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Aubrey "Drake" Graham performs Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena for Eastern's spring concert. It sold around 3,300 tickets, making it the most successful spring concert to date. Drake started his performance just before 10 p.m.

CITY

Theory of local house fire tested

By Jason Hardimon Campus Editor

Disaster can result from unlikely causes.

The Charleston Fire Department, in cooperation with the physics department, tested a theory Tuesday regarding the cause of a March 24 fire that severely damaged a rental house located at 956 Division St.

The results of the experiment proved that projection TVs made with Fresnel lenses are potential fire hazards.

At approximately 9 a.m., members of the Charleston Fire Department focused the morning sunlight through a Fresnel lens, which had been removed from a projection TV, at a cardboard box.

The Fresnel lens was approximately 3 feet long and 1 foot 6 inches wide.

"It's definitely possible," said Charleston Fire Chief Pat Goodwin once the box had burst into flames within a few seconds.

Next, they proceeded to melt a penny, and eventually fry an egg, which took only a few minutes.

Later that morning, members of the Eastern physics department arrived with instruments to measure the temperature of the magnified sunlight at its focal point, as well as the temperature within the TV's interior, once the lens had been reinstalled.

Steven Daniels, chair of the physics department, has never worked with the fire department before, but they contacted him days after the incident.

Daniels said, at the focal point of the magnified sunlight, the temperature was likely to have reached more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, but an exact measurement not obtained as the instrument used was destroyed.

After the Fresnel lens was reinstalled and the TV was modified,



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston firefighter Matt MacDonald and Fire Chief Pat Goodwin use a screen to test whether it could start a piece of cardboard on fire by magnifying the sun Tuesday morning at Charleston Fire Station #2.

the fire department attempted to recreate the March 24 conditions.

Daniels said initially the results were not too dramatic, as the TV

contained a diffuser, so the fire department opted to remove it because the TV at the scene of the fire FIRE, page 7 ΟζΔΙ

Man rescued from Lake Charleston

Staff Report

The Charleston Police Department and the Coles County Dive Team rescued a man from Lake Charleston Tuesday. The emergency call came in just before 6 p.m.

The man was fishing alone in a small "V"-bottom boat when he fell into the water. How he fell in was unknown at press time.

"He was in the water for quite some time before we arrived," said Charleston Fire Chief Pat Goodwin.

He was wearing a life jacket but could not swim to safety.

The man was rescued from the north side of the lake.
"He was transported to Sarah Bush (Lin-

coln) Hospital and the outcome is going to be good," Goodwin said.

This was the first time since the dive team

was reformed that an accident occurred at the lake.

Other details are not known, yet, Goodwin said.

UNIVERSITY

Delays cause new Textbook Rental to hold off on opening

Students should plan on returning books to Pemberton location

Staff Report

Students will not be returning books to the new Textbook Rental facility at the end of the spring semester, as originally planned.

"We are currently planning to have students return their books to the Pemberton location," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

Installation delays of the radio frequency identification technology are keeping the facility from opening. Equipment testing is set to begin on April 19.

"Adequate testing of the systems will be essential," Nadler said. "We need all systems to be fully operational and reliable before opening the new facility."

An article published in the March 13 edition of *The Daily Eastern News* said that completion of the construction of the facility was expected by April 1.

The radio frequency identification and automated material handling systems allows for self-checkout of books.

The Board of Trustees approved \$750,000 of the equipment purchase from TechLogic of White Bear Lake, Minn., at the March 2009

An additional \$75,000 was approved at the September 2009 meeting, bringing the total cost of the equipment to \$825,000.

WEATHER TODAY



Showers & T-Storms

HIGH

The warm temperatures from yesterday will fuel thunderstorms this afternoon. Expect scattered showers and thunderstorms to last into the early evening hours. After the showers move through tonight, the sun will return for the next several days. With the sun we will see cool temperatures near the mid 50s.

WEATHER TOMORROW



Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 56° **Low:** 45°



Friday Mostly Sunny High: 61° Low: 39°

For more weather information: www.eiu.edu/~weather

CAMPUS BRIEFS Business college to showcase projects

The Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences will have the graduate showcase, featuring outstanding graduate student research projects, at 4:30 p.m. today in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

All students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to attend. There will be time for questions and discussion with those involved in the projects.

Alum to discuss IT auditing in Lumpkin

Aaron Hubbart, an Eastern alum, will discuss the field of IT auditing at 5 p.m. today in Room 2041 of Lumpkin Hall.

Hubbart is a guest speaker sponsored by the Association of Information Technology Professionals, and will also share his experiences as a double major in accounting and MIS/CIS.

Economics dept. to show off projects

The economics department will showcase research projects of senior economics majors at 6:30 p.m. today in the south hallway on the second floor of Coleman Hall.

The Economics Club will provide refreshments.

-Compiled by Associate News Editor *Sarah Jean Bresnahan* | *The DEN* regrets the error. 04.07.10 Wednesday



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students stand in line on the south stairs at Lantz Arena Tuesday evening waiting to enter the spring concert featuring Drake. Drake took to the stage just before 10 p.m. Approximately 3,300 tickets were sold for the concert, the best-selling spring concert Eastern has seen.

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What you don't know about junk food

Online Editor Sam Sottosanto shares a few interesting facts about junk food in her food blog at DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

A theft from a Chevrolet parked near the steam plant was reported Friday. The incident is under investigation, the University Police Department said.

A residential burglary was reported Friday at Douglas Hall. The incident is under investigation, the UPD said.

A black Chevrolet was reported damaged Friday while parked at Greek Court. The incident is under investigation, the UPD said.

CORRECTION

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Aaron Wiessing's year in school was misidentified in an article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. Wiessing is a sophomore.

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SPRING CONCERT

Drake makes first stop on tour

Around 3,300 people attend in Lantz Arena

By Heather Holm Activities Editor

Students gave Drake a big welcome Tuesday as Lantz Arena almost completely filled for his performance.

Students came with tickets in hand and cell phones to light up the dark auditorium and cheered on both Drake and the opening acts.

Aubrey "Drake" Graham began the

show with his hit song "Best I Ever Had," with a huge uproar from the

Students started lining up at the door at 5 p.m. while doors opened at 7 p.m.

"I came because I love Drake," said Erin Clark, a junior pre-med major. "I loved him on 'Degrassi.' I heard from other people at other schools he has really good performances and I wanted to see him perform."

Rauvon Gaston, a sophomore sports management major, said he went because he had not been to a concert in a long time.

Other students wanted to see Drake

because they have been following his music for a long time.

Danielle Coleman, a senior at Charleston High School, wanted to see Drake to see what he brought to the table performance-wise.

Michael Scott, a freshman accounting major, is a big rap and R&B fan and said he has been listening to Drake ever since he came out.

Two other acts were part of Drake's tour, rapper K-OS and band Francis and the Lights.

Opening act Francis and the Lights performed the first set of songs with their four-member band and rapper K-OS

K-OS did a remix of "Don't Stop Believing," along with a number of other songs.

Krystina Lamorte, the concerts coordinator-elect for the University Board, said the concert went smooth-

"We didn't have too many problems," Lamorte said. "If we did, they were small."

She said the first crewmembers to set up the event arrived around 8 a.m.

Lamorte also said there were a few problems with security, but that nothing major occurred.

Despite the large number of presale

tickets, some tickets were also sold at the event.

"They had a couple left," Lamorte

Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, said everything with security and emergency medical technicians went

One problem did occur, with one person passing out because of the heat and air conditioning malfunctions that occurred, but she will be OK.

"The EMTs checked her out," Brinker said.

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Francis and the Lights

Francis Farewell Starlite, vocalist for Francis and the Lights, started singing and becoming interested in music when he was young.

He writes all the songs for the four-member band and thinks there is something real about the band's music

"We are trying to do something original," Starlite said.

Starlite compared himself to the way big bands used to lead, with a leader/frontman and the way the band is orchestrated.

The band consists of Jump Back Jake Rabinbach, guitar, Rene Solomon, drummer, and Jake Schreier, keyboardist and music video direc-

Francis said he really is looking forward to the main track on his new album called "It'll be Better."

However, he was unsure of when the new album would come out.

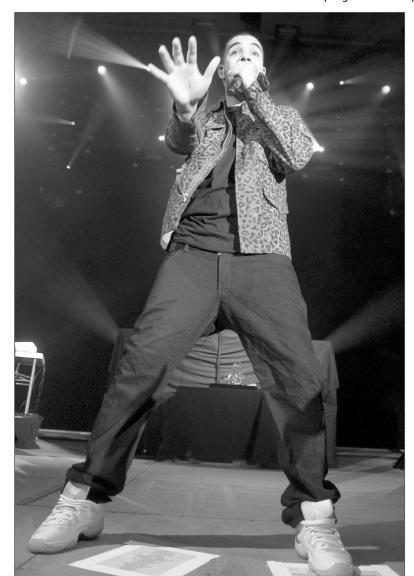
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(Below) Aubrey "Drake" Graham waves to the crowd while singing Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena. Before becoming a solo artist, Drake was most well known for his role as Jimmy on "Degrassi."



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Fans of Drake hold up signs and take pictures while Drake performs on stage Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena.





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Francis Farewell Starlite, lead singer of Francis and the Lights, warms up the crowd before Drake came on Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena.

VIEWS



Joe Astrouski

State should learn lesson from AIG

Remember AIG?

This time last year, bloggers, newspaper columnists and television pundits roundly skewered the company.

Just months after receiving a federal bailout, the struggling financial services company had drawn public ire for paying out seven-figure bonuses to its executives.

Labor groups and concerned citizens went so far as to picket outside the executives' sprawling

The great scandal wasn't the executives' conspicuous wealth amid a sea of foreclosures.

Their real sin was squandering millions of dollars to keep their yachts afloat while begging American taxpayers to keep their companies afloat.

To most taxpayers it seemed immoral for company leaders to beg money from others while sacrificing nothing themselves. It seems clear, with a \$13 billion budget deficit, the state of Illinois is in need of a bailout, too.

Gov. Pat Quinn has already asked for one, in the form of a 4 percent income tax increase to prevent education cuts.

But it doesn't seem that Quinn (or anyone else in state government) has learned from AIG's mistake. That's because, despite the state's dire finances, many state employees still earn scandalously high salaries. Some of the most egregious salaries go to school administrators.

Among the highest paid is Neil C. Codell, superintendent of the Niles Township Community High School District.

He earned \$411,511 in 2008, according to www.illinoisloop.org, a Web site that tracks educator salaries in the state. According to the site, Codell is the highest paid educational administrator in Illinois.

But not by much. The site lists 17 other school superintendents in the state who earn more than \$250,000 annually. Similar salaries are common in state-supported universities.

In fact, former University of Illinois president B. Joseph White earns \$300,000 a year as a professor, even though he resigned from office last year amid a damning admissions scandal.

By comparison, Eastern President Bill Perry earns a modest \$275,834 per year.

The rationale for these high salaries is simple: If you want the best workers, you need to pay the best salaries.

Oddly enough, this is the same rationale financial firms like AIG used to justify its bonuses and high salaries.

But with districts around the state cutting jobs among rank and file teachers, extra-curricular activity cuts and costs at four-year universities on the rise, maybe we can't afford the best.

State leaders need to understand that before they can honestly ask for the taxpayers' sacrifice.

In the meantime, the citizens of Illinois need to know how their money is spent.

That knowledge is easy to get.

As any nosy neighbor in Charleston can tell you, payroll information for Eastern faculty and staff are available at the Booth Library reference desk.

Many school districts and state agencies list salaries on their Web sites and in local newspapers. Indeed, in most cases, they are obligated to provide that information if asked.

Perhaps if enough citizens took the time to ask, they could convince the state to follow AIG's lead and put its yachts in dry dock.

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EASTERN NEWS "Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

DAILY EDITORIAL

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

City bars should be accountable when underaged use fake IDs

he city of Charleston recently dismissed charges of a liquor license violation to Mother's Bar, located at 506 Monroe Ave. The city will now seek charges against the underage individuals who were on the property on Feb. 17, as reported in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

According to a report, the Charleston Police Department entered the establishment for an alcohol compliance check during a private party hosted by a campus Greek organization.

"We were able to identify the underage people who got into the establishment," City Attorney Brian Bower said in the article.

The students used fake IDs to get into the bar.

Bower said the reason the charges against Mother's were dropped was because of a city ordinance and state statute that says it is improper for a liquor license holder to allow access to someone under the age of 21 "unless it is an affirmative defense that they gained access or consumed access through a false identification card and there was reasonable reliance to believe that was the person," Bower said.

What this means is that a bar is let off the hook if it was fooled by a fake ID and allowed an underage patron in its bar unknowingly.

Bower said he saw the video of students entering the bar and saw the ID a student used to gain access to the bar and it appeared to him to be close enough to a facsimile, so the bar was reasonable in its allowing the student access.

"We didn't just walk away from (the bar)," Bower said.
"But we're trying to get the wrongdoer, and that's the kid"

It appears the city and Bower did everything up to code when it comes to who was/was not charged and why;

"It appears the city and **Bower did** everything up to code when it comes to who was/ was not charged and why: however, the real flaw in all of this is the

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however, the real flaw in all of this is the system.

For Mother's to be let off the hook could give bar owners around the city the impression that if a student enters their bar with identification that is a little suspicious, they don't have to worry if said student turns out to be underage.

The hypothetical situation is set: A 20-year-old student attempts to enter one of our many local drinking establishments with an ID saying he is 21. The doorman checks the student's ID and it appears to be fake, but the doorman knows if an alcohol compliance check is issued while this student is in the bar and he gets caught, there will be no repercussions against the bar.

That's the wrong mind set to have, but it's the mind set that is being created by Mother's Bar going unpunished for allowing — whether it was knowingly — underage patrons access.

What needs to happen is for the city ordinance to be changed. While the bar may not have necessarily been at fault for being fooled by a fake ID, there needs to be some punishment to the establishment, which would set a precedent for bars being more careful when it comes to checking IDs.

Of course, many bars have taken steps to ensure underage patrons don't get into their bar. Establishments such as Marty's and the Panther Paw have installed machines that use black lights to check IDs, but some bars may not have the funds for such tools, leaving them susceptible to being fooled by a fake ID.

We understand it's a losing battle for bars to combat underage drinking as a whole, but the city can help this cause by cracking down on the establishment.

Students are at fault, that is for sure, but the attempts to gain access will minimize if bars are held accountable as well.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Think before you post to Web sites

By Alyssa Pracz

The Northern Star
Northern Illiniois University

Facebook, Twitter and other social networking Web sites have developed into popular forms of communication for high school and college

But sometimes these mediums are taken advantage of and used for displaying derogatory comments. What may seem like fun and games may actually have more serious consequences that deal with liability laws or personal relations

Occasionally you come across a situation where someone posts a blog, status or comment that is demeaning to a particular person or even

themselves. This may not always be taken seriously, because some students don't always think it is a big deal.

Robert Miller, associate professor in communications, who teaches a media law and ethics course, said any Internet posting is a form of publishing

Whether the audience is large or small, there is still a risk of libel suits when people are mentioned in a publication.

Web sites like the now-defunct Juicy Campus and the current CollegeACB are stupid, irrelevant and insulting to a lot of students. It is an opportunity to talk bad about peers anonymously.

All it amounts to is a lot of immature gossip. In all honesty, I don't know who would

even waste their time with it, but some students seem to love it. What they may not understand, though, is that laws of libel still apply.

According to Miller, the constitutional right to Freedom of Speech protects us against government-based punishment or censorship from even the most hateful opinions.

Although, "if a court determines that such harsh opinions have been expressed in the form of spreading damaging lies, invading customarily expected areas of personal privacy, conducting harassment, attempting fraudulent business transactions or making threats of violence, civil and/or criminal penalties can be constitutionally assessed against the offender," Miller said.

To read more, visit NortherStar.info.

DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

Bauer speaks about teaching after surgery

By Doug T. Graham Staff Reporter

One day Dale Bauer woke up with no language, no movement and no memory of who she was.

Bauer, a professor of English at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, will speak today about her experience recovering from brain surgery.

She will present her lecture, "Brain Surgery and Teaching English," at 4 p.m. today in the Lecture Hall of Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Bauer's experience started in 2007 when her doctors discovered a brain aneurysm while scanning her neck for an unrelated condition.

She said her doctors urged her to take immediate action because 15 percent of people whose aneurysms burst have died instantly.

The surgery to remove the aneurysm from Bauer's brain was a life-changing experience, she said.

"As a result of the aneurysm surgery, I had a major stroke," Bauer said. "It actually gave me what it was supposed to prevent."

The effects of the stroke were immediate and serious.

"I woke up with virtually nothing," Bauer said. "(I had) no language, no movement, no memory and very little eyesight."

Bauer said much of her lecture is about her gradual recovery from brain trauma. She said she had to relearn how to drive, eat, walk and speak.

As an English professor, she said it

was crucial for her to regain her use of language because she relies on it to make a living.

She has not yet completely recov-

She has a 1 to 2 percent loss of language and has difficulty searching for certain words

Despite the personal subject of the lecture, Bauer is excited to share her experience

"There aren't very many people who will get up there and talk about their strokes," Bauer said.

She said she looks forward to speaking with audience members afterward about their loved ones who have had to recover from strokes.

Bauer's speech is a part of the English department's annual Bazargan lecture series.

The lecture series, named after Eastern English professor Suzan Bazargan, is cosponsored by the Graduate Studies program in the English department and the graduate school.

Professor Jad Smith, director of graduate studies in English, said the series was created to bring in a high-profile scholar in the area of literary studies.

"The people that we've brought in are really famous, well-known scholars who are really at the top of their field," Bauer said. "It is a wonderful opportunity to learn on a specific topic from someone who is an expert in their field."

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DAVE PARKS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

In connection with diversity week, Eastern faculty and Eastern's Construction Club help build the wall of oppression in the Library Quad Tuesday.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Budgets, printing expenses to be discussed at senate

Staff Report

The student senate will vote on approving the budgets presented by the four fee-funded boards on campus at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

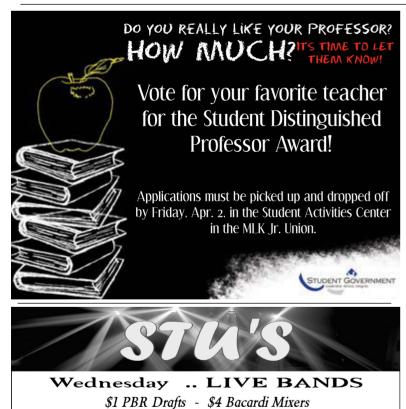
The four budgets senate mem-

bers put under consideration were officially approved last week by the Apportionment Board and supported the University Board, Student Recreation Center, student government and the AB.

Representatives from each of the boards are welcome to field questions and clarify budget line items

Senate members will also vote on ballot printing expenses for the student government elections on Monday and Tuesday.

The approval of a new registered student organization, "Eastern's Next Top Model, Inc.," is also on the agenda.



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STATE BRIEFS

Two-year colleges serve more students with less cash

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Salvador M. Lopez had no idea what he wanted to do when he left the Marines in 2005. A year of private college didn't work

Jobs led nowhere. Then he enrolled in community college.

Now he's serving his second term as president of student government at Chicago's Richard J. Daley College and working toward becoming an engineer.

For him — and for many others, he said — community college provides the perfect environment.

But community colleges are grappling with an unprecedented dilemma brought on by the recession.

Enrollment is up at the same time the state is facing a budget crisis that has led it to cut education funds and then fail to even hand over money the schools still have coming.

What's more, property tax revenues that make up a huge chunk of many colleges' budgets are shrinking.

The result: staff layoffs, fewer classes and more students squeezed into classrooms.

Lopez and his classmates fear community colleges won't be able to keep serving students who want a low-cost education or need personal attention from teachers.

Knox College president to step down

GALESBURG — The president of a western Illinois college says he'll step down.

Knox College President Roger Taylor says he wants to spend more time with his family.

He also tells WGIL Radio that the Galesburg-based school will soon start planning for its next 10 years and so it's a good time to start thinking about new leadership.

A statement on the school's Web site says Taylor planned to retire by June of next year.

The chair of the Knox College Board of Trustees, Jan Koran, praised what she says is Taylor's insightful, clearheaded leadership. She says he'll be missed.

Taylor graduated from Knox College in 1963. He retired from a Chicago law firm in 1999 and became the school's permanent president in 2002.

LaHood: Feds could find more Toyota safety lapses

CHICAGO — Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Tuesday he wouldn't be surprised if a review of documents from Toyota Motor Corp. uncovered additional safety lapses at the Japanese automaker.

LaHood said Toyota was "safety deaf" and said the Japanese automaker made a "huge mistake" by not disclosing safety problems with gas pedals on some of its most popular mod-

A day earlier, the DOT charged that Toyota failed to alert regulators to its safety problems fast enough and announced it would face a record \$16.4 million fine.

Documents obtained from the automaker show that Toyota knew of the problem with the sticking gas pedals in late September but did not issue a recall until late January, LaHood said on Monday.

The sticking pedals involved 2.3 million vehicles.

On Tuesday, LaHood said, "This is the first thing that we have found. It may not be the last thing," adding that "it would not surprise me if we discovered other information.

Under federal law, automakers must notify the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration within five days of determining that a safety defect exists and promptly conduct

Toyota, in a statement Tuesday, said it "has and will continue to practice its philosophy of satisfying consumers with high quality vehicles that are safe and reliable, and responding to consumer feedback with honesty and integrity."

Toyota has recalled more than 6 million vehicles in the U.S. and more than 8 million worldwide because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius hybrid.

Students learn Study Abroad do's and don'ts

BREANN PLEASANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students participating in the 2010 Study Abroad programs listen to the do's and don'ts of traveling abroad in the Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Sciences Building Tuesday.

STATE BRIEFS

Kirk takes aim at Giannoulias' role in bank

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Rep. Mark Kirk in another appointment, until he was asked about his Democratic opponent in the race for U.S. Senate and the questions swirling around his family's bank.

"He has built up a record of reckless irresponsibility regarding other people's money," Kirk said of Democrat Alexi Giannoulias after speaking at the Shedd Aquarium about his opposition to closing a Coast Guard helicopter station in Wauke-

The Republican nominee hit on the issue that promises to dog the Illinois state treasurer for the rest of the campaign: Giannoulias' family's collapsing bank and his role in

its troubles, as well as reports that Broadway Bank loaned millions of dollars to convicted felons.

Giannoulias' spokeswoman Kathleen Strand blasted Kirk in a prepared statement, calling his comments "outrageous for a man whose record in Washington consists almost entirely of supporting the ruinous economic agenda of George W. Bush — and undermining President Obama's attempt to clean up the mess left behind — to attack anyone else for fiscal recklessness."

Blago and brother in conflict

CHICAGO — Lawyers for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's brother have asked a federal judge to bar prosecutors from playing FBI wiretap tapes at their corruption trial.

The request filed Tuesday on behalf of the impeached governor's businessman brother, Robert Blagojevich, appears to set up a direct clash between the two Blagojevich's at the trial scheduled to get under way June 3.

Rod Blagojevich says he wants all the tapes played.

Rod Blagojevich is charged with scheming to sell or trade President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat and using his power as governor for illegal campaign fundraising.

His brother is charged with help-

Judge James Zagel will decide which tapes get played and which



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Water rates put on file for public inspection

Water, sewer rate increase to be voted at next City Council meeting

By Kayleigh Zyskowski **City Editor**

The recommendations for the increase of the city's water and sewer rate will be open for public inspection after Tuesday's City Coun-

For the fourth year, the city recommended an increase of the water rate within city limits.

The 4.5 percent increase was reached through the capital asset management plan. This plan allows city officials to account for the anticipated upgrades and loan payments to calculate the annual adiustment.

With the increase, the minimum charge for 1,000 gallons or less of water used within a household will cost \$11.14.

If a metered residence uses more than 10,000 gallons, the household will pay \$10.72 per 1,000 gallons.

Eastern will be charged a flat rate of \$10.72 per 1,000 gallons of water used on campus.

Within the last four years, the increase has been as high as 11 percent.

"We are getting things under control," Mayor John Inyart said. "What we are doing here is not only establishing a capital reserve fund for future improvements, but we are also showing the (Environmental Protection Agency) that we can continue to make payments on the money they are loaning us."

The water/sewer rate increase will be voted on at the next City Council meeting.

We will continue to look at this each year," Inyart said.

The council awarded two bids for separate projects to be done within

Midwest Meter from Edinburg was awarded the first bid to supply the material for replacement of the water main on 20th Street.

The project will begin this spring or summer, said Curt Buescher, director of public works.

We are working on some staging areas, where we're going to hold the material and keep the equipment," Buescher said. "But once we get started, conservatively we are looking at a year and a half to do everything that it is going to take to place the main and to make all the necessary connections."

The bid will supply about a third of the supplies needed for the total project. Buescher said.

The second bid went to General Pump and Motor Inc. from Peoria for

With this bid, the city will buy a new influent pump and motor for the wastewater treatment plant. The project will replace the 40-year-old pump that siphons water from the sewers.

"It has been worked on to the point that it can't be rebuilt anymore," Inyart said.

The council also put the amendments to the liquor license ordinance on file for public inspection. With this change, the special use permit will now be available for Sunday events.

The special use permits are usually given to organizations hosting events where liquor will be sold at locations other than licensed establishments

Previously, the special use permits were not amended when the liquor license ordinances were changed to

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Curt Buescher, director of public works

allow the sale of alcohol on Sun-

"This is a change that will allow a special use permit to be issued on a Sunday," Inyart said.

The council tabled revisions to the city code for bed and breakfast establishments until next week.

The change came from the zoning board's concerns when addressing issues concerning bed and breakfasts in the past.

"It has been revised to say certain items once instead of differently two or three times," City Attorney Brian Bower said.

Also addressed during Tuesday's city council meeting:

The council approved the ordinance that grants a setback variance to Harold and Robin Woods.

The road closure for the Kick Butt's anti-smoking 5K run/walk was approved.

On April 10, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. a path from Division Street to 14th Street and from Polk Avenue to Monroe Avenue will be closed for the race.

Finally, Inyart reappointed Don Schaefer to the Airport Authority

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FIRE, from page 1

was "old and busted," according to an account from Conner Walsh, a political science and international studies major and former resident of the house, from a report in The DEN on

"We don't know if the TV in question had that diffusion lens on, or if it might have been altered in some way," Goodwin said.

Goodwin said when the diffusion lens was removed the plastic exterior of the TV began to melt within a few seconds.

"We definitely burned a lot of the TV out," Daniels said

Without the diffusion lens the interior of the TV reached a temperature of approximately 600 degrees Fahrenheit, Goodwin said.

Daniels said wood burns at 454 de-

Goodwin said within the TV's interior were three projection lenses, and when the interior reached temperatures of approximately 600 degrees, the fire department moved the Fresnel lens so the focal point of the magnified sunlight was concentrated upon one of the projection lenses.

The result — the plastic and metal,

Fresnel lenses

The Fresnel (pronounced fre-nel) Lens was developed by French physicist Augustin-Jean Fresnel in the early 19th century to be used in lighthouses.

For his invention, Fresnel was awarded the 1902 Nobel Prize in

Today, Fresnel lenses are commonly used to make TV screens, magnifying glasses, streetlights, automobile headlamps and solar

Fresnel lenses are also commonly included in survival kits.

almost totally melted within approximately one hour, Daniels said.

Goodwin said he has a projection TV with a Fresnel lens in his home.

If an individual was moving, for example, and left this type of TV outside in the sun or in a vehicle the results could be disastrous, Goodwin

which housed the projection lens, had TV's are being replaced by LCD and tection organization.

plasma screens, the disposal of projection TVs with Fresnel lenses might need to be carefully monitored.

The fire department plans to include the data gathered during the experiment Tuesday, along with video and photographs, in a report, which will be sent out to state agencies and trade magazines.

"We're going to try to get this report out to other fire departments and investigators throughout the nation," Goodwin said. "A lot of them are skeptical, but this could possibly happen. Today we pretty much proved that when you're getting temperatures of 600 degrees, or possibly more, and melting plastic within a few seconds, then it is highly likely that this could happen again, granted the conditions have to be just right."

As a potential fire hazard, this is new to the fire services, and there are already plans to discuss the potential fire hazard in fire investigation classes, and it will also be discussed at the annual Illinois Arson Investigators Association conference in Urbana this fall, Goodwin said.

Goodwin said the report could Goodwin agreed that as projection also be sent to the national fire pro-



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Charleston firefighters prepare for their fire test Tuesday morning at Charleston Fire Station #2.

The fire department provided the physics department with one of the Fresnel lenses to study its focusing characteristics.

"That will tell us a little bit about the potential hazards from the heat that it can generate," Daniels said.

Daniels said they plan to add the physics department's results to the fire department's report.

"It was fun working with the fire department," Daniels said. "They're a good group of people."

Goodwin said he was glad to cooperate with Eastern's physics depart-

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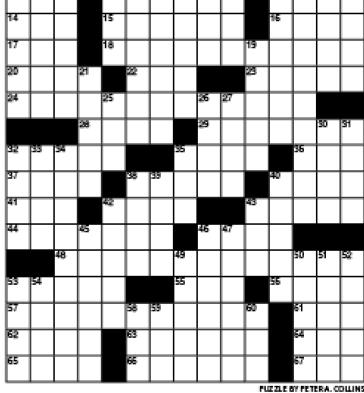
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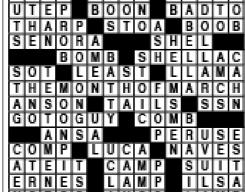
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of their hitting order stepping up in crucial situations.

"The bottom of the order got it going in the first game, which was good to see," Schuette said.

Sophomore second baseman Jen Saucier went 1-for-2 at the plate in the No. 8 spot but cashed in for two RBIs on her one hit.

Batting sixth in the lineup, senior center fielder Angie Danca went 1-for-3 at the plate, scoring one of Eastern's runs.

The night's highlight came from

freshman left fielder Melise Brown's glove, assisting in a double play from left field

"She caught the ball in foul territory and the Saint Louis runner was going running (was moving on the play), so Melise noticed and she fired a perfect throw to (junior first baseman) Melinda Jackson at first for a really rare double play," Schuette said

The first four batters also hit well, with senior shortstop Megan Nelson, junior third baseman Kiley Holtz and sophomore catcher Hailee Hanna each registering a hit.

On Holtz's hit, she notched an RBI.

In the nightcap, Nelson, Danca and freshman catcher Abby Wood each spread a hit for the Panthers.

Eastern will play the road trip's final doubleheader against Butler (26-7) at 2 p.m. Thursday in Indianapolis, Ind.

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both pitched well."

McNeil pitched 2 2/3 innings of scoreless, one-hit ball.

Illinois College freshman pitcher Brian Davenport (2-1) lost by giving up two runs in only two innings of work.

He gave up runs to senior first baseman Alex Gee and sophomore catcher Gerik Wallsten for a 2-0 lead.

The fifth inning was when Barton shined, striking out the side.

"I was locating at my fastball the whole time and my slider was it's best it has been," Barton said.

The bottom half had the Blueboys' senior pitcher Bret Williams surrendering a single to sophomore third baseman Zach Borenstein. Then, sophomore left fielder Ben Thoma blasted a two-run homer to left-center for his fourth of the year, making it 4-0.

The scoring ended in the bottom of the sixth, as both freshman centerfielder Nick Priessman and senior rightfielder Curt Restko walked.

Borenstein then blooped a tworun double to shallow center, which scrambling Blueboys senior centerfielder Adam Baran could not catch it as Eastern led 6-0.

"Our two big guys, Borenstein and Thoma, got big hits, so they came out and got a lot of hitting."

On a bad note, Eastern is still hitting into double plays to kill rallies, grounding out twice with one in the fourth that ended a bases-loaded situation.

Schmitz said the team is working on avoiding double plays before the game today, but they still need more work.

The Panthers travel to face Chicago State (1-16) at 3 p.m. today in Chicago.

Junior pitcher Mike Martin (0-3, 11.25 ERA) will make his second start this season.

Injury update

Junior ace Josh Mueller (0-1, 4.50 ERA) had his first outing Sunday against Austin Peay.

Before that, Mueller last threw against Alabama at Birmingham on March 5

The Columbia native gave up five runs, had two strikeouts and walks, and a wild pitch in 75 throws.

There was a scare in the second inning when Mueller was hit in the leg on a hard grounder. After Mueller completed the play, Eastern's trainers came out to the mound.

"The batter turned on the pitch and hit it up the middle," Mueller said. "It didn't feel good."

Despite that, Mueller said his right arm felt good.

He said the arm and shoulder exercises helped his arm from its ailment, which he described as a form of tendonitis or a muscle strain.

Senior designated hitter Richie Derbak made his first appearance since March 23, missing eight games with a right ankle infection.

Derbak was 0-for-2. Schmitz wants Derbak to start at designated hitter against Morehead State this weekend.

Junior designated hitter Ryan Voitik, a transfer from Joliet Junior College, has filled in for the injured Derbak.

Schmitz said Voitik did a good job filling in for the Lebanon native.

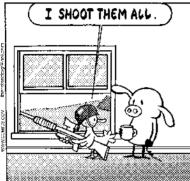
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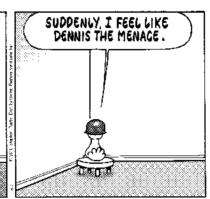
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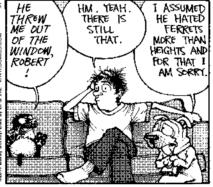




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MEN'S TENNIS | FEATURE

Senior winding down illustrious career

Rutherford did not reach No. 1 without help

By Dane Urban Staff Reporter

At season's end, Panther tennis will say goodbye to one of its strongest players in recent history as senior Jeff Rutherford will walk across the graduation stage.

Rutherford has played four years for the Panthers, something not seen too often

The past three years, Rutherford has played with 16 different teammates, proving the average tennis career does not last much longer than a year or so.

When thinking back on getting to this point, he remembered the teammates who helped him cope with the pressures and responsibilities he faced.

"When I was a freshman here, I was lucky to have some of the older guys help me out with stuff that they had already gone through," Rutherford said.

Another figure who helped him become a No. 1 tennis player was his father Jack Rutherford.

Back home in Richmond, Ky., Rutherford's father was also his high school coach at Model Lab.

Rutherford said he believes having his father coach him was a big advantage in maturing as a tennis player.

"It helped a lot because he was never afraid to tell me when I was doing something wrong," Rutherford said. "I always got a deeper analysis, because when we were sitting at home he would always tell me how I could improve as a player."

With his father's guidance, Rutherford's skills brought him to the Panthers' tennis program.

Rutherford decided to play for Eastern after a recruiting trip with the team welcoming him.

"I came on a recruiting trip and I



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Senior Jeff Rutherford returns a serve during the match against Tennessee State Sunday morning at Darling Courts.

really liked the guys on the team," he said. "They really showed me a good time."

Rutherford took only two seasons to reach the No. 1 spot in the lineup.

Playing in that spot is no easy task in tennis; it means one will face the other team's top player every match.

"It's definitely tough because you have to play every team's best player every single match, so it's definitely mentally taxing," he said.

As a No.1 at a Division I school, there are no easy matches a player can slide through; however, Rutherford

said his team's support makes playing easier.

"You have to be mentally prepared, there are no free matches like there is in high school," he said. "It's nice when you have a lot of support from your teammates and coaches and it helps out a lot."

Rutherford knows playing as the No. 1, the matches are tougher and setting up quality seasonal expectation is important to be consistent.

"I definitely have to temper my expectations towards my record because it would be unrealistic to think that you are going to have a record of 18-2," Rutherford said.

Playing a sport while dealing with school is not always easy for student athletes like Rutherford because their daily schedule is packed.

They have to juggle several workloads throughout the year, but Rutherford made it work.

"It's definitely a mental and physical challenge trying to juggle everything like the team, the school work and even my social life," he said. "I enjoy taking on the challenge, though"

Looking toward the future, Rutherford will graduate with a business degree and sees himself pursuing graduate school.

Tennis won't be far out of the picture, though, as he plans on sticking around the game to help others just like he was helped throughout his career.

"I would love to coach somewhere down the road," he said. "I'm not sure what level but I would love to help others get through what I have gone through."

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NATION

Wood back in action after scandal, returns at Masters

By The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods has an ideal tee time for his return to golf at the Masters — at least as far as TV is concerned.

After weeks of speculation about

his playing partners for the opening two rounds at Augusta National, the starting times released on Tuesday had more to do with "when" than "who."

Woods is to tee off at 1:42 p.m., in the penultimate group for the second straight year. Barring any delays,

his group likely will be on about the eighth hole when ESPN's live coverage begins at 4 p.m. It will be the first time Woods has competed since a shocking sex scandal began to unfold the day after Thanksgiving.

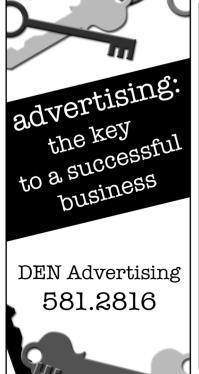
Joining him for two days will be

Matt Kuchar, a popular figure in these parts from his All-American days at Georgia Tech; and K.J. Choi of South Korea, which is sure to appeal to Augusta National's broadcast partners in Asia

Woods is to start at 10:35 a.m. on

Friday, limiting coverage of him to live streaming on the Masters' Web site.

At any other tournament, playing with Woods could be a huge distraction because of so many photographers and reporters tagging along, and fans outside the ropes scrambling for a view.











All Access

with Kevin Flack, sophomore golfer

Flack brings in love for sports, golf

By Dion Martorano

Staff Reporter

When it comes to having a unique sporting resume, it might be hard to find one quite like sophomore golfer Kevin Flack's.

Golf is mostly an individual sport but Flack grew up playing a lot of different sports that involved team-

He also played one sport that one wouldn't think a golfer would participate in.

"I just love to compete," Flack said. "I grew up living on the slopes of Chestnut Mountain [in Galena] on their ski race team. I've also played baseball, basketball, and football. My competitive nature has definitely carried over to the golf course."



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While he loved other sports, he ran into one problem with some of them.

"Being as little as I was, I quit playing football because I didn't want to get hurt for the basketball and baseball seasons, which were my loves at the time," Flack said. "So I decided to try golf and have loved it ever

Flack still plays basketball with his friends when he is not playing golf.

He also likes to relax and have a good time with his friends and watch the Cubs beat the Cardinals, Flack

When it comes to golf, though, he tries to be at the top of his game and has to deal with the oddities of the weather, which can always affect his shots more than any sport he has

"This time of the year, the weather can play a huge factor on the golf course from day to day," Flack said. "It makes it difficult to control the ball and bad weather really separates the good players from the average play-

One of the reasons Flack decided to come to Eastern was because he believed head coach Mike Moncel could elevate his game to the next

"Coach Moncel was the main reason [I am here]," Flack said. "He seemed like an awesome guy, and with college athletics, a coach can make or break your experience."

He has only seen limited action this season but has already improved over last season when he was a fresh-

Last season his best individual performance was his tie for 35th at the Butler Invitational.

This season, in only his second appearance on the golf course, he finished 18th of 73 participants at the Western Illinois Invitational. His low this season for a round is 70.

Flack does have big aspirations for life after college.

"My dream is to continue playing golf professionally... you only live once so I'm going to do everything I can do to chase that dream," Flack

If that does not work out, he isn't really sure what he wants to do but he is pursuing a degree in business mar-

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Golf brings home 2 fifth-place finishes

Both the men's and women's golf teams finished in fifth place in their respective tournaments Tuesday.

The men's team finished fifth out of nine teams in the Tennessee State Invitational with sophomore Kevin Flack placing fifth with three rounds of 70 for the tournament.

The fifth-place finish was the highest of Flack's season as he paced the Panthers to their third top-five finish

Flack was only six strokes off the top finisher of the tournament, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville's Neal McCarty, who shot 204 for the tournament.

Junior Francisco Cherizola was the second-best finisher for Eastern, laying down a score of 219.

The rest of the team was not far behind, as sophomore Gino Parrodi finished with a 220, senior Matt Bird with a 221 and sophomore David Lawrence with a 231.

Overall, Murray State finished in first place with a team score of 856. Following behind them, was John A. Logan College, Tennessee State and Dayton before Eastern.

Dayton finished one stroke better than the Panthers.

The women's team went to Peoria to play in the Bradley Invitational where they placed fifth out of 10

Senior Jaymie Voorhees led the Panthers' squad with a three-round score of 230, putting her in a tie for

Freshman Lauren Williams placed second among the Eastern golfers, scoring 237.

Following her, junior Veronica Bernier scored a 242, freshman Emily Calhoon scored a 244, senior Katie Imburgia scored a 245, and freshman Kathryn Koester scored a 249.

Drake and Bradley placed first and second, respectively, with Drake scoring 895 as a team and Bradley scoring 919 as a team. Eastern finished in fifth place with a score of 947.

It is Eastern's second-best finish of the season as they also placed fifth at the Northern Illinois Snowbird.

The women's team had its best seasonal finish at the Spring Fling in Florida, where it placed first of three teams.

Tennis match canceled

The men's tennis team canceled its 3 p.m. Wednesday home match against Southern Illinois-Carbondale because of a high chance of rain forecasted during the match time.

At press time there are no plans for a rescheduling of the match. Both Eastern's squads will continue their Ohio Valley Conference schedule Saturday against Murray State in Murray, Ky.

> -Compiled by Assistant Sports Editor Alex McNamee

Purnell hired at DePaul

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Vowing to make DePaul "Chicago's team" again, Clemson's Oliver Purnell simply couldn't resist the urge to restore a storied program and became the Blue Demons' coach on Tuesday.

He leaves behind a stunned school back in South Carolina — the Tigers clearly didn't see this coming — while taking on the huge task at DePaul, which has one regular-season Big East win the past two years.

"I think we've got a great opportunity to re-establish DePaul as Chicago's team and hopefully get our share of Chicago guys," Purnell said.

It's been awhile since DePaul was Chicago's basketball team.

It might help if the Blue Demons played on campus rather than 15 miles away in Rosemont, Ill., but Purnell said a new arena was never discussed during his courtship and insisted the facilities in place are good enough for success.

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James' death was not athletics-related. It reached the major media outlets of ESPN and others because he was a top recruit who had signed with a top-level football program.

His story is far more than athleticsbased. It was the loss of a life because of his own stupidity and possibly the ignorance of his chaperones.

Can more be done to prevent these incidents in the future? Absolutely. Will it? I sure hope so.

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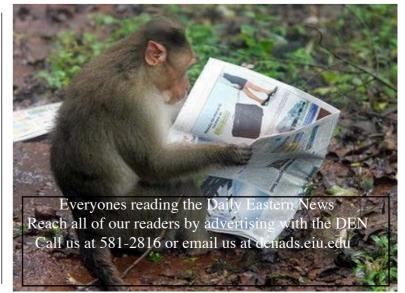




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Collin Whitchurch

Recruit's death raises questions

Matt James, a top high school recruit from Cincinnati, Ohio, died Friday when he fell from a fifth-floor balcony while vacationing in Panama City Beach, Fla.

According to reports, James, who was an All-American offensive lineman and was set to attend Notre Dame in the fall, was drunk and leaning over the balcony pointing his finger at people on another balcony when he fell.

An autopsy said he died of brain injuries.

While James' death is tragic regardless if it has athletic ties or not, it brings up questions about underage drinking and the type of lenience parents allow their kids.

James was in Panama City Beach on a spring break trip.

He was vacationing with 40 other students who he attended St. Xavier High School with and had six parents along as chaperones.

The national media has been playing up James' death as an accident and a tragedy. While the death is undoubtedly sad, there is some blame to be passed around and some questions that need to be answered.

Why, first off, did parents think it would be a good idea to bring a group of 17- and 18-yearolds to the spring break capital of the world during the heart of spring break season?

Did the parents know the students were going to be drinking? How did the students obtain the alcohol?

Underage drinking, as sad is it may be, is seen as a pretty common practice these days, and when it comes to high schoolers, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their kids stay away from alcohol.

Allowing them to party in Panama City Beach is no such way.

There are tragedies and there are accidents, but when said incidents can be prevented it is impossible not to point fingers.

James' death would not have happened if parents had used discretion.

Allowing a spring break trip is all fine and well, but a 17-year-old has no business in Panama City Beach, nor consuming alcohol.

An Associated Press report after the accident said the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco sent 18 extra agents to Panama City for spring break this year.

About 985 arrests were made between March 11 and 28 for underage possession of an alcoholic beverage. Panama City Police Maj. David Humphreys also told ABC's "Good Morning America" that investigators have not determined where James got the alcohol.

He said criminal charges are possible if they find out how he got the alcohol. Now I'm not saying the parents are completely to blame. It was, of course, his own stupidity that led to his death.

But parents need to be smarter than to allow their kids in that type of a situation.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 6, ILLINOIS COLLEGE 0

Panthers bruise Blueboys

Eastern succeeds in good pitching, timely hitting

By Bob Bajek **Sports Editor**

After Eastern was shellacked 18-6 to Austin Peay Saturday, head coach Jim Schmitz wanted to see a better effort from his baseball team against Illinois College (9-6).

The coach got that effort as the Panthers (7-20) handily defeated the Blueboys 6-0 Tuesday at Coaches Stadium with solid pitching and timely hitting.

Freshman pitcher Troy Barton (1-3) received the victory with five scoreless innings and six strikeouts to one walk.

"It felt good," Barton said of his first collegiate win. "It was good to get back after last week against Saint Louis, where I didn't have my best outing.'

Barton lost to Saint Louis March 30 in 2 1/3 innings of five-run baseball with four walks. He also gave up a two-run double on a 3-0 pitch to the Billikens' junior third baseman Jon Myers when Schmitz called for a walk.

"I think pitching well was the key for him," Schmitz said. "He didn't pitch well against Saint Louis, but all the ground balls are a key thing we are looking for. He attacked the zone well along with (junior pitcher Brent) McNeil. They BRUISE, page 9



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Freshman Troy Barton pitches against Illinois College Tuesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

SOFTBALL | RECAP

Role players step up in comeback

Freshman Ray dynamite from pitcher's circle

By Alex McNamee

Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman designated player Hailie Ray relieved freshman pitcher Natalie Wunderlich with two outs in the second inning of game two in Tuesday's doubleheader and had 5 1/3 scoreless innings.

Ray's outing propelled the Panthers to sweep the Billikens 3-0 and 6-4 in St. Louis, Mo.

Wunderlich had been beaten up by Saint Louis (18-14) for four runs in 1 2/3 innings of work before head coach Kim Schuette called on Ray, who hadn't pitched since March 18, giving up two runs in 2/3 innings against Chat-

Down 4-1 when Ray (2-1) entered the game with two outs, the Ottawa, Kan., native kept two Bil-

"She gave us a big lift," Schuette said. "She came in from the DP spot and threw strikes and let her defense work for her."

In Ray's 5 1/3 innings, the Panthers made their comeback, winning the game 6-4 by scoring five runs combined in the fourth and fifth innings.

Not only did Ray pitch well, improving to 2-1 this season, she also fielded the pitcher position well.

"She's a backup shortstop for us and so she can really field the ball well and she fielded the position really well tonight," Schuette

Besides Ray being the game's hero, Schuette said freshman second baseman Ally Seplak and freshman left fielder Andi Morgan were huge too.

In the nightcap, Seplak and Morgan combined to go 3-for-8, scoring four runs and accounting for the other two RBIs.

Overall, 14 Panthers saw action in the nightcap, which Schuette



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Senior outfielder Angie Danca gets an out during the game against Tennessee Tech March 27 at Williams Field.

said was good and a goal for all Eastern's mid-week games.

"Everyone played quite a bit," Schuette said. "I thought we did a nice job of staying composed when we were down."

During game one, the Panthers'

junior pitcher Amber May (10-9) threw a one-hit, complete game while mowing down three Billik-

On the offensive side, the Panthers spread five hits, with the bottom half

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