he is accused of pointing a gun at another motorist.

Britt Reid was arraigned on nine counts including making terroristic threats, possession of a controlled substance and a felony charge of carrying a firearm without a license.

Former World Series MVP dies

INTER GARDEN, Fla. — Lew Burdette, MVP of the 1957 World Series when he pitched the Milwaukee Braves to their only championship, died Tuesday. He was 80.

Burdette had been ill for an extended period with lung cancer. The two-time All-Star Burdette was 203-144 with a 3.66 ERA from 1950-67.

Burdette's greatest success came in the 1957 Series when he went 3-0 with an 0.67 ERA against the New York Yankees.

Bulls rookie fined for All-Star game remarks

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls fined forward Tyrus Thomas \$10,000 on Tuesday, one day after the rookie said he only was interested in the money for the NBA's slam dunk contest.

The first Bull since Scottie Pippen in 1990 to participate in the event, Thomas was quoted in Tuesday's editions of the Chicago Tribune as saying: "I'm just going to go out there, get my check and call it a day."

The winner of the Feb. 17 event in Las Vegas gets \$35,000. The runner-up earns \$22,500, with the third and fourth-place finishers getting \$16,125.

Bears linebacker no longer on Pro Bowl roster

HONOLULU — Chicago linebacker Lance Briggs was dropped from the NFC's Pro Bowl roster Tuesday because of a left foot injury, the third Bears defensive star to relinquish his spot because of injuries.

Briggs will be replaced by Tampa Bay linebacker Derrick Brooks, last year's Pro Bowl MVP.

Blues to lower ticket prices for next season

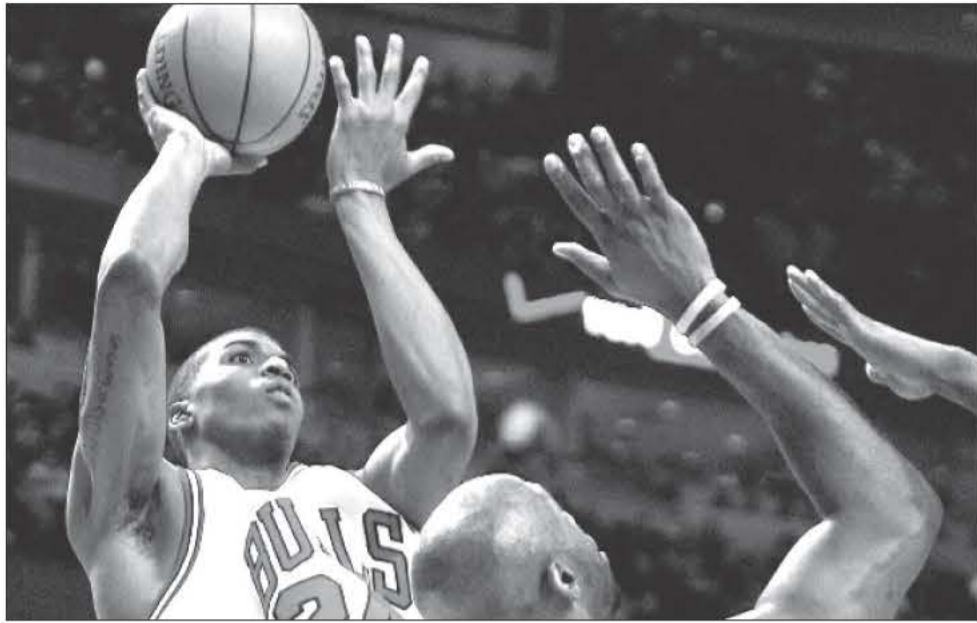
ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Blues ownership, which alienated fans by raising ticket prices shortly after purchasing the franchise that finished last overall in the NHL, announced Tuesday it will cut rates for next season.

The majority of the seats in the Scottrade Center will be reduced an average of 8 percent with remaining levels unchanged this season.

Five-time Olympian track and field sprinter dies

CHICAGO — Willye White, a five-time U.S. Olympian and two-time Olympic silver medalist in women's track and field, died Tuesday. She was 67 years old.

White died of pancreatic cancer at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.



NUCCIO DINUZZO | MCT

Chicago Bulls forward Tyrus Thomas was fined \$10,000 by the organization Tuesday for comments he made about participating in the NBA's All-Star dunk contest. "I'm just into the free money. That's it. I'll just do whatever when I get out there," Thomas said in Tuesday's edition of *The Chicago Tribune*. Thomas will compete with New York's Nate Robinson, Boston's Gerald Green and Orlando's Dwight Howard in the competition.

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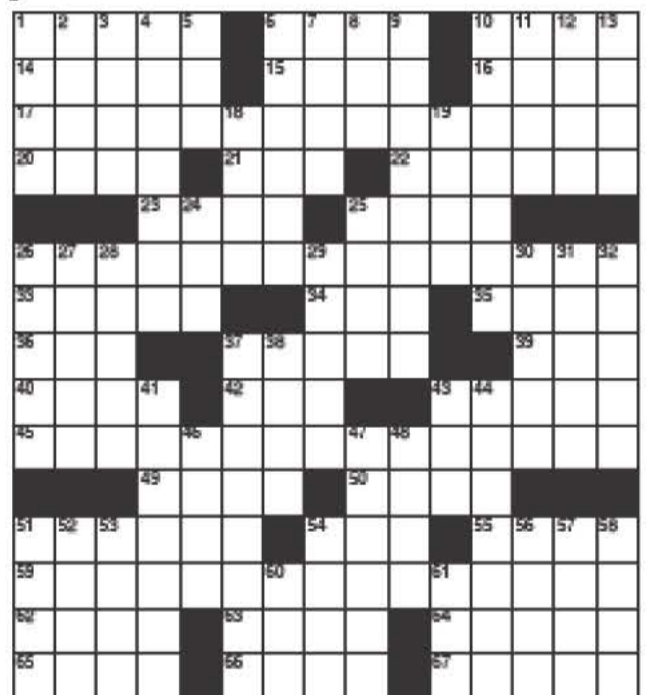


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Edited by Will Shortz

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 - 14 Without help
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 - 18 Exploit
 - 17 Unsuccessful bidder's intro?
 - 20 It can take your breath away
 - 21 ____ Spiegel magazine
 - 22 Slow up or slow?
 - 23 Kih-i-____ island
 - 25 "Waterloo" quartet
 - 28 Hot dog vendor's intro?
 - 33 Spiritual leaders
 - 34 Letter on Challenger
 - 35 Notorious
 - 36 Blazing gun
 - 37 Bolt-attachable device
 - 38 Nicknamed
 - 40 Clouds just
 - 42 Work ____ sweat
 - 43 Assign, as the blues
 - 45 Guard's intro?
 - 48 Is he/she/it?
 - 50 Cow-headed goddess
 - 51 Fough-out
 - 54 Start and end of the Three Musketeers' motto
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 - 64 Hazardous
 - 65 Regarded grandly
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 - 12 Eye drop
 - 13 Retired flies
 - 18 Hair type
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 - 27 Subtle removal
 - 28 Baja teddy
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 - 31 Olympus competitor



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- 47 ____ Collins, former space shuttle commander
- 48 Tropical escape
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Sudoku By Michael Mopham

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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore pole vaulter Tricia Gaumer vaults at the Mega Meet on Jan. 23. Gaumer and the team will travel to Iowa State and participate in a meet that will last two days in preparation for the three-day Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships beginning Feb. 23 at Lantz Fieldhouse.

» **Waiting**

FROM PAGE 12

The runners take walks, eat, study, listen to music and watch teammates until it is their turn so they do not get too anxious or stressed out.

Sophomore distance runner Meghan Kennedy said watching and cheering on teammates is one of the best parts because they are normally competing or warming-up.

"I like (two-day meets) because you have more time to get into the atmosphere and it is a weekend full of what you love to do; running and watching your friends run," Kennedy said.

The extra rest can be beneficial to some athletes. Last weekend sophomore distance runner Kim Archer competed in the mile on Friday and the 3,000-meter race on Saturday and was able to get a personal record in both. One of the biggest advantages to these two-day meets is the practice the athletes are getting for the conference championships.

Graduate assistant coach Eric Vetter said it is a great opportunity to run these meets two days in a row because back when he was an athlete, he was not always given

MEGHAN CARNEY | FRESHMAN SPRINTER

"It's long, but it is definitely worth it because if you get to stay, it means you worked hard enough so to make it to finals, it is a privilege to stay an extra day."

that chance.

"You would get to conference and you have to be able to run fast two days in a row without any practice running back to back," Vetter said.

Last weekend at Indiana was a little different because preliminaries for all events were on Friday and if the runners made it to finals they stayed on Saturday.

"It's long, but it is definitely worth it because if you get to stay, it means you worked hard enough to make it to finals; it is a privilege to stay an extra day," said freshman Meghan Carney.

Wallace said it is especially difficult in the field events because an athlete can be on a roll after preliminaries and then they have to shut down and restart the next day instead of building off the momentum.

For example, freshman thrower

Kandace Arnold threw the shot put 13.85 meters in the preliminaries on Friday for third place, but in the finals on Saturday she threw 13.33 meters and placed seventh.

"It is really hard to come back and re-create what you did the day before," Wallace said.

In the conference championships, preliminaries and finals for the same event are on the same day, which allows the athletes to focus on just one event at a time.

This weekend's meet at Iowa State will emulate the conference schedule more closely than Indiana did with specific events being held on the same day.

"The two-day meets are good in some ways and not so good in others, but basically it is a reality that if you want to be more prepared for conference, this is a way you have to do it," said distance coach Geoff Masanet.

» **Battle**

FROM PAGE 12

Logjam in middle of standings with season coming to an end

Three teams have identical 8-7 conference records and are tied for fourth place and seventh-place. Austin Peay has a 7-7 record.

Samford, Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee Tech all have 8-7 records, with Tech currently on a three-game winning streak.

The Golden Eagles have won four of their last five games, including wins against first-place Morehead State and second-place Murray State.

"I think that's a big momentum booster for us," Tech head coach Amy Brown said. "The job's not finished. As all the coaches have said, the parity is just unbelievable this season."

UTM head coach Tara Tansil said every game for her team is magnified more because of where they are in the standings.

"I think it's going to be a big jam in those slots the rest of the season," she said.

Tennessee State continues struggles away from home

Tennessee State head coach Tracee Jones said Tuesday she's had a good year personally, winning \$265,000 on NBC's 'Deal or No Deal' in late October and being proposed to after Saturday night's win against Austin Peay by Austin Peay's men's basketball assistant coach Bubba Wells.

What hasn't gone well for Jones' team are their struggles on the road in OVC play.

The Lady Tigers (6-17, 3-11) are currently in last place in the conference and have not won a road OVC game in almost two years. The last TSU road-conference win was at Eastern Illinois on Feb. 10, 2005.

Since that win, TSU has lost 21 straight conference road games. Last season, the Lady Tigers went 0-27.

Noteworthy quotes from Tuesday's teleconference

•Eastern Illinois head coach Brady Sallee on his team's 63-41 loss Saturday against Samford when his team only made three field goals in the first half:

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Teams	OVC	Overall
Morehead State	11-3	12-11
Southeast Missouri	10-4	15-7
Murray State	10-4	14-7
Samford	8-7	13-11
Tennessee-Martin	8-7	13-10
Tennessee Tech	8-7	9-15
Austin Peay	7-7	8-15
Eastern Kentucky	6-8	9-14
Eastern Illinois	4-10	7-16
Jacksonville State	4-11	7-17
Tennessee State	3-11	6-17

OVC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 8

- Morehead State at Southeast Missouri. 5 p.m.
- Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville State. 5 p.m.
- Eastern Kentucky at Murray State. 5:15 p.m.
- Eastern Illinois** at Austin Peay. 5:15 p.m.
- Tennessee State at Tennessee-Martin. 5:30 p.m.

"It looked like we were trying to shoot a football into a basketball goal."

•Morehead State head coach Matthew Mitchell on being in first place in the conference at this point in the season:

"Through 14 games, we're pleased where we are. We'd be in better shape if it was a 14-game conference season, though."

•Murray State assistant coach Rob Cross on his team's 66-63 double overtime loss at SEMO on Jan. 27:

"It was kind of like a backyard brawl when you have kids and they're just playing in the driveway."

•Samford head coach Mike Morris on the league's parity this season and how it's difficult to prepare for league games:

"It can make you crazy as well because it doesn't give you a rhyme or reason for how things will go. I feel like we can win (our last) five games and I feel there's a great chance we can lose all five."

» **Clutter**

FROM PAGE 12

You can learn from your mistakes and get better after each race because you try not to make the same mistake twice.

It's just really important not to dwell on the past.

You can't go back and change it, so you have to get over it just as fast

as it happened.

The only thing you can do is use it as a reminder of how you don't want to feel and how you don't want to race.

You take that race as a learning experience.

Naturally, the mistake you made has been made by someone else before you, and somebody else will make the same mistake that you did.

So you will always have someone there telling you that it is OK and know that they aren't just saying it to try to make you feel better.

There are also times where you just need to trust yourself and your ability.

Sometimes you race and don't get out fast enough and have to play catch up and then you have energy after the race that makes you feel like you could have kept running.

You just have to trust yourself.

You know what your body can handle, so don't be afraid of your ability.

Embrace it.

It's better to get last and be out of breath and not able to walk, than to finish in the middle of the pack and still have a lot of energy after the race, wanting to run again.

If you are out of breath and not able to walk, then that means you

ran your heart out and ran your best.

If you still have a lot of energy and feel like you could have kept going after the race was finished, then you were just running scared.

Mistakes will happen along with regrets and bad decisions in races.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER | GOING INSIDE



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior forward Kellie Floyd competes for the ball in a game during the outdoor season. Floyd and the Panthers are preparing at Lantz Fieldhouse for an indoor tournament Feb. 18 at Illinois.

Training for the indoor season

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Temperatures between 10 and 15 degrees and howling winds sweep across Lakeside Field.

For Eastern, this is not a problem.

The team trains indoors in Lantz Fieldhouse during the winter months and will compete at an indoor tournament Feb. 18 in Champaign.

The indoor soccer game involves fast play, quick touches to the ball and speed.

"It's a really fast game that's scaled down," head coach Tim Nowak said.

An indoor field measures 175 to 210 feet long and 75 to 100 feet wide. There are six players in the indoor game and eleven players in the outdoor.

Nowak said the team works on a variety of workouts that helps them for both seasons. Short springs create explosiveness and good fitness.

"(You) have to think fast," Nowak said.

Indoor soccer facilities use turf or Astroturf instead of grass.

Lantz Fieldhouse lacks Astroturf;

instead, they have a hard, rubber-like surface.

Most of the Eastern soccer players gain experience training with their local indoor teams.

One of those Panthers is junior forward Kellie Floyd.

Floyd, last season's Co-Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year, travels and trains with a Springfield club indoor team. She has been playing indoor soccer since she was 6 years old.

Players have to get adjusted to the playing and the touch of the ball on the indoor field.

"The ball moves so quickly," Floyd said.

While every sport can be physical, indoor soccer has drawn comparisons to hockey.

"You can check people into the wall," Floyd said. "It's brutal."

Also like hockey, substitutions are easier and there is no out of bounds.

Goalies have to adjust to the indoor game, including the goalie box, which is typically smaller than one would see in the use of outdoor soccer game.

They also have to worry about the walls that can be used as an

extra attacker.

Floyd said when a shot is taken, the wall is like a backboard and there is plenty of time for rebounds to stuff it back in.

As the second-leading goal scorer on the team in the fall, Floyd is concerned with accurate shots.

"(You have to) be able to aim a lot easier," Floyd said of shooting in indoor soccer. "Accuracy and shooting it low."

From a defensive standpoint, indoor soccer employs certain practices.

"(You have to have) quick feet," said freshman goalkeeper Jenny Williams.

Williams said one has to rely on foot skills, having defenders standing goal side and making runs.

Eastern will compete at the Illinois seven-on-seven tournament and is one of eight college teams.

They will play the tournament indoors at Illinois' football practice facility, but the walls would not be set up like a normal indoor soccer arena.

"The tournament gives everybody a lot of minutes," Nowak said. "Players get really excited."

WRESTLING | NOTEBOOK

Panthers to train more with week off

By Adam Larck
Staff Reporter

Team deals with cauliflower ear

An injury prominent in wrestling, boxing and martial arts is cauliflower ear.

The skin pulls away from the cartilage and fills with blood behind it.

Even wrestlers on Eastern's team have dealt with this and some still have it.

"Look at (assistant coach Clay French's) ears," McCausland said. "That's why we wear the head protection during the bout."

The injury got its name from how the ear will sometimes resemble the shape of a cauliflower.

The injury is caused by impact, like a hit from an elbow or knee, McCausland said.

"If you've ever gotten a good shot to the eye and a big mouse develops very quickly, it's the same thing," he said.

He said sometimes the injury will go away quickly, but the blood can also pool and coagulate to stay in the cauliflower shape.

Eastern will have an extra week off before its final meet at Northern Illinois because of the three-match, three-day trip it just finished.

With this extra time, head coach Ralph McCausland is hoping to increase the training amount in preparation before the Northern Illinois Quadrangular.

He also wants to shorten the practices before the regionals on March 3 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"When it's toward the end of the season, you want to be able to accent what we've done already, conditioning-wise," he said. "If we push it a little bit harder now and then taper off, we should be in really good shape."

McCausland hopes to watch videos of some of the wrestlers this week to come up with changes or subtle tweaks to make.

Grodoski, Trinka earn forfeits

Friday at South Dakota State, freshman 133-pound wrestler Lenny Grodoski won his match. He won because his opponent announced he was injured, after Grodoski prepared to wrestle.

The next afternoon against Northern Iowa, freshman heavyweight Joe Trinka also earned a forfeit win.

While McCausland knew Trinka's opponent had injured his ankle in the first few weeks of January, he was not sure what the problem was with Grodoski's opponent.

"I didn't get any explanation for it," McCausland said. "The next night, they did have a (1)33-pounder, but I think they inserted a (1)25-pounder and pushed him up."

Grodoski said it was rough not having a match because he had to find a way to lose weight he put on before weigh-in for the match at Northern Iowa.

"I practiced a little bit with a few of the guys who had matches that day, then ran a bit after the meet and watched what I ate," he said.

Team scoring system explained

While points during the match are pretty standard to explain, such as giving more points for a takedown than an escape, the team-points system can sometimes confuse people.

Like what the difference between a decision and a major decision is.

"It's just the point spread," McCausland said. "Eight points or more is a major (decision); less than eight points (is a) regular decision."

The team scoring system is set up on four different levels.

The lowest is a decision, then major decision, technical fall and pin.

There are different levels to promote more scoring and action, McCausland said.

"You got a decision that's worth three team points," he said. "You got a major decision, which is eight to 14 points. That gives you four points. Then a technical, which is more than 15 points advantage; ends the match and gives you five points, with a pin giving you six points."

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | NOTEBOOK

Hurdlers improve times; freshman wins award

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

While junior hurdler Kirkland Thornton did not improve his 60-meter hurdle time, some other hurdlers did.

Thornton ran the 60-meter hurdle race in 8.03 seconds last Saturday at the Indiana Invitational. His season best is 8.02 seconds, which he ran at the Northern Iowa Invitational.

Season bests were set for freshmen Kris Gehrke, Pat Tortorici and T.J. Evans.

Evans has gradually improved in the event during the season. Evans ran his season best at the Indiana Invitational this past weekend, running 8.95 seconds.

The week before at Northern Iowa, Evans ran the competition in 9.24 seconds. At the EIU Mega Meet, Evans ran it in a time of 10.08 seconds.

Tortorici has shown progress as well. He ran a 9.01 to improve from his last time of 9.08 seconds at the UNI Invitational.

Gehrke ran a season best 8.67 seconds at the Indiana Invitational. At Eastern's Early Bird Meet, Gehrke ran an 8.74 in his first collegiate event.

The Ohio Valley Conference named Gehrke the field athlete of the week. Gehrke, was honored not for his hurdle work but his work in the high jump.

Gehrke jumped a season best 6 feet, 5 inches at the Indiana Invitational. He placed tenth at the meet.

"It's a nice award and all their hard work and recognition and all the stuff that the coaching staff is making them do is paying off in the long run," said men's track head coach Tom Akers.

Carlson racing again

Senior distance runner David Carlson did something new this season: he ran a race. Carlson has not raced because of injuries during the previous cross country and track seasons.

Carlson had mononucleosis

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TRACK AND FIELD AWARD WINNERS

»Five Eastern male track and field athletes this season have won the OVC's Indoor Track and Field athletes of the week:

Name	Week Won
»Senior jumper Obe Eruteya	Jan. 9
»Senior pole vaulter Kyle Ellis	Jan. 16 and 23
»Junior hurdler Kirkland Thornton	Jan. 23
»Senior thrower Jimmy Schultz	Jan. 30
»Freshman jumper Kris Gehrke	Feb. 6

and an Achilles heel injury. "I got injured the fourth week of (this cross country) season," Carlson said. "Training was cut in half almost. My Achilles (heel) is full strength. (I've) just got to build up my mileage."

Carlson was set to run at the Mega Meet back in early January, but didn't because he was recovering from his Achilles heel injury.

Traveling on the road

The Panthers have not hosted a home meet since Jan. 20. They will not host one until Feb. 16.

Akers said the adjustment to other facilities has been difficult at times for his team.

"You practice every day in (the same) facility," Akers said. "You get used to a different spot and maybe you're not used to the surface. There's a lot of mental adjustments there."

The Harry Gladstein Fieldhouse in Bloomington, Ind., did not have a lot of warm-up space, Akers said.

The Panthers will split the team up to travel Friday to Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, and Saturday to Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Ellis' ranking falls

Senior pole vaulter Kyle Ellis has fallen on the NCAA provisional list.

His vault of 5.20-meters at the Mega Meet placed him at 15th in the nation.

Ellis has fallen to 25th place on the new list.

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PANTHER SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday at Austin Peay |
5:15 p.m. Clarksville, Tenn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday at Austin Peay |
7:30 p.m. Clarksville, Tenn.

TRACK AND FIELD

Friday at Iowa State |
All day, Ames, Iowa

TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday at Iowa State |
All day, Ames, Iowa

MEN'S TENNIS

Saturday at Chicago State |
8 a.m. Chicago

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saturday at Chicago State |
8 a.m. Chicago

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday vs. Tennessee-Martin |
7:35 p.m. Lantz Arena

WOMEN'S GOLF

Sunday at Baja Classic |
All day, Ensenada, Mexico

MEN'S TENNIS

Sunday at Valparaiso |
9 a.m. Valparaiso, Ind.

triplethreat



Today, high school seniors can sign letters of intent to compete in a collegiate sport.

Eastern baseball already landed a solid recruiting class for next year in mid-November. Softball signed four Chicago area players in early December.

Football has had at least six transfers commit, and today more will be found out about head coach Bob Spoo's (above) newest class.

High school athletes that commit to a Division I program in today's society are more analyzed than high school athletes back in the 1960s and '70s.

Here are three reasons we think prominent high school athletes are so scrutinized these days.

1. Media coverage — *Sports Illustrated* has its own section each week about national high school sports coverage. The magazine continually has a separate preview section for both preps football and boy's basketball. More local and national newspapers devote coverage directly correlated to high schools.

2. Impact players — Freshmen are making a name for themselves in every major sport. Kevin Durant of Texas, Greg Oden of Ohio State and Brendan Wright of North Carolina are the talk of the men's college basketball scene. With more freshmen playing right away (Eastern starts two in men's basketball, two in women's basketball and five are significant contributors in wrestling), the expectations are placed on them sooner.

3. AAU or club teams — The competition begins at earlier ages now for most athletes, with AAU teams or club teams formed when a kid is just starting first grade. College scholarships are the dream, and with more teenagers focusing solely on one sport year-round, their exposure is increased. With increased exposure comes increased scrutiny.

-Matt Daniels

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | EXTENDED MEETS

Waiting for the race to begin

By Brandy Provaznik

Staff Reporter

Senior Nicole Flounders kept looking at her watch and thinking 'Ugh, five more hours, three more hours, two more hours.'

Flounders had to wait almost eight hours until her turn to compete Friday at the Indiana Invitational.

"By the time it got to my race, I was tired and sort of rusty from just

sitting around all day," Flounders said. "You have to stay active and focused the whole time and it is pretty tough."

Not only is it tough mentally; it is also hard on your body because you run hard on Friday and then again on Saturday, said freshman distance runner Erin O'Grady.

This is normal for many athletes competing in two-day meets because the large number of participants require many heats

of a single event and it would be impossible to get all of it done in just one day, said women's head coach Mary Wallace.

Freshman Caitlin Finnegan said 66 women competed in the hurdles, with 16 qualifying for semifinals and only eight qualifying for finals.

Men's head coach Tom Akers said with an increased number of opponents, Eastern faces more competition that they can watch

and learn from.

Finnegan said as a freshman, she thinks it is a good opportunity to watch all the tough competitors in the finals and hopes to be there next year.

Because the waiting can be draining, athletes are encouraged to do things to keep them busy while waiting for their event to start.

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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE | WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior guard Amanda Maxedon looks to pass the ball Saturday during Eastern's game against Samford at Lantz Arena. The Panthers travel to Austin Peay on Thursday. Check out the full Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball schedule, plus standings, on page 10.

Battle for first place this weekend

By Matt Daniels

Sports Editor

Morehead State faces a critical road test this upcoming week in holding on to first place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Lady Eagles (12-11, 11-3 OVC), winners of 10 of their last 11 conference games, play Thursday at Southeast Missouri and Saturday at Murray State.

Both Murray (14-7, 10-4) and SEMO (15-7, 10-4) are currently tied for second place, and are a half-game behind Morehead in the standings.

"This road trip is going to be very big," said Morehead State head coach Matthew Mitchell.

"SEMO is a very tough team. They're really great at home."

SEMO has won all seven conference home games this year.

SEMO hosts Eastern Kentucky on Saturday while Murray hosts EKV on Thursday before playing Morehead.

Racers survive tough road stretch

Murray State assistant coach Rob Cross compared his teams' last five games in 10 days in five different geographical regions to an Abraham Lincoln saying.

"Abraham Lincoln said if he was given seven days to chop down a tree, he spent six days preparing the axe," Cross said. "On this

trip, you don't really have time to sharpen your axe."

Murray played at Tennessee Tech on Jan. 25, at Southeast Missouri on Jan. 27 and at Samford on Jan. 29.

The Racers then had to play last Thursday at home against Austin Peay before playing Saturday at Jacksonville State.

Murray came away from the stretch 2-3 and Cross is glad all the travel is done.

"At least we're going down the home stretch without making any long road trips," he said.

Four of Murray's last six games are at home.

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MOLLY CLUTTER | AROUND THE TRACK

Two wrongs don't make a right

It's the middle of the indoor season track and field season and conference is just three weeks away.

This is where we really start getting down to business. We have to work harder than ever at practice and compete like no other at the meets.

The coaches have been doing their part by providing us with competition and now we have to do our part and compete to the best of our ability.

Sometimes that is easier said than done.

Some days you think you are totally prepared for anything and everything, but when that gun goes off, you pop straight up in your blocks and lose tenths of a second off your time.

Or maybe you don't get out fast enough and get boxed in, causing you to run someone else's race instead of yours. Perhaps that you are doing everything that you need to do, but your time is just constant. There are many factors that can affect your game plan.

Therefore, during practice you have to work on things that make

you better while thinking about things that could possibly slow you down.

Recovering from a bad race can be frustrating and mentally draining.

You were working hard all week and when it came down to it, you didn't perform well.

That is a very rough feeling to have because you can't really blame anybody else but yourself. You were the one out there racing, not your teammates or your coach.

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Molly Clutter:
Around the Track
The sophomore outside center for Eastern's rugby team and sprinter on the track and field team is providing The Daily Eastern News with a weekly look at what it's like being a female athlete.