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## 'Miracle'

Eastern picks up big win in overtime against Tennessee Martin.

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# Nearly \$2 million in purchases approved

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Board of Trustees Friday unanimously approved three purchases totaling more than \$1.9 million including two properties to be torn down for a parking lot.

The properties, located at 1616 Ninth St. and 1618 Ninth St., will be demolished and replaced with a student and staff parking lot.

The property owner, Bill Hay of Charleston, will pay half of the cost of the appraisal fee and demolition and removal costs. The total cost of the project will be \$336,325.

The purchase of a wet pipe fire protection sprinkler system also was unanimously

approved by the BOT. The system will be installed in six apartment-style buildings and the complex office building in University Court. The total cost of the installation is \$660,100, Purchasing Office Director Monty Bennett said.

Air conditioning units for Weller Hall and a Triad utility replacement also were approved.

The total cost of these projects is \$947,343, Bennett said.

The BOT also discussed the effects a new ethics law will have on state employees and



Lou Hencken

the new requirements they will have to meet.

Joseph Barron, legal counsel for Eastern, said one part of the law would require all state employees to record their activities every 15 minutes while they work. This will go into effect on March 4, Barron said.

In the next 30 days, Eastern and other colleges and agencies will have a chance to create a system of implementation.

"The next 30 days gives us time to employ a policy on how it will work," Barron said.

The BOT gave Eastern President Lou Hencken the power to begin such a policy.

"We will continue to work with other places so we have procedures that are somewhat consistent," Hencken said.

Several members expressed their con-

cern over the new rule and said they would contact their legislators about the law.

Board of Trustees Chair Nate Anderson said he actually loses money coming to BOT meetings and said he used vacation days or escrow days to attend.

"We have to do what we have to do," Anderson said.

The law, which is more than 100 pages long, was created last December. A provision in the law banned all registered lobbyists from serving on boards and commissions in Illinois. This provision forced two of Eastern's BOT members to resign.

"There are parts of this bill that will create more work and more bloat than necessary," Hencken said.



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## Getting tossed

Tony Duggins, lead singer and mandolin player for Chicago Irish-folk group The Tossers, introduces the song "Irish Whiskey" which he dedicated to his brother Aaron Saturday night at Friends & Co. The Tossers headlined the show.

## Kicking cancer on the track

♦ 'Relay For Life' contributes funding to Cancer research

By Jennifer Smith  
STAFF WRITER

Not many people can say they do not know someone with cancer. American Cancer Society statistics reveal more than one million people get cancer each year.

Eastern will host its first Relay For Life on April 16. Relay For Life is a 12-hour event sponsored by the American Cancer Society where teams of 10-15 people spend one night walking around a track to celebrate cancer survivors and support future cancer research.

According to the American Cancer Society, Dr. Gordy Klatt founded Relay For Life because he wanted to support cancer research. In May 1985 he walked 24 hours and raised \$27,000. Relay for Life is now one of the largest fundraising events in the United States.

Relays across the country raise over \$2,000 per event. All of the money raised by Relay For Life goes to the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life has been popular with all ages in numerous communities. In fact, Katy Worden, a junior elementary education major, said there are more Relays For Life across the United States than Wal-Marts.

Worden and Krissi Griffin, a freshman elementary education major, have worked together to bring Relay For Life to Eastern.

"We thought it would be an excellent way for the students here to take up the fight against cancer, and many have done it in their hometowns," Griffin said.

Griffin and Worden have been preparing for Eastern's first relay since September.

"The planning never seems to end," Worden said. "We currently have about 20 committee members that have been working since this past fall on such things as cancer education activities, entertainment, sponsorship, luminaria, team recruitment, and logistics."

Eastern's event will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 16 and end at 6 a.m. Saturday, April 17. The participants will be walking around Eastern's Panther Trail.

"We will kick off with a survivor lap, and this is where anyone who has survived cancer can walk and be honored," Griffin said.

Stacy Livengood, a sophomore elementary education major, is also a member of Relay For Life's committee and said she has personal reasons for working on Relay For Life.

"My father passed away from Leukemia when I was eight so I wanted to give back and find a cure," Livengood said.

Livengood has been working on Relay For Life's luminaria. Bags with candles are sold for \$5.00 in honor of a friend or relative that has survived cancer or has passed away. The bags will



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

♦ This profile of Board of Trustees Chair Nate Anderson is part of a monthlong look at Eastern's most distinguished black alumni

## 'Nate the great'

By Nicole Nicolas  
FEATURES REPORTER

In honor of African American Heritage month, take a look back at an accomplished Eastern alum Nate Anderson.

"I appreciate the (African American Heritage) month, I celebrate my heritage all the time," Anderson, a superintendent of East St. Louis School District and a chair of Eastern's Board of Trustees, said.

Coming out of poverty stricken East St. Louis, Anderson attended Eastern in 1969. He graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in recreation. In 1977, he earned a master's degree in secondary education from Missouri State University. He went on from there to earn his Ph.D in education



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE  
Nate Anderson talks with another board member at the Sept. 15 Board of Trustees Meeting.

administration from Illinois State University.

"It (Eastern) was a culture shock," Anderson said. "It was different from East St. Louis; we had a mixture of a different population."

Anderson said his greatest accomplishment is serving Eastern on the Board of Trustees. He has served on the board since 1996.

"Eastern has been good to me, and I want to give back to ensure all African Americans and all students are included," Anderson said.

He is currently working on a scholarship for students at Eastern, which will be named after him.

"Nate didn't take any shortcuts," Associate Athletic Director Dave Kidwell said. "He worked for everything he's got. It's nice to see someone succeed through the hard work."

Anderson also was politically active in the civil rights movement while at Eastern.

In October 1973 Diane Williams, a black Eastern student, won the popular vote for Homecoming Queen, but one-third of her votes were removed because she allegedly broke two election rules.

Anderson participated in the homecoming protest.

"We felt that an injustice had been done to us," he said. "We wanted to be treated equally."

In addition to what he has given back to Eastern, Anderson serves on the Board of Directors for the Quad Cities Scholars program. In 1992, he was awarded the President's Award in Education from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

During Anderson's time at Eastern, he was an All-American running back for Eastern's football team and was inducted into the Eastern Illinois Club Hall of Fame in 1986.

"He was a great athlete and was always very cooperative with the media," Kidwell said. "He was well spoken and thought by his teammates as Nate the Great."

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Comedian Leon Rogers sings his rendition of Creed's "With Arms Wide Open." He mocked wuss rockers Scott Stapp, Eddie Vedder and Darius Rucker by claiming they were long-lost brothers.



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## Watch out for nickels

◆ *Comedian Leon Rogers amuses with threats of physical violence and his quest for fame*

Courtney Jenkins  
STAFF WRITER

Leon Rogers' comical performance drew a large crowd Friday at the 7th Street Underground.

Rogers joked about everything from Michael Jackson to the television show "Change of Heart."

"I hate 'Change of Heart,'" Rogers said. "Whoever made that show needs to get punched in the face three times with a bag of nickels."

Rogers joked about Michael Jackson being accused of child molestation as well.

"I don't think Michael did it, but for \$25 million I will hold hands with him and walk all through Never Never Land," he said.

Rogers even talked about his quest for fame.

"I want to be successful so I can be on MTV's Rock and Jock football so I can tackle Nelly," he said.

Rogers is very close to being a household

name since appearing in the new movie "Barbershop 2" and Cedric the Entertainer's "Starting Lineup Part 2" DVD. He has opened for many popular comedians including Bernie Mac, Steve Harvey and Cedric the Entertainer.

The comedian poked fun at the death penalty as well.

"Lethal injection is a punk way to go out," he said. "They should make lethal injection fun by using a crazy straw."

Toward the end of the show, Rogers told the audience to visit his Web site.

"I want everyone to go to my Web site www.Leonrogers.com," he said. "Don't leave crazy messages because my momma checks the Web site."

"I thought he was funny and I liked how he used jokes that appealed to all races," Latesha Harris, a sophomore family consumer sciences major said.

"The best part was when he joked about the show 'Change of Heart,'" Kijuana Collins, a sophomore family consumer science said.

"I like coming to college because I can relate to them," Rogers said. "I would love to come back to Eastern. I like it here."

## Debating Darwin's theory

◆ *Forum on Darwinism, religion part of weeklong celebration of Charles Darwin*

By April McLaren  
STAFF WRITER

The controversial topic of how human life began will be discussed at an open forum Monday night as part of this week's Darwin Days.

Charles Darwin, who was born the same day as Abraham Lincoln 195 years ago, and whose theory of evolution has raised numerous questions since the 19th Century, will be discussed at the forum.

One of those questions is the focus of discussion today: Can a Darwinian be religious?

It is "an issue that interests people nationally," said Gary Fritz, professor of biological science, who is one of the organizers of the event.

He said this is the first time Eastern will have an open discussion between a panel and the public on this topic.

The panel will consist of six people with different religious backgrounds and beliefs on evolution. Fritz said it will be interesting to see "how they may mesh evolution with their religion."

The public audience will ask the panel questions, and each panelist will have five minutes to give his or her opinion.

"It's all for people to ask questions," Fritz said.

Fritz's father, Rev. Gary G. Fritz, a Methodist minister and former missionary in South America, will be one of the panelists.

"I believe in Darwin's theory and I don't see any contradictions," said one of the panelists, Dr. Gary Porton from the study of religion at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. "You can still be religious if you believe in Darwin."

Porton described Darwin as a Humanist

who looked at natural phenomenon.

He said Darwin believed in different ethics of nature and that things did change and develop into the natural world.

"He forced all of us to look at the possibility to change in nature, that things change and develop from each other in the natural world," Porton said.

Porton said he is interested in religion because it is one of the great motivators of human relations. He said religion is a way of looking at reality and the way humans look at the world.

Another panelist, Father Joe Ring from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston, also said a Darwinian can be religious.

He said the church does not put limits to the theory of evolution and teaches evolution as one approach to the universe.

He said God's creative power continues and does not oppose Darwin's theory.

"What he wrote in the 19th Century had a big impact as far as Creationism versus Evolution," he said. "He was certainly a scientist and a man ahead of his time"

Ring said this is the first time he has participated in an open debate on this topic.

He said everyone on the panel is well-educated on this topic so he does not anticipate the discussion to get too heated or political.

Ring has been a priest for the past 16 years. He said he had good priest role models growing up which motivated him in moving his life in that direction.

Other panelists involved in the forum include Dr. Sthaneshwar Timaline and Dr. Nargis Virani, both from the Asian and near-Eastern languages and literature department from Washington University in St. Louis and Dr. Tao Jiang from the department of philosophy at Southern Illinois University.

The open forum is presented by the Booth Library Speaker Series and will be at 7 p.m. in Roberson Auditorium, room 2030, in Lumpkin Hall.

## Eastern has lots of events packed into shortened week

Hello, Eastern! A couple of big events are coming up this week. Check out Darwin Days and many events pertaining to Black History Month. Remember that Friday is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday so we do not have school! Enjoy!

◆ University Board is showing the movie "Under the Tuscan Sun." The movie features Diane Lane, who quits her job as a lawyer and moves to Italy in search of a new life. Admission is free and show times are 5 and 8 p.m. tonight in Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

◆ Tonight at 6 p.m., Eastern's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of American or PRSSA are discussing fund raising, community service projects and PRSSA's 20th anniversary celebration plans. Students interested in public relations are welcome to check it out. The meeting will be in the Paris room in the Martin Luther

King Jr. University Union.

◆ Tonight Eastern's athletic department along with the Counseling Center, Health Service, Ronchetti Distributing Co. and more are holding a lecture. Carolyn Cornelison, Ph.D., will be giving the lecture: Courage to Care. The lecture will take a realistic look at college drinking, alcohol abuse, taking responsibility and helping those with alcohol problems. It starts at 8 p.m. in McAfee south gym.

◆ Tuesday, Women's Studies will show the movie "Mississippi Masala." The event is in conjunction with the Gender and Popcorn series and Black History month. The movie is about an Indian family expelled from Uganda when Idi Amin takes power. The family moves to Mississippi and as time passes, the daughter falls in love with a black man, and the respec-



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Brittany Robson  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

tive families have to come to terms with her relationship. The film starts at 6 p.m. in the lower level of Stevenson.

◆ In commemoration of Charles Darwin, the movie "Inherit the Wind" will be shown. The 1960 movie examines the "Scope's monkey trial." The movie will start at 7 p.m. in room 2080 of the Life Sciences building.

◆ Wednesday at 3 p.m. another movie in commemoration of Charles Darwin will be shown. "Evolution: What about God?" will be featured in room 2040 of the Life Sciences building.

◆ Kirk Black, Eastern alum, former producer of Ultima Online and current lead designer of Star Wars Galaxies will be here to talk about "careers in online gaming." The lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. in Roberson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall.

◆ On Wednesday, African American Studies is sponsoring a lecture: understanding black male/female relationships in the hip hop generation. The lecture will be given by Dr. Fred Hord, chair of black studies at Knox College. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon room.

◆ Also Wednesday, the Counseling Center Staff will present its first Life Skills Workshop of the Spring. The workshop will focus on time management and will be taught by Wendy Buesing. The workshop starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin

Luther King Jr. University Union.

◆ Thursday, African American Studies is showing the movie "Unchained Memories: Slave Narratives." This HBO documentary brings the selected words of these former slaves to life through the voices of Whoopi Goldberg, Don Cheadle, Angela Bassett, Samuel L. Jackson and Oprah Winfrey. The movie will start at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Auditorium.

◆ 104.3 The Party presents...Party On The Slopes. They are heading to Hidden Valley Resort just west of St. Louis, Feb. 20-22 on Bales Unlimited Bus. You can ski all you want with ski rental included, plus lift ticket, ski lesson and two nights' hotel accommodations. The only rule is that you must be 18 to go. The price for the package is \$180 per person. Call 348-9292 or 844-4488, the deadline to sign up is Feb. 13.

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# Council aims to help RSOs

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Leadership Council is working to help the planning and development of recognized student organizations and bring diversity throughout campus.



Lisa Flam

Lisa Flam, student vice president for student relations, started the council, which met for the first time Thursday.

The council will meet for the second time at 6 p.m. Thursday in a room to be determined in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Flam said the idea for the council came from students in organizations telling her they wish they could go somewhere to get help.

"The ultimate goal is to bring students together," Flam said. "We're all students and we're all here to benefit ourselves."

The council was created to bring representatives from different RSOs to each of the meetings, so organization members can talk to each other and compare strategies on getting more members and how to put together a worthwhile program, Flam said.

"I want to specifically help with the planning of the overall organization," she said.

The council is built to "increase communication among RSOs so as to increase awareness about their group and their projects," Flam said.

One of the goals of the council was to fund student organizations, but Flam said it wasn't at all the most important goal.

"If RSOs never get funded, the student leadership council could still function," Flam said. "It's not like that's the only reason the student leadership council was made."

Flam said she is recommending each RSO send a representative to the meeting every week because it will be very beneficial. In order for an RSO to get funded, a representative must attend 75 percent of the meetings.

Diversity is a large goal of the council, Flam said.

"I've always had a strong desire of spreading diversity around campus," Flam said. "That was one of the big things I wanted to do."

Flam said when she was elected to her current position, in Fall 2002, she didn't know where to begin her work.

"When I was first elected to my position, I really had no idea what was going on," Flam said.

The council will consist of Flam and four chairs of committees she created, she said.

"I didn't want all the planning and stuff to come just from my self," Flam said. "I want to find students with a high lever of commitment."



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## Mr. Plow

A salt truck drops salt and clears Illinois Route 16 in Mattoon, Saturday afternoon. Removing snow was a continual task over the past weekend.

# One convicted, one acquitted in LaBamba fight proceedings

By Michael Schroeder  
CITY REPORTER

The verdicts were issued Wednesday for two of the five people charged in the Sept. 26 fight outside La Bamba's Mexican Restaurant.

According to the State's Attorney's Office, Charles L. Spence, 33, who was accused of hitting a woman in the parking lot, was acquitted of an aggravated battery charge.

Jacques M. Spence, 24, who was alleged to have fought with an arresting officer, was convicted on one charge of aggravated battery.

Spence can be sentenced to a prison term of two-five years, or up to 2.5 years of probation.

If he had been convicted, Charles Spence faced up to 10 years in prison.

Neither Public Defender Lonnie Lutz, who represented both suspects, nor Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters, who prosecuted, were available for comment.

According to the State's Attorney's Office, the other three individuals charged from events connected to the fight, Lee E. Graham, 36, Seniece A. Graham, 28, and William A. Graham, 31, go to trial today.

Lee Graham is charged with aggravated battery, resisting arrest and resisting a peace officer. Seniece Graham is charged with aggravated battery to a police officer, and

William Graham is charged with threatening a police officer, as reported previously in *The Daily Eastern News*.

The fight, which took place a little after 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, reportedly began over a disagreement between two men over a woman.

The fight was witnessed by Derek Mack, senior speech communication major and employee at Mad Hatter's Tea, that night.

"It was just nasty," he said in an interview in September. "It was wild and crazy."

The trial for the three remaining suspects will be Monday morning at 7 a.m. at the Coles County Courthouse.

# Task force trying to organize parking

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association/Student Senate parking task force plans to discuss the parking situation being organized rather than having it expanded.

At last week's meeting, the task force discussed the possibility of paving over the so-called "tundra" south of the Tarble Arts Center to make it a parking lot to relieve some parking tension.

Adam Howell, chair of the task force and senate member, said that idea will not work because the people at Facilities Planning and Management may have other plans for the tundra.

"It's one of their long term master plans," Howell said.

The task force will discuss the amount of faculty spots as compared to the amount of students lots, when the faculty to student ratio is 1:18.

"Faculty parking is over-allocated in my opinion," Howell said.

Task force members showed concern that

because on-campus students don't have to travel as far, they leave their cars in the spots that could be filled by an off-campus student.

"We need to get more parking on campus for off-campus students," Howell said. "Almost half the students that go to this university live off campus."

The task force discussed that off-campus students have to find a spot or, in most cases, walk a much longer distance than on-campus students do.

"Off-campus students have to fight for the few spots that are left," Howell said. "Otherwise they can't park anywhere except back where they live."

Howell said the point of the task force is to file a report to give to the general parking committee suggesting the changes the task force comes up with.

"I would like to get the work done within a month or so," he said.

Multiple members from RHA and senate are on the task force because both organizations are large representations of the Student Body.

"We represent the same people that RHA

does," Howell said. "Senate already represents the whole of students and RHA represents on-campus students."

Enrollment has increased in the last two years, which has decreased the chances for a student to find a parking spot.

Howell said the idea of making a parking lot out of the tundra wouldn't work because more people would just use the lot and it would be crowded as soon as it's built.

RHA recently voted unanimously to suggest to keep the parking situation the same, but the task force is working hard to give a report as soon as possible, Howell said.

"This is just a general consensus between us and RHA," he said.

The task force plans to meet every week and have as much input as possible from senate members, RHA members and even outside students, Howell said.

The Residence Hall Association/Student Senate parking task force meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Time and place subject to change.

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### EDITORIAL

# Project X key to drug prevention

With the usage of "party drugs" including Ecstasy and Methamphetamine on the rise, Gov. Rod Blagojevich's Project X, launched in November, may be just the plan to stop the trend before it becomes an epidemic.

The project uses a three-prong approach encompassing enforcement, prevention and treatment.

Coles County, a center of the state's Methamphetamine lab problem, will be receiving its portion of Project X funding through the East-Central Illinois Drug Task Force.

"It is a trend that is on the rise and we want to deal with it," said Tom Green of the Illinois Department of Human Services last week.

"The goal of the project is to stop the trend before it comes an epidemic."

As Illinois State Police reported recovering 93 grams of Ecstasy in 1998, before the figure jumped to 3,278 grams in 2002. Police found 24 Meth labs in 1997, compared to 677 found in 2002.

Many Meth users are addicted after their first or second use, Steve Guess, master sergeant for the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force said in September.

By educating the public about Meth and Ecstasy, Project X could prevent potential users from even trying the drugs.

Labs manufacturing Meth need to be lessened because as the drug reaches more people, users increase and lab numbers continue to rise to meet their habits.

By toughening law enforcement, manufacturing should decrease and the drug will be reaching fewer people.

As those numbers decline, users and addicts receiving treatment will lessen the demand for Meth and Ecstasy all-around, hopefully further reducing the manufacturing and sales market.

Blagojevich targeted areas surrounding college towns, funding nine agencies near Eastern, the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University in both Edwardsville and Carbondale, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University and Illinois State University.

The college age group is susceptible to "party drugs," and by taking a stance to lessen the chances of these drugs reaching them, the manufacturing and sales cycle will likely decrease.

In turn, hopefully, the social effects these drugs have will decrease as well if Project X is effective.

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

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# Honesty always the best policy



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Throughout my education since the start of preschool, honesty was encouraged. Telling the truth and taking responsibility for ones own actions was always enforced.

While spending the weekend in St. Louis attending an ethics and credibility journalism seminar, I began evaluating my own values as both an aspiring journalist and as a person.

Sessions of the seminar were spent examining ethical decisions and diverse points of views, creating accuracy policies and discussing loyalties, principles, fairness and values. Hoaxes, little white lies, skillfully woven fabrications and the storytelling mania of embellishment were explored and doctored photographs were viewed. Unfair journalistic practices were the focus of all discussion.

All of these topics are relevant, not exclusively in journalism, but for everyone.

Often the ethical standards of the people the media presents, from leaders of our country to musical entertainers are analyzed, but how often do we look to ourselves?

Forgetting large scale imperfections such as government lies, and focusing on a smaller one, such as our individual daily problems, is a start to improving quality.

Even the simplicity of supporting statements and opinions with fact is important to be fair to others and yourself. Before disagreeing or making a statement all

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views should be explored with equal consideration. For example, some people continually complain about the president or other officials, but do not vote.

Also, the same behavior we are repulsed to read or see televised should be the same behavior we should be equally repulsed to demonstrate.

Although stumbling drunk down Lincoln Avenue after a crazy night at Stix and flashing a car may not appear equally as scandalous to the college community as Janet's Super Bowl strip show, both share similar irresponsibility and unacceptable behavior.

There comes a point in everyone's college career (or so I am told) where we question the path we are on: where has it taken us, are we headed in the right direction and how has the trip been thus far?

Personalities and regular behavioral patterns change throughout a college education, but it is the ethical choices and

examples demonstrated over its course that set up the next steps taken and mold the community created.

Like one professional journalist at the seminar suggested, ask yourself "What do I know, what do I need to know and what should I do?"

Because regardless of the family, friends or colleagues who may be easily fooled, at the end of the day there is only one person standing above the rest that cannot: yourself.

Calvin Coolidge's belief is "There is no dignity quite so impressive, and no independence quite so important, as living with your means."

So here I sit pen in hand at the crossroad between naive gull and sneering cynic.

Clearly, the world will never be entirely true nor entirely false, but it's the honest people who create the happy medium to balance things out.

A main reason I selected the field of journalism was its candor. The news is not something we should need to question whether or not it is true.

I stand by *The Daily Eastern News* motto of "Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

It is important to tell the truth, but to also live honestly.

As cliché as it may sound, there are no shortcuts to any place worth going and I am confident that eventually I will arrive to my desired destination, by taking the ethical route.

Cartoon by Becky Aurich



### YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Sports receive enough money

The Tarble Arts Center has laid dormant for almost a year now, our teachers remain underpaid, Eastern sponsored events are full of boring bottom tier music concerts and lowly attended shows and events. Yet they have the nerve to raise our tuition to further pay for sports?!!?

It's amusing other's have been quoted in *The Daily Eastern News* commenting on how "many" people will benefit from the tuition increase. The "many" being the less than 2 percent of all Eastern students who play sports for EIU? Or the "many" who go to watch the sports teams play? Give me a break.

Eastern athletic directors

want us to reward all the losing seasons we are witnessing with MORE money. They want the sports program to grow and become better. Well, if they wanted it to "grow," they wouldn't have proposed cutting sports teams now would they?

Thanks to Title IX we can't do that good idea. But what is true is that we need to get better, and money can't buy that. Eastern watched it's BEST men's basketball, baseball, football AND men's soccer player leave this past year, and even with them, EIU sports were sub-par at best. This year is no different, with most EIU teams having losing records. So what is this

extra money going to do? Has anyone seen the big-screen TV in the men's basketball locker room that is always bumping MTV and BET?

Maybe Jay-Z is the savior of our poor perimeter shooting. Or maybe not. The point is that adding money to a problematic program isn't the right answer, especially if it's taking money out of students' pockets or out of areas of the university and its programs that need important and critical

improvement. Better scouting, or for that matter, ANY scouting, as well as better coaching and playing is what we need. In the end, TVs and flashy uniforms don't put determination into players hearts or bring skill to Eastern. We students PAY enough to watch our major sports teams under-achieve. I just hope we don't have to pay any more actual money.

Mark Palahniuk,  
junior pre-med major

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# Theatre features 'evening of poetry'

By Blake Boldt  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend one of the great Romantic poets, William Butler Yeats, was featured at the Charleston Alley Theatre.

The theatre began its 14th season with a reading of Yeats' "Passionate as the Dawn, An Evening of Poetry."

The final production of this show in the theatre's series of dramatized readings will take place tonight at 8 p.m.

This script was developed for a production by David Radavich and Bailey Young, two Eastern professors, while Tonya Wood, a longtime member of the theatre, produced this performance.

Some of the selections for the performance included "When You Are Old," "Easter 1916" and his collection of "Crazy Jane" poems ranging from politics to love.

In this production, an older Yeats returns to his old residence and recalls his past friendships.

Throughout the performance, the many aspects of Yeats' personality seem to manifest.

These projections, ending with a recitation of many of Yeats' later poems, remember many of the events and people of his past.

The theatre has hosted numerous poetry performances in the past. Poets such as Walt Whitman, Gertrude Stein, Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning have been featured.

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— David Radavich,  
performance producer

performed on stage in various productions and poetry readings. "I liked the variety of Yeats' poems, ranging from the political to the philosophical."

Young, who also has a great deal of experience, has been involved in the Charleston Alley Theatre for the last six years.

"I have known (Yeats') poems for years," Young said.

He added that he was appreciative that everyone came together to demonstrate Yeats' work.

Yeats, who lived in Ireland until his death in 1939, was a Romantic poet who also was an admired playwright.

"Yeats has been quoted by people in politics and the arts," Young said.

He added that many of his expressions have become a part of the common language.

# Budget, education and elections will shape spring session

SPRINGFIELD, (AP) — Illinois lawmakers expect their spring session to be dominated by the governor's proposed education overhaul, the challenge of holding the budget together and the political maneuvering that always accompanies elections.

Legislators will be push other issues — reducing the cost of medical malpractice insurance, for instance, or giving drivers licenses to illegal immigrants — but the odds are against such measures reaching Gov. Rod Blagojevich's desk.

Blagojevich has so far asked lawmakers for essentially just one thing. His State of the State address was devoted to one topic: creating a Department of Education.

"The real focus is making sure we get a budget that is balanced and — let's be frank, this is an election year — the other issue is get-

ting members elected," said Sen. James Clayborne, D-Bellefonte.

Last year, lawmakers passed major ethics legislation, an overhaul of the death penalty system, higher minimum wages and a budget that attempted to erase a \$5 billion deficit through spending cuts, higher taxes and fees and a variety of one-time revenue increases.

This year, the only issue comparable to the death penalty or government ethics is Blagojevich's education proposal.

He wants to strip the semi-independent State Board of Education of all its duties and create a new Department of Education answerable to him. He also proposes a series of measures, such as centralized purchasing of supplies, that he says would save schools hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

Skeptics say Blagojevich is

wrong to target the State Board of Education as the chief problem facing Illinois schools. They want to discuss other education problems, too.

"Put it all on the table and let's really have a vigorous debate about what we need to be doing," said Sen. Peter Roskam, R-Wheaton. "This system needs fillings and all the governor wants to do is floss."

But no one denies Blagojevich has made education a priority for this session.

Any education debate involves money — how much goes into the classroom, which part of the state gets the most, how much of it comes from local taxes. The budget deficit, which is expected to be about \$2 billion, means Blagojevich and lawmakers will have a hard time finding new money for schools or for anything else.

# Future of MidAmerica Airport cloudy

MASCOUTAH (AP) — The bankruptcy of Great Plains Airlines has once again placed a shadow on the future of passenger service at MidAmerica Airport.

MidAmerica, which opened in 1997 some 20 miles east of St. Louis, stood virtually empty for two years until Great Plains moved with great fanfare last year. Now, with the carrier filing for bankruptcy and suspending all flights, scheduled passenger service at MidAmerica is extinct again.

A leasing company is now demanding the return of three

aircraft from Great Plains — a move MidAmerica Director Tim Cantwell said would devastate the airline.

Wings Aircraft Finance, and its servicer Debis Air Finance USA Inc., contend Great Plains owes \$384,691 in lease payments, interest and maintenance for two of three Fairchild Dornier 328 prop-jets, according to court documents. The records say the third plane is being held by a repair shop for an unpaid repair bill.

Wings and Debis Air Finance want a federal bankruptcy judge to force the return of the aircraft, according to a motion filed Friday

in Tulsa, Okla. They are asking for a hearing Feb. 17.

"If this hearing goes through, and the bankruptcy judge says, yes, he'll give the airplanes back, then I think Great Plains ceases to exist," Cantwell said.

Great Plains offered service to Dulles International in Washington D.C. and Chicago Midway Airport. Capacity on the flights averaged 75 percent and 65 percent respectively, St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic said.

"I think that proves that there's a market in the St. Louis region for MidAmerica Airport," he said.

## Kicking: Committee hoping to raise \$25,000 from relay

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go around the track and may be decorated by the person honoring their loved one. Bags will be sold in the dorms, Livengood said. Honor donations are good for supporters that are unable to walk.

Teams will need to have one member of their team walking during the 12 hours.

"There will be many activities throughout the night to keep all participants awake and moving," said Worden.

There are currently 13 teams registered, and the committee is hoping to raise \$25,000. The registration fee to enter a team is \$50.00.

The committee has high expectations, but they also realize that this year is just a starting point for Eastern.

"With this being our first year we are

happy with anything," Griffin said. "It's such a good cause, anything we can do to help is awesome."

Kelly O'Malley, a freshman at Eastern, recently survived osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. O'Malley said her experience gave her a unique perspective on life.

"I learned the value of life at the age of 18 when everyone else I knew was partying and doing school work," O'Malley said.

O'Malley said she supports Relay For Life because her experience has taught her the value of cancer research. While the

cause of osteosarcoma is unknown, it may someday be identified through research. O'Malley stresses that cancer research is important for anyone with cancer.

"There is so much cancer in the world that it is impossible to not be affected by it in some way," O'Malley said.

On April 16, she will walk Relay For Life's first lap dedicated to survivors of cancer.

For more information on Relay For Life, contact Worden at 581-6722 or e-mail her at cukuw3@eiu.edu.

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Todd Foster, of the Charleston Fire Department, observes other fire fighters preparing for the drills to commence. Foster was scheduled to participate in the drill, but because of odd numbers in people, he observed the drill.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY MATT MEINHEIT

Neil Elder, from Sullivan Fire Department, directs other fire fighters in the decontamination area Friday morning in the old Health Services building. Elder said it took about half an hour to set up the area.

# Firefighters get hazardous materials training

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The scenario was set: Two scientists were working with chemicals when one passed out. The chemicals and the reason for the scientist passing out are unknown.

It was the job of 24 firefighters from five local stations to respond to a mock chemical spill Friday in the old Health Services Building as part of a final test to become certified to handle hazardous materials.

Charleston Fire Department Captain Dan Ensign said the practice exercise was the final stage in over 80 hours of hazardous material training the men had to go through.

"In a roundabout way, this is homeland security training," Ensign said.

Firefighters from Charleston, Mattoon, Sullivan, Paris and Lincoln were dressed in hazardous material suits and equipped with special tools needed to secure the area and assist the downed, imaginary scientist.

An extra challenge was added to the scenario when Sullivan Firefighter Larry

Edwards was told by one of the instructors he had a broken leg. The men now had to get Edwards to safety as well as the original victim.

"(The instructor) said 'you just snapped your leg, go down' and they replaced me with a dummy," Edwards said.

The remaining firefighters took the dummy representing Edwards downstairs to a decontamination center. The dummy was hoisted on a ladder stretching across two plastic pools.

The men began to cut off its plastic suit and went through the motions of rinsing it off with water.

"That's just a typical scenario," Edwards said. "Basically, we wait for a command to tell us to go in."

After the training exercise, the men go through a debriefing where they are told what signs of contamination to look for if they have come in contact with any harmful materials and to report any rashes or illnesses as soon as possible.

Then the men had to take a written test

after the training was complete. If they passed the test, they would become certified technicians in Illinois, and be able to handle hazardous material situations, said Joel Neal, hazardous material instructor with the Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign.

"This is the culmination of three weeks and all their education up to this point," Neal said. "I've told them this is just the beginning of their education."

The men were not timed during the exercise and had to carry an additional 40 pounds with the chemical suits. Special tools are issued to personnel working with hazardous material.

A personal alert system beeps if a firefighter remains still for a period of time.

"It lets you know you have a downed person," Neal said.

Ph paper also is issued to rescuers and tells them if they are in an environment with dangerous chemicals.

"It's regular lab Ph paper and they use it to ID if they have a corrosive environment or

not," Neal said. "It's a direct reading device. If you get into an acid or base, it's going to hit."

Neal was impressed with the way the men handled the mock situation.

"They should be able to run this show by themselves and they did," he said. "They did a fantastic job."

"They were on target and they met all the objectives the Fire Service Institute established for this incident."

This final exercise will add more certified technicians to the Charleston Fire Department, Ensign said.

"This year we're finishing off the department," he said. "The whole Charleston Fire Department will be trained in hazardous materials and surrounding towns and volunteer fire departments."

Several University Police Department members and ambulance drivers also took the class.

"I think it went very well," University Police Department officer Mike Elam said. "Through the training, we were well prepared for what we had to deal with."

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# Opponents of gay marriage rally in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Boisterous opponents of same-sex marriage sang, cheered and chanted Sunday at a rally to build support for a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

The demonstration on the Boston Common, a short distance from the Massachusetts Statehouse, broke out into chants of "Let the people vote!" while demonstrators held aloft banners with phrases such as "Marriage, ancient, sacred," and "Repent or perish." Police estimated the crowd at 2,000 people.

Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston said the rally was not about "hatemongering," as some critics have charged.

"We are here because we are concerned about marriage and about family," he told the cheering crowd. "Good strong marriage and family are good for our country, for society."

Massachusetts' highest court, the Supreme Judicial Court, ruled 4-3 in November that same-sex couples had a right under the state constitution to the benefits of marriage. This past week it ruled by the same ratio that only marriage — not civil union — would satisfy its initial decision.

# Police: Shots fired at two more vehicles near Columbus, Ohio

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A van and a Mercedes were shot minutes apart Sunday on an interstate in a region where a series of 21 sniper shootings have occurred, investigators said.

The gunfire seems consistent with the sniper shootings along Interstate 270 south of Columbus, based on initial evidence, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin. He stopped short of linking the two shootings to the serial gunfire.

No injuries were reported in Sunday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. on Interstate 71 near Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus, said Jerri Redfern, a dispatcher with the State Highway Patrol.

One person has died in the serial shootings, which have targeted vehicles, schools and homes since May.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

# Police find child-porn ring in Mt. Vernon

MOUNT VERNON (AP) — Not long after a 13-year-old runaway told police she had posed for pornography at a ramshackle two-flat here, police knocked on its rickety door.

What they found inside stopped them cold.

Computers and CDs in the shabby apartment, they say, held an enormous collection of homemade child pornography. That led them to a child-porn ring they say involved a staff member of a private boarding school, a middle-school basketball coach and at least four others.

Six men have been charged so far, accused of appearing in the porn seized,

possessing it or shooting it, and police, who are still sorting through the CD images and videos, say more arrests are likely.

Rather than targeting children at the schools where two of them worked, the suspects invited troubled teenagers from across largely rural and poor far southern Illinois to parties, enticed them into sex and filmed it, said Mount Vernon Police Chief Chris Mendenall. In most cases, the teens appeared to be hooked on drugs or at odds with their families, Mendenall said.

It's not yet clear how many minors were involved. The youngest victim appears to be around 13, Mendenall said.

They'd gather a few at a time or have orgies that several adults and kids would attend, Mendenall said. They met at the Mount Vernon apartment of 41-year-old restaurant worker Anthony Banks and 40 miles down the interstate, at the rundown house of David Cameron, who maintained the computers for Brehm Preparatory School in Carbondale, the chief said.

The teens were pictured having sex with Banks, Cameron and other men, who often peeled money from their pockets at the conclusion, Mendenall said.

Then the adults sold the material on the Internet, he said.

# Prosecutors investigating December price hike on AIDS medicine

CHICAGO (AP) — Investigators in Illinois and New York are trying to determine if Abbott Laboratories broke the law when it increased the cost of a commonly used AIDS medicine.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office says it is investigating whether the North Chicago-based drug maker engaged in deceptive or unfair pricing practices when it raised the cost of Norvir, a treatment for the HIV virus, the Chicago Tribune reported in Sunday's editions.

Abbott increased the wholesale price of Norvir in December to \$8.57 a day, or \$257.10 a month, from \$1.75 a day, or \$52.50 for a 30-day supply, according to company records.

"Norvir is not like a hay fever medication that people take to lessen symptoms to be more comfortable," Madigan told the newspaper. "It is a drug they take to survive. This investigation is aimed at determining the real reason for the price increase and whether it violates Illinois law."

In New York, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is trying to determine if the company violated antitrust law, Abbott confirmed. A spokesman for Spitzer's office

would neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation.

# Billboards across state honor Paul Simon

Simon is getting a bow-tie tribute across Illinois.

He's the subject of several dozen billboards put up across the state by the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, the trade group for the people who own most of the country's billboards.

The billboards read "Paul Simon: Public Servant" and show the date of his birth, the date of his death and a giant version of one of his signature bow ties.

Simon died in December at the age of 75 from complications of heart surgery at a Springfield hospital.

He entered the public arena in 1948, when he bought a weekly newspaper and began crusading against crime and corruption. Six years later, he entered politics and was elected to the Illinois House. By the time he retired, in 1997, he had been a state senator, lieutenant governor, congressman, U.S. senator and presidential candidate.

After leaving the Senate, Simon remained active in public affairs, founding the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University and writing books.

Ken Klein, the head of the billboard group, says it has sponsored similar tributes in the past, including last year for the crew of the space shuttle Columbia. He said the group decided to honor Simon because of his place in American political history.

"He had a big heart," Klein said.

The signs are located in Chicago, Peoria, Champaign, Kankakee, Decatur and Springfield.

# Gov. Blagojevich sends letter to Rumsfeld on behalf of fighter pilot

CHICAGO (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich sent a letter Sunday to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, urging him to ensure the fair treatment of an Illinois fighter pilot charged in a friendly fire bombing in Afghanistan.

Maj. Harry Schmidt, of Sherman, faces a court-martial on a charge of dereliction of duty after four Canadians were killed when he dropped a 500-pound bomb near Kandahar in April 2002. Schmidt has said he thought the Canadians' live-training exercise was hostile fire aimed at him and another fighter pilot from the Illinois Air National Guard's 183rd Fighter Wing, based in Springfield.

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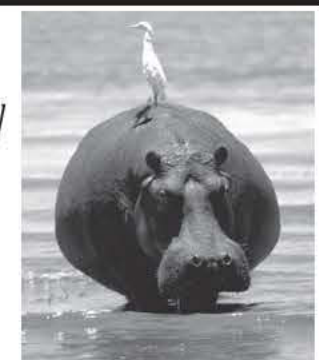
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Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

# Wrestling: Eastern fell to state rival, Northern Illinois, this weekend

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Northern's Adam Hiatt took down Eastern's Bob Fanegrow early and left him back up only to take him down again. Hiatt took Fanegrow down five times and put him on his back once on the way to a 13-5 major decision.

Freshman Adam Beeler, filling in for the injured Chris Jordan, wrestled at 149-pounds against no. 16 ranked Josh Wooten. Beeler didn't step down to the Husky sophomore but couldn't stop from being taken down six times. Trailing 11-3 in the third, Beeler attempted a come back when he reversed Wooten and nearly put him on his back but couldn't pull through in a 13-5 defeat.

Trailing 17-0 and its hopes of breaking a four match losing streak fading, Eastern sent senior Clay French to the mat at 157-pounds. French (19-15) started strong taking down Northern freshman Joe Henning (9-13) in the first to take a 2-0 lead. French was reversed though and entered the second tied 2-2. Henning was on the bottom and scored an escape to go up 3-2 and held on to the lead to put

Northern up 20-0.

With the match nearly out of reach, senior Matt Veech (24-4) made his return to the line-up. Veech took down Northern's Alex Nelson three times on the way to 7-4 win, giving Eastern their first points of the day.

At 174-pounds, redshirt freshman Kenny Robertson took the mat against an old friend, Northern's Danny Burk. Robertson and Burk wrestled together as kids in Metamora and this was their second meeting at the collegiate level, with Robertson winning the first. Robertson fought off a barrage of Burk take downs and scored the only points of the match in the second when he chose down to start and escaped. Robertson's 1-0 win put the score at 20-6.

With the match all but over, Eastern gave up a forfeit to Northern at 184-pounds to go down 26-6.

Senior Jim Kassner (19-12) won a thrilling match at 197-pounds against Northern's Greg Reardon. Falling behind early, Kassner fought his way back and scored a takedown in the closing seconds to tie the score at six and send it to overtime. The Huskies Reardon got the first shot in overtime, but Kassner sprawled out and managed to spin behind him for two points and the win.

At heavyweight, Eastern's Pete Ziminski continued his dominance, this time defeating Joe Sapp in a 11-2 major decision putting the final score at 26-13.

"These are the hard ones because we were right there again," McCausland said. "We need to figure out how to turn the corner and pull a win out."

# Reaching: Game characterized as Panther's most offensive effort of the year

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Mackinson too was more active on the offensive end as he more than doubled his season average in points. He finished the game with 18 points along with nine rebounds and one block.

After falling behind by five at the end of the first half, Eastern came out rededicated to the team's defensive effort. This paid off as the Panthers held Tennessee Martin to only 26 points in the second half, after giving up 41 in the first 20 minutes.

The Panthers also were encouraged by more of an on-court leadership presence by Mackinson. As the only senior who was dressed for the game against the Skyhawks, Mackinson seemed to be more vocal on the court with the younger players.

He did this in the final minutes of regulation and in overtime, just so that the team wouldn't lose the focus it needed to finish off Tennessee-Martin.

"On the floor I recognize I'm the only senior, so I wanted to make sure the younger guys didn't lose their focus out there tonight," Mackinson said. "I told the guys they could celebrate after the game; especially during overtime, I didn't want them to lose focus. The game isn't over then."

Regulation ended with a last second shot

*"This is a huge weight off all of our shoulders."*

—Jesse Mackinson, senior center

hoisted up by Emanuel Diddy, after Seahawk forward Will Lewis tipped in an offensive rebound to tie the game at 67.

The Seahawks followed the game tying bucket by scoring first in overtime which usually marks the winner of an overtime game.

After the Seahawks' first bucket, the Panthers were able to control the majority of overtime outscoring the Seahawks 16-10.

The five minute extra period was especially controlled by the Panthers because of their work on the free throw line.

Eastern went seven of eight from the line, and Mackinson didn't miss a shot from the charity stripe even, smiling as he went to the free throw line one time. His four free throws were also the first points of overtime for the Panthers, which gave a boost to the team.

Gomes then took over from there. He was good for four points in overtime and also adding two assists. This meant that Gomes was partly responsible for eight of the Panthers' 16 points in the extra period.

After the game, Mackinson also realized that the momentum of this victory shouldn't end here for his club.

"This is a huge weight off of all of our shoulders," Mackinson said. "The young guys needed and this is something we can use to upset a few more teams as we finish off the season."

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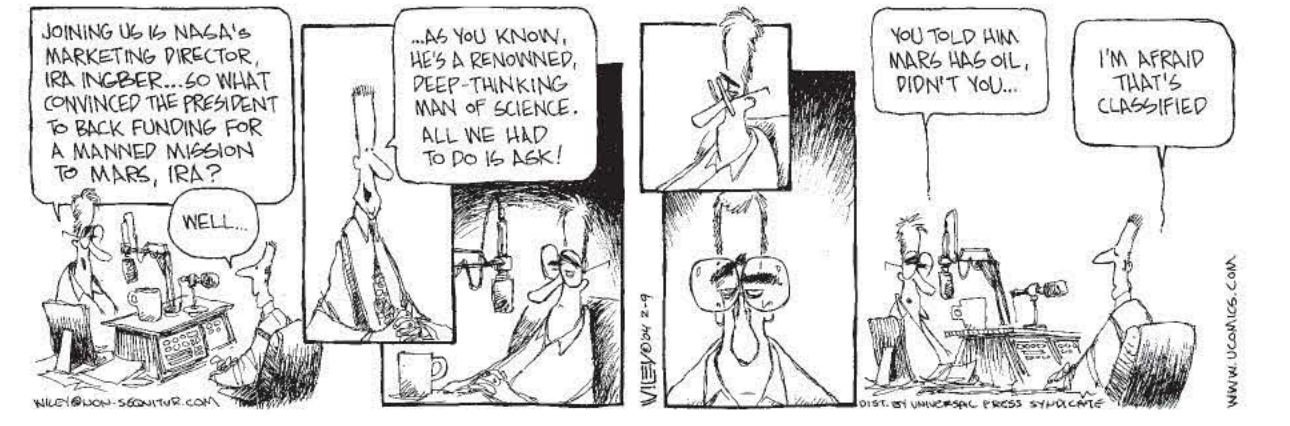
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# Finally over the hill

◆ *Josh Gomes scored 40 total points against Tennessee-Martin Saturday*

By John Hohenadel  
SPORTS REPORTER

As he looked at the final statistics, Josh Gomes shook his head in disbelief.

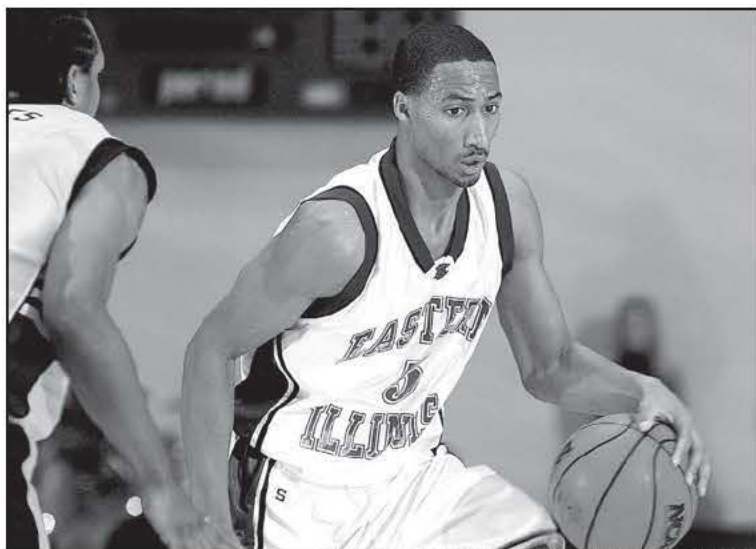
"I don't remember taking 23 shots or getting to the free throw line nine times," Gomes said. "I didn't have a clue. I couldn't even tell."

What Gomes didn't believe was how many points he scored in Saturday's game against Tennessee-Martin.

Gomes had 23 points in the first half. When the final buzzer sounded, Gomes was proud to say he contributed 40 points in a winning effort.

"I haven't been playing well the past four or five games," Gomes said. "I was just thinking yesterday that I needed a game like this."

Gomes went 15-23 from the field



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Sophomore guard Josh Gomes had a career high 40 points in Saturday night's 83-79 win over Tennessee-Martin.

and went eight of nine from the free throw line. His hot shooting is something head coach Rick Samuels has expected from Gomes for quite some time. Samuels said he hopes Gomes can

continue to perform the way he did Saturday night.

"Being the go-to-guy wears on him mentally and physically," Samuels said. "Hopefully he can continue to have that kind of ener-

gy throughout the season.

"We have to keep Gomes' bio rhythms up," Samuels said. "They were as high as they've ever been since he's been a Panther."

Gomes prepared extra hard for Saturday's game and his performance showed just how hard he worked.

"I took so many shots before the game," Gomes said. "I shot around before pregame warm ups at the rec center during the girls game."

Gomes said it was a great feeling to have all those extra shots and all the extra work pay off for him.

The sophomore from Indianapolis, Ind. gave former Panther star, Henry Domercant some credit for his outstanding performance. He said Domercant used to shoot a lot before games and Gomes adopted Domercant's pregame routine, which helped him excel Saturday night.

"I learned a lot from Henry," Gomes said.

The game was tied with eight seconds left and Gomes missed a premature, potential game-winning shot. Samuels said he wanted

Gomes to take the shot as time expired, instead, the Skyhawks got the ball with a chance to win the game. The miscue was excused when the Panthers stole the ball and sent the game into overtime.

In the overtime period, Gomes showed his missed shot at the end of regulation didn't rattle him. He got the ball off the tip, drove the lane with authority and took the first shot.

"When you got a guy playing like that, you're going to go to him," senior center Jesse Mackinson said.

Samuels said Gomes moved as well as he has all season without the ball to get himself good looks at the basket and his teammates found him with some good passes.

"When he moves like that, he's really hard to guard," Samuels said.

After the best game of his college career Gomes said he is confident he can have more games like it in the future.

"I just have to clear my mind and things will go well for me," Gomes said. "It felt good to finally play a game like that."

TRACK

## Eastern spends time with big boys

◆ *Track competed in Indiana this weekend against 16 teams*

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

In a field filled with athletes from major universities and former collegiate all-stars, members of the Eastern men's and women's track team turned in impressive performances in Indiana over the weekend.

The Panthers traveled to Bloomington, Ind., to compete with runners from 16 teams along with representatives from track clubs in the non-scoring event. Eastern could enter only two performers in each event so only a select number of Panthers made the trip.

One Panther who made the trip to the Hoosier State was sophomore distance runner Jacob Stout.

the rest of the 11-man field wishes he had stayed in Charleston.

Stout finished the mile on top with a time of 4:18.93 which was ahead of second-place finisher Nick Kruse (4:21.29) from Indiana and teammate Brad Runnion (4:23.67). Stout's time in the mile was his fastest of the year surpassing his previous best of 4:19.75 set at the EIU Mega Meet last month.

"He did an outstanding to win an event against that type of competition," Panthers men's track and field coach Tom Akers said. "He ran really well."

The underclassmen continued to impress over the weekend as freshman Jimmy Schultz qualified for the finals of the shot put with a throw of 51 feet three inches. Schultz's toss placed him eight out of 25 competitors in the prelims. In the finals, Schultz struggled with a throw of just under 50 feet, well behind Dan Taylor from The Ohio State University winning toss

of 62 feet, but even in defeat the freshman impressed Akers.

"Jimmy Schultz was one of the freshmen who really performed well," Akers said. "He set a new personal record on Friday throwing over 51 feet. He was a little flat in the finals but still had a good weekend."

Coming off a record setting performance in which she broke the 60-meter dash at the EIU Quadrangular on Jan. 31, Eastern speedster Alicia Harris suffered little letdown at Indiana. The Wheaton North graduate entered both the 200 and 400-meter dash advancing to the finals in each event. Harris finished fifth in the finals of the 200-meter and fourth in the 400-meter dash.

"She got into a crowded race (400-meter dash) but still had an outstanding run," Akers said.

The Panthers will next be in action on Feb. 20, as they host the Friday Night Special at the Lantz Fieldhouse.

Stevens:

## Minority hiring improving in sports world

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Davis still hears the terrible argument of he's no Bob Knight. I got news for IU fans, you're right; he will never be like Knight and God bless him for it.

The University of Notre Dame had never had a black coach in anything and when they fired head football coach Bob Davie, they weren't looking to start a trend. The Irish hired an Irishman named George O'Leary to lead the program but found he couldn't even be truthful on his resume. Notre Dame wasn't looking for Tyrone Willingham but he found them. Willingham has an honest, no nonsense style of coaching and after a poor season last year, he may be on the hot seat. The fact of the matter is for many reasons, Willingham was the right man for the job none of which has to do with the color of his skin.

The 2004 SEC football season will be interesting in a good way because a black man will be running out of the tunnel as a coach.

Sylvester Croom was named the head coach of Mississippi State, and congratulations to the athletic department for proving the rumor of Mississippi still being the most racist state in the union to be incorrect. Croom understands he has an under-achieving team in a killer conference but just accepting the challenge will allow for others to prosper.

There should be more opportunities for minorities, but it's improving. Don't believe me? Well, if it can work in these parts of the country, it can work anywhere. It's about finding the right guy at the right time, and it seems more and more that now is the right time.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Senior guard Lauren Dailey scored eight points in 27 minutes as the Panthers lost 70-57 Saturday to Tennessee-Martin.

# Panthers on the conference brink after loss

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern could have set up its schedule better with two games at home against beatable teams.

A 70-57 loss Saturday to Tennessee-Martin means the Panthers are on life support with their attempt to make the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament field.

"What's really disappointing is that we had a home court advantage and we had two teams take it to us," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said.

Tennessee-Martin seemed to

have control over a game in which the Panthers led at half-time but never seemed to find consistency.

"We let them do this to us and it shows the fight and character we are lacking as a team," Wunder said.

The Skyhawks looked over-matched early as Eastern raced to a 7-0 lead but then gave up a 14-5 run to Tennessee-Martin which seemed to start this back and forth tempo.

The key for the Panthers was their inability to take care of the basketball which led to 32 Skyhawk points off 27 Eastern

turnovers.

"We did a poor job taking care of the ball and if we could've done that, we don't sit here talking about a 13-point loss," Wunder said.

The Skyhawks came out with a different starting lineup which looked to confuse the Panthers early in the game.

"He plays about 10 kids so we figured he may go with a different lineup," Wunder said. "It may have been a factor but not a big one."

The Panthers were led by sophomore guard Megan Sparks' 14 points off the bench shooting five

of 10 in 26 minutes.

Another solid bench performance came from center Janelle Cazy who pulled down six rebounds and four points in only 15 minutes of action.

Eastern came out of the locker room with a one-point lead at 32-31, but it quickly went away as the Panthers turned the ball over in its first four possessions.

"Those first possessions were the key of the game because if there's a team that will make you pay for it," Wunder said. "They were certainly the better team."

Even though the Skyhawks didn't shoot over 40 percent, Wunder

said they managed the game better and out-rebounded the Panthers Saturday.

"They outplayed us on the boards with 18 second chance points because both our forwards got two fouls very early," Wunder said.

With consecutive losses at home, the Panthers will try to find its winning ways on the road and backdoor its way into the OVC Tournament.

"We've made our job a lot tougher, but we have played better on the road than at home so there's some hope there," Wunder said.

TENNIS

# Men's, women's tennis score pair of wins away from home

By Kurtis Allen  
STAFF WRITER

After a disappointing start, the Eastern men and women rebounded this weekend to get a pair of wins on the road.

Eastern defeated IUPUI-Fort Wayne and Cleveland State in impressive fashion to make the men's record 4-2 and 2-2 for the women.

The men's and women's teams swept Cleveland State, winning all the singles matches and cap-

turing the double point as well.

"It's a real pleasure to coach this team right now," Eastern head coach Brian Holzgrafe said. "If I could describe our performance in one word, I would say solid. Everyone was just solid."

None of the men's or women's teams lost more than three games against IUPUI-FW, and all the players won their matches in straight sets. For the women, Becky Brunner defeated Jill Carie 6-0, 6-0 in straight sets. Sarah Freeman beat Beth Miller

6-2, 6-2 and Amber Lenfert defeated Lisa Bartelheim 6-3, 6-2.

Eastern's 16-year-old sensation Madina Mambetova defeated Jessica Vervynckt 6-0, 6-1, Constanza Comacho beat Jennifer Pape 6-2, 6-1, and Jill Wirtz defeated Jackie Eakright 6-0, 6-0.

For the men, CJ Weber remained undefeated this season, defeating Michael Parker 6-3, 6-2.

"CJ Weber is looking at a national ranking soon," Holzgrafe said.

Brandon Blakenbaker rolled through Carlos Gonzalez 6-2, 6-1, Charles LeVaque defeated Ian Leonhardt 6-1, 6-0 and Ryan Blakenbaker defeated Jessy Nikho 6-2, 6-2.

"I am real proud of the freshmen's performance this weekend," Holzgrafe said. "Ryan Blakenbaker, Brandon Lenfert, Charles LeVaque, they just played great tennis. I've known the IUPUI-FW head coach for awhile now, and he was looking forward to a competitive match,

but that just didn't happen. We beat them pretty bad."

Holzgrafe also gave praise to Colin Priestner, stating, "He played five singles matches and just came through. He has really picked it up for us."

Both men's and women's teams definitely have momentum to carry with them into their next matches. The men head to Indiana State this Friday night, and the women will head to action in Indianapolis, Ind. to take on IUPUI on Feb. 21.



**THROWING HEAT**  
Matt Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

## It's the start of something wonderful

Don't tell me that in my lifetime, African Americans aren't making a progression into athletics; because, it's happening during my lifetime more than I could've imagined.

Granted, it's a slow progression, but it's a positive progression nonetheless.

The Klu Klux Klan was started in the center of Indiana and Kentucky and is a group still existing today, which is a sad sight for America as a whole. To be honest, my high school in Wisconsin had a racial slur for a nickname and yes, I played for the Oconomowoc Coons. Our cheerleaders chanted, "go Coons go during a football game." What a world, huh?

However, the fact the Klan was started in a place that is so racially diverse when it comes to big-time athletics is what is so amazing about the how the world is changing.

If you'd have told me when I was a little boy that the University of Kentucky, Indiana University, the University of Notre Dame and the Southeastern Conference would've had had African Americans lead their prominent programs at the same time, I would've said you were obviously living in a dream world.

Kentucky's men's basketball program, formerly led by Adolph Rupp, one of the biggest racial bigots in college basketball, hired Tubby Smith to be its head coach. To put this in perspective, Smith walks into a building named Rupp Arena. His first season amid the "Hang Tubby" signs, wealthy alumni with some racists tendencies and by the way, it didn't help that he took over for Rick Pitino, Smith led Kentucky to a national championship.

Smith has received many NBA offers and it almost seems like he is determined to prove a black man can survive in Lexington. I can honestly say Smith should continue to fight the good fight because UK seems to understand color isn't as important as wins.

"Indiana will never have a black coach," I made that prediction in middle school because, for many reasons I thought IU would be led by Bob Knight until he died. However, when the jackassery of the General got to the point that it was undeniable, they got rid of the black eye of college basketball.

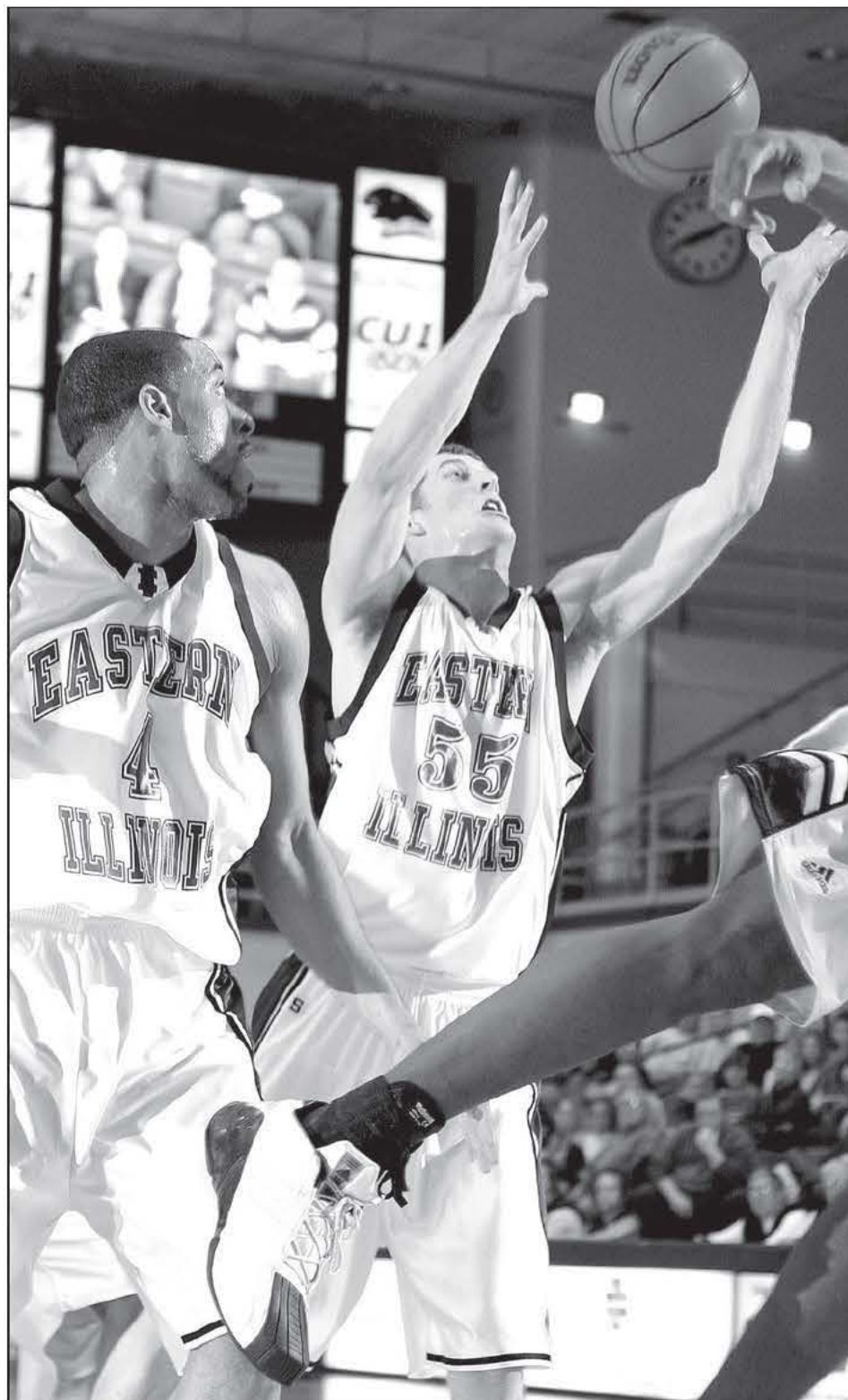
Can you imagine replacing the favorite son and perceived leader of the Hoosier state? After players stormed the chancellor's office and proclaimed they would quit if African American assistant Mike Davis wasn't named coach, IU gave Davis the job. Personally, I figured one or maybe two years top.

Davis has gone through the same load of garbage as Smith and took the Hoosier to the title game two years ago.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

EASTERN 83 TENNESSEE-MARTIN 79



Senior center Jesse Mackinson lead the Panthers with 18 points and 9 rebounds, one rebound shy of his second double double this season.

# Reaching for it

♦ Panthers pounce Tennessee-Martin in overtime

By Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS REPORTER

As the final seconds of overtime were about to slip away, the final in bounds pass to end the game wound up in Jesse Mackinson's hands.

The senior center relished the moment as he held onto the ball so tightly nobody in the world could have taken it away.

No one did, as Mackinson carried the ball with him wherever he went after the game finally ended.

Mackinson's senior year hasn't turned out like he would have liked his final season at Eastern to, but the center still couldn't help but cherish this moment as his team finally snapped its seven game Ohio Valley Conference losing streak against Tennessee-Martin Saturday night by a score of 83-79.

"There is no doubt that this has been a tough season," Mackinson said. "This isn't how anybody pictures their senior year turning out, with 15 or 16 losses possible. But tonight was special, we really came together as a team and that is something we needed."

For Mackinson and the Panthers this was perhaps their most complete offensive effort of the year, and Eastern also answered the way it needed to on the defensive end of the floor.

The key for Eastern's offense all year was finding one player who the team can go to at any point in the game and rely on for scoring. On Saturday night that finally happened for the Panthers as sophomore guard Josh Gomes scored at will, and the rest of the team rallied behind him to push for the overtime victory.

Gomes finished the game with 40 points, and it may have been the guard's breakout contest as his coach Rick Samuels knew all season this was the guy the Panthers needed to establish himself.

"Tonight we did a good job finding Josh (Gomes) off off screens," Samuels said. "This is the best he has moved without the ball, and got himself open and made the shots he needed to."

With Gomes' effort stabilizing the offensive end, the entire team seemed to follow his lead and play harder throughout the game.

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♦ Josh Gomes' record scores

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## WRESTLING

# Grapplers cannot recover after slow start

By Dan Renick  
STAFF WRITER

Senior Matt Veech's return was not enough for Eastern to overcome in-state rival Northern.

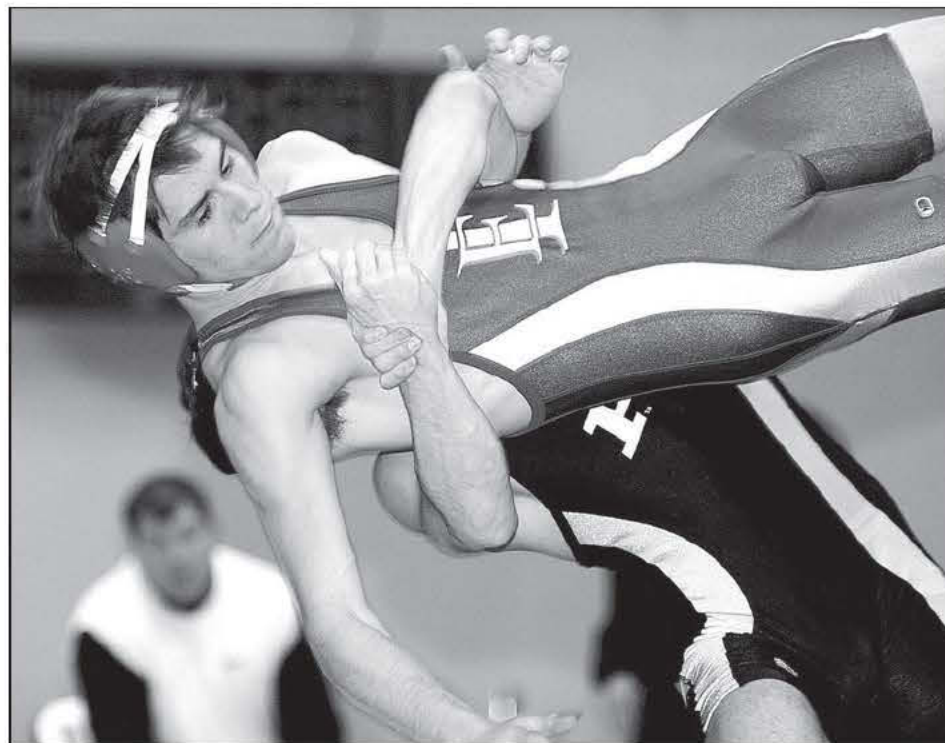
The Huskies (9-4) jumped off to a quick start and never gave the Panthers (4-9) a chance to recover.

Northern set the tone when junior Dave Aranda (8-12) overpowered Eastern's struggling freshman Kevin McNicholas. After dominating McNicholas for the better part of the first period Aranda stuck the freshman for six points, sparking Northern's lineup.

At 133-pounds, what head coach Ralph McCausland said was a pivotal match for the Panthers, senior Pat Dowty (16-8) took the mat against no. 15 ranked Sam Hiatt (16-6). Hiatt came out aggressive against Dowty and scored his only takedown of the match half-way through the first period. With a 2-0 lead, Hiatt started on top at the beginning of the second and Dowty quickly escaped to cut the lead in half. Hiatt continued to shoot on Dowty and was nearly reversed with time winding down in the second. Going into the third and trailing by two, Dowty couldn't take down Hiatt and lost 3-1.

"The guys who tend to not get shots off at the end lose close matches," McCausland said. "We need multiple attacks at the end of close matches like that."

With the Huskies leading 9-0, a pair of freshmen took action.



Freshman Kevin McNicholas lost the opening match to Northern Illinois Friday. Eastern lost 27-13 to the Huskies in Lantz Arena.

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