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Senior wrestler Pat Dowty qualifies for the NCAA tournament.

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Keeping it local

Businessmen buy block of buildings

By Michael Schroeder CITY REPORTER

As a place where a student can get a sandwich, haircut, tan, a CD and a beer, University Village is both a midday and late night staple for any Eastern student.

Michael Boksa, co-owner of Boxa with his wife Traci, and Kirby Johnson, owner of Positively 4th Street Records, have recently purchased University Village and hope to continue developing this near-campus shopping center.

University Village, located across the street from Old Main, consists of Boxa, Positively 4th Street Records, Aaron's Hair Care, Tan Lines, Panther Laundry, The Village Emporium, Ike's and two empty buildings, Boksa and Johnson look forward to filling with something that would appeal to students and community members alike.

Boksa said he and Johnson had both looked into purchasing University Village independently in the past.

"About a year ago we discussed putting our heads together and found we have some of the same visions, ideas and business practices," he said.

The purchase made sense because both owners are the same age and their businesses are for the long haul, Johnson said.

Boksa and Johnson said they started working on the purchase in May 2003. The purchase from Ira and Linda Barrett, managers of Village Emporium, was finalized on Feb.

Linda Barrett said it was a great move. "Both are anchors in the village and hopefully will operate that way after the purchase," she said.

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Michael Boksa (left), and Kirby Johnson stand outside of the shopping area known as University Village Friday afternoon. The two businessmen recently purchased the area.



From L-R: Katie Konieczny, a freshman English major, Ashley Smith, a freshman community health major, Andrea Brady, a freshman special education major, Liz Williams, a sophomore finance major, Nicole Smith and Chelsea Sheets, both freshman elementary education majors and Becky Diehl, a junior middle level education major dive into Lake Sara in Effingham Saturday afternoon. 111 people took part in the Special Olympics of Illinois Polar Plunge.

Taking Jolan the Lunge

By Evan Hill CAMPUS EDITOR

More than 100 people braved the temperatures of early spring lake water Saturday to raise money for Special Olympics and to wear silly costumes.

Eastern students and organizations participating in the 2004 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Bear Plunge, held at Lake Sarah in Effingham, helped raise \$12,000 for Illinois Special Olympics.

The \$12,000 raised is double the \$6,000 goal Katie Keeline, director for Illinois East Central Area 9 Special Olympics, had previously expected.

This year, 12 Polar Plunges were held simultaneously on Saturday. Plungers and

money raised ranged from 26 plungers raising \$4,800 at Moorman Lake in Quincy to 263 plungers raising \$85,000 at Lake Bluff in Sunrise Beach.

According to preliminary figures from the Illinois Special Olympics Web site, http://www.soil.org, 1,045 people strode into icy lakes throughout the state to raise a total of \$258,462. The total is nearly half of the total money raised since the program's inception.

The Polar Plunge program, which began in 1999, has raised \$525,000 for the Special Olympics and has benefited nearly 20,000 athletes, according to the Illinois Special Olympics Web site.

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STUDEN SENATE

Senate to vote on fee increases

By Brian O'Malley

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate tabled three fee increase motions Wednesday to be voted on during the upcom-

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said the Tuition and Fees Review Committee approved the three motions and were added to the senate's agenda late. Five fee increase motions were on the agenda and all five are currently on the table.

A motion was discussed about the 3 percent, or an additional \$2.10 per student, increase to the Health and Accident Insurance fee.

Nikki Kull, chair for the Tuition and Fees Review Committee, co-authored the motion and said the rationale behind it was to raise the maximum coverage for students to \$15,000 a year. The maximum coverage for students has been \$10,000 for more than 10 years.

"The department sees it as imperative to make this increase, as medical expenses had changed drastically in the past 10 years," Kull said.

Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs and co-author of the motion, said the increase would benefit students who don't already have a primary insurance.

"This is for students that don't have health insurance." Ward said.

Keila Lacy, Student Senate representative for Faculty Senate, said she agrees that students without insurance will benefit.

"I don't have health insurance; I don't have a home doctor," Lacy said. "I think it's a privilege for me. Another motion senate tabled was the motion to increase the Union Bond Union fee by 4 percent, which would entitle an additional \$4.85 per student.

Kull said the fee is currently running a deficit of \$63,000 and the increase will help maintain rather than

Kull said new students will help this fee stay consis-

"Enrollment plays a big part in this," she said.

The third motion tabled was the Athletics fee increase of 4 percent a year for five years.

If approved, the five-year plan doesn't allow any more fee increase requests for five years beyond the final increased year.

"This took a long time in Tuition and Fee to figure out where we're going to do," Kull said. "It's a substantial increase in the next few years, but it's needed.'

Rich McDuffie, director of athletics, said about 5 percent of Eastern students are athletes. McDuffie said there are a variety of ways to raise money such as competing against a better team for money. Eastern raised \$128,000 after playing the University of Missouri in football.

"We make them play because we need the money," McDuffie said.

The Health Service fee and the Student Recreation Center fee were both passed by the senate, but Thursday Student Body President Caleb Judy vetoed the motions, placing them back on the table.

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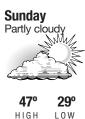
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FACULTY SENATE

State leaders meeting to tackle issues

By Kevin Sampier

ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Faculty Senate chairs from across the state will meet to discuss issues important to universities, share ideas and offer solutions.

The Council of Illinois University Senates will meet March 29 at Illinois State University in Bloomington, said Barbara Lawrence, vice chair of Eastern's Faculty Senate.

Lawrence will take the place of Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter at the meeting because he will not be able to attend, she said.

"It's a chance

issues on their

campuses ..."

Barbara Lawrence,

faculty senate vice chair

for people to talk about

Lawrence also attended the council meeting held at the University of Illinois last fall and the meeting last spring held at Eastern,

"Carpenter usually goes,

but he is busy," she said.
"It's pretty informal," Lawrence said. "Much more informal than the Faculty Senate is."

Lawrence said she will suggest the council discuss faculty representation on the Board of Trustees at

universities. Eastern's Faculty Senate has examined what it would take to put a faculty member on the board, but found out approval from the governor is needed.

The council, which usually meets once a semester, is made up of approximately 12-15 people, and members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and state legislators usually attend, Lawrence said.

The council does not usually vote on issues but it has made recommendations to the IBHE in the past, she said.

After the meeting, Lawrence said she will give a report to the Faculty Senate about what was discussed

during the council meeting. "It's a chance for people to talk about issues on their

campuses and get to know each other," she said. Last fall, the council took advisory positions on state governance, spending in public versus private universities, health care and funding for the fifth year of the Monetary Award Program.



Danny Devine, of Def Poetry Jam, performs Friday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Devine was part of the "Comics and Poets 2 Tha Stage" event put on by SD Entertainment and Sexy Sigma.

Poets come back for more

By Gregory McElroy

STAFF WRITER

Sonya D, host of Def Poetry, returned to Eastern Friday for a night of poetry and

Nationally known comedians and poets came to Eastern for the event, which took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I always love to come down to Eastern whenever I can because I always have a good time," Sonya said.

"As long as you guys continue to show up and learn to show up on time, I will continue to be committed to this school even when my career gets bigger and better," she said.

The list of performers for the event included comedian Big O and poet Denny

"I have been doing this for roughly 10

"I always love to come down to Eastern whenever I can because I always have a good time."

- Sonya D, Def Poetry host

years now," Devine said.

"I normally write about politics and the issues that go on in the world, but mostly in our black society. I also have an album out with a bunch of songwriters that I am very proud of," he said.

Devine said he has always loved coming to campuses to perform.

"Sonya always keep me informed on

events that are happening and she always mentions to me when Eastern has something going on because the crowd usually supports it well," Devine said.

Devine mentioned he also is trying to release another CD, but is finding it difficult to get it off the ground. He also has opened for performers like Jon B, an R & B vocalist based out of Los Angeles.

I didn't realize how hard it is to cut an album," Devine said. "But I do feel in my heart that it will happen," he said.

Despite minor outbursts by a member in the audience, the crowd of approximately 55 people were entertained by the different performances that were put on.

"The bigger I get and the more support by this university," D said during the performance, "the more I would recommend people to come here and perform for you

This week's activities

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
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| ♦ Movie: The Women's Studies Program will show the film "Family of Women" at 7 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center as a part of Women's History and Awareness month. | ◆ Concert: The Charleston Middle School Band will present a Cabaret Night Concert at 7 p.m. in the Charleston Middle School gymnasium. According to a press release, the night's theme is "That's Entertainment." The program will include the middle school concert band, jazz band and percussion ensemble including soloists throughout the show. The Charleston Community Band also will perform. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and students, and \$1.50 for children five years of age and younger. Proceeds from the show will support the middle school band program. | | ◆ Dinner: The Single Parent Support Group will have a Potluck Dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday at the African American Culture Center. All Eastern single parents and their children are welcome to attend. |
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Shirt Factory personalizes the ordinary

By April McLaren Staff Writer

Go ahead, admit it. You know you want one. Everyone else has one and you know you secretly want that custommade T-shirt, too.

Whether it is for a local business, a Recognized Student Organization, a fraternity, a sorority or a bar crawl, Shirt Factory owner Rich Sandefer can make any shirt for any occasion.

"There are a lot of fine points to designing a shirt," he said. "But anyone can do it."

Sandefer said when he formerly owned a retail business that had already-printed T-shirts, he kept customer's requests for personalized shirts in mind and decided to open the Shirt Factory.

"People wanted specific shirts for certain events," he said. "I looked into it."

Sandefer opened the Shirt Factory 13 years ago. He slowly began teaching himself and attending seminars to learn the technique to make a personalized shirt.

Fortunately, he said, he has always had people working for him who knew what they were doing.

While Sandefer does the layout and claims he is no artist, he has his employees do the artwork if the customer has not already designed it for them. He said he has seen artwork from customers detailed and computerized while others simply scribble something on a bar napkin.

Depending on the design, he said the artwork takes the majority of the time to make

the shirt

Sandefer said creating the artwork is the first step to make the shirt, which could take anywhere from five minutes to an hour.

He explained after the artwork is finished, it is used to make a screen, which is the image used for printing the shirt. The shirt is then prepared to be pressed and inked up and then pressed again.

Sandefer said there is not an actual average set time to design a T-shirt because it depends on the number of colors the customer wants and how detailed the artwork is.

While he said he has designed a lot of favorite T-shirts in the past, he remembered a shirt for Friends and Co. as "one of the best shirts we have ever done."

He said they did a process called the four color process. Sandefer explained only four colors were printed but the computer separated each of them, which created a series of tones that lead up to 50 different colors.

"Technology has changed so much since I first started," he said. "The computer made a huge difference."

He said while everything used to be cut and paste and done by hand, it can now take him five minutes to do the same job on the computer.

Depending on the artwork and the amount of colors, a T-shirt can range from \$4 to \$15, he said. For more information, the Shirt Factory, 507 Seventh St., can be reached at 345-1200.

The Embroidery Shed, 618 N. Division, 345-5670, also offers custom-made clothing locally.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Tell it

Patrick Vena, a speech communication major, participates in University Board's "Student Stand-up Comedy Night" Friday night in the Seventh Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Hudson presents room and board increase to senate

By Brian O'Malley

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, Wednesday spoke to the Student Senate about the 7 percent room and board increase.

"We received our dollars solely from room and board," Hudson

A portion of the room and board increase is to create more privacy in the residence hall bathrooms.

Hudson said in other universities there are private bathrooms inside the community bathroom to create a more comfortable atmosphere.

"We know the students need more privacy," Hudson said. "We can rebuild the bathrooms to make them more private."

Hudson said eight or 10 private bathrooms could be installed within the part few years

within the next few years.
"You could go in, and come out body beautiful," he said.

The 7 percent increase is currently an average increase because Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is at a 6 percent increase, Western Illinois University is at a 7.5 percent increase and Northern Illinois University is at an 8 percent increase, Hudson said.

"Our 7 percent is falling within the range of the average increase," he said.

increase," he said.

The increase also includes pay

workers and residence hall staff members.

Hudson said he worked with the Bond Revenue Committee, which consists of three senate members and three Residence Hall Association members, on what to do with certain costs.

"It'll still be quite a wrestling match to try to get all the money to come out," Hudson said.

Any money left over in the budget gets added into the renovation costs of the Grand

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Ballroom.

"Left over money goes back to renovations," he said.

Nikki Kull, chair for the Tuition and Fees Review Committee, asked Hudson if the seven-meal plan will be used next year.

"We will stay with the five-meal plan for now," Hudson said.

Another current increase is the 3.5 percent increase in food costs because of the recent epidemic of mad cow disease in the United



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EDITORIAL

University groups need compromise

The Faculty Senate is determined to make its point, and it should be considered more than it has been.

The senate has taken an interest in the membership on the Council on University Planning and Budget. The council has 37 faculty, staff and student voting members, and since spring 2003, the Faculty Senate has seen that number as a hindrance to the council.

The council exists to recommend planning and budget ideas and policies to President Lou

At issue

The university's

from the Faculty

Our stance

Senate for the third

A committee should

be established to look at the council's

membership, or a

compromise

reached.

budgetary council rejected a proposal

Hencken, and his council, but senate and CUPB member John Allison said the group is inefficient.

"When you take a roll call vote of 37 people just to approve the minutes, it seems to me that this is less efficient than it could be, particularly for a group that meets only once a month, and sometimes not even that

often," Allison said last week.

The CUPB rejected a motion Feb. 20 from the senate proposing to reduce the council's membership. It wasn't the first time. The council rejected a motion last spring, and in the fall, when the Faculty Senate recommend the CUPB be cut to around 17 members.

The council could get the same done in less time if the CUPB's size was reduced, especially since most work is done in its subcommittees, senate Chair David Carpenter said last week. Now, the Faculty Senate plans to keep proposing the council cut membership until council members listen.

"(The motion) will come up for vote again next year, and the year after and the year after," Carpenter said.

CUPB Chair Christine McCormick stood by the council's decision last month, but said the council could adequately represent all constituencies and get the job done if participants were cut to 20-something members. The senate doesn't have plans to stop now; the CUPB should consider developing an ad-hoc committee to study the issue of cutting membership or work out a compromise both the senate and CUPB can be happy with.

If the council is cut, Allison suggested inviting groups from different areas of campus to speak at meetings to make sure issues are still appropriately represented.

The Faculty Senate and CUPB are both spending time on energy on a proposal the council keeps voting down. There isn't an end in sight; both groups should try a different route to compromise

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

Let students pack the 'Mac'



Matthew Stevens Sports editor and semi-monthly columnist for *The Daily* Eastern News

Stevens also is a sophomore journalism major

He can be reached at danville1999@ yahoo.com This sports writer can't take credit for this idea, but oh, how I wish I could.

In fact, this idea came from another form of media inside this institution. The sports director at WEIU-TV whose identity will remain nameless (Jared Brooks) would be disappointed in me for not putting it out to the reading public as a litmus test before next basketball season.

During a radio show Brooks and I do every week at the Odyssey for a class and last week in Brook's never ending attempt to get callers (not going to happen), he came up with the idea that nobody has ever mentioned on at this campus.

Two facts exist for next season's men's basketball season. One is with only two players leaving, they will get significantly better. No doubt in my mind.

As my former boss at WAUK Radio Bill Johnson would say, "that happening would be like being nominated for the World's Tallest Midget." Nevertheless, the Panthers will be back in better form next season. Therefore, they will need a fan base to get behind them.

Fact number two is that people do not show up for basketball games at Lantz Arena. This is a sad fact that continues every year to get worse and worse. I've talked to several people in the newsroom who aren't even sports fans that "Eastern needs to be the school to reenergize this rivalry and turn it into an atmosphere that nonsports fans would want to be a part of."

would want to go to games, but find them boring. This mentality has to change immediately. The following idea will do that and more.

It is considered that Eastern has two rival institutions that are placed on the schedule ever season. These schools are Western Illinois (longest instate basketball rivalry) and Indiana State (the Border War). Eastern needs to be the school to reenergize this rivalry and turn it into an atmosphere that nonsports fans would want to be a part of. How can we do this with such apathy in the student body? Simple, all you have to do is turn back the clock. The Panthers need a Turn Back the Clock night every year.

Eastern should assume that the most fans we could possible draw for a home game is maybe 3,500 (Lantz seats 5,300, and I'm being generous), but our rivalry games need to be the loudest of the year. These are the victories that will stop Chicago kids from going to Terra Haute. After making this assumption, it becomes very clear Lantz is not the atmosphere for this environment and also it doesn't fit the going back to the past theme anyway. Therefore, this game must be played in none other than McAfee Gymnasium. Eastern hasn't played a basketball game there in almost forever, and that facility is begging to have its history be reunited with the current student body.

Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director in sports information and marketing, said his only concern is that there wouldn't be enough seats in McAfee. My argument is we only draw about half capacity anyway.

If we could get 2,000 people into McAfee, wear the old jerseys, maybe even have Samuels go through his closet and wear an outdated plaid suit to the game, you'd have the process of bringing some form of tradition back to the Eastern program.

Director of Athletics Rich
McDuffie said plans to do this
for next season's Western
Illinois home game would be up
to what students really want.
After hearing that from
McDuffie and Kidwell, I plead
with the student body; make this
concept a reality for the 20042005 men's basketball season.
It's a matter of making at least
one home game each season a
night to remember for all atten-



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marriage more than religious

This is in response to Ralph W. Rounds' March 1 letter, "Gay marriage is not right step." What Mr. Rounds and others who disagree with same-sex marriage fail to realize is that marriage is not solely a religious institution, but also a state-sanctified and state-protected right to its citizans.

It is on these grounds that I wish to address those comments.

Ever since I heard the idea of same-sex marriage muttered, I have heard the same fundamental backlash: it's wrong because it goes

against the "sanctity" of marriage.

For the sake of this shortbreathed letter, I will ignore the religious aspects of this issue and go straight to the heart of the matter. The words "All men are created equal" are not meant to be applied sparingly, but to all American citizens, bar none. As long as heterosexual couples are guaranteed benefits of health care, adoption, and so forth, the church has no business interfering governmental policy - unless I have managed to misinterpret the separation of church and state.

Withholding these inherent benefits to people on the grounds of their sexual orientation is textbook discrimination. I challenge any objective, legal-conscious citizen to say otherwise.

The thought of our president adamantly and proudly attacking the rights – not privileges, but rights – of the homosexual community makes me sick. It's too bad,

really; "compassionate conservative" sounded so good during his campaign.
Religious or spiritual bias aside, you have to concede that everyone is legally entitled the right to marry.
Anything less is what is truly anti-marriage.

Bobby Lincoln, senior English major

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Brian Higgins, a junior family and consumer sciences major, examines his car Friday afternoon in the driveway of his house on Seventh Street. Higgins was waiting for his insurance agent to come after a tree blew over in the wind, which exceeded 40 mph at times. Branches went through the engine compartment and windshield. "We were going to go to Champaign to party tonight," Higgins said. "Now it looks like we're going to have a 'tree party'."

Air mass clash yields powerful, destructive winds

By Jamie Fetty SENIOR WRITER

March may go in a lion and come out a lamb, but the battles along the way can sometimes be fierce.

Over the weekend, as competing warm and cold air masses met, winds of up to 50 miles per hour were clocked in Charleston, said

Dalias Price, local weather observer and former meteorology professor

Friday's high reached 67 degrees, but temperatures dropped into the 40s Saturday and Sunday, and strong winds ripped through the area. Now, however, calm weather should return, Price said.

"We're under the control now of a

big high pressure area, so that will mean dry weather for a little while," he said, acknowledging that the National Weather Service forecasted an isolated shower for Monday.

By 7 p.m. winds were blowing at 26 miles per hour and gusting up to 35 miles per hour at the Coles County Memorial Airport, the National Weather Service reported. Despite the relative chill of the past weekend, temperatures were actually above the average of 38 degrees for this time of year. Temperatures above 60 degrees could return next week, Price said.

Another by-product of clashing air masses are tornadoes, but Price said this time of year they are just beginning to occur in Mississippi and Alabama.

"Tornadoes are a rare event," Price said.

The Associated Press weather forecast for the Charleston, Champaign and Danville area called for a Monday high in the upper 40s and northwest winds from 10 to 15 miles per hour.

"Spring will be here in due time," Price said.

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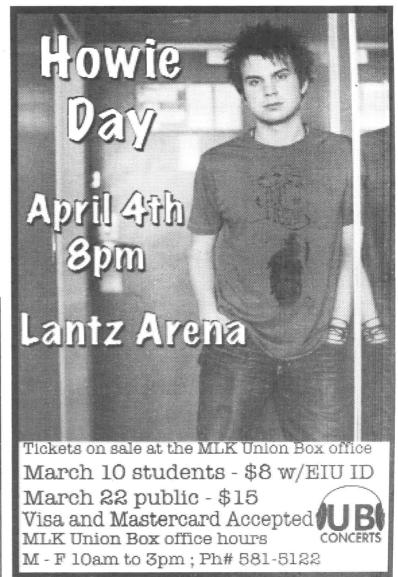
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Minister lectures about 'bioethics,' abortion

STAFF WRITER

Simple and bioethics, words not commonly associated with each other, according to the speaker, were stressed as necessary for laying the foundation for moral decisions.

Rev. James Lamb, who holds a doctorate in ministry and an undergraduate degree in biology, is the executive director of Lutherans for Life. He spoke about human life and how Lutherans can deal with the medical advancements in a lecture sponsored by Coles County Lutherans for Life and Immanuel Lutheran Campus Ministry titled: A Foundation of Life - Bioethics in Buzzard Auditorium Sunday.

The lecture ranged from issues on stem cell research to issues on abortion and cloning. It consisted of a three-part presentation that began with an overview of the biological and scientific aspect of assisted suicide, genetic engineering, in vitro fertilization and how and where stems cells are

"The focus is to not change the laws, but to change the hearts and educate them, and change through the word of God," Lamb said.

Lamb talked about cloning and the stages that are needed in order to successfully clone a human being. He addressed cloning in two different perspectives, fertilization or the embryonic stem cells also called "therapeutic" cloning used to

Lamb said there is enough research to conclude that embryonic stem cells are not needed to cure disease: adult stem cells can do just as well.

Facts about abortion and end of life issues helped to ignite the second and third parts of the presentation where he asked, "Can we go too far?", "How far do we go?", and "How do we know if we go too far?"

He said if morality and theology are applied then "that's all we need to know."

The steps and types of the abortion process were described and Lamb showed illustrations of different abortions and talked about the emotional and psychological effects of abortion.

Lamb asked questions about the quality of life and used biblical references as key points in his lecture and defense of the pro-life position.

The lecture was followed by a question-andanswer session and Lamb talked about end of life issues or euthanasia. He answered questions on the difference between adult stem cell research and embryonic stem cell research. He said embryonic stem cell research is "pushed" more because of "name recognition" for the scientists.

Lamb answered questions on the use of terms like the word "fetus" versus using the word "human being" in the abortion process and the making of decisions.

"Language, yes, influences us a great deal," he

Lamb said both sides of the issue use verbal engineering to get their point across.

Agriculture officials order slaughter, quarantine after bird flu

POCOMOKE CITY, Md. (AP) — The discovery of avian influenza in Maryland compelled the slaughter of 328,000 birds on a huge commercial chicken farm, nearly four times the number killed when two Delaware farms were infected last

The cases in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore are from the same H7 strain, which is not harmful to humans, authorities said Sunday.

Maryland agriculture officials immediately ordered a quarantine that covers eight farms within a two-mile radius of the infected farm, which grows chickens on a contract basis for Mountaire Farms of Selbyville, Del. The department also began testing 79 poultry farms within a six-mile

The infected farm in Worcester County is about 45 miles from the nearest infected farm in Delaware. Authorities said they had not discovered a connection between the cases, but could not rule out any relation.

Officials emphasized the strain of the virus is not a threat to humans, but it can wipe out poultry farms, especially if it turns up in a highly pathogenic form.

"It is discouraging, and it's surprising to us," Maryland Agriculture Secretary Lewis Riley, said Sunday at a news conference near the infected farm in Pocomoke City. "We're ready, and we're prepared to address it and to handle it.'

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Getting young voters to the polls never easy, but some hope this year will be different

CHICAGO (AP) - When Greta Honold saw her best friend on TV, standing next to Democrat Wesley Clark, her jaw

"How cool is that?" said the 18-year-old senior at Chicago's Northside College Preparatory High School, which has sent several students to get a firsthand look at the race for the Democratic nomination.

Cool? To be standing next to a politi-

It's exactly what teacher Tim Devine expects to hear from students in his advanced-placement government class, Honold among them. Their interest in politics is, as he puts it, "off the charts," an anomaly in an era when increasingly larger percentages of young people don't even bother to vote.

Experts say it's also an example of what's possible when young people are engaged in the political process. And this election year, activists are out to prove it - with more coordinated, better-funded efforts to get young voters to the polls.

The Pew Charitable Trust, for instance, is pouring millions of dollars into a grass-roots, nonpartisan effort called the New Voters

State officials travel to Washington to pitch southern Illinois

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — State officials are heading to Washington D.C. this month to pitch southern Illinois as a site for the federal FutureGen project.

FutureGen is President Bush's plan to build a 275-megawatt prototype power plant that would use clean-coal technology to generate electricity and provide a new source of clean-burning hydrogen that the Bush administration hopes would be a cost-effective replacement for gasoline.

Representatives from Commerce Department of and Economic Opportunity will make a presentation to the U.S. Department of Energy on March 24 about why southern Illinois would make a prime location for the \$950 million project.

State officials are lobbying for the project because it would bring much needed funds to the state's poorest region.

Last year several members of the state's congressional delegation urged U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham to place the FutureGen demonstration project in Illinois and the state authorized a \$58,000 study to help pick potential sites for the project.

Governor offers few specifics on hopes for education changes

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich has spent weeks criticizing the State Board of Education as a do-nothing "Soviet-style bureaucracy" and urging lawmakers to replace it with an agency under his control, but he says he hasn't thought about candidates to lead the new agency or even what qualities would be important for the post.

"I don't want to jinx anything by thinking about it, because we don't know if we're going to get authority for this," Blagojevich said in an interview.

"I haven't thought about any specific criteria. I'd like to get the most qualified person we could possibly get who's got the right kind of attitude," he added.

Blagojevich reiterated many of his concerns about the state's education bureaucracy in an interview Thursday with The Associated Press, but he offered few details about what would change in Illinois education if his plan is approved, dwelling instead on his hopes



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Local:

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Boksa and Johnson are residents of Charleston who attended Eastern.

Johnson opened Positively 4th Street Records in 1992 and also owns similar stores by the campuses of Western Illinois and Indiana State Universities.

Boksa graduated from Eastern in 1992 and after helping his family open a store in Decatur. He moved back to Charleston to open Boxa on Oct. 31, 2000, with his wife Traci, also an Eastern alumna.

Having both been in the village for several years, Johnson and Boksa have a good feeling as to what they want with the shopping center in the future.

Boksa and Johnson said they would like to give the front and back a renovation. This would include a new facade in the front and a possible expansion.

"We would like to give it a face lift; having a unique progressive look that would be a fun place to spend some free time," Johnson said

The present setup of University Village has existed since it was built 37 years ago.

Aaron Buchanan, owner of Aaron's Hare Care Salon, has been at University Village for 40 vears.

His present shop is located next to the record store. The store originally was located next to Ike's, but was torn down when the village was built.

He said the original owner was

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Buchanan said the Positively 4th Street records building and Ike's had been there as long as he could remember. The Record store was a clothing store and Ike's was a restaurant.

"Back then you couldn't have booze within 100 feet of the campus," he said.

Buchanan said there were several houses in-between Ike's and the building where the record store is presently located.

"Ike owned them all; he built up the middle," Buchanan said. "He asked me to go in the basement and I didn't want to, so I built this in the old alley."

Buchanan said since then the village has remained the same, without consideration of different stores moving in and out. He

has stayed put, however.

He said he really enjoys his location and loves being around the students, who make up 40-60 percent of his business.

"I remember when I opened (the store), long hair was in and (students) wouldn't go to you unless you were a hair styler so I called (the store) that and not a barbershop," he said.

Boksa and Johnson also see the students as key to the University Village.

"It's common to see a student put laundry in, come here, get a something to eat, put their clothes in the dryer and go buy a CD," Boksa said.

"I've always been a large advocate of the students," Johnson said. "I enjoy working with them and having them as

Boksa and Johnson look toward their student employees for suggestions as to where to take there businesses.

"I like to pick the brain of my student employees," Boksa said. "Students are more in touch with what is needed."

Johnson does the same thing with his student workers, especially when it comes to knowing what music and trends are presently popular with the students, he said.

He explained that as he has gotten older and the age gap between him and the students expanded, his student workers have helped him keep up with

"They do a good job of making me feel old," Boksa said.

Plunge:

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The 111 people participating at the Lake Sarah plunge took turns in groups of 20 charging into the lake, wading into the water up to their shoulders and then back out to stave off hypothermia.

"The water was freezing, but it was fun,"

said Katie Konieczny, a freshman English major at Eastern, who participated in the plunge with several of her Alpha Sigma

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at a post-plunge party held at the Effingham

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OVC MEN'S TOURNAMENT

Racers recapture conference title from Governors

◆ Before loss, Austin Peay had not suffered an OVC defeat all season

By John Hohenadel SPORTS REPORTER

The Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament came to an end Friday when Murray State snapped Austin Peay's 24-game conference winning streak, taking the championship, 66-60.

The win over the Governors gave the Racers their 12th NCAA tournament berth, and Mick Cronin's first as head coach at Murray State

"That was a hard fought battle," Cronin said. "I think both teams showed a lot of heart and character tonight, and I'm really happy for my guys and this program."

Murray State came out hot going on a 6-0 run to start the game. They also led Austin Peay 10-4 early.

Austin Peay didn't take its first lead until 9:38 in the first half when Josh Lewis made the score 17-15 with a dunk.

The Governors grabbed their biggest lead of the night when they extended their lead to seven (24-17) with 6:34 left in the first half.

Murray State knew it had to answer, and it did by closing the first half on a 17-3 run. Their run gave them a four-point lead as the two teams headed into the locker room.

"We never backed down tonight, and we did everything we had to do to beat a quality, tough team," Cronin said. "Our guys really rose to the challenge this week, and we did it with our defense, hustle and effort."

The Racers potent run before half time seemed to take all the momentum away from the Governors.

Austin Peay never led in the second half. The Governors tied it up on a few occasions, but never had the lead.

The final tie of the game occurred with 4:27 left in the game to which the Racers responded with a 5-0 run to make the score 58-53.

The closest the Governors would get after the 5-0 run was three points. The Racers hit all six of their free throw attempts down the stretch to send the Governors packing

Senior forward Cuthbert Victor led three Racers in scoring and added the OVC Tournament MVP to his OVC Player of the Year award.

"This is a team full of seniors, and we knew we were going to fight in this tournament until somebody did enough to beat us," Victor said. "Coach Cronin and the whole staff has done such a good job of preparing us all season long, and our guys made the plays tonight."

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels predicted Murray State would win the OVC tournament, but he thought the Racers opponent would be Eastern Kentucky.

Murray State will find out who they play in the NCAA tournament on March 14 during the NCAA "Selection Sunday" show.

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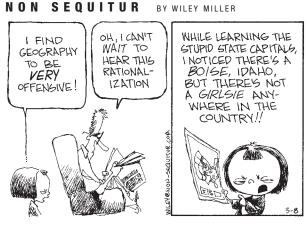
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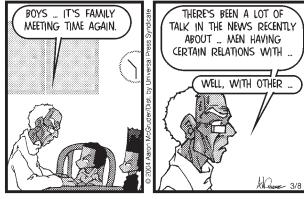
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

O'Connor, Casad honored on all-conference squads

By Matthew Stevens SPORTS EDITOR

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While one Eastern player familiarized herself to the conference, another reintroduced herself to her peers.

Both freshman point guard Megan Casad and junior center Pam O'Connor received Ohio Valley Conference postseason honors as voted on by the team's head coaches and sports information directors

O'Connor and Casad led the Panthers to an 8-19 overall record including a 5-11 mark in conference play.

O'Connor was named to her third OVC postseason honor by being named to the 2004 All-OVC Second Team. Coming off a redshirt season, O'Connor was forgotten by the OVC preseason selections but averaged a team-high 16.4 points per game, which was fifth in the conference. The junior center was 11th in the OVC averaging 5.8 rebounds, tenth at the foul line, shooting nearly 70 percent from the charity stripe and second in the conference by shooting 60.1 percent from the field. The Wood Dale native was Second Team pick in 2002 and a member of the All-Freshman team the year before. O'Connor needs 503 points in her final season to break the Eastern

OVC All-Conference Teams

TWO PANTHERS MAKE ALL-OVC SQUADS

First Team

Gerlonda Hardin, Austin Peay Shanika Freeman, Jacksonville St. Emily Christian, Tenn. Tech Katie Kelly, E. Kentucky Ashley Haynes, Austin Peay

Jacksonville State; Megan Casad, Eastern Illinois

Second Team

Kandi Brown, Morehead St.

Pam O'Connor, Eastern Illinois

Megan Fuqua, Murray State

Sami Jo Cotton, SEMO

Julie Young, Tennessee-Martin

All-Freshman: Megen Gearhart, Morehead State; Alex Munday, Samford; Kendall Cavin, Tenn. Tech; Andreika Jackson, Tennessee-Martin; Courtney Slaughter,

all-time record.

The freshman Casad led the league in assists all year but finished second averaging 4.6 assists per game. The Bloomington, Ind. native was the only Panther to start all 27 games and didn't take very long to make Panthers history in her first season. Casad posted Eastern's first triple-double in 24 years with 11 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists at Samford.

Casad's honor marks the fifth consecutive year Eastern placed someone on the OVC All-Freshman Team joining Kayla Bloemer (2000), O'Connor (2001), Rachel Karos (2002) and Megan Sparks (2003).

The Ohio Valley Conference first

team included a pair of players from the 2004 OVC Tournament Champion Austin Peay. Governors forward Gerlonda Hardin was named first-team along with being voted Player of the Year.

The other selections were Austin Peay's Ashley Haynes and Eastern Kentucky's Katie Kelly in the backcourt with Hardin, Tennessee Tech's sophomore sensation Emily Christian and Jacksonville State junior Shanika Freeman.

O'Connor was not the only Illinois native named to All-OVC selections as Jacksonville State guard Courtney Slaughter from Dolton was named with Casad to the All-Freshman team.

Track:

Akers said about half of track team set personal bests this year

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"We were rolling to a pretty good time at the start of the meet, but then the leaders took off and left everybody way out," Akers said

"Coach Mac (assistant coach John McInerney) shut down Strackeljahn on the last leg because he was in no man's land without anybody to run with and he was coming back in the open mile the next day."

Minnesota won the event (9:31.53), while Georgetown, Wisconsin, Texas A&M, Texas and Colorado State all received automatic berths in the NCAA with times under 9:35.00.

Atkins also came back on Saturday to compete in the 800 meter run. The senior from Granite City finished the race in 19th-place at 1:55.12.

"When you go to a big size track meet you'd like to run a little better," Akers said.

"After winning the Ohio Valley Conference meet (February 28) as a team, the adrenaline may not have been as high for him running at a meet based more on individual performances."

Harris represented the women's squad competing in one event (400 meter dash) over the weekend.

"When you go to a big size track meet you'd like to run a little better ... the adrenaline may not have been as high."

-Tom Akers, coach

The speedster from Wheaton finished fourth in the sprint event with a time of 55.38.

Harris just missed the standard for a provisional time which was set at 54.50.

If Harris or any of the Panther runners qualified for a provisional time, there was no guarantee they would have made the trip to Arkansas.

Provisional times are only used if all of the automatic spots for an event aren't filled and then the best of the provisional times fill out the remaining field.

With no Panthers qualifying for the NCAA Championships, the indoor season is now complete.

Akers was quite satisfied as the men the OVC title and the women placed third.

"I was definitely pleased with both the men and the women," Akers said.

"About half the roster with 10 women and 13 men set personal bests this year. Anytime you can shoot about .500 percent we're going to be pleased with that."





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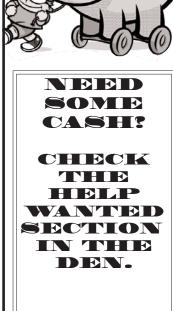
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SOFTBALL



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Senior shortstop Mandy Lindwall hits a ball off of a pitch from Central Connecticut State's Sarah Mardis Sunday morning during the 2004 Wolfe Sycamore Classic. Eastern won the game 2-1.

Eastern wins 2 of 3 games at Wolfe Sycamore Classic

By Dan Renick STAFF WRITER

Eastern softball took two out of three games this weekend at the Wolfe Sycamore Classic in Terra Haute, Ind.

Indiana State University hosted the tournament, which welcomed Valparaiso, Central Connecticut and Eastern. Each of the teams played five games over the weekend at Price Field.

The Panthers opened the tournament with a 4-3 win over Valparaiso Saturday morning. Valpo jumped to an early 2-0 lead on Eastern starting pitcher Andrea Darnell. The Panthers made their first marks on the board off a Chelsea Adams' single that scored Molly Rambo, cutting

The Crusaders struck back in their

half of the fifth to take a 3-1 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Eastern tied it up after an error kept Valpo from forcing out the Panthers lead runner. The next two Eastern batters connected for RBIs to tie the game at

In the sixth, the Panthers scored the go-ahead run when Bridget Owen scored on a single from the bat of Jessica Irps

With the Panthers holding on to a 4-3 lead, Heather Hoeschen turned a double play to end the game.

In the second game of the day, Eastern lost to Central Connecticut 4-2. Like the first game, Eastern trailed early when the Blue Devils scored three runs in the first two innings.

Miscues in the field helped Central Connecticut score two runs after Katy Steele and Cassandra North both had throwing errors that

allowed Blue Devil runners to move into scoring position. Eastern scored in the sixth but couldn't mount a comeback to overcome the two run deficit.

In their second game on Saturday, Eastern defeated host team Indiana State 4-2. Darnell started the game for Eastern, but left after giving up two runs in less than one inning. Hoeschen stepped in and finished the first inning for the Panthers. Eastern answered back in the bottom of the inning. Hoeschen remained scoreless for the rest of the game and Eastern scored the go-ahead runs in the fourth and held on to the lead to defeat the Sycamores.

No results were available for Eastern's first game Sunday against Central Connecticut and it's last game of the weekend against Valpo.

BASEBALL

Panthers spanked by nation's No. 12 team

By John Hohenadel SPORTS REPORTER

The Ole Miss Rebels have jumped to a best ever 10-0 start beating Eastern in a double header on Saturday.

Coming into this weekend, the Rebels were ranked 12th in the nation and their wins against the Panthers will not hurt their rank.

The first game was a rout in which the Panthers lost 16-5. Last week's Southeastern Conference player of the week, Stephen Head, continued his hot hitting this season against Eastern going 3-3 with three runs batted in and two home-

Overshadowing Head's four RBI was Alex Presley's six RBI. Presley went 2-3 at the plate, which included a grandslam homerun off Kyle Widegren in the bottom of the third inning giving the Rebels a 6-0 advantage.

The junior college transfer, Widegren, was coming off a stellar performance in his first appearance in a Panther uniform against Southwest Missouri State, where he gave the Eastern five strong innings.

On Saturday, Widegren was badgered for 10 runs in 3 1/3 innings of work, which earned him his first loss of the season. He threw 88 pitches striking out four and walking four.

Lefty Brae Wright was the winning pitcher for the Rebels, boost-

ing his record to 3-0 on the season. The Panthers were led offensively by Kyle Haines and Pete Stone. Haines was 2-3 while Stone

was 1-4 with two RBI. The second game was a pitchers' duel in a much closer tilt as the Panthers lost 3-1.

Kirk Miller pitched eight innings giving up three runs while striking out five and walking three. Miller threw 123 pitches in a complete game. However, Miller was charged with his first loss of the season.

Charlie Babineaux's two-run homer in the fourth inning was all the offense the Rebels would need. Pettway and Cooper Osteen also contributed to the Rebels offense. Pettway was 3-3 with two runs scored and one RBI. Osteen went 2-3 with a walk.

The Panthers only run came in the fifth inning when Paul Dean hit a one-out single. Dean then advanced to third on an error by Holliman on a failed pickoff attempt and scored on a wild pitch.

Eastern was led by outfielder Jeff Cammann, who went 2-4 at the dish.

The double header loss brings the Panthers record to 1-4 on the season. The Panthers next series will be at Southern Mississippi on March 12-14.

Renick:

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Besides, who doesn't like a good balls joke or one about swinging a big stick? But be careful with this. You don't want to go too far and end up looking like a pervert.

The fourth thing to remember is to keep it short. You're not writing a novel so vour name shouldn't exceed four words. Having a short name also will make it easier and less expensive to put it on a team

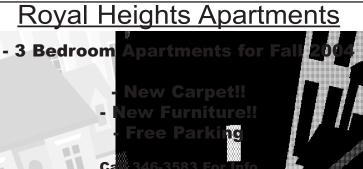
Finally, don't misspell words to try to sound tough. You're not "Top

Dawgs" and you're not "Tru Playaz." I don't know who started the misspelling trend but they need to be sent back to grammar school.

I'll repeat this again because of its importance: Don't misspell your name.

It wasn't cool when Limp Bizkit did it, it wasn't cool when Linkin Park did it, and it still isn't.

So when you come back from spring break and start competition remember the true spirit of college intramurals: Having fun with friends, playing the games you love and coming up with a good





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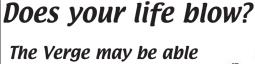
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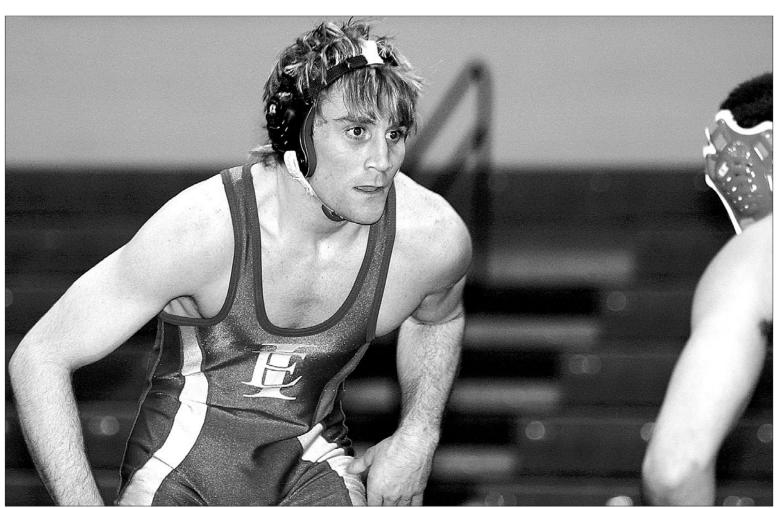
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WRESTLING



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Senior Pat Dowty wrestles against SIUE freshman Steve Chico in the 133-pound match Feb. 18 in Lantz Arena. Dowty won the NCAA West Regional 133pound championship this weekend at Air Force Academy, and he will advance to the NCAA Championships on March 18 to 20 in St. Louis.

Dowty, Veech are NCAA bound

◆ Panthers finish last in overall team heat as two seniors advance

By Dan Renick STAFF WRITER

Senior Pat Dowty took first place while Eastern finished last in team scoring at Saturday's NCAA Wrestling West Regional in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Northern Iowa, the nation's No. 16 ranked team, was at the top of the list scoring 90.5 points and qualifying at least six wrestlers for the NCAA Championships in St. Louis

Wyoming trailed by 10.5 points, but also qualified six wrestlers. Fresno State came in third, qualifying five. Air Force qualified two and Eastern finished last in scoring with 30.5 and qualifying only

"We had five freshmen there, and it was a tremendous experience for them in a national qualifying tournament," head coach Ralph McCausland said.

Dowty (19-8) won his first regional championship and earned his third straight NCAA qualification. After receiving the No. 2 seed at 133 pounds and a first round bye, Dowty was matched up against Wyoming's Tyson Shatto. Dowty cruised to a major decision victory, 12-4.

In the finals, Dowty wrestled Air Force's Brandon Strong, who upset the No. 1 seed to earn his way to the finals.

The match stayed close until the third period when Dowty, leading by one, reversed Strong's takedown and took him to his back for a pin with 23 seconds remaining.

Senior Matt Veach (27-6), Junior Pete Ziminski (32-12) and redshirt freshman Kenny Robertson (29-8) all placed third in their weight classes. Veech and Ziminski were both seeded third at 165 pounds and heavyweight respectively, but Robertson earned a No. 2 seed in the 174 pound weight class.

All three wrestlers lost their first round matches in close decisions. Veach's match went into overtime and he lost by a final of 2-1. The three did win their next matches to make it to the 3rd place match. Veach edged out Air Force's Blaine Brown 7-5 to take third, Ziminski shutout Northern Iowa's Micheal Shedeck 6-0 and Robertson beat Air Force's Jacob Lillich 9-5.

The top two finishers in each weight class earned a trip to St. for the NCAA Championships at the Saavis Center on March 18.

The regional also advances three wild card spots to third place finishers. Coaches of each of the teams in the regional vote on who receives one of the three spots.

Veach has already been given one of the wild card spots, and Ziminski is the first alternate. If one of the qualifiers is injured and can't wrestle in the championships, Ziminski will go in their

"It's kind of a tough position because he just has to train and then sit and wait for a call," McCausland said.

Ziminski might get the call, McCausland said, because of an injury in the championship of the 184-pound weight class.

Individual winners for Northern Iowa were: Chris Hegleson (125); Dylan Long (141); Eric Hauan (174); and Sean Stender (197). Wyoming also had four individual champions: Andre Shuler (157); Levi Provost (165); Sam Wndland (184); and Dusty Hoffenschnieder (Heavyweight).



Intramurals: What's in a name?

With the spring intramural sport season fast approaching, students are scrambling to put teams together and find a day they all can play. But you shouldn't forget the most important part of intramural sports: Naming your team.

Whether you're playing to win, playing to stay in shape or just playing for the pure enjoyment of the game, the team name is key. So choose wisely.

Here are a couple of guidelines to follow when naming your team.

First, don't name your team after your dorm or frat. No one cares where you live or what Greek organization you're in and, if they do, they'll ask.

If you can't come up with anything more original than that, you can recruit the help of your friends to come up with a name that suits your team. And don't try and steal a name you heard somewhere else. Every team is its own being and deserves its own unique name.

Second, humor is a must. Even if you're a cut throat SOB who will do anything to win, you still need a clever title.

A humorous name will lighten the mood of your competitors, so you can use the other team's relaxed attitude to your advantage and blindside them while they're bent over laughing. It's also a good conversation starter. Whenever an awkward silence hits the room you can say, "I played on this intramural softball team, and our name was the 'Master Batters." See, now everyone loves you for your witty stories.

Third, names concerning drinking or sexual innuendoes are acceptable if not encouraged. This is almost a staple in college intramurals. You're not playing in a Sunday church league, so they're topics everyone will be familiar with.

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Panthers catch bad luck streak at Notre Dame

◆ Men's, women's teams shut out from NCAA Championship

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A handful of Eastern track and field athletes headed to the campus of Notre Dame University for the Alex Wilson Invitational last Friday and Saturday.

The meet was a last chance for distance runners Dan Stackeljahn and Kevin Atkins, sprinter Alicia Harris and members of the distance medley relay team to reach provisional or automatic qualifying times for the NCAA Indoor Championships held next weekend in Arkansas.

None of the Panthers were able to reach those high marks, but men's track and field coach Tom Akers was impressed with the outcome from South Bend, Ind.

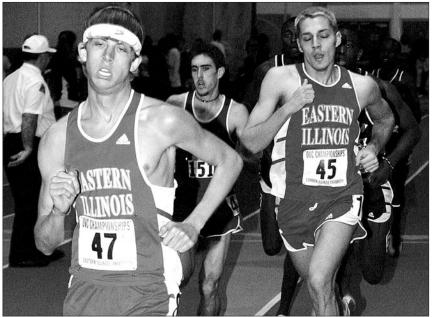
"I was very pleased with the runners," Akers said. "We had some very good performances."

On the men's side, Strackeljahn had the highest individual finish, placing 18th in the one mile run on Saturday. The sophomore's time of 4:08.66 was roughly four seconds from being granted a provisional time for the NCAA Championships. Strackeljahn finished ahead of runners from Notre Dame, Colorado State, Wisconsin and Villanova.

"Dan's performance was just outstanding," Akers said. "He came out with a new fast indoor time at this meet."

The men's distance medley relay team of Atkins, Casey Becker, Jake Stout and Strackeljahn finished last in an 11-team field on Saturday with a deceiving time of 10:23.22.

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Freshman Erik Werden (left) and sophomore Dan Strackeljahn (right) finish their heat during the OVC Indoor Track and Field Championship on Feb. 28 at Lantz Fieldhouse. The two runners competed in the Last Chance Meets at Notre Dame University over the weekend. No Panthers qualified for the NCAA Championships.