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NATION | ELECTION 2008

Barack Obama and John McCain won in Illinois' primary. Will they get the nomination for November?



NUCCIO DINUZZO | MCT

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama waves to supporters with his wife Michelle as they celebrate his Super Tuesday victories on Tuesday in Chicago.



BRIAN BAER | MCT

Republican presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain speaks at the San Diego airport during a rally on Tuesday in California.

TIGHT RACE LEAVES VICTORY UNCLEAR

Clinton ahead of Obama in delegate race, though some results still out; McCain dominates Republican contests

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. John McCain won a big victory in the Republican delegate race over former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney on Super Tuesday, extending his lead by cap-

turing nearly all the delegates in California.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton held onto a relatively small lead over Sen. Barack Obama. However, Illinois and Georgia, where Obama fared well, still had outstanding delegates to award.

McCain won 601 delegates to 200 for Romney and 147 for former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in incomplete results. A total of 1,023 delegates were up for grabs in 21 states.

Overall, McCain led with 703 delegates, to 293 for Romney and 190 for Huckabee. It takes 1,191 to win the nomination at this summer's convention in St.

ELECTION COVERAGE

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Paul, Minn.

Clinton led with 763 Super Tuesday delegates to Obama's 731. In Missouri, the race was so close the two candidates split the state's 72 delegates evenly.

A total of 1,681 delegates were at stake in 22 states and American Samoa.

Overall, Clinton has 1,024 delegates, to 933 for Obama with 2,025 delegates required to claim the nomination in Den-

ver at this summer's convention.

Obama easily beat Clinton in the Illinois primary, but figures compiled by The Associated Press show she won at least 37 delegates compared to 72 for Obama.

The remaining 44 delegates still were up in the air, so both candidates will see their totals grow.

Obama's campaign claimed late Tuesday that he captured 110 Illinois delegates, while Clinton got 43 — numbers that haven't been verified by the AP. Clinton's campaign estimated the split was 102-51.

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CAMPUS | FACULTY

Biology department faculty rift explored

Teachers allege rushed start to graduate teaching program

By Barbara Harrington
University Reporter

A proposal sparked a controversy. Biological sciences faculty members received the proposal in their mailboxes on February 26, 2007.

Gary Fritz, a biology professor, said the memo proposed hiring an adviser for pre-health students. In order to fund the new position, the proposal stated the department would release one of its annually contracted faculty members. Graduate students would then teach the courses of the former faculty member.

Frustrations over the issue of graduate assistants teaching these classes eventually led to faculty Amanda Poffinbarger and Brent Todd ask-

ing students in lab sections taught by graduate assistants to take surveys regarding the satisfaction of their education in those classes.

March 2 faculty meeting

A faculty meeting was held on March 2.

At the meeting Andrew Methven, chair of the biology department, allotted 15 minutes to discuss the proposal.

"Of course that wasn't very many minutes to discuss something as important as this," Fritz said. "Our chair already knew this was a very contentious issue because we had two other proposals for graduate student teaching programs that were voted down in 2002, after much discussion."

The proposal presented by Methven would basically revive a graduate assistant teaching program, Fritz said.

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COLES COUNTY | ELECTION 2008

Minor voting errors reported

Final results won't be known until absentee ballots counted

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

Some Mattoon voters were only given federal election ballots when they voted on Tuesday.

In the Mattoon precinct 3-1, the first 60 voters were only given the federal election ballot.

"They erroneously did not put out all the ballots," said Coles County Clerk Sue Rennels.

When she visited the precinct at about 10:30 a.m. the problem was discovered and corrected.

County ballots not being put out happened in other areas of the state.

"We have had reports of some isolated incidents where federal ballots were out for a short time," said Dan White, executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections. He added every election there are usually a couple of incidents reported.

Rennels said the board was con-



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Signs designating polling places decorate the walls and shelves of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Tuesday morning. 126 million people voted in the 2004 election, and it is predicted that this year's election will break the previous record.

tacted in regards to the error.

Final results for Tuesday's primary will not be known for weeks. The current results are unofficial until absentee ballots are counted.




Absentee ballots had to be postmarked by Tuesday, but they can be

received up to two weeks after the election, said Rennels.

Some people voting by absentee ballot may attend an out of state college or serve in the military.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Ledger's death ruled as accidental pill overdose

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Heath Ledger died of an accidental overdose of painkillers, sleeping pills, anti-anxiety medication and other prescription drugs, the New York City medical examiner said Wednesday.

The cause of death was “acute intoxication by the combined effects of oxycodone, hydrocodone, diazepam, temazepam, alprazolam and doxylamine,” said spokeswoman Ellen Borakove in a statement.

The medical examiner's office only provided generic names, so it is unknown whether he took generic or brand-name drugs. Police said they found six types of prescription drugs, including sleeping pills and anti-anxiety medication, in Ledger's apartment.

“What you're looking at here is the cumulative effects of these medications together,” Borakove said.

The ruling comes two weeks after the 28-year-old Australian-born actor was found dead in his rented SoHo apartment.

In a statement released through Ledger's publicist, the actor's father, Kim, said: “While no medications were taken in excess, we learned today the combination of doctor-prescribed drugs proved lethal for our boy. Heath's accidental death serves as a caution to the hidden dangers of combining prescription medication, even at low dosage.”

Lopez, Anthony expecting twins, says her father

NEW YORK — Jennifer Lopez is expecting twins, her father says.

“They are twins, yes,” David Lopez said on Telefutur's “Escandalo TV” program. He said his sister had twins.

The 39-year-old singer, who is married to Marc Anthony, confirmed

her pregnancy during a concert in November. “Marc and I are expecting,” she told the Miami crowd.

Barker donates \$1 million to animal ethics program

LOS ANGELES — He's no longer the host of “The Price Is Right,” but Bob Barker is still giving away major money.

The venerable game-show host and animal activist said Wednesday he is donating \$1 million to his alma mater, Drury University, to establish an undergraduate animal-ethics program.

“It's incredible that I ever was able to go back to Springfield and give them a million dollars, because when I was there, I didn't have 15 cents,” Barker said, adding that he graduated from the Missouri school in 1947. “What I'm hoping is that this will become a model for other undergraduate schools.”

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In the style of jazz



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tony Wong, a senior jazz studies major, solos with the Eastern Illinois University big band in preparation for the EIU Jazz Festival this Friday and Saturday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Motorist arrested for seat-belted beer, not child

The Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Police have arrested a motorist they say had a 24-pack of beer strapped in with a seat belt, but had a 16-month-old girl unrestrained in the back seat with the toddler's mother.

Tina D. Williams was pulled over in St. Augustine on Sunday for allegedly running a red light.

A 24-pack of Busch beer was strapped down with the passenger-side seat belt, according to the arrest report. The girl was in the back seat with 20-year-old

Amber Tedrick, who is the toddler's mother.

Williams, 46, said she didn't know why the child wasn't restrained.

She refused to take a breath test and a deputy found two metal pipes commonly used to smoke drugs in her purse, authorities said.

Williams was charged with driving under the influence, child abuse, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without a license, a jail official said.

She remained in the St. Johns County jail Tuesday after bail was set at \$31,000.

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CAMPUS | SPRING CONCERT

Concert becomes ‘waiting game’

Small window of opportunity proves problematic for University Board

By Emily Zulz
Staff Reporter

A limited amount of dates has set the University Board concert committee back.

The committee is still in the process of booking an artist to perform at Eastern this semester.

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, said a limited number of dates to choose from for the spring concert is slowing down the concert committee’s process of booking an artist.

She said having several dates gives the artists more options to consider, but this year they have fewer dates than they are accustomed to.

Brinker said there was a lot more going on in Lantz Arena this semester than past semesters.

Lantz Arena is used as the biggest part of the venue but classrooms are also used.

The spring volleyball season, athletic practices, open-house events, evening and weekend classes all take precedence over the spring concert, which left the committee with a shortage of dates.

“The biggest challenge this year has been a limited number of dates,” Brinker said. “Because if you’re trying to go out there and get artists, the more dates you have the more chances you have of getting them.”

Ben Murphy, UB concert coordinator, said the concert committee usually has five or six dates for a Friday or Saturday show but this year they only have two.

The committee asked for additional dates but did not come back with anything ideal, Brinker said.

Their additional options were to have a show on a Sunday or a Thursday, which Brinker said are not the prime dates to have a concert. Brinker said even though student input UB received said students would not be opposed to having a concert on a school night, the concert committee usually tries to stay away from those nights.

The committee is trying to focus on a date in April; however, the only available weekend is April 25-26, finals weekend.

Murphy said he thinks students would go out and see a show on this weekend, but the problem is it is late in the semester.

Brinker said most of the available dates the committee received were in February, which is “too short of a month.” She also said March would have worked but the only available date was Easter weekend.

Brinker said the committee was able to get three additional dates on either Sundays or Thursdays.

Murphy said it’s hard to match up their limited dates with an artist’s schedule.

“By the time late April comes around, (bands) are in the middle of their tour,” Murphy said. “It’s hard to make your way down to Charleston, Ill., for a show when you’re already in the middle of a tour on the east coast or the west coast – or wherever they are.”

Awaiting a response

The concert committee has been hard at work since November looking at possible dates and artists.

However, slow responses to offers have gotten in the way.

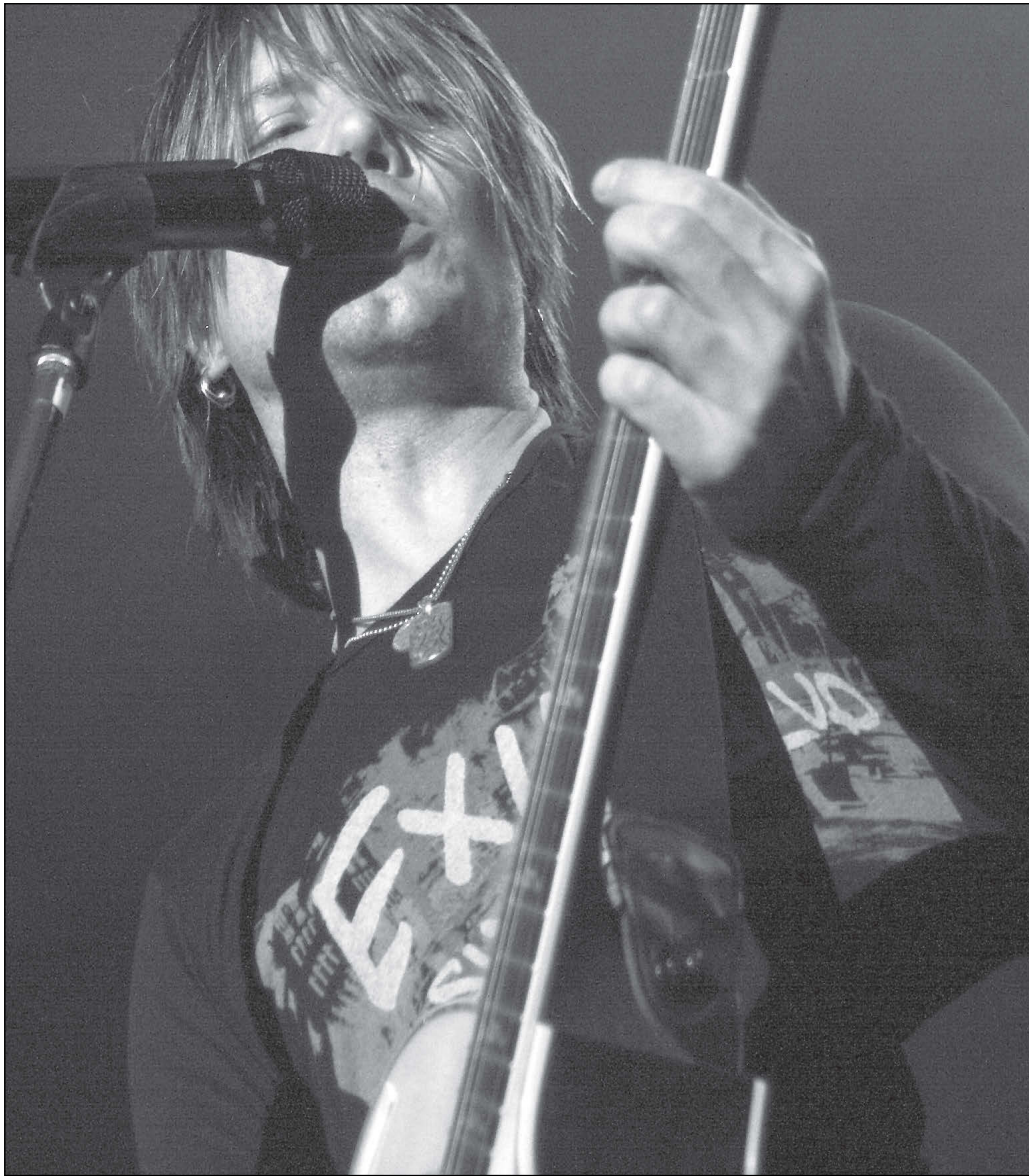
Brinker said the committee did put an offer in to an artist. Four weeks later, they were still awaiting a response.

“You don’t get a quick response simply because you’re interested in somebody and you have the money and you say, ‘We want you to come to our school,’” Brinker said.

Brinker said it’s a “waiting game” for the committee because it is all in the hands of the artist and their management.

“This is the part that students, other than the concert students, wouldn’t really understand. In the entertainment industry, we’re on their time,” Brinker said. “It’s not like they (the artist’s management) feel like they’ve got to get back to Eastern Illinois University within a week, within a couple weeks.”

Brinker said the entertainment business is a



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Johnny Rzeznik, lead singer of the Goo Goo Dolls, performs at Lantz Arena as a part of University Board’s spring concert last year.

business, and it does not move as quickly as one would like.

This “waiting game” challenges the patience of the students on the committee, Brinker said.

“There’s a lot of things that we don’t have control over to finalize and lock everything in,” she said. “They understand that but obviously as students their patience is wearing thin. They’re hoping to get a show that people will be happy with.”

Sheila Hurley, UB concert elect, said she gets really impatient with the music business.

“You try and do work that there’s nothing to do,” Hurley said.

She said the constant waiting for information makes her frustrated.

Murphy said he and Hurley do not deal with the band directly, so they just have to wait for their agent to get back to them and let them “know what the deal is.”

“It’s really hard to really know what they’re doing, especially when you’re not dealing with them on a one-on-one basis. It’s definitely real frustrating,” Murphy said.

A lot of this has to do with the limited dates the committee has to offer.

“We’re doing everything we can to try to speed up the process but there’s a lot of logistics that aren’t working out that usually do – whether it be venue booking, or the talent that’s already booked or gone or not touring or only doing certain areas,” Murphy said.

He said a combination of everything that could go wrong did.

Deciding who to bring

The concert committee was looking heavily into bringing Third Eye Blind to campus.

Murphy said before Christmas break the committee had their top choice picked.

“Third Eye Blind got our hopes up for a long time,” Hurley said.

Recently, Hurley and Murphy found out that Third Eye Blind most likely could not come to Eastern.

Murphy said it they could not officially say whether or not the band was not coming because they were still waiting to hear from their agent.

Brinker said the challenge is that the concert

MORE ONLINE

Emily Zulz sat down with Ceci Brinker to discuss how University Board books a concert.

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committee does not have enough dates in our venue to compete for Third Eye Blind.

“Third Eye Blind is one that we – that students – are still committed to, but right now we just don’t have enough flexibility in our scheduling and in our venue to lock them in,” Brinker said.

While waiting for the band’s response, the committee began looking for back-up ideas.

Three groups the committee considered were Ben Folds, Jason Mraz and Lupe Fiasco.

Hurley said they sent out surveys via the concert committee’s group on Facebook to get student input on these three groups.

Then their agent told the committee that Fiasco could not come because he would be touring with Kanye West in April.

Murphy said the committee is now “looking heavily” at either Folds or Mraz.

Both are affordable, so Murphy said it now just depends on who will sell better and which tour matches up with the available dates.

Folds will be performing at Foellinger Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on April 15.

Mraz will be touring Australia through March.

Murphy said both of these artists were in the running at the beginning, but now are the only ones that fit into their dates.

“All of these were basically our top choices it’s just when it comes down to it you have to pick,” Murphy said.

He said it is going to be a good show no matter which artist comes.

“I don’t want people to think that because it’s taken a little longer it’s not going to be like the same kind of show that it would have been had we announced it a month earlier,” Murphy said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student Government asks AB for \$17,000

One of Student Government’s two requests to the Apportionment Board for additional funding will total \$17,000 for 16 new computers.

The requests will be made by Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, during tonight’s meeting.

Bulgar said computers crashed several times last year, viruses were detected numerous times and many computers had USB complications.

DELL gave him a quote of \$16,865.60 for the 16 computers, but Bulgar will request \$17,000 in case extra fees are charged or additional office supplies are needed.

Leftover money will be returned to the reserve account.

The Apportionment Board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Blood drive planned to help curb shortage

The blood supply in Illinois is low, according to the American Red Cross.

The Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region launched an emergency appeal for all blood types.

The Red Cross needs to make up for more than 800 units of blood by Friday to maintain its normal supply for patients in the area.

“During the school year we have several blood drives scheduled at schools throughout the region, every day,” said David Chumley, CEO for the American Red Cross Missouri-Illinois region. “When a school has to make an unexpected closing, we’re out of business there for the day as well.”

The recent snowfall caused the Red Cross to close several of its donation centers and cancel all mobile blood drives late last week.

On Friday the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive at Eastern in the Lawson Hall basement from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 581-6383.

Upcoming breakfast to benefit State Park

An All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is being held Saturday at St. Charles Church, located at 921 Madison Ave.

The breakfast will benefit the Fox Ridge State Park Foundation.

The foundation is a group of local citizens who sponsor annual events, publish a quarterly newsletter and organize fund drives for specific or general park improvements.

The breakfast will be held from 6- 11 a.m.

Tickets cost \$6 at the door.

– Compiled by Nora Maberry, news editor and Rick Kambic, student government reporter.

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YOUTH VOTERS OPTIMISTIC

U. Pittsburgh – When the polls closed last night on Super Tuesday, only two things were perfectly clear – that John McCain is the likely Republican nominee, and that this is one hell of a race. But there were some other, less obvious winners last night, and both of their victories have big implications for the young voter.

The first group is the Democrats who, according to some early figures posted by *Time*, trounced Republican turn-out last night with more than twice the amount of primary voters going for Democrats in some states.

Though the winner of the democratic race was far from decided, and some of these figures were from states with high populations of Democrats, the increased turnout suggested by those figures means much for the party.

The second group, though, is the youth demographic itself, because collegiate voters – whose editorial boards largely endorsed John McCain and Barack Obama – were considerably successful last night in seeing their candidates through.

For young conservatives, it meant the stunning victory of a man strongly disliked by the Republican establishment but respected by young and independent voters for his principled politics. On the other side of the aisle, Barack Obama, considered by many to be the young person’s candidate, surged in the primaries, coming up just short of Hillary Clinton – who a few months ago seemed unbeatable on her way to the nomination.

And that’s why it’s so exciting to see that the youthful politics we value so much – the politics of hope, change, integrity, principle and “yes we can” – are proving more than hype this year.

Marin Cogan
The Pitt News

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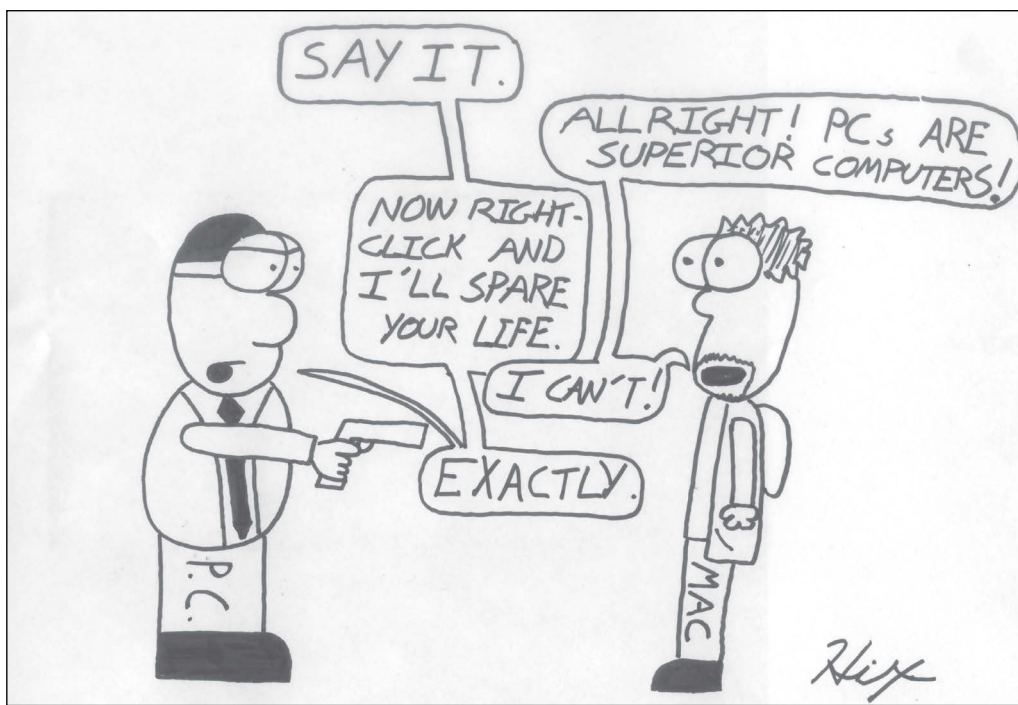
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Drawn from the news | Andrew Hicks



STAFF EDITORIAL

Diverse candidates applauded

Eastern announced five finalists for its vacant athletic director position this week.

Among the five candidates are two women and one African-American male.

Jean Berger, currently the associate athletic director for student services and the senior women’s administrator at Drake, is one of the woman finalists.

The other is Barbara Burke, currently the deputy athletic director and senior women’s administrator at Wyoming.

Vaughn Williams, currently the associate athletic director in charge of facilities and management at Connecticut, is African-American.

We would like to applaud Mary Anne Hanner, head of the AD search committee, and the other members of the committee for this diverse cast of finalists.

It is believed to be the first time in Eastern history, according to Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director for special projects, that a woman or an African-American is a finalist for this position.

“To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time we’ve ever had a female or African-American be a candidate,” said Kidwell, who has been at Eastern since 1972 and was Eastern’s former sports information director until 2006.

John Craft, an African-American male, served as Eastern’s interim athletic director after Mike Ryan left the position in Nov. 1993.

But he wasn’t a finalist when the position was given to Bob McBee, another Caucasian male, on June 1, 1994.

The three other finalists besides McBee were also Caucasian males when the position opened in 1994.

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Out of five candidates chosen for the position of athletic director, two candidates are women and one is African-American.

• **Stance:** Head of the AD search committee Mary Anne Hanner should be commended for diversifying candidates for this position.

The last time the position opened after Bob McBee resigned in the summer of 1996, all three finalists were Caucasian males, with the job eventually going to Rich McDuffie.

Given what transpired last August with McDuffie, we feel the diversity of this is a good direction for the university to have.

President Bill Perry relieved McDuffie of his duties this past August after allegations of sexual harassment of a female employee in the athletic department.

The reputation of the athletic department took a hit with the news of McDuffie’s alleged sexual harassment.

We’re not endorsing any of the five candidates thus far.

All seem to have solid resumes, but that would be expected if they were named a finalist.

It’s too early to tell which candidate would be the best person for the job.

We should know more after on-campus interviews start in mid-February.

But, the search committee has already done Eastern and the surrounding community a favor.

By starting anew and thinking outside what it has done in the past in regards to the open athletic director position brings a fresh perspective and could even, possibly, make history.

Was FutureGen just for show?

The Associated Press

The *Dallas Morning News*, on the White House’s decision on FutureGen:

For years, FutureGen has been offered up as the answer to tough questions facing the Bush administration about power and pollution.

The concept for a cutting-edge, cleaner coal plant was mentioned frequently when the White House’s commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions was in doubt.

Just wait until FutureGen, energy officials would say.

And so we waited. Years passed while a private industry alliance was assembled, applications were submitted and possible sites were vetted.

Finally, patience was rewarded in December with the announcement that the futuristic plant was headed to Mattoon.

But now, only six weeks later, the Department of Energy has unexpectedly and unceremoniously

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** The Department of Energy suddenly changed its mind about FutureGen.

• **Stance:** The project has been halted without justification. Sadly, all FutureGen will ever be is talk if our legislators don’t fight for it.

killed FutureGen.

FutureGen provided the Bush administration with political cover as pressure to address environmental issues increased. Now, with this term winding down, the Department of Energy has pulled the plug.

Last week’s announcement effectively kicked this years-long effort a few more years down the road. Whether the 44th president will revive FutureGen in any form is unknown.

But last week’s decision made one thing clear: This White House can lay no claim to advancing efforts for cleaner energy.



ONLINE
Visit DENnews.com to read Nicole Milstead’s political blog, “Super Tuesday was super.”



“That, in my warm feminist heart, is truly the American Dream.”

-Nicole Milstead**LAUREN DAVIDSON**

Yet another health scam

Have you seen those commercials about the “detoxifying foot-pads?” The people over at Kinoki are suggesting you stick things on the soles of your feet so you can supposedly wake up a whole lot healthier. Got psoriasis? Use the foot-pads! Got mercury and benzene in your blood? Foot-pads! Just about anything you can think of, this product claims to alleviate it.

All their talk about “drawing the toxins out of your body” made me curious. The only context I had ever heard “detox” mentioned in before had little to do with actual health concerns and more to do with beating certain mandated tests.

But, to my surprise, it turns out there is a whole market geared toward convincing people that their livers and kidneys aren’t up to snuff when it comes to purification.

It’s undisputable that we’re all getting higher doses of toxins than ever before, and it’s all thanks to our love for being oblivious.

Most people just don’t want to think about the health standards that are compromised in the name of making something cheaper or more profitable. What is disputed is what can be done about it.

I looked into the foot-pads and found out that they’re the most recent development in a trend of detoxification that goes back to ancient times. Despite the advances in medical science, people are still buying into the idea.

There’s a really similar product that was big a few years ago; same idea of drawing toxins out through your feet, only they did it with a foot bath.

According to a report on www.device-watch.org, the premise of the foot bath is that sending an electric current through the water will essentially “shake toxins loose,” explaining why the water turns a disgusting brown color.

The report said the change in water color is simply a result of electrolysis, and that when you turn the device on, the water will change color whether your feet are in there or not.

Similarly, the brown goop found on the bottom of the foot-pads is speculated to simply be dirt and other gross stuff from your feet that gets brought out by the pad’s mild exfoliating properties.

People who feel better afterward (and boy, there are certainly a lot of people out there who swear by this sort of thing) are apparently enjoying the wonderful effects of mind-over-matter. And hey, if that works for them, then good.

So don’t buy into the magic tricks, but don’t write off detoxifying your body, either. Your lymph system can use all the help it can get! Avoiding sweeteners and processed meats is a great start, as is drinking water (they recommend eight glasses a day for a lot of reasons; this is one of them).

Lots of detox diets are available from health Web sites. Even simpler, try some deep breathing (through the nose, from the diaphragm) and avoid wearing overly tight clothes to allow for the free flow of helpful, toxin-clearing lymph nodes throughout your body. Even sweating helps!

For more information on detoxification, visit WebMD or the James Randi Educational Foundation’s forums.

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CAMPUS I STUDENT SENATE

Debating the diversity requirements

Diversity proposal tabled for next week, opposed by RHA

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

A resolution to suggest increasing the diversity awareness requirement from three credit hours to six credit hours was the subject of a lengthy discussion during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

The resolution will be tabled for a week, so senators, students and community members may inspect the document before it is voted on. If the resolution passes, Student Government will present the suggestion to the Council on Academic Affairs on behalf of the student body.

If passed by the CAA, the requirement would go into effect for freshmen beginning classes in the Fall 2009 semester.

Student Body President Cole Rogers was an author of the resolution and said the change would not add credits to graduation, but would require students to enroll in two diversity awareness classes within the already-required three humanities classes.

The university's catalog defines a culturally diverse course as one that has content relating to "the study of diverse peoples (including issues of race, ethnicity, and gender) at home and abroad; the history, traditions, and/or language of other countries or cultures; and the role or cultural sensitivity in making informed and ethical decisions."

Rogers said he could not anticipate responses from CAA members.

He said Christie Roszkowski from CAA helped show him the process of introducing the requirement change, but he has not introduced the idea to other members.

Rogers and the other two authors introduced the idea to seven-registered student organizations, and six of them voted in favor of the resolution.

The Residence Hall Association was the only organization to vote against the resolution as they voted 18-16.

Senator Jarrod Scherle, RHA president, told the senate that RHA voted against it because of concern about the administration needing to add new sections of classes.

The six RSO's in favor of the change are the Black Student Union, National Association for the



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Levi Bulgar, a senior at Eastern Illinois University, speaks during the Student Senate meeting Wednesday evening about the student presidential debate.

Advancement of Colored People, Asian American Association, Latin American Student Organization, PRIDE and the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

"Almost all of the RSOs that unanimously approved this resolution are minority organizations," said student senator Ryan Oliver.

Oliver then asked what other

organizations were questioned about the topic. Rogers told him many RSOs didn't respond to requests or did not want to comment because they did not have legislative abilities.

Alison Kostelich, student vice president for academic affairs, was another author to the bill. Student Senator Adam Martinelli was the third author.

"I feel like a lot of students on campus, myself included, are ignorant to other cultures and this would help introduce new (cultures) to students," Martinelli said.

Senator Ryan Kerch told the senate he's concerned about the resolution because science and math majors could be compromising skill-needed classes like writing-intensive courses to meet the requirement.

"I understand that this may conflict with math and hard sciences, but this is important because our university would be taking a stand for diversity," Kerch said. "Everyday our world gets smaller due to globalization... let's be prepared for that world."

Senator Eric Hiltner asked Rogers if he felt it is fair that the university removed the constitution requirement and allows students to be ignorant about their own government, but now the senate is suggesting increasing culturally diverse classes.

"It's not fair," Rogers said. "But that had to do with meeting other requirements and keeping students back."

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CAMPUS I EVENTS

Race relation views change after time abroad

Panel of students share how trips to South Africa, Haiti altered their thinking

By Derrick Johnson II
Staff Reporter

As part of the Black History month celebration Tim Engles, an associate professor of English, assembled a panel of students and former students for a discussion on race relations.

The event "Black and White at Home and Abroad," consisted of four panelists, two traveled to South Africa through Eastern's Study Abroad program and the other two went to Haiti through the Newman Catholic Center's program, "The Haiti Connection," which gives students participation in relief work.

The panelists were either students or former students and they discussed their experiences and how their time abroad changed their views about race in the United States yesterday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Although the panelist differed in age, ethnicity and gender, one thing remained constant – each panelist said their experience abroad changed their views on race relations in and out of the United States.

Diana Iocco, a junior history major with teaching certifica-



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Eastern alumna Josephine Robinson took part in the panel discussion, "Black and White Relations at Home and Abroad" last night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

tion, said she was initially focused on the extreme poverty of Haiti, described how small children referred her to as "blanc."

"I realized what's in a name," Iocco said. "From the moment you step off the plane they call you 'blanc.' 'Blanc, blanc.' You

know, 'high white.' I had to think about it. It was almost funny to me, and I had to think, 'Well why is it funny that they just keep calling us 'blanc'?"

Iocco, however, did not find the term offensive.

"I got back (to the United States), and I realized, 'Why did I find that funny? Why didn't it strike me as offensive?'" she said. "Then I realized that in that word 'blanc,' all it came down to is they viewed us as privileged. They viewed us as wealthy, and that goes with being American."

Iocco was not the only one to have been slightly changed by her experience. Phil Sasser, a senior mass communications major, said his time in South Africa not only raised his awareness on race relations abroad, but in the United States as well.

"I don't know if it necessarily changed my perception, but I think things through a lot more," Sasser said.


He said he is now able to look at things from each side.

"When somebody said something was racist I used to say no right off the bat," Sasser said. "Now I can take a step back and look at things from all sides a little better and say, 'Yes you're probably right; There is some form of racism involved in this or this isn't the way it should be and it could be a little bit better.'"

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Changes to grad program could come soon

Committee formed to address concerns about grad assistants

By **Stephen Di Benedetto**
Associate News Editor

Changes to the biology graduate program with how the department uses graduate assistants could happen soon.

Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, and Robert Augustine, dean of the Graduate School, decided to form the Graduate Teaching Assistant Program Committee in early October to address concerns surrounding the department's move to use graduate assistants for supervised instruction.

The move was approved in April 2007.

Hanner said the decision to create the committee came after she, Augustine and Biology Department Chair Andy Methven discussed the issue early in the fall 2007 semester and decided it would be a good idea to get faculty input on the issue because there were ongoing concerns about the program.

Some faculty members within the biology department have issues with

the way the program was implemented, and have spoken adamantly about their concern.

"At that time, it didn't appear we needed that process in place," Hanner said of why they did not decide to form the committee in April.

Augustine said he also was not aware of faculty concerns in April.

"It wasn't until the concerns arose, that we encouraged the program to put together its own review committee," he said. Hanner and Augustine said a committee like the GTAP committee is not uncommon with departments, and that a re-adjustment period happens often after a program is implemented.

Hanner and Augustine attended an early October biology faculty meeting where they asked for volunteers to comprise the committee.

Eventually, five members were selected for the committee: Tom Nelson, Charles Pederson, Scott Meiners, Marina Marjanovic and Jeff Laursen. Bud Fischer and Chuck Costa were selected as ex-officio members to the committee.

Biology professor Gary Fritz, who opposed the implementation of the program, said a handful of these members openly support the current program.

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"It wasn't until the concerns arose, that we encouraged the program to put together its own review committee."

Fischer is the biology graduate program coordinator; Costa was an original supporter of a similar program proposed in 2000, and Nelson, Pederson and Meiners all spoke at the June 25 Board of Trustees meeting in support of the current program, Fritz said.

However, because it was a volunteer committee, Fritz said he realizes the committee would be staffed the way it is. He added, though, the people within the department who oppose the implementation of the program refused to volunteer because, in doing so, that would legitimize the program.

"But, of course, we said 'No, we are not volunteering for an illegitimate program,'" Fritz said.

Hanner said her, Methven and Fischer even talked to faculty members after the meeting to try and include as many voices as they could for the committee.

She added she was disappointed opposing faculty did not volunteer because they could have worked together to solve the issues.

Nelson, a member of the GTAP committee, said the committee's recommendations on those issues would reflect concerns raised by the opposition to the program.

"We are striving to build the GTAP program on a foundation of 'best practices' supported by all of our colleagues in the (biology) department and across campus," Nelson said.

He added the GTAP committee is formulating their recommendations from previous proposals from the biology faculty and student comments on course evaluations. Nelson said recommendations from other graduate teaching assistant program coordinators, as well as recommendations from graduate coordinators in biology departments at other uni-

versities with a similar educational mission statement to Eastern's biology departments, are also being factored into the recommendations.

The recommendations will be sent to the biology faculty for discussion and review during February. A faculty advisory vote will then be taken on those recommendations, with the final recommendations being sent to Hanner and Augustine at the end of February.

Augustine said he is assured the GTAP committee will factor in dissenting opinions on the program.

"I feel very confident that we'll see the ability of the committee to evaluate the problem and come up with good recommendations for the program that would be in the best interest for the program," Augustine said.

Fritz said the faculty who oppose the program would not like to see changes made to it, but would like to see it abolished.

That, he added, is not going to be addressed by the GTAP committee.

"No one has given us the option, that I am aware of yet, to sink the program and start over," Fritz said.

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NATIONAL | ELECTIONS

Students show interest in elections and voting

Political candidates lure college demographic to polls

By **Sara Cuadrado**
Campus Reporter

Lenze Davis voted for the first time on Tuesday.

Davis, a sophomore biology major, said he voted because it's the first chance for a black president in the United States.

Presidential primaries or caucuses were held in 24 states on Tuesday.

Sen. Hillary Clinton took a slight delegate lead on Sen. Barack Obama, but both candidates have pledged to continue the battle for the Democratic nomination.

Davis said he was concerned and shocked to see Clinton take the lead over Obama, but said

he had faith Obama will still prevail.

"He was endorsed by Oprah, so he'll win because she's 'god,'" Davis said.

Sen. John McCain took a clear lead in the Republican race on Tuesday but still needs just less than half of the delegates required for the Republican nomination.

Emily Roche, a sophomore speech pathology major, said she thinks McCain will get the nomination.

Roche was surprised that Clinton took the lead in Democratic delegates over Obama, even though she did not vote on Tuesday. Roche said she forgot to register in time to vote, but wishes she had.

Josh Boykin exercised his right to vote on Tuesday through use of an absentee ballot.

"You can't really make a change unless you try to do something about it," said Boykin, a sophomore English major.

Boykin said he wasn't surprised to see the close Democratic race.

"I don't think there's ever been a clear-cut winner," Boykin said.

Boykin said the close race is a good chance to see who the candidates really are and how bad they want the position.

He said the candidates now need to be on top of their game, especially in the Democratic race.

"We're living in a time where a black man or white woman could become the next president," Boykin said.

With so much emphasis on the number of voters this election, Boykin said he is excited to see so many people concerned with this election.

However, some students had no interest in the primaries that took place on Tuesday.

Chris Nutt, a sophomore English major,

said he had no reaction to the election because no candidate caught his eye.

Even though this is the first election he could vote in, he said he decided not to vote.

"I need to know where I'm going first before figuring out how a candidate could help me out," Nutt said.

Keri Ritter, a junior psychology major, is one of the students who doesn't pay attention to the elections.

Ritter said she was busy doing homework all day and is just not interested in politics so she did not vote.

Still, Boykin stressed the importance of voting.

"Voting is the minimum you can do to have a say in the government," Boykin said.

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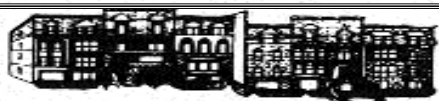
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• Three collisions happened within minutes of each other on Route 16 Monday morning. Recent wet and foggy weather conditions are to blame, police said. No one was injured, and each crash caused at least \$500 in damage.

• A driver was traveling in the dense fog about 9:50 a.m. Monday near County Road 1050 E. The driver didn't see a car in front of her stopped at a red light. Her vehicle struck the back of the stopped car. Another crash happened minutes later at the same intersection when a driver failed to see a car stopped at

a red light through the fog, police said.

• A driver pulled up behind a separate crash scene and stopped while waiting for police to clear the area. A second driver couldn't see the man stopped through the fog and hit the car.

• A driver was heading north on Highway 130 near the intersection at 1450 North Friday when he lost control of his car in the snow and slush. His vehicle spun off the road about 3:30 p.m. on the west side and sideswiped a mailbox and post. No one was injured in the spinout that caused damage to the driver's car.

• A two-car collision damaged two fence posts Friday near Dog n Suds at 1416 Lincoln Ave. The first driver lost control of her vehicle while driving about 9:40 a.m. when she struck another car. No one was injured in the collision. Police estimated the crash caused more than \$500 in damage.

• A Charleston man was arrested in connection with driving under the influence after crashing into a street sign Friday night. Timothy J. Hughes, 28, was driving erratically about 8 p.m. in the 300 block of 10th St. and Jeffer-

son Ave., police said. He lost control of his 1987 Ford Mustang in the ice and snow and struck a "no parking" sign. No one was injured in the crash. The collision caused front damage to the vehicle. Hughes fled the scene, but witnesses identified the vehicle, police said. Hughes later admitted to driving and submitted a breath test. His blood-alcohol content was 0.136, according to police reports.

-Compiled by Cathy Bayer, cops and courts reporter



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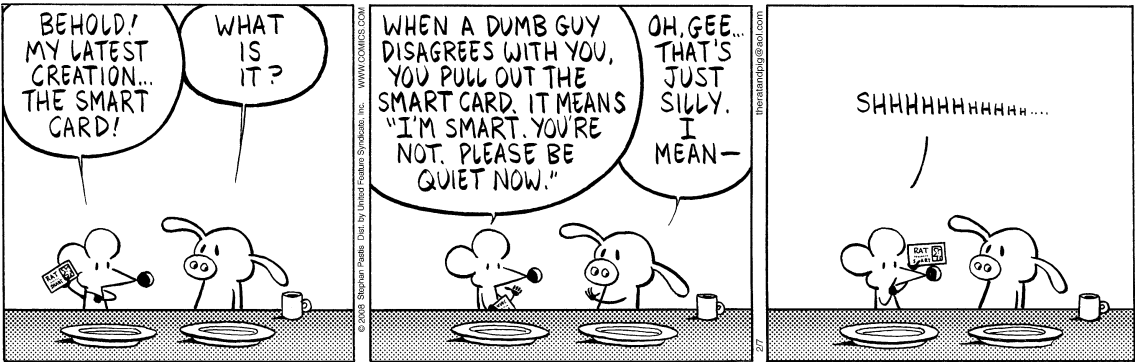
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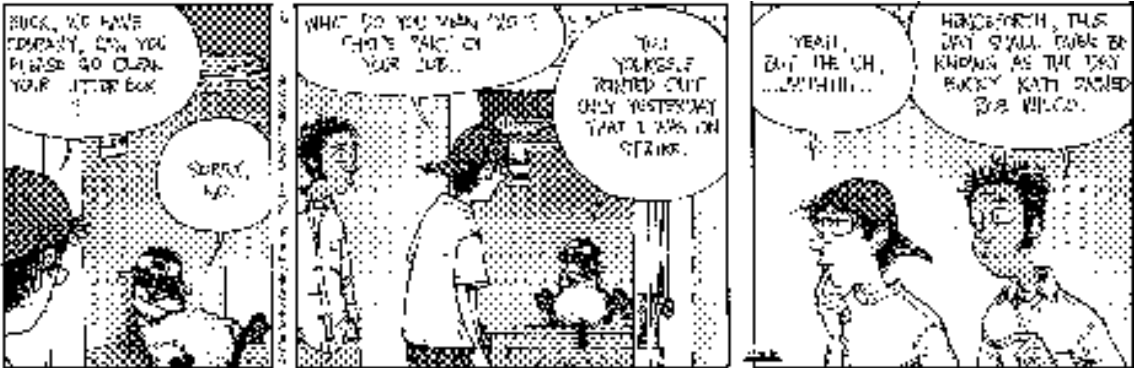
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- ACROSS
- 1 Palms (off on)

5 Egyptian symbols of royalty

9 Casino equipment

14 "___ the Agent" (old comic strip)

15 Place

16 "If ___ you ..."

17 Certain marine biologist's test?

19 Gainsay

20 ___ Kooser, former U.S. poet laureate

21 Cultural stuff

22 Tops

23 One way to get into a gang's headquarters?

26 Splits

28 F.D.R. agcy.

29 Wrinkly fruit

30 "Breaker Morant" people

32 Lived

35 Eskimos in an igloo?

39 Many a person on the U.S.S. Enterprise: Abbr.

40 Stomach contents

41 "Starts With F' for a thousand, ___"

42 Cartoon pooch
- 43 Prepare trout, in a way

45 Pictures of Slinkys?

51 Part of A.S.A.P.

52 Prefix with -phile

53 ___ canto

56 Wombs

57 Witches' pots, pans, etc.?

59 Cling Plus brand

60 Novelist Seton

61 Kiss in Kensington

62 "___ we all?"

63 Zest

64 1910s heavyweight champ ___ Willard
- DOWN
- 1 "Is that a ___?"

2 Poulenc's "Sonata for ___ and Piano"

3 Coos and hoots

4 Triton's realm

5 Red lights and flares

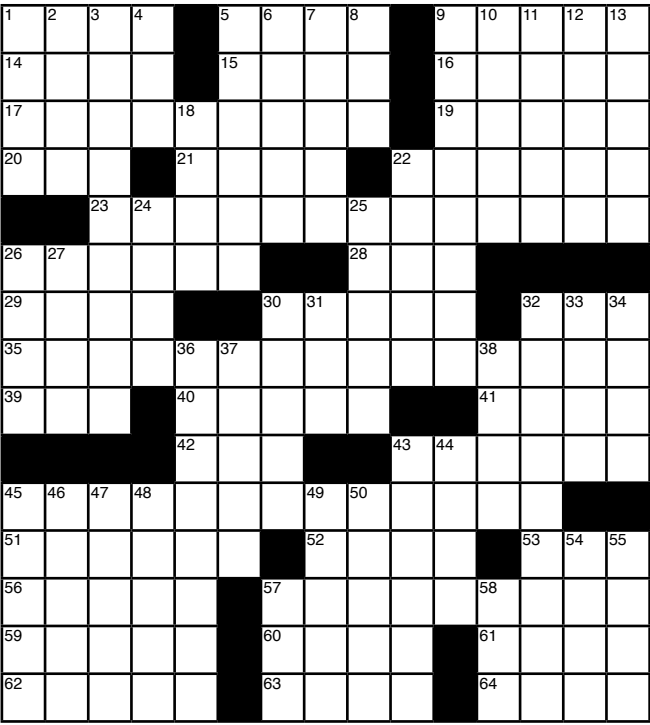
6 Musical interval

7 ___ pudding (British dish)

8 Arithmetic exercise

9 Beef cut

10 Hebdomadally



PUZZLE BY JIM LEEDS

- 11 Five-time Horse of the Year, 1960-64

12 Verdi aria

13 "What ___ thou?" (biblical query)

18 Word with bus or memory

22 Dried coconut meat

24 Poet who wrote "At night there is no such thing as an ugly woman"

25 Windblown deposit

26 Time-honored name

27 Expressionist Schiele
- 30 Thin pancakes

31 Let pass

32 Poisonous flower

33 Western Hemisphere abbr.

34 Hot

36 Utmost distance from the eye at which an image is clear

37 Triton's realm

38 Not be resolved

43 Kind of gland

44 Like most adages: Abbr.

45 ___ finalis (purpose, in law)

46 Massive, very hot celestial orb
- 47 French frigate that carried the Statue of Liberty to the U.S.

48 Nautical acronym

49 Who has won an Oscar for Best Actor three times

50 "Fiddler on the Roof" role

54 Carrier of a bow and arrows

55 Stamina

57 Climax

58 Financial paper: Abbr.

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Fritz said there are professors who

After some discussion, the unhappy faculty members decided to approach Eastern's Board of Trustees

Coons said, ideally, she would like the department to rethink the

English professor David Raybin said he initially opposed the proposed changes to the program. Raybin said because Eastern advertises itself as a school where all the teach-

The biological sciences faculty is supposed to vote on the improvements suggested by the improvement committee at the end of this month.

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If the results were to be contest-

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The AP tracks the delegate races by projecting the number of national convention delegates won by candidates in each presidential primary or caucus, based on state

It's not an exact science in part because allocating some of the voter-chosen delegates depends on

Because Obama won the statewide vote by large margins, he'll get most of the 53 who are determined by statewide results.

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ASHLEY THOMAS
Top Cat is a weekly feature that displays one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the player and moments from the sporting event.

WORKING THROUGH THE PAIN

Thomas puts up season highs in Alabama

By Micky Deming
Staff Reporter

Ashley Thomas is finding her rhythm, and it couldn't happen at a better time for Eastern's women's basketball team.

The sophomore guard sat out 12 weeks of the preseason recovering from a fractured vertebra in her back. While sitting out, she couldn't run or even shoot.

Her back was healthy when the season started, but she had a long way to go get back in shape and in the flow with her teammates. She needed her rhythm.

Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee said it takes a lot out of an athlete to be out that long.

He said it took hard work for her not only to get back on the floor, but to get her strength, explosive-ness and timing back.

"You could see it getting better from week to week," Sallee said. "And what you saw this weekend was a kid who is feeling healthy and is starting to get her rhythm back."

Thomas scored 13 points Thursday night in a win at Jacksonville



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern sophomore guard Ashley Thomas scored a season-high 19 points at Samford on Saturday. She hit a 3-pointer with three seconds remaining in the first overtime to send the game into double overtime.

State, and then scored a season-high 19 points in Saturday's double-overtime loss at Samford.

Against Samford she was 5-for-8 on 3-pointers, with her biggest shot coming with three seconds left in the first overtime to tie the game and send it to another five extra minutes.

"(Shooting well) did a lot for my confidence," Thomas said. "I felt comfortable with my shot, and I wanted the ball."

Red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards said Thomas is always in the gym and shooting is the biggest attribute she brings to the team.

Sallee said her shooting ability and movement without the basketball make her a great fit in Eastern's motion offense.

"In that system, you have to have people that can knock down shots," Sallee said. "As good as (junior forward) Rachel Galligan has been, teams are starting to double and tri-

ple-team her. For us to be successful, we need threats from the perimeter, and Ashley is a huge weapon in our offense."

Thomas is happy to be finding her rhythm and baskets as the team heads into the final stretch of the season.

"This is when you want to be your best," she said.

Eastern is in second place in the Ohio Valley Conference, just a half-game behind Southeast Missouri.

"We have to step it up a notch now that we are in February," Sallee said. "The team knows that."

Sallee said Thomas would play a major role in finishing out a successful season. The Panthers will rely on her not only for her shooting, but will also need her to play well defensively.

Edwards said Thomas' performance against Samford boosted her confidence, and Thomas would continue to be successful through the end of the season.

"I just want to keep shooting well, improve on my defense and take care of the ball," Thomas said. "I want to contribute any way I can and help the team win."

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"He's got a cannon for an arm, and he runs a (4.6-second 40-yard dash)," Bolden said. "He can be a dual-threat quarterback." Bolden said Reynold's demeanor on the field also attributed to his success. Reynolds threw for 708 yards, rushed for 371 yards during his

senior season and led Colerain to a 12-1 record. In two varsity seasons with the Cardinals, Reynolds had 28 touchdowns and two interceptions.

"He wants the ball in his hands," Bolden said. "He brings a certain sense of charisma and an aura of confidence that helps a team."

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» Defense

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"We've got to be ready for some post players that are playing at a high level," Sallee said. "We're going to have our hands full, and we're going to be real good defensively like we were at their place."

Coupled with the defense is

Eastern's strong offense, which was responsible for the largest margin of a conference victory this season by the Panthers.

Eastern did what it did best in its high-low offense against Austin Peay: they the fed the ball to Rachel Galligan. Galligan scored 26 points on 10-of-14 shooting and had it easy with the Lady Governors' post players. In addition to the 26 points,

Galligan had eight rebounds in 24 minutes.

Galligan came off the bench against Austin Peay, and with sophomore forward Maggie Kloak starting, she could work against the Austin Peay defense. Kloak finished with six points and seven rebounds.

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2008 FRESHMEN CLASS

(EASTERN COACHES TAKE ON EACH RECRUIT BELOW NAME)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	High School
Perry Burge	DE	6-2	225	Bolingbrook
-Jeff Hoover: "Kind of our speed guy of the defensive line recruiting class."				
James Cooper	DB	5-10	175	Proviso East
-Forrest Jackson: "He's real versatile. He played three positions in high school."				
TJ Cox	OL	6-4	296	Plainfield North
-Hoover: "An aggressive, attacking, athletic kid."				
Bobby Earnest	DB	5-11	178	Lemont
-Hoover: "A guy that will thrive on the defensive side as a (defensive back)."				
Kevin Kappellas	OL	6-4	270	Moeller (Ohio)
-Bobby Babich: "He's very developed in his footwork. That was intriguing."				
Gordy Kickels	LB	6-1	210	Lemont
-Hoover: "A real athletic, fiery, competitive kid."				
Kenny Kinchen	DB	5-9	175	N. Miami Beach (Fla.)
-Roc Bellantoni: "He's another guy we hope can be a contributor right away."				
Michael Letton	OL	6-4	236	Bishop McNamara
-Hoover: "Doesn't need to toughen up. He dominated people that he played."				
Jacob Mitchell	DB	6-0	185	Springfield Lanphier
-Mike Lynch: "He plays hard. He was lighting guys up on film."				
Ben Olson	OL	6-3	281	Morris
-Hoover: "He's a big kid from a local school that was excited about us."				
Mitch Quill	TE	6-5	215	St. Catherine's (Wis.)
-Justin Lustig: "The thing we liked about him on film was how nasty he played."				
Carlos Reyna	DB	6-0	185	Columbus (Fla.)
-Bellantoni: "He ran a (4.33-second 40-yard dash) - second fastest time in the country."				
Doug Reynolds	QB	6-2	185	Colerain (Ohio)
-Babich: "What's really impressive to us is the way he can run the football."				
Keagan Robinson	TE	6-6	225	Porta
-Lynch: "Really athletic. Played offense and defense. He was an all-state player."				
Desmin Ward	RB	6-0	223	Hamilton (Wis.)
-Lustig: "He really caught our eye with how he moved laterally."				
Chavar Watkins	WR	6-2	188	Piper (Fla.)
-Bellantoni: "(He's) a big kid that can run and catch."				
Kenny Williams	RB	6-0	211	Elgin
-Lustig: "He kind of reminds us of Ademola Adeniji on film."				
Shawn Williams	WR	5-10	170	Coconut Creek (Fla.)
-Bellantoni: "(He's) a shifty, smaller type of scat back."				
Von Wise	WR	6-4	210	Finneytown (Ohio)
-Babich: "He's a tall kid with a 38-inch vertical and great hands."				
Eric Zink	OL	6-6	293	Oshkosh West (Wis.)
-Lustig: "(He was) knocking people on the ground in his highlight film."				

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GAME 23: AUSTIN PEAY Eastern vs. Austin Peay

Location: Charleston
Where: Lantz Arena
When: 5 p.m.
Capacity: 5,300
AP head coach: Carrie Daniels (15-36 in second season at AP and second overall)
Eastern head coach: Brady Sallee (42-65 in fourth season at Eastern and fourth overall)

Series History: AP leads 17-7. Eastern won the last meeting 75-52 in Clarksville, Tenn., on Jan. 7.
On air: WEIU TV and 88.9 FM with Ben Turner (play-by-play) and John Twork (analyst)

Probable Starters				
Eastern (12-10, 11-3 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	R.Galligan	6-2	Jr.	18.9
F	L. Kluempers	6-1	Jr.	5.0
G	D. Sims	5-10	So.	9.8
G	E. Canale	5-8	Jr.	8.3
G	M. Edwards	5-7	So.	7.6

Top Reserves				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	M. Kloak	6-1	So.	6.7
G	A. Thomas	5-8	So.	6.0

Probable Starters				
Austin Peay (5-16, 2-10)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	N. Jamen	5-11	So.	3.6
F	A. Herring	5-9	Fr.	10.5
F	A. Thomas	5-9	Jr.	8.0
G	D. Warner	5-6	Fr.	1.3
G	A. McGee	5-6	Sr.	9.0
Top Reserves				
C	J. Armstrong	6-1	So.	12.2
G	A. Bivens	5-8	Fr.	7.2

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Miller said good guard play is to be expected in the OVC.

"If you look at the top three scorers on each team, two of them

are probably guards," Miller said. "When the game's on the line, who is it making plays?"

For Peay, senior guard Derek Wright has been the one making the plays. Wright scored 43 points in the Governors' 121-116 triple-overtime loss at Southeast Missouri.

"Derek Wright took every shot down the stretch when it was crunch time," Miller said. "In every overtime and every big possession they were running plays for him."

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GAME 23: AUSTIN PEAY Eastern vs. Austin Peay

Location: Charleston
Where: Lantz Arena
When: 7:15 p.m.
Capacity: 5,300
AP head coach: Dave Loos (286-246 in 18th season at AP and 368-298 in 22nd year overall)
Eastern head coach: Mike Miller (20-59 in third season at Eastern and 107-138 in ninth year overall)

Series History: AP leads 15-12. AP won the last meeting 73-57 in Clarksville, Tenn., on Jan. 7.
On air: WEIU TV and 88.9 FM with Mike Bradd (play-by-play) and Jack Ashmore (analyst)

Probable Starters				
Eastern (4-18, 3-11 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
C	O. Cisse	6-8	So.	5.2
F	J. Byrne	6-8	Sr.	6.6
F	B. Catchings	6-6	Sr.	11.7
G	B. Willhite	6-1	Sr.	7.2
G	J. Anthony	6-4	Sr.	9.2

Top Reserves				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
G	T. Laser	6-1	Fr.	6.3
G	R. Martin	6-3	So.	13.6

Probable Starters				
Austin Peay (15-9, 11-3)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
C	D. Reed	6-5	Jr.	15.7
F	F. Lockett	6-5	Sr.	11.5
F	K. Duncan	6-5	Fr.	6.8
G	D. Wright	5-10	Jr.	11.6
G	T. Babington	6-6	Sr.	10.1
Top Reserves				
G	W. Channels	6-3	So.	12.7
F	E. Fields	6-6	So.	4.0

FOOTBALL | NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Adopting a spread offense

Cincinnati-area
quarterback expected to
contribute immediately

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

The big news on National Signing Day was not the 20 new freshmen Eastern signed for the 2008 season.

Eastern is abandoning its pro-set style offense in favor of the spread offense.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo announced his intention to switch to the spread during Wednesday's press conference at O'Brien Stadium that announced the 2008 recruiting class.

The spread offense is run by several teams in the Ohio Valley Conference. At least eight teams Eastern played this past season ran a variation of the spread.

At the center of the change could be Doug Reynolds, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound quarterback from Colerain High School in Cincinnati.

The spread offense revolves around a mobile quarterback, and Spoo said mobility is one Reynold's strengths.

"I'm anticipating that he will indeed compete right off the bat," Spoo said. "He's over in Cincinnati, and I think I can say he was over here this weekend throwing the ball with some of our guys already. That's, to me, above and beyond the call of duty, so that tells me a lot about that kid's leadership and character."

Spoo said they intentionally did not recruit a typical drop back quarterback.

"That's not our style any longer," he said.

On paper, Reynolds appears to be able to fill the mold of the spread quarterback.

Eastern defensive backs coach and Cincinnati-area recruiter Bobby Babiich said Reynolds is a dynamic quarterback.

"He can throw the ball," Babiich said. "But what's really impressive to us is the way he can run the football. Very athletic. Very smooth. (He) can really make something out of nothing. Not to take anything away from his passing game, but he really is dynamic on his feet."

Tom Bolden, Reynold's coach at Colerain, called Reynolds a "total package" at quarterback.



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Head football coach Bob Spoo explains why Eastern does not want to recruit a 6-foot-5 dropback quarterback because of the commitment to change the Panthers offensive scheme to the spread offense, which is run by several teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. AUSTIN PEAY

Panthers defense critical to game

Eastern looks to limit
Lady Gov's scoring

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee knows that any team can win on any given day.

The Panthers (12-10, 11-3 Ohio Valley Conference) are preparing for a critical stretch in drive for the OVC regular season title with a game against Austin Peay at 5 tonight in

Lantz Arena. The Panthers currently sit in second place behind Southeast Missouri (15-6, 10-2) and are barely above Samford (17-6, 10-3).

Austin Peay (5-16, 2-10) can pose a threat with their guard play and in the post.

But it will be the Eastern defense that can put the game away by controlling the post players and the perimeter.

The Panthers beat the Lady Governors on their home court 72-55 on Jan. 7. The Eastern defense limited Austin Peay to 19 points in the first

half and held them to 27 percent shooting from the field for the game.

At Wednesday's practice, the Panthers worked on their defense. They worked to make sure the pass didn't go into the post to the center or the forward.

The Panthers expect a strong offense from the Lady Governors' post players. Sophomore center Janay Armstrong scored 26 points, junior forward April Thomas scored 16 points and freshman forward Ashley Herring finished with 10 points in a 74-72 loss against Tennessee State on

Feb. 2.

"In the last couple of games, they've stepped it up in the post," said Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale. "We really focused today in practice making sure that we're on the help (side), making sure our posts are on the high sides so we can make it harder for them to get it in there."

Armstrong is a transfer from West Virginia and Thomas transferred from Chattanooga State Community College.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL |
EASTERN VS. AUSTIN
PEAY

Eastern tries to hold on to ball

Turnovers hurt
in last game against
league leaders

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

The last time Eastern played Austin Peay, the two teams combined for 38 turnovers. The Panthers committed 22 turnovers and lost 73-57 after falling behind by 14 points in the first half, courtesy of 13 first-half turnovers.

Limiting those mistakes has been a focus of Eastern's preparation for its rematch against the Governors (15-9, 11-3 Ohio Valley Conference) at 7:15 tonight at Lantz Arena.

And that preparation has centered on ball-handling.

Eastern senior guard Julio Anthony said he has worked on being strong with the ball and the ability to see the full court and which of his teammates are open.

"We've been working on ball-handling drills and ball-handling situations where you're in the backcourt, it's two-on-one, and you've got to break the press," Anthony said. "We've got to handle the ball better and be able to get into our offense much easier than we did (in the last game against Austin Peay)."

The Panthers (4-18, 3-11) might be on track to committing fewer turnovers. In its past two games, Eastern committed fewer than 10 turnovers – something the Panthers hadn't done since the Jan. 10 game against Tennessee-Martin.

"We were pleased at Jacksonville (State) that we had 15 assists and six turnovers," said Eastern head coach Mike Miller. "They pressed, and they have good athletes and they were aggressive."

Eastern senior forward Bobby Catchings said the decrease in turnovers came from the Panthers playing within their offensive system.

"We know the plays we can and can't make," Catchings said. "I think it's being more disciplined than anything. A lot of teams don't really make us turn the ball over. We kind of beat ourselves in that area."

Once the Panthers hold on to the ball, they will have to stop the Governors' guards.

Anthony said the Governors' starting guards can shoot the ball well from multiple spots on the floor, and the Governors have reserve players who are good shooters also.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE				
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Tonight vs. Austin Peay 5 p.m. — Lantz Arena	MEN'S BASKETBALL Tonight vs. Austin Peay 7:15 p.m. — Lantz Arena	MEN'S TENNIS Friday at Saint Louis 4 p.m. — St. Louis	WOMEN'S TENNIS Saturday at Northern Illinois 2 p.m. — Rockford	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday at Tennessee-Martin 4 p.m. — Martin, Tenn.