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IBHE asks for 8 percent

◆ Each state university asked to
return big chunk of state funding

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The state is asking Eastern to stash away a percentage of its budget double the expected amount, and interim President Lou Hencken said he has no immediate idea where the funds would be removed.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education held a hearing for university executives Monday. The purpose was to report on the effects schools would feel in meeting Gov. Rod Blagojevich's request two weeks ago to set aside 8 percent of the operating budget for the current fiscal year ending in June.

Even with the current state budget deficit, the request was unexpected, Hencken said.

He said it is made especially difficult since costs, including faculty compensation, are in place with the semester in the ninth week.

"We can't do a thing about the classes we're in now," he said. "Our choices are very limited as we go every day through the semester."

Hencken said other university presidents shared similar feelings of a potential 8 percent cut, saying: "that's about as close to as impossible as you can say."

No action was taken Monday.

Now what?

Hencken said the next step is gathering campus feedback.

A meeting of faculty and student senate members and other university representatives will be held this week to hear ideas of where spending can be cut.

"I'm going to try to keep the campus as informed as I possibly can," he said. "I'm going to try to get as much input as I can from these groups and work accordingly."

The university did expect 4 percent to be devoted to reserve, even with increased heating costs this winter.

Of that reserve, 2 percent, or about 1.8 million will go to state health insurance costs, an expense approved at the January Board of Trustees meeting.

The other 2 percent is on reserve from university positions left unfilled.

"So we were expecting that," Hencken said.

If the state does demand the 8 percent, funds would have to come from deferred maintenance, possible capital improvement projects or even a cut in summer school courses, Hencken said.

For cost effectiveness, summer courses could be taught with a set minimum of students.

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Warming up

Kyler Considine, 15, of Bethany, takes advantage of the warm weather to skate around Eastern's campus and ollie and kickflip off stairs at Klehm Hall Monday afternoon.

Bush: Military action coming

◆ Hussein told to flee Iraq
by late Wednesday or face
removal from power

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday the United States will unleash war against Iraq unless Saddam Hussein flees his country within 48 hours. The president warned Americans that terrorists may strike in retaliation and put the nation on higher alert.

"The tyrant will soon be gone," vowed Bush, commander in chief of 250,000 U.S. troops poised to strike.

Bush set a course for war without U.N. backing after months of futilely trying to persuade Saddam to disarm. In an address televised worldwide, he spoke to several audiences at once, starting with the American public and skeptical allies and including Saddam, Iraq's military and its citizens.

More inside

◆ Read the speech President Bush made Monday.
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"The day of your liberation is near," Bush told Iraqis. The speech did not silence opposition from home and abroad to Bush's tough-on-Saddam policies. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said Bush had failed "miserably" at diplomacy, forcing the United States to go to war with Iraq.

From the ornate cross halls of the White House, Bush said for the first time that Saddam could not retain power even by beginning to disarm his nation of weapons of mass destruction — long the stated goal of U.S. policy in Iraq. The only way war can be avoided now is Saddam's exile, Bush said.

"All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end," the president said. "Saddam



George W. Bush

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Alumnus coordinates ambassador, minority programs

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

While an undergraduate at Eastern, Ralph Gardner ran for the track team, was active in Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Minority Teachers Association before his graduation from Eastern in 1998 with a degree in education.

Gardner then went on to get his master's degree in education from Eastern in 1999.

Shortly after that Gardner went to work at Eastern as an admissions counselor.

Now in his fourth year as an admissions counselor, Gardner coordinates the minority affairs student ambassador program.



Ralph Gardner

Part of Gardner's work includes making contact with schools and organizing bus trips

to Eastern. Once the schools arrive, they are given tours by minority student leaders. Throughout the day, the students receive presentations from various departments including admissions and financial aid. Students are then given an opportunity to ask a panel of minority student leaders on campus questions about their experiences.

"I think the trips have been successful. We've generated over \$270,000 for Eastern," Gardner said. Of the 700 students who visited Eastern through our program, we admitted 105 students.

Spotlight: People

◆ In the spotlight this week is Ralph Gardner. This article is part of a series focused on events, people and organizations in our community.



Not all of those students chose to attend, but it's an improvement," Gardner said.

Gardner said student ambassadors are chosen because of their character, their involvement with

other student organizations and grade point average.

Gardner remains active with his fraternity Phi Beta Sigma.


Now as a graduate, Gardner works as a mentor to his younger fraternity brothers.

Senior sports management major Steven Blackmon of Joliet worked with Gardner

"Ralph is our graduate adviser; he does what he can to help out; he organizes study tables and fills in where needed; he's very active in the chapter," Blackmon said.

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Today
Scattered storms




61° 50°
HIGH LOW

Wednesday
Strong storms




66° 53°
HIGH LOW

Thursday
Rain




60° 43°
HIGH LOW

Friday
Few showers




52° 32°
HIGH LOW

Saturday
Mostly cloudy




49° 34°
HIGH LOW

Sunday
Partly cloudy



54° 36°
HIGH LOW

Monday
Mostly cloudy



53° 31°
HIGH LOW

Equal Protection topic for scholar

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

A visiting scholar will present her research on the Supreme Court case, *Bush vs. Gore*, focusing on the legal implications for the Equal Protection Clause.

Joyce Baugh, professor of political science at Central Michigan University, will present the lecture titled "The Legal Implications of *Bush vs. Gore*."

"She will refer to the Supreme Court case following the 2000 election, the Supreme Court had to help decide the election outcome," said Melinda Mueller, associate professor of political science.

Mueller said, "She is doing research on what impact this court case will have on future court cases and in particular on the court's interpretation of the 14th Amendment Equal Protection Clause."

Baugh has made presentations focusing on civil rights law and

constitutional law before, Mueller said.

"It's coincidental the lecture will be given at this time, but it doesn't have any focus on evaluating the existing president and foreign policy," Mueller said. "It's looking more at court cases and what this means for future elections. It's not an opportunity to sit and criticize the president; it's to focus on the election and the courts role on the election."

Following the presentation the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss different topics of interest.

The presentation is sponsored by the College of Sciences Visiting Scholars Program, the departments of political science, journalism, sociology, African-American studies and history and the Office of Minority Affairs.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Roberson Auditorium of Lumpkin Hall. Admission is free.

City Council looking at manager's duties

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Tuesday's City Council meeting will feature the amendment of the city manager form of government's stipulations for city attorney responsibilities.

When Charleston changed from a commission form of government to the city manager form, the city neglected to properly adjust Title 1 ordinances outlining the city attorney's position.

The city is attempting to make local statutes "accurately mirror state statutes," said City Manager Alan Probst.

Probst said these statutes specify what the city manager is permitted to do in consideration of the attorney. One thing permitted is the manager's ability to hire outside attorneys.

The statutes also outline what the city attorney is required to

do during his or her term.

Also, the council will address public inspection files from the March 4 meeting regarding ambulance service billing and tabled city code book amendments as well as several new topics.

Tabled city code book amendments outlined specifications for dealing with hazardous materials and environmentally damaging substances. Under the amendment, those who spill hazardous materials would have to pay for all cleaning and disposing costs related to the spill.

Regulations for the storage and movement of hazardous materials also are outlined within the code book amendment.

The council motioned to table this topic so all issues with hazardous materials could be evaluated.



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Practice makes perfect

Veronica Garcia, a sophomore elementary education major, practices her lines with Therese Kincade of Charleston, for the upcoming play "The Vagina Monologues" Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The monologues will be Saturday evening in the Grand Ballroom.

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New committee on senate's mind

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Two committees on technology might not be enough at Eastern.

On Tuesday, the Faculty Senate will discuss the idea of a third committee "elected and selected by the faculty" said chair Anne Zahlan.

Mike Hoadley and Mihir Chatterji, assistant vice presidents for Information Technology Services, will speak to the senate.

The presentation will give senate members an update on technology and a review of such issues as academic and administrative support delivered to the senate in November, Chatterji said.

Zahlan said the issue of the third committee also could be discussed.

The initiative is "setting up a committee so the faculty has input

on policies relevant to academic computing," she said.

The Academic Technology Advisory Committee and Computer Technology Planning Committee composed of faculty, student and administrative staff are the existing technology committees.

The senate also will hear a report from the senate subcommittee on computer privacy.

The committee was developing a policy that is now reflected in the tentative contract with the faculty union, University Professionals of Illinois, said Barbara Lawrence, associate chemistry professor and senate member.

The agreement came after 11 months of negotiations and also gives language to workload, compensation and distance education,

among other issues.

The senate's policy was previously formulated with the idea information and research stored on computers provided to a university employee be kept confidential.

"We had been writing a suggested internal governing policy specifically for faculty," she said.

Lawrence said the faculty contract supersedes the policy, and the senate will hear the work of the committee without a suggested recommendation from senate because of the contract terms.

The Faculty Senate also will hear a request for the university to hire an FM station manager as well as a report on faculty committee elections being held March 25 and 26.

The senate meets at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Eastern stops taking freshman applications

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

The admissions office stopped accepting freshman applications for the fall 2003 semester Feb. 28 when the number exceeded 8,000.

"The small class size is one of those things that makes Eastern, Eastern," Frank Hohengarten, dean of enrollment management, said. "We want to be able to provide the proper number of seats to students."

Admissions had received 8,041 applications from freshmen and transfer students as of Feb. 28. This compared to the previous years' numbers of 6,802 in 2002 and 5,359 in 2001.

Hohengarten said 5,900 prospective students have been accepted, while 1,400 were denied. The remaining students had either an incomplete application or withdrawn their name from consideration for enrollment.

Eastern experienced application mandates in nine of the previous 11 years, but they were usually set in the late spring or early summer.

Deadlines were not set in 1999 or 2000.

"The continuing popularity of Eastern as a college destination is what (the high application number) means," Hohengarten said.

Dale Wolf, director of admissions, said the university wants to maintain a total enrollment between 10,000 and 11,000.

"This wasn't the earliest we have ever had to cut off applications. In the 1989-1990 school year we cut off applications in October, which was unheard of, but there wasn't an application fee back then," Wolf said.

In that preapplication fee year, Wolf said the university had received 6,000 or 7,000 applications in only three or four months.

Almost 15 years later, the application inflation is once again a problem.

"We're not trying to go for 15,000 or 20,000 students," Hohengarten said. "We don't have room to accommodate too many more students."

Although the application deadline has been set, guidance counselors at local high schools don't foresee any problems with their students.

"Most of the students who wanted to apply to Eastern have already

applied," Roxanne Lilly, guidance counselor at Mattoon High School, said. "This group of seniors was good at getting their stuff in early, so I think they are pretty safe."

But it wasn't like Mattoon High School got much advance notice of the university's decision.

"We actually got the letter that said the deadline was coming two days after the deadline had passed," Lilly said. "So it really didn't help out much."

Joelyn Akers, a guidance counselor at Charleston High School, said the great majority of students would not be affected by the deadline.

"Those students who chose to procrastinate, or students who were waiting to see if another university would accept them will be the only ones who are affected," Akers said.

Eastern's fall 2002 enrollment was 11,163, which included the record-breaking 2,751 freshmen class.

Hohengarten said more than 7,700 applications were received last year, and that despite the higher number of applications, he expected a fall 2003 freshmen class between 1,900 and 2,000.

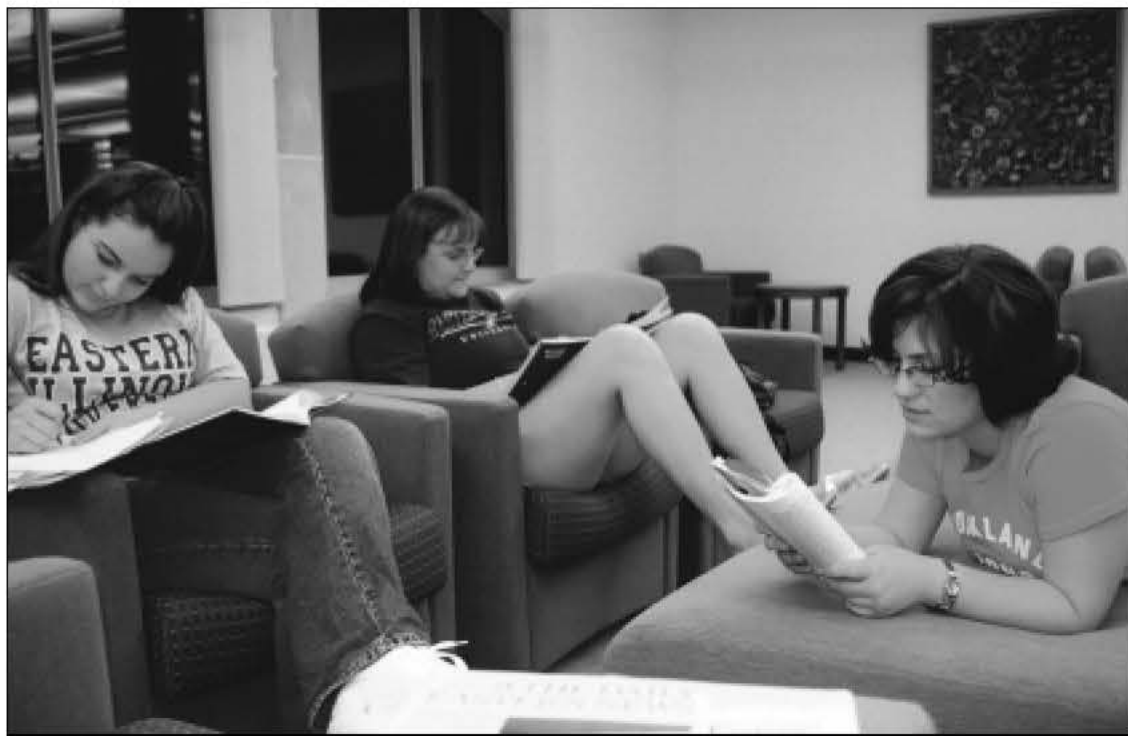
"There are a couple of things we are looking at. The yield rate number (the percentage of students who enroll at a school against those that are accepted) has been going down the last couple of years," Hohengarten said. "And University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign is also accepting 500 more freshmen next year."

Wolf said a new advanced deposit of \$150 that combined two old fees — the \$40 orientation fee and \$110 advanced deposit toward tuition — will also dwindle down the number of freshmen over previous years.

"Every year is different, there's no guarantee that applications will be high or low," Wolf said. "The market fluctuates — the trend now is for more people to apply."

Sometime this spring, a subcommittee will decide what revisions will be made to ensure enrollment stays between the 10,000 and 11,000 number.

"We have so many suggestions, there is nowhere to start," Wolf said. "There's no bad ideas, but there are so many recommendations. Everything will be considered, but nothing will be arbitrarily added."



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Carla Fantasia, a sophomore business management major; Amy Durbin, a sophomore accounting major; and Deanna Cappetto, a sophomore pre-law major, spend time studying Monday evening in Booth Library.

Pick-A-Prof proponent Deedrick shelves platform idea indefinitely

By Angela Harris
STAFF WRITER

The possible implementation of a Pick-a-Prof program is headed for the scrap yard, after it was found to be unsatisfactory at other campuses.

Ronnie Deedrick, student vice president for academic affairs, had a change of heart about Pick-a-Prof, an academic program that provides comprehensive information about professors and courses. Deedrick first learned of the service at the Conference on Student Government Associations last year.

He then promoted the idea during his campaign for Student Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Deedrick followed up on the idea with research before trying to bring it to Eastern.

Deedrick started with reviews in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The reviews researched also included experiences with the program at the University of Texas, the University of Maryland and the University of Illinois at Chicago. He found an excellent administrative review from former chancellor of University of Texas, whose son just happened to own the Pick-a-Prof program.

Deedrick said other schools he has contacted say they wish they had not done the program because of student apathy.

The program elevated tensions between different constituencies.

At Eastern, Deedrick was concerned about the \$20,000 price tag, which would cost students \$2 extra on their tuition.

The program offers student evaluations of professors, and

when there are legitimate concerns about an instructor's lack of preparation or other concerns of a class, these are available for review on the program.

Instructors also write a biography and syllabus to prepare students who may be limited on time to inform them about the courses and the instructors. Pick-a-Prof offers students an average grade of a particular class, how many A's and B's were given and even how many have dropped the course.

Deedrick thinks the program would be useful at Eastern with fine tuning, along with finding out the need of the students, as well as the professors.

"It's a great tool for finding information about a class, the instructor and making course work decisions," Deedrick said.

Deedrick hopes the program can be implemented later.

Sarah Bush will not join in smallpox vaccine program

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System declared participation in a federal smallpox vaccination program too risky and won't participate.

It is one of three Illinois hospitals refusing to use Federal Smallpox Vaccination Program Phase I.

"We believe that people will still be protected," said Patty Peterson, spokeswoman for the hospital.

Peterson said local health departments should form the necessary core groups to stabilize the public

should an infection occur.

Sarah Bush employees declined involvement in the project to avoid submitting participants to unnecessary risks. Adverse reactions to the vaccine are a fear of the potential volunteers.

The possibility that vaccinia may spread from vaccinated persons to their family members or other patients is another risk the hospital is unwilling to take.

Tom Schaefer, an Illinois Public Health Department spokesman, said the live virus could spread though contact with the vaccination

site.

"Vaccinia spreads some live virus," Schaefer said. "If someone used the same washcloth or bed linens, it could spread."

It takes 28 days following the vaccination for the shot site to heal. In that time, vaccinia can be spread from the site.

"The vaccinated person could be a carrier of the smallpox virus until the area scabs over and falls off," Peterson said. "It is impossible to keep the site covered 100 percent of the time."

Phase I of the vaccination program

would vaccinate willing employees from local hospitals and health departments throughout the state. This would give a core group of medical professionals an ability to safely care for citizens infected with smallpox.

This core group is the "Smallpox Response Team."

"The response team's priority would be to care for someone who may come in contact with smallpox," said Peterson.

In December, President Bush requested that states form task forces in their local and state health departments in case of biological

terrorism through smallpox infection.

Illinois ordered 10,000 smallpox vaccine doses in January to administer to 163 willing of the 166 hospitals and 93 health departments.

The "Smallpox Response Team" was established to react to outbreaks, Schaefer said.

Following smallpox contact, a person has three or four days to be vaccinated and protected. If an outbreak occurred, all participants would have the entire state vaccinated within ten days according to the Phase I outline.




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EDITORIAL

Bring turf to football stadium

The Board of Trustees should make many decisions Tuesday and they may be difficult. But one issue — whether Eastern should have artificial turf at its football stadium — should be a no-brainer.

Eastern Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie and his staff worked like lean, mean fund-raising machines.

McDuffie's fundraising work could be justification for the \$11,000 raise he received last fall.

McDuffie thanked all the little and large people Monday that made funding for the turf possible. Three alumni made donations of more than \$50,000.

McDuffie and interim President Lou Hencken said the money donated wouldn't have gone to academics. The turf won't come at the expense of funding for the rest of the university.

At issue
Whether the BOT should approve decision to install turf in football field
Our stance
The decision should be easy. The funds raised should be used to purchase turf.

The athletic department should accept bids in the neighborhood of \$700,000, and the university shouldn't have to pay one red cent.

So thanks to the athletic department's hard work, the Panthers could play on turf for next to nothing, if the Board of Trustees give the OK Tuesday.

The BOT should approve the measure that would replace the natural grass in O'Brien Stadium with some form of artificial surface.

Naturally, the push to replace natural turf makes sense. In the long-run the installation of turf will be well worth the money and will save the university the tedious work of constantly ensuring the field is in tip-top playing condition.

Say what you want about staying old fashioned; placing artificial turf saves money. The turf also would be useful to more people, not just football players.

While no studies are conclusive, the turf could prevent injuries. Eastern receives a more practical surface which could prevent injuries — all for no cost to the university.

Some coaches have said the turf could be used as a recruiting tool.

A St. Louis Rams return or roar of the Chicago Bears in Charleston for preseason training camp could be a more likely scenario with artificial turf. The BOT's decision should be easy; the turf will do wonders for athletics here.

Now, if only the rest of campus could be so lucky to receive such a sweet deal.

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

OPINION

Performers hardly diverse



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Well, I have paid \$10 this year to help bring big acts to campus, and I have yet to see a big act.

The University Board just announced the coming of Dave Chapelle and the Counting Crows as the two concerts this spring funded by the students' concert fee.

My \$10 has gone to waste. Last year the UB had bright promises of diverse acts and popular acts. While the Counting Crows have just released a new album, in my opinion, they fall under the "mediocre" category filled last semester by Everclear.

Everclear and Counting Crows are hardly the diverse groups promised by the UB during the concert fee campaign.

But then, I suppose, any campaign will say anything constituents want to hear to get votes. Unfortunately, promises often go unfulfilled after the election has been won.

I voted no for the concert fee because I did not believe the UB could deliver on its promises. And it looks like I was right.

Perhaps I should go to one of the concerts. If I don't, people will get discount tickets on my tab, and they won't just be students. I'm sure many non-students got discounted tickets last

"I voted no for the concert fee because I did not believe the UB could deliver on its promises."

semester. What are the chances that will change?

I suppose you could call the upcoming Dave Chapelle performance the "diverse" act for this year. But if you're like me and not into comedy acts, you still lose out.

Last year, UB said it would bring country, rap and other types of music to campus.

Of course, you can't please everyone. That phrase is tossed around a lot for various reasons as the rationalization for why one thing is chosen over another.

The problem is this year the people being pleased are the same for both concerts.

Last semester, the UB said it didn't bring a bigger act to campus because the committee was inexperienced and couldn't handle a bigger act. So what is the excuse now?

I suppose it is good the UB got two concerts for the spring. However, does anyone else realize attendance won't be too good at a concert the weekend of Easter? Unfortunately, that date was one of only a few for which Lantz Arena was available, but actually choosing that date is like throwing students' fee money into a black hole.

Nothing can be done about the dates Lantz Arena is available, but another mediocre act like last semester certainly won't keep students here on Easter weekend.

The concert fee was created to have a budget, so concerts had room to lose money. It's a great idea, but wouldn't it be better to concentrate on making more money so eventually Eastern can afford to bring the bigger acts? The reason to have the fund should be to earn money and not to lose it.

The UB had the right idea with imposing a concert fee, but now it needs to prove that fund is deserved. It needs to prove to students their money isn't being wasted.

The UB did not prove that to me before the concert fee vote and still has not, and now it is too late.

Cartoon by Derek Clem and Aaron Ganci



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students behind diversity events

In response to the March 3 editorial "Events expand horizons," published in *The Daily Eastern News*, Eastern should not be "commended in showing interest in promoting many diverse activities."

Now, I can appreciate an occasional pat on the back for the administration — for the most part, they do their job well.

But just like in many other areas of campus life, students are the ones behind the scenes getting things done.

The students of Black Student Union, NPHC and University Board organized events such as the Miss Black EIU Pageant, Step Afrika!, Barry Scott (a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.), and the Neo-Soul Cafe, among many other programs for African-American Heritage Month.

There's something else to think about before giving Eastern the blue ribbon for diversity.

All of these events were

celebrations of African-American Heritage — not an answer to the diversity problem on Eastern's campus.

Organizing diverse activities is an easy, temporary fix for the diversity issue. It's a necessary element for giving minority students a sense of identity on campus and educating the majority on the cultures of others, but with time, activities fade away.

I wish I had a solution, but I don't. I do know Eastern won't become more "diverse" through a couple of University Board, BSU or Student Affairs programs. It's a start, but it isn't the answer. Something more permanent is needed.

Although it's great to hear interim President Hencken is a "big believer in increasing diversity at Eastern," diversity won't improve through any initiative that the administration would try to implement.

Again, it's a necessary element, but it's not the answer.

Ultimately, it lies in the hands of the student body.

Students have a tremendous amount of power on our campus. Students lobby in Springfield in support of our campus. Students have control over the fee approval process. Students have a vote on the Board of Trustees.

Students regularly organize major campus events. Students could even pass a new fee to bring major entertainment back to campus.

If you want diversity to improve on campus, do something about it.

Start a program, join a club, create a diversity mission statement for your organization, write a mani-

festos — just make some contribution to the campus community that will instill some sort of school pride and cultural understanding in the minds of students, faculty and staff.

Giving Eastern credit for something is a nice change for *The Daily Eastern News'* editorial board.

The editorial page usually seems only reserved for perpetuating student apathy through biased information, but, on this topic, I demand more from the campus community.

Congratulating our campus on a job-well-done won't necessarily help us when the job isn't actually done yet.

Caleb Judy
Senior English major

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Workers: Seventh Street project hinges on weather

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

Utility connections for the new Human Services building to the city of Charleston are on schedule so far, but inclement weather could push the completion date back.

"It's hard to say if we'll finish on time (March 24), but it's based a lot on the weather," said Kelly Peters, foreman of Brinkoetter Plumbing and Heating.

Brinkoetter, who is working with its sub-contractor Shoots Excavation on the project, is in charge of attaching Charleston sewer and water lines to Human Services.

The new Human Services will combine Career Services, the old Human Services, the Counseling Center and the communication disorders and sciences department.

Rain would make working conditions too muddy for workers and bulldozers to operate.

"It just now started to dry up today," Peters said. "I think it's going to rain for the next three days and that would be bad."

Karl Helmink, director of the physical plant, said Brinkoetter will install a 6-foot sanitary sewer, 12-foot storm sewer and a 6-foot fire protection water line.

Construction workers Monday

dug trenches to connect sewer and water lines.

The sanitary sewer line is located on the far north end of the fenced-off portion of Seventh Street, which extends from Klehm Hall to the north end of the Thomas Hall fire lane turnaround.

The water line is located near the north edge of the 30,457-square-foot Human Services Building and will be used for fire protection.

"The domestic water line will be served from the campus distribution system on the quad side," Helmink said.

The storm sewer is located on the far south portion of the Human Services lot.

Peters said he thought construction on the three lines should be done in a few days. "After the concrete is poured to reconstruct Seventh Street, the road should be operational in around three days," Peters said.

Helmink was unsure of an exact cost of the scheduled two-week long construction that began March 10.

"The cost is part of the construction contracts for concrete, pipe installation, excavation, etc. and not itemized specifically for this small part of the work," he said.

The new Human Services building was created so the new



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Steve Smith, of Shoots Construction, scoops up gravel to be placed in holes, which is the reason 7th Street is closed, outside of Thomas Hall Monday afternoon.

Doudna Fine Arts Center, set for completion in 2005, could extend across the street where the Clinical Services and Counseling Center buildings currently reside.

The Human Services building's tentative completion date is June 16, 2003.

"Human Services is generally on track, and we still anticipate the substantial completion date to be May 2003," Helmink said. "Weather has been a factor at times, but the construction crew has been good in making up time,

and I still believe they can make their schedule.

"The closer we get to the end of the project the more difficult it will be for the contractors to make up weather-related delays."

Air conditioning use must wait until frost threat ends

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

The outside weather was sunny Monday, but inside residence and academic halls the temperature was not quite as pleasant.

Radiant heat from the sun baked students and faculty members.

"The temperature in my office right now is 84 degrees," said Director of Housing and Dining Mark Hudson around 4 p.m. Monday. "I have got my window open and my fan on."

But why should Eastern students and faculty use fans when air conditioning would do a much better job of regulating the heat?

Carol Strode, director of facilities and planning, said the air conditioning can't be turned on and

off so easily.

"It isn't simply turning on or off a switch in most places — the process is complex," Strode said. "This process, however, is two to three days per building."

Strode said the air conditioning, similar to the heating system, is based on water-filled towers.

"The current air conditioning system that we have on campus in many of our buildings is dependent upon the use of water-filled cooling towers, (which are) dependent upon the outside temperatures remaining above freezing," she said.

Once the air conditioning is turned on, however, it will stay on until the fall.

"There are many valves to be closed off from the steam lines," Strode said. "Towers are then

filled with water and air conditioning equipment turned on."

Once the decision is made to turn the air conditioning on, which traditionally comes after the last frost in mid-May, Strode said: "Our area has experienced snow even into the month of May."

"There is no magical date that we use," Hudson said.

Long-term forecasting from the National Weather Services is the most important of several factors that are weighed, Strode said.

"We have to operate our building systems according to the law of averages to protect them from damage and still provide comfort," she said.

Although the temperature in Hudson's office Monday afternoon rose to a boiling room-like

climate, he said turning the heat off would have been a bad choice.

"We have schizophrenic weather in March," he said. "The problem is we have unusual weather. Tomorrow it is supposed to be 61 degrees and by the weekend it will be in the 40s."

Strode agreed with Hudson about March's crazy weather.

"The weather temperature fluctuation is generally too great in the month of March to fill the water-filled cooling towers," she said. "There is too much of a possibility of severe damage to equipment of the weather suddenly turned below freezing for any length of time."

The unpredictability and the potential for broken equipment is a chance the university does not gamble on.

"Every year's weather pattern is different, so you can't really tell when it will be warm enough or when it's too cold," Hudson said.

Strode said the heating could be turned off with outside air circulating the residence and academic halls if a prediction of warm weather exists for a long period of time.

Until the air conditioning turns on in a few weeks, Strode offered some advice to students and faculty hoping for a second wind.

"I would advise everyone to bear with us during these unusual seasonal changes," Strode said. "We are currently upgrading our building automation system for better control of the buildings and finishing the chilled water loop project for available cooling during seasonal changes."

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Diversity bylaw author sees need for further improvement

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate member Tim Edwards, who co-authored the Student Senate diversity bylaw, was only somewhat pleased with the latest participation numbers.

"I'm glad that the turnout was better than semesters before. For the bylaw, the only thing I could see that needed improvement would be a focus on the first level of diversity which would be race, ethnicity, culture, gender and sexual orientation," Edwards said.

The diversity bylaw currently has two main focuses. The primary focus is on race, gender and sexual orientation. The second

focus is on educational level and socioeconomic status.

At the March 6 deadline, 29 of 30 senate members fulfilled their diversity requirement.

The numbers are an improvement from last fall, when 19 of 28 senators fulfilled the requirement.

Last spring only six of 23 senate members had completed the requirement.

A penalty increase could be a reason for the higher numbers of participation this semester. Failure to meet the diversity requirement counts as one absence from a committee meeting. Student Senate recently approved a bylaw change

increasing the penalty for missed committee meetings. The new bylaw states three absences from committee meetings are grounds for dismissal from Student Senate.

Senate members are expected to turn in slips detailing what events they attended and what they learned from the event.

Senate Speaker Bill Davidson said that no verification of the requirements is currently in place, but senators are trusted with the responsibility.

"The diversity requirement slips are done on an honor system; we expect that the individual senator has attended the event," Davidson said.

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"He chased the snakes out of Ireland."

freshman biology major

Blagojevich asks Illinoisans to remain calm if war starts

CHICAGO (AP) — Hours before President George Bush was scheduled to address the nation about a potential war in Iraq, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich sought to reassure residents Monday with a reminder that the state is ready.

"My message to the people of Illinois is to stay calm and go about their daily lives just as they have for the last couple of years since Sept. 11," Blagojevich said during a brief afternoon news conference. "We are fully prepared in case anything were to happen."

Blagojevich said the state is in constant communication with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the state's emergency management teams.

The governor said the state has done many things "in preparation for an outbreak of hostilities," but

said he could not discuss them. However, he emphasized that the nation is still on a yellow alert terrorism warning.

"We are today as we were yesterday and last week — on the same status. But as hostilities appear that they may become more inevitable and more imminent, we just want to let you know that we're on top of it here," Blagojevich said.

Mike Chamness, acting director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, said the state is trying to find out how many police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel have been called up because they are members of the National Guard or military reserves.

So far, no departments have reported being seriously short-handed. Police departments are making arrangements to borrow officers from other cities if any shortages arise, a system already in place for firefighters, he said.

Chamness and Carl Hawkinson, the governor's deputy chief of staff for public safety, said state and local agencies are prepared if the Bush administration raises the terrorism warning status to orange.

The Department of Nuclear Safety has a team to assess nuclear incidents, and the National Guard has a civil support team to respond. The state has four emergency medical teams, more than 30 hazardous materials teams and three teams to respond to the use of weapons of mass destruction, they said.

"Illinois is ahead of the curve," Hawkinson said.

The city of Chicago's emergency coordinators also are drafting a plan for heightened security during a war, said Larry Langford, spokesman for the Office of Emergency Management and Communications that coordinates police and fire responses.

Ryan: Death penalty an embarrassment

CHICAGO (AP) — Coming as close to saying the death penalty should be abolished as he ever has, former Gov. George Ryan said Monday the country "should be embarrassed by capital punishment."

Speaking at a conference on violence at Chicago State University, Ryan called the death penalty "barbaric" even when the inmate is clearly guilty.

But Ryan, who made headlines all over the world when he granted clemency to every inmate on Illinois' death row just before he left office in January, stopped short of saying the death penalty should be abolished.

"I still believe there may be a case for the death penalty," he said after the speech. He also said he wanted to see whether state lawmakers adopt any of the reforms recommended by a commission he appointed to examine

the death penalty before he makes a statement on whether capital punishment should be abolished.

During his speech, Ryan touched on themes that have made him a hero among death penalty opponents — and even garnered him a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize — and led to invitations to speak around the country as well as a planned speaking tour in Europe.

He talked about his journey from a staunch supporter of the death penalty to a man who had profound doubts. He told the audience about his decision to declare a moratorium on executions more than three years ago after 13 inmates on Illinois' death row were found to have been wrongly convicted.

"I asked myself, 'Where is the justice in a system that can allow this to happen?'" he said.

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Daschle: Bush diplomacy failed 'miserably'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said Monday that President Bush failed "miserably" at diplomacy, forcing the United States to go to war with Iraq.

Daschle's comments were denounced by Republican National Chairman Marc Racicot as "divisive and brazen political posturing."

Daschle, of South Dakota, supported a congressional resolution last year authorizing Bush to use force in Iraq, but he has criti-

cized the president for failing to win the support of the U.N. Security Council.

"I'm saddened, saddened that this president failed so miserably at diplomacy that we're now forced to war," Daschle said in a speech to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. "Saddened that we have to give up one life because this president couldn't create the kind of diplomatic effort that was so critical for our country."

Racicot said "it is disheartening and shameful for Senator Daschle, who has previously advocated and authorized the use of force in Iraq, to now blame America first."

At the White House, Bush briefed about a dozen top members of the House and Senate before his speech. Vice President Dick Cheney continued the briefing after the president left to prepare for his remarks.

There was no talk of how much the war will cost, but White

House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Cheney promised a supplemental appropriations request would be sent to Capitol Hill as soon as final costs were estimated.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said he hoped that after hearing Bush's speech, "the Congress — Democrats and Republicans — will close ranks behind the president and our foreign policy will leave the shore with one voice."

UN may play bigger role after conflict

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In the endgame of Iraq diplomacy, President Bush warned that the United Nations might be rendered irrelevant if the Security Council did not act against Saddam Hussein.

But on the brink of war, Washington and its allies said something very different: The United Nations will play an essential, humanitarian role after the guns are silenced.

Bush called the United Nations "a very important organization," and his joint statement with the leaders of Britain and Spain at a Sunday summit in the Azores Islands said they planned to work closely with the world body.

In the event of war, the three countries said they will urgently seek approval of new Security Council resolutions "that would affirm Iraq's territorial integrity, ensure rapid delivery of humanitarian relief, and endorse an appropriate post-conflict administration for Iraq."

They said they will also propose that Secretary-General Kofi Annan be given interim authority to ensure that the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people continue to be met through the U.N. oil-for-food program.

Even as the anti-U.N. rhetoric was at its most intense, the administration was quietly working with the United Nations on plans for a post-war Iraq.

"The U.N. has an important role to play in the post-conflict Iraq," Annan told reporters as he announced a suspension of Iraqi humanitarian programs in light of a looming war. "This does not mean an end of involvement for the U.N. in the Iraqi situation," he said.

Annan specifically mentioned the oil-for-food program, which allows the proceeds of Iraqi oil sales to be used primarily to pay for food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies.

Alumnus: Gardner works with high school students in promotion of Eastern

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Blackmon said Gardner has gotten his fraternity brothers active in the student ambassador program.

"He works with providing high school kids with tours," Blackmon said. "On those tours we'll help out and expose them to the Greek life. He does a lot to reach out to the kids."

He's a good humanitarian and leader, he's good for the commu-

nity and the college, he's just an all around good guy," Blackmon said.

Admissions counselor Megan Weemer is a colleague of Gardner's and has worked on projects with him.

"Ralph is a hard worker in the office. He works with minority affairs to organize bus trips," she said. "He helps me organize open houses, and gets a lot of attendance. He's very active," Weemer said.

Despite increases in minority enrollment numbers, Gardner thought they could be a lot better.

"The numbers still are not where I want them to be, which is equal to the state demographic of 25 to 30 percent," Gardner said.

IBHE: Recall of funds could equal \$113 million across the state

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"I think we're going to have to take a long hard look at every project that is not committed," he said.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, confirmed deferred maintenance would account for a "substantial portion" of monies reserved.

Hencken said Eastern could give back 2 percent, but universities made their case to the

IBHE. "My opinion was we did a very credible job of reasons why we need to keep the dollars we have," he said.

As far as a definite solution if the governor's suggestion becomes a reality: "I really can't guess," Hencken said.

The 8 percent would total about \$113 million across higher education schools and agencies.

Fall tuition hikes are on hold until Blagojevich's state spending plan is announced and his budget address in April.

Monday's hearing was only one sign of the state's budget woes.

"It does appear we are going to have a call back," Hencken said.

Bush: President warns all foreign workers to leave Iraq immediately

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Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict commenced at a time of our choosing."

The 48-hour clock started at 8 p.m. EST Monday, White House spokesman Adam Levine said.

At home, Bush raised the terror alert status from yellow to "high risk" orange, the second-

highest level. "War has no certainty except the certainty of sacrifice," Bush told a worldwide television audience.

An intense White House debate over whether to establish a timetable was settled hours before the president's speech. Some argued that Bush should not set a deadline because Saddam could use the notice to build opposition to the president's case or even launch a pre-emptive strike.

Bush told journalists and weapons inspectors to leave Iraq immediately.

He issued his ultimatum after U.N. allies refused to back his bid

for a resolution sanctioning military force. The diplomatic defeat led Bush to move toward war accompanied by Britain, Spain, Australia and a handful of other nations in his self-described "coalition of the willing."

He lashed out at France and other wary allies at the U.N. "These governments share our assessment of the danger but not our resolve to meet it," Bush said.

For the first time since he drew the nation's attention to Iraq last fall, Bush focused on the questions most asked by Americans: Why war? And why now?

Spelling out the threat, he said Saddam has a history of hating

America, has ties to terrorists and is a destabilizing force in the Middle East. Primarily, he said Saddam could turn his weapons of mass destruction over to terrorist groups.

"Before the day of horror can come, before it is too late to act, this danger will be removed," Bush said.

Iraq denied it has weapons of mass destruction, and Bush offered no new evidence to counter Baghdad's assertion.

Bush said that after 12 years of diplomacy and weapons inspections, "our good faith has not been returned. The Iraqi regime has used diplomacy as a ploy to gain time and advantage."

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Bush speaks to nation, world on possible war

◆ The following is a complete transcript of President George W. Bush's speech Monday night.

My fellow citizens, events in Iraq have now reached the final days of decision. For more than a decade, the United States and other nations have pursued patient and honorable efforts to disarm the Iraqi regime without war. That regime pledged to reveal and destroy all its weapons of mass destruction as a condition for ending the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

Since then, the world has engaged in 12 years of diplomacy. We have passed more than a dozen resolutions in the United Nations Security Council. We have sent hundreds of weapons inspectors to oversee the disarmament of Iraq. Our good faith has not been returned.

The Iraqi regime has used diplomacy as a ploy to gain time and advantage. It has uniformly defied Security Council resolutions demanding full disarmament. Over the years, U.N. weapon inspectors have been threatened by Iraqi officials, electronically bugged, and systematically deceived. Peaceful efforts to disarm the Iraqi regime have failed again and again — because we are not dealing with peaceful men.

Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraqi regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised. This regime has already used weapons of mass destruction

against Iraq's neighbors and against Iraq's people.

The regime has a history of reckless aggression in the Middle East. It has a deep hatred of America and our friends. And it has aided, trained and harbored terrorists, including operatives of al Qaeda.

The danger is clear: using chemical, biological or, one day, nuclear weapons, obtained with the help of Iraq, the terrorists could fulfill their stated ambitions and kill thousands or hundreds of thousands of innocent people in our country, or any other.

The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat. But we will do everything to defeat it. Instead of drifting along toward tragedy, we will set a course toward safety. Before the day of horror can come, before it is too late to act, this danger will be removed.

The United States of America has the sovereign authority to use force in assuring its own national security. That duty falls to me, as Commander-in-Chief, by the oath I have sworn, by the oath I will keep.

Recognizing the threat to our country, the United States Congress voted overwhelmingly last year to support the use of force against Iraq. America tried to work with the United Nations to address this threat because we wanted to resolve the issue peacefully. We believe in the mission of the United Nations. One reason the U.N. was founded after

the second world war was to confront aggressive dictators, actively and early, before they can attack the innocent and destroy the peace.

In the case of Iraq, the Security Council did act, in the early 1990s. Under Resolutions 678 and 687 — both still in effect — the United States and our allies are authorized to use force in ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction. This is not a question of authority, it is a question of will.

Last September, I went to the U.N. General Assembly and urged the nations of the world to unite and bring an end to this danger. On November 8th, the Security Council unanimously passed Resolution 1441, finding Iraq in material breach of its obligations, and vowing serious consequences if Iraq did not fully and immediately disarm.

Today, no nation can possibly claim that Iraq has disarmed. And it will not disarm so long as Saddam Hussein holds power. For the last four-and-a-half months, the United States and our allies have worked within the Security Council to enforce that Council's long-standing demands. Yet, some permanent members of the Security Council have publicly announced they will veto any resolution that compels the disarmament of Iraq. These governments share our assessment of the danger, but not our resolve to meet it. Many nations, however, do have the resolve and fortitude to act against this threat to peace, and a

broad coalition is now gathering to enforce the just demands of the world. The United Nations Security Council has not lived up to its responsibilities, so we will rise to ours.

In recent days, some governments in the Middle East have been doing their part. They have delivered public and private messages urging the dictator to leave Iraq, so that disarmament can proceed peacefully. He has thus far refused. All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end. Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict, commenced at a time of our choosing. For their own safety, all foreign nationals — including journalists and inspectors — should leave Iraq immediately.

Many Iraqis can hear me tonight in a translated radio broadcast, and I have a message for them. If we must begin a military campaign, it will be directed against the lawless men who rule your country and not against you. As our coalition takes away their power, we will deliver the food and medicine you need. We will tear down the apparatus of terror and we will help you to build a new Iraq that is prosperous and free. In a free Iraq, there will be no more wars of aggression against your neighbors, no more poison factories, no more executions of dissidents, no more torture chambers and rape rooms. The tyrant will

soon be gone. The day of your liberation is near.

It is too late for Saddam Hussein to remain in power. It is not too late for the Iraqi military to act with honor and protect your country by permitting the peaceful entry of coalition forces to eliminate weapons of mass destruction. Our forces will give Iraqi military units clear instructions on actions they can take to avoid being attacked and destroyed. I urge every member of the Iraqi military and intelligence services, if war comes, do not fight for a dying regime that is not worth your own life.

And all Iraqi military and civilian personnel should listen carefully to this warning. In any conflict, your fate will depend on your action. Do not destroy oil wells, a source of wealth that belongs to the Iraqi people. Do not obey any command to use weapons of mass destruction against anyone, including the Iraqi people. War crimes will be prosecuted. War criminals will be punished. And it will be no defense to say, "I was just following orders."

Should Saddam Hussein choose confrontation, the American people can know that every measure has been taken to avoid war, and every measure will be taken to win it. Americans understand the costs of conflict because we have paid them in the past. War has no certainty, except the certainty of sacrifice.

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Travel:
Marshall to get the start at Indiana State

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Josh Prickett, .343 and junior outfielder Jerome Hatler, .333 in the starting lineup with averages over .300.

Indiana State is an aggressive team on the base paths. The team has stolen 29 bases in 32 attempts while allowing 12 stolen bases in 17 attempts. Leading the larceny on the base paths is Miller, who has 10 steals in 11 tries.

Eastern will have the edge in the power department. The Sycamores have three home runs, and all three of them came from senior infielder/catcher John Purdom.

The Panthers have knocked out eight round-trippers led by senior catcher Bret Pignatiello, with four.

Schmitz will give the ball to junior right-hander Jared Marshall (1-0, 4.50) when the two teams meet Tuesday. In his only other start this year, Marshall earned a 5-4 win against Jacksonville.

"I've pitched against (Indiana State) quite a bit in the past," Marshall said. "We've got a good offensive ball club, and if we play

good defense, we should do well."

Eastern has struggled defensively so far, accumulating 24 errors. Seven of those errors have come from senior Aaron Shelbourne. Schmitz made a change in positions to help Shelbourne cut down on errors. Shelbourne was playing third base, but against Notre Dame, Schmitz moved Shelbourne to second base.

"(Shelbourne) is more comfortable up the middle," Schmitz said. "He played short last year so we're trying to put him in a position where he's more comfortable."

Junior Chris Uhle replaced Shelbourne at third base.

Marshall's solution to slowing down the Sycamores' running game is simple. Stay ahead in the count.

"We'll just try not to let the hot hitters beat us and try to get out ahead of everyone," Marshall said.

Indiana State is expected to start junior right-hander Matt Samuels (0-0, 6.23).

Schmitz is excited about the match up with Samuels.

"That's the kind of guy we need (to play)," Schmitz said. "He's got a good arm, doesn't have a whole lot of pitches and kind of comes right at you."

Tuesday's game will begin at 2 p.m., and Eastern's first home game of the season will start at 2 p.m. Wednesday.



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Junior shortstop Kyle Haines takes a swing during batting practice Monday at Coaches' Stadium.

Nation:
'We are acting because the risks of inaction would be far greater.'

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Yet, the only way to reduce the harm and duration of war is to apply the full force and might of our military, and we are prepared to do so. If Saddam Hussein attempts to cling to power, he will remain a deadly foe until the end. In desperation, he and terrorists groups might try to conduct terrorist operations against the American people and our friends. These attacks are not inevitable. They are, however, possible. And this very fact underscores the reason we cannot live under the

threat of blackmail. The terrorist threat to America and the world will be diminished the moment that Saddam Hussein is disarmed.

Our government is on heightened watch against these dangers. Just as we are preparing to ensure victory in Iraq, we are taking further actions to protect our homeland. In recent days, American authorities have expelled from the country certain individuals with ties to Iraqi intelligence services. Among other measures, I have directed additional security of our airports, and increased Coast Guard patrols of major seaports. The Department of Homeland Security is working closely with the nation's governors to increase armed security at critical facilities across America.

Should enemies strike our country, they would be attempting to shift our attention with panic and

weaken our morale with fear. In this, they would fail. No act of theirs can alter the course or shake the resolve of this country. We are a peaceful people — yet we're not a fragile people, and we will not be intimidated by thugs and killers. If our enemies dare to strike us, they and all who have aided them, will face fearful consequences.

We are now acting because the risks of inaction would be far greater. In one year, or five years, the power of Iraq to inflict harm on all free nations would be multiplied many times over. With these capabilities, Saddam Hussein and his terrorist allies could choose the moment of deadly conflict when they are strongest. We choose to meet that threat now, where it arises, before it can appear suddenly in our skies and cities.

The cause of peace requires all

free nations to recognize new and undeniable realities. In the 20th century, some chose to appease murderous dictators, whose threats were allowed to grow into genocide and global war. In this century, when evil men plot chemical, biological and nuclear terror, a policy of appeasement could bring destruction of a kind never before seen on this earth.

Terrorists and terror states do not reveal these threats with fair notice, in formal declarations — and responding to such enemies only after they have struck first is not self-defense, it is suicide. The security of the world requires disarming Saddam Hussein now.

As we enforce the just demands of the world, we will also honor the deepest commitments of our country. Unlike Saddam Hussein, we believe the Iraqi people are deserving and capable of human

liberty. And when the dictator has departed, they can set an example to all the Middle East of a vital and peaceful and self-governing nation.

The United States, with other countries, will work to advance liberty and peace in that region. Our goal will not be achieved overnight, but it can come over time. The power and appeal of human liberty is felt in every life and every land. And the greatest power of freedom is to overcome hatred and violence, and turn the creative gifts of men and women to the pursuits of peace.

That is the future we choose. Free nations have a duty to defend our people by uniting against the violent. And tonight, as we have done before, America and our allies accept that responsibility.

Good night, and may God continue to bless America.

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SOFTBALL

Eastern finds early success on mound

◆ *Solid pitching produces five wins for Panthers during break*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's softball team has rebounded from its dismal start out in New Mexico by winning five of its next 12 due to solid pitching from a veteran and a newcomer.

Senior Kristen Becker and freshman Ashley Condon have kept the Panthers (5-12) in the game with continual solid pitching efforts.

Condon is leading the Panthers this season in earned run average and Becker is looking to have four consecutive seasons with an ERA lower than 2.5 in her Panther career.

"I think we are getting solid defense behind us when we're on the mound," Condon said.

Becker received All-Tournament team honors while at Sanford after allowing only four runs on seven hits in 13 total innings, which included a complete game shutout against Alabama A&M.

"Every pitcher has gone seven innings in a game, which shows durability, and our defense was a question mark going into the season," Panther head coach Lloydene Searle said.

Of the 12 Panther losses, nine have been decided by two runs or less.

"That one pitch, one walk and one hit that we haven't been get-

"I think we are getting solid defense behind us when we're on the mound."

—Ashley Condon

ting could have swung those games the other way," Searle said.

Becker and Kristin Lovering received All-Tournament honors in the Western Kentucky Tournament which the Panthers finished at 3-1.

"I think we are playing well because we are facing competition at our level now," Condon said.

The Panthers play a pair of double-headers with Indiana State in their home opener and travel to compete with Western Illinois.

"I really see some W's down the road, but in our next upcoming games, we should be successful," Searle said.

Searle sees her offense being revolved around four outfielders that can all start on any given game.

"It really makes it difficult for the coaching staff to have to sit one of them and pick when to sub them in," Searle said.

Eastern is currently leaving too many runners on base to please Searle and the coaching staff.

"We are getting our lead-off on, but we can't bring them around," Searle said.

The Panthers will open up Williams Field in 2003 against the Sycamores 2 p.m. Thursday.



FILE PHOTO

Senior pitcher Kristen Becker is off to a good start this season for the Panthers. Becker was named to the All-Tournament teams at both the Western Kentucky Tournament and the Samford Invitational.

Turf:

McDuffie has high hopes of turf approval at BOT meeting

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One of the reasons the athletic department wants to install the artificial surface is to reduce maintenance costs.

One of the costs associated with grass is painting the field each week.

The new surface will have all the yardage lines and field logos permanently sewn into the surface.

McDuffie said the end zones will be gray, blue and white or white and blue. However, the new field might

not have a logo at midfield because it might increase the cost of the project.

McDuffie said when the athletic department asked for proposals, it also asked for alternate proposals for a midfield logo.

Williams:

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batting average this season.

So while the addition of Jacksonville State and Samford may help the conference gain a little more recognition for high quality teams, Eastern loses more ground in a sport that already creates a disadvantage for it.

Who really knows though? I'm not really a fortune teller. Maybe, the added competition can actually help the Panthers bring in better players for the future. Once again, I am not a fortune teller.

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THURSDAY	Softball vs. Indiana State (2)	2 p.m. Williams Field

OVERTIME



Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

OVC addition could cause headaches

Let's pretend I'm a fortune teller for a minute here. When I look into the future of Eastern sports, I can't help but be afraid of what I see.

Looking past the obvious reasons of having to replace quarterback Tony Romo on the football team and guard Henry Domercant on the men's basketball team, Eastern programs may struggle when the Ohio Valley Conference expands next year, well at least after last week the softball team will.

The Panthers dropped two games apiece to Samford and Jacksonville State over the past, both of which will be making their debut in the OVC next season.

If having to deal with snow-covered fields in the early season wasn't enough of a setback for the northern-most team in the OVC, they had to go and add two more skilled teams to the Panthers' schedule each season.

Jacksonville State (15-1) and Samford (14-6) have already won about the total amount of games that the Panthers will win during the entire season.

The Gamecocks have piled on their 15 wins because of their strong, experienced pitching staff. Eastern could only manage one run on six hits against the JSU hurlers as they fell 3-0 in the first game and 7-1 in game two.

This is where the bad news comes in.

While Eastern will be losing its top pitcher in Kristen Becker, the Gamecocks will return their top pitcher in junior Tera Ross.

Ross is on a tear this season with a 7-1 record and has only given up two runs on 51 innings of work. She has also fanned 42 batters and only walked one in her eight appearances. Now that is scary.

The Gamecocks No. 2 pitcher next season won't be much easier to hit off of. The Gamecocks have begun to mold sophomore Breanne Oleman to replace senior pitcher Veronica Davis after this season.

Oleman has earned an impressive 1.75 ERA this season in her two appearances, both being wins. Not only can she pitch, but she is the Gamecocks best power hitter with five home runs this season.

Part two of the Panthers' problems for next season is not quite as bad as what they get with Jacksonville State.

Though Eastern lost both games to Samford, they held leads in both. The Panthers dropped game one 5-3 and fell 3-2 in game two as Samford took first in their own invitational.

Samford also returns the core of their best players with two experienced pitchers and group of hitters that has a .330

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BASEBALL



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Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz gives sophomore pitcher Jason Pinnell a few pointers during practice Monday. The Panthers travel to Indiana State Tuesday to play a Sycamore team that has won its last six games.

Eastern travels to Indiana State

♦ *Head coach Jim Schmitz goes for win No. 399 against Sycamores*

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Eastern baseball head coach Jim Schmitz could reach 400 wins in the next two days.

Schmitz currently has 398 career wins. The Panthers (4-8) will face longtime rival Indiana State in Terre Haute, Ind., Tuesday and at Coaches' Stadium Wednesday.

Schmitz might have to wait for his 400th win, however. Indiana State (8-3) has won its last six

games. The Sycamores' streak started with a 10-8 win against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside March 8. That win was followed by a pair of wins (9-0, 7-3) against Kentucky, a team Eastern defeated 4-3 in 10 innings. The Sycamores' last three wins came against Eastern Kentucky. In the three-game series against Eastern Kentucky, the Sycamores outscored the Colonels 21-12.



Jim Schmitz

"They're 8-3 so they are off to a good start," Schmitz said. "So this will be a good test for us. We played well down south over break and are looking forward to playing close to home."

Eastern might be a little fatigued after playing seven games in seven days during spring break. The Panthers boast one win from their trip, and it took 12 innings to defeat Creighton 2-1.

The Panthers have not found their swing yet this season, batting .204 through 12 games.

"The big key for (our offense's slow start) is we didn't get to hit on the field down south," Schmitz said. "We've been in the cages for a while

and maybe we're working on bad swings, but we'll be fine. I like our bats and our lineup, and we'll be on a roll right here."

The Sycamores' offense is already on a roll. Indiana State is batting .318 through 11 games. They are led by senior infielder Chris Hall, who owns a .444 average.

In 45 at bats, Hall has 20, including six doubles and has driven in nine RBI while scoring 11 times.

The Sycamores have four other players (senior outfielder Kevin Eglie, .378; senior outfielder Michael Miller, .367; junior infielder

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TURF NEWS

Field turf to be brought up at BOT meeting

♦ *Athletic department has collected about \$600,000 to go toward renovation*

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Eastern's athletic and purchasing departments will open proposals Tuesday for replacing the grass at O'Brien Stadium with a synthetic playing surface.

Purchasing officer Kay McElwee said all the proposals Eastern has received before 2 p.m. Tuesday, the deadline to submit a proposal, will be opened and reviewed by the purchasing and athletic departments.

McElwee would not disclose how many proposals Eastern has received.

Director of athletics Rich McDuffie said no other proposals submitted after the deadline will be considered.

When the athletic department started considering replacing the grass field at O'Brien with an artificial surface in the fall, it estimated

the cost at approximately \$750,000. McDuffie said the actual cost should be lower than the estimate because they intentionally made a high estimate to accommodate unexpected expenses.

McDuffie also said the athletic department has all the funds it needs to pay for the renovation. After receiving the majority of the funds from private gifts in October, the athletic department has collected about \$600,000. McDuffie expects a state grant for using recycled materials in the project to cover the rest of the cost. Eastern received a similar grant when it installed the new track around the football field.

McDuffie said the private gifts have all been over \$100 a piece and Eastern has received three gift of \$50,000 or more, but McDuffie would not say who made the donations.

"We targeted (donations) mostly in October, but gifts have continued to come in," McDuffie said. "We've had a number of large gifts; it's not like we have beaucoup small gifts.

At least three gifts are in excess of \$50,000 or more."

The reason for the extensive fund raising is the project will be entirely funded by gifts. The use of student fees or university apportioned money is a major concern for both the athletic department and university administrators.

"Like we have always said, it will not use student funds," McDuffie said. "It will be a collaboration of gifts and state grants."

The renovation is on the agenda for Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting, which will be held via teleconference at 8 a.m. The athletic department submitted a proposal for this renovation to the B.O.T. at its last meeting in January. The proposal was denied because the athletic department did not have enough funding for the project at



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the time.

McDuffie expects the proposal to pass but knows it could be rejected again.

"I hope so," McDuffie said about the proposal being passed. "But it is not a guarantee."

If the proposal passes, it will need approval by the board of higher education before the athletic department can move forward with the renovation.

McDuffie hopes to install the new surface between June and August if the proposal passes.

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