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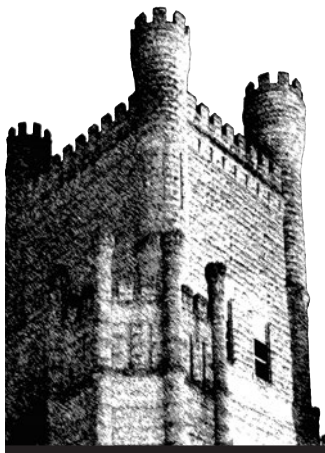
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CAREER DAY GUIDE ♦ Job networking day on campus **Wednesday:** inside

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## Bittersweet ending to brawl trial

BY HILLARY SETTLE  
CITY EDITOR

Expectant, optimistic expressions quickly turned into tears and disappointment Monday when the verdict was read for the three Mattoon residents involved in the La Bamba's trial.

After the jury deliberated for two hours, forewoman Denise Reid, an Eastern faculty member, delivered a mixed verdict for the three Grahams involved in the fight outside La Bamba's on Sept. 26, 2003, that "was

**"I'm sure she's happy and relieved she was not convicted, but William (Graham's) conviction will be hard on her."**

LONNIE LUTZ

officer after he struggled with Charleston police officers by resisting handcuffs, and was acquitted of his aggravated battery charge.

Seniece Graham was also found not guilty for aggravated battery.

But Seniece Graham was the defendant with tears running down her cheeks. Her brothers' convictions had outweighed her own victory, creating a bittersweet aura.

"I'm sure this is hard on Seniece (Graham)," said Lonnie Lutz, her attorney. "I'm sure she's happy and relieved she was not convicted, but William (Graham's) conviction will be hard on her."

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out of control when (officers) arrived and continued to deteriorate," according to police reports.

William Graham was found guilty on both counts of threatening a public official, after he verbally threatened members of the Charleston Police Department.

Lee Graham was found guilty of obstructing a peace



ANGIE FALLER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Jon Dean, sophomore economics major, purchases candygrams from Sarah Aldrich, junior special education major, and Beth Allen, senior elementary education major, Monday afternoon in Stevenson Hall. "They're great gifts for any individual," Dean said.**

## A SWEET VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT

### Campus buildings offer Candygrams through this week

BY ERIC SAXTON  
STAFF WRITER

February is here, Valentine's Day is right around the corner and when Feb. 14 comes, an Eastern candygram could be a nice small gift for a significant other, friend or crush.

Candygrams contain a candy of choice, with a valentine message on an attached heart. They are being sold in Taylor Hall, the Greek Court and the Lincoln-Stevenson-Douglas complex.

In Taylor Hall, two types of candygrams

can be purchased: a bagged candygram for \$1 or a cup of candy for \$2. Taylor Hall delivers candygrams to any address on campus, including the dorms and university apartments.

"This is the first time Taylor hall has sold candygrams for Valentine's Day, however we sold them during Halloween this past fall semester," said Jamie Fester, a senior accounting major and Taylor Hall Council treasurer.

Taylor Hall Council expects to sell about 30 candygrams, she said.

"Our goal is to give the money we make to Relay For Life, or (Residence Hall Association) scholarships," Fester said.

In the Greek Court, candygrams are being sold at chapter meetings in all of the Greek houses on Feb. 13. Suckers attached to valentines will be sent out on Valentine's Day.

#### Candygram selling times

**Taylor:** Monday-Saturday; all day

**Lincoln-Stevenson-Douglas:** Monday-Sunday; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7p.m.

**Greek Court:** Sunday at individual chapter meetings

"We don't expect to make that much money, but what we do make will go to the (National Pan Hellenic Council) building," said Jamie Lambert, a sophomore nursing major. "We just wanted to do something for Valentine's Day."

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## Making recycling a daily campus routine



Part II of the series focuses on how the program functions from day-to-day. See tomorrow's edition of The News to read about what happens to recyclables once they leave Eastern's campus.

### Bins help make recycling easier for students, faculty

BY HILLARY SETTLE  
CITY EDITOR

Like many Eastern students, Brian Ruckman does not take full advantage of the recycling program on campus.

Ruckman, a sophomore social studies major, said he only recycles his paper, not his cans or plastic bottles, despite the numerous bins placed throughout residence halls and across campus.

"I guess it's just easier to throw it away," he said.

There are approximately 200 recycling bins located in administrative buildings on campus and 150 bins located in residence halls, said Allan Rathe, Eastern's recycling coordinator.

"We do test areas to find out what gets the most feedback," he said. "There are times we've had some in a certain area and they've collected too much trash, so we've had to take it out."

He said bins are also placed by request and by where aluminum bins were originally placed after the Student Government first implemented aluminum recycling.

Rathe said he and his staff, which is comprised of hired students, are in charge of putting the bins out and gathering the

bags in the academic and administrative departments.

He said the staff has five routes. There is a paper route and cardboard route, which are run every day; a can route and a bottle route, which is run weekly; and a dorm route, which picks up paper from all residence halls and is run at least once a week.

The National Residence Hall Honorary handles the aluminum and plastic recycling bins in the residence halls.

"We do this basically to generate money for scholarships that go toward (the Residence Hall Association)," said Natalie Kuchar, a senior English major and president of NRHH. "We joined up with RHA to create an initiative so more

residence halls would recycle."

By working together, RHA and NRHH provide a pizza party once a month to the residence hall that gathers the most material per capita as an incentive to get students to recycle and generate money.

The RHA and NRHH's efforts have definitely paid off, Kuchar said. Six hundred more bags of recyclables were collected this fall than were collected last year, an improvement Kuchar said she is thrilled about.

Members of RHA also help the recycling effort by collecting the bags of cans and bottles every Monday and Thursday

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY  
41  
33  
Cloudy

WEDNESDAY  
35  
23  
Cloudy

THURSDAY  
32  
21  
Partly cloudy

FRIDAY  
38  
24  
Sunny

SATURDAY  
39  
31  
Partly cloudy

CAMPUS BRIEFS

1 p.m. Find Information Fast at Booth Library-Booth Library E-Classroom

This is a free tutorial session providing tips on how to use library materials to find information. This session is intended to help students and others become comfortable with selection and use of print and electronic resources.

1 p.m. Resume Blitz, Career Services, 1301 HSC  
Get your resume critiqued in preparation for the Spring Career Network Day. You must bring your completed resume with you.

4 p.m. Faculty Senate will meet in the dean's conference room of Booth Library today to hear from Bonnie Irwin as she presents statistic's on Eastern's enrollment, which Irwin said have been fairly stable. The senate will also discuss recommendations and results that came out of the Faculty/Student forum last week.

9 p.m. The Bowling Club will have its first meeting of the year at the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Bowling Alley.

POLICE BLOTTER

♦ Jan. 3 a Toshiba laptop valued at \$2,100, a Canon camera valued at \$200 and a silver Fossil watch valued at \$80 were stolen from a room in Taylor Hall.

♦ Jan. 4 Health Services said it has not been able to locate a Gateway laptop computer that was last seen early June 2004. It is considering it missing or stolen.

♦ Jan. 4 an Eastern student was issued an Order to Appear in Court after malicious activating an emergency phone.

CAMPUS AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
Phones could get ban

By CARROLL GUNN  
DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. – The Faculty Senate at Mississippi State University looks to ban cell phones from all classrooms, but a ban is not on the agenda at the University of Mississippi.

Mississippi State Faculty Senate members are working on a policy which treats the use of phones in a classroom as an offense that would justify removing students from classrooms for possessing a cell phone. If the ban is added to the policy, any student even seen with a phone in class will be asked to leave.

The MSU faculty senate will take up the issue at a meeting later in the semester.

"We do oppose the use of phones in class, but we do not want a ban altogether," said Edward Sanders, president pro tempore of MSU Student Association Senate.

PAINFUL DONATIONS



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Anne Townsedn, sophomore elementary education major, waits as a Red Cross employee checks on her while she gives blood at the Newman Catholic Center on Monday.

WTF?

Identification please

MILWAUKEE (AP) – Betty Ann Fischer has been old enough to buy liquor for more than 50 years. So she was a little surprised when a grocery store clerk asked to see her identification before selling her a bottle of wine.

"The first time it was a sweet young man, and I laughed because I thought he was trying to pay me a sweet compliment. But then he said, 'No I'm serious,'" the petite 71-year-old said. "I thought he was just joshing with me."

The ID checks at all Roundy's-owned Pick 'N Save and Copps food stores in Wisconsin are part of the company's new policy requiring cashiers to check the age of everyone buying cigarettes or alcohol - whether they look 21 or 91. Roundy's owns 77 stores in Wisconsin, nearly all of which are Pick 'N Save or Copps.

Nicky Clauer, 45, said she expects the Milwaukee Pick 'n Save where she shops will lose business. She told a cashier so after she was carded while buying a bottle of vodka.

"I could see doing it for people who look under 21, under 30. But for heaven's sake, when you're 45 and you look it, it's kind of a pain," she said.

PEOPLE

Spears sues over injury

NEW YORK (AP) – Britney Spears is suing eight insurance companies that rejected a \$9.8 million claim she filed after injuring her knee during a video shoot last summer. Spears later had to cancel her 2004 summer tour.

The lawsuit filed in state Supreme Court in Manhattan says Spears and her company, Britney Touring Inc., paid the firms more than \$1.3 million in premiums to insure her 2004 Onyx Hotel Tour through the United States, Canada and Europe.

On June 8, "while the policies were in full force and effect," court papers say, Spears hurt her left knee in New York during choreography for a video of her song "Outrageous." She had surgery days later to repair the knee.

Court papers say that after Spears canceled the tour, seven of the insurance companies, all in Britain, refused to pay. The other company, a French firm, did not respond at all, court papers say.

The seven British companies said that during a pre-tour medical exam on Feb. 5, 2004, Spears failed to tell them about a pre-existing left knee injury and surgery she had less than five years earlier.

ONLINE  
POLL

How much is recycling a part of your everyday life?

- A) I attempt to recycle anything that I can, and I make sure other people recycle too.  
B) I recycle if there is a recycling bin nearby.  
C) Recycling bins are too confusing on campus. Paper, plastic, aluminum can; which color bin is for which?  
D) I never recycle. Environmental issues are the last thing on my mind.

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DOWN

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America Recycles  
Day on Nov. 15

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1. to relieve from a charge of fault or crime; declare not guilty  
2. to release or discharge a person from an obligation

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# Research that benefits the wallet

Students have the opportunity to earn grant money through project

By Crystal Reed  
Staff Writer

Students with an interest in research may have the opportunity to earn \$500 that will allow them to further study topics of interest within their major. The Undergraduate Research Council is accepting applications from undergraduates and

their faculty mentors for research grants for summer and fall 2005. The council is awarding six grants for the summer and nine for the fall. The grants are \$500 for the student and \$250 for their faculty mentor. Those who are awarded the grants must conduct their research with a faculty member. “Most students that apply are upperclassmen and confident enough in their subject area to pursue research,” said Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College and chair of the Undergraduate Research Council. Margaret Messer, assistant to the dean of the honors program, said the grants are designed for

any academic department. Some of the qualifications students must meet to apply for the grant are a minimum 3.0 grade point average and must be enrolled as an undergraduate for the current semester they are enrolled. The students must also submit a proposal detailing what they are researching, why their research is important and how they will prepare and publish their results, Irwin said. Alan Baharlou, a member of the Undergraduate Research Council, said the search process for the grant recipient is underway. “I have been very impressed with the submis-

sions and am amazed at the talent of undergraduate research,” Baharlou said. There were 12 grants awarded this semester, and some of the past recipients spoke about their experiences in being awarded the grant. Kip McGillard, assistant professor of biological sciences, and Kimberly Metz, a freshman biological sciences major, received a grant for research on newborn rats. “I’m delighted anytime an undergraduate receives a grant for research or just anytime an undergraduate is interested in research,” McGillard said. “It’s even better when they receive an award for that.” Applications for research grants are due March 23 at 4 p.m. Those interested in the grants can contact the Honors College at 581-2017.

# New teachers give Eastern feedback

By Deirdre Sheahan  
Staff Writer

Eastern is looking to better its education program through a statewide project called Teacher Graduate Assessment. More than 12,000 recent graduates from 12 different Illinois public colleges and universities will be given a survey that will ask how well college prepared them for their first year of teaching, said Charles Rohn, dean College of Education and Professional Studies. Each college will accept information from the surveys and advance its own teacher-education program, Rohn said. “The intention is to be an annual project, learning how to improve and to document progress,” said Andrew Wall, the projects director. This survey will benefit the children being taught because of the improvements that will be made from the results of the survey.

The survey will include topics about the student’s experience while student teaching, the most valuable and least valuable preparation strategies and their experiences in first year of teaching. “The main goal of this project is to establish positive contact with graduates of the programs and to obtain information about their experiences at Eastern,” Rohn said. Rohn and Wall’s guidance throughout this process lead them to three grants that will fund the project. The Joyce Foundation, Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois State Board of Education are all providing thousands of dollars to extend this mission. Although Eastern plays a main part in this project, Dean Rohn also said the 11 other colleges are strongly supportive and excited for the results. The first survey will be sent out in March or April, and the results from all 12 institutions will be put together by the end of the summer. “I think that this is an awesome chance for the school to see how well they did in preparing us for the real world,” said Melissa Ellison, senior elementary education major. “I feel that the teaching program is great here already, but with this project it will be even better.”



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tyler Moutray, junior special education major, and Dan Doundas, senior social sciences major, collect bins of paper from Taylor Hall Wednesday afternoon and load them onto their truck. They collect paper about once a week and cardboard everyday.

## RECYCLING:

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night and placing them outside the halls for NRHH members to collect and take for disposal, she said. Several bins have had to be moved to different areas or removed from residence hall floors because too much contamination gets in with the recyclable products, Rathe said. “It becomes all trash, and you have to throw it all away,” he said. And some students, like Ruckman, lack the incentive and routine to find the bins and recycle the maximum amount of possible trash.

Living on the fifth floor of Carman Hall, Ruckman said if there were more bins on the floor, he would recycle more. There is currently no place to recycle cans or bottles on his floor, he said. “I would recycle everything, but it’s too much of a hassle to take it all downstairs,” he said. If students would develop a system, Rathe said, recycling wouldn’t seem like a hassle in their everyday lives. “What does it take to put a Wal-Mart bag on your door and put your papers in it?” Rathe said. “Then, when you go to class you take it down to the door and drop it in the recycling bin. It becomes part of a routine.”

### Eastern’s heaviest recyclables for 2003-2004 school year

- ◆ **Cardboard:** 266,588 lbs
- ◆ **Newspaper:** 224,010 lbs
- ◆ **Filestock:** 169,954 lbs
- ◆ **Dead trees/fire:** 164,000 lbs
- ◆ **Mattresses:** 153,40 lbs
- ◆ **Scrap metal:** 90,067 lbs
- ◆ **Wood pallets:** 64,000 lbs
- ◆ **Books:** 39,110 lbs

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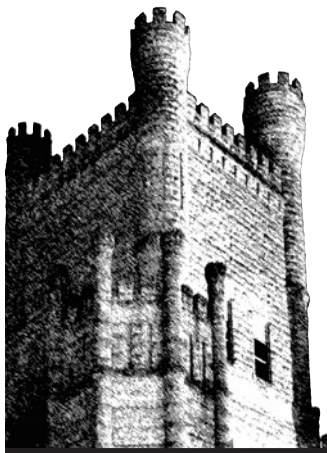
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### COLUMN

## City council should ban smoking in Charleston bars



MATT WILLIAMS

SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

**Williams is the editor in chief for *The Daily Eastern News*.**

My coat smells like smoke. It also has a noticeable cigarette burn on one of the sleeves. All of this comes without ever smoking a day in my life.

My coat doesn't have that long-lasting smoky smell because I light up Marlboros on a consistent basis; it's because every time I go to the bar the air is filled with a thick cloud of cigarette smoke.

Everybody always wants to talk about how the 1 a.m. bar closing time is too early and the bar entry age should be younger, but I rarely hear anyone bring up the many people who are allowed to smoke in the bar.

When I leave a bar, there is no hint of the cologne I sprayed on before I left my house. And when I wake up in the morning, my pillow smells because of the smoke that consumed my hair the night before.

Smokers are going to strongly disagree with me and say it is their right to smoke. But isn't it my right and everyone else's to go into a bar and not have to secondhand smoke six packs of cigarettes before closing time?

Indianapolis is currently surveying the option to curb smoking in bars while several other cities have already passed the ban.

A total of 1,903 communities in the country have passed restrictions on smoking, according to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation. One of those includes New York City, which has had a ban since 2003.

If New Yorkers can deal with it, Eastern students and Charleston residents can.

A smoking ban wouldn't take away freedom from those who want to smoke; it would give back the freedom to those who want to go out on the weekend

and breath clean air.

Smoking isn't just bad for long-term health; it can also have painful short-term effects. One of my roommates knows this all too well. While on the dance floor at a bar, he was hit in the face with someone's cigarette, leaving a burn mark near his lip.

I am sure this is not the only time this happened to somebody. Why should a non-smoker be burned in the face by a cigarette while trying to have a good time at a bar? The answer is, he shouldn't. Nobody should.

I bet bar owners are also skeptical of such a ban because a possible loss of business to those who can't do without a cigarette. But the majority of the people who are required to go outside to smoke won't leave the bar early because of it.

Also, the bar will smell better and may even attract new people who share my opinion but do not go out on weekends. A hand stamp system also could be implemented to rid long lines for ID checks on people who have already entered the bar.

Smokers should be forced to suck it up and take a step outside if they want to light up, even in the cold February weather.

I don't care if you smoke. Smoke all you want. I just don't want it in my face when my only other choice is to stay home for the night.

Instead of the same tired effort to increase bar hours, I hope the Charleston City Council will look at a possible smoking ban.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY GIA HYOS



### EDITORIAL

## Job hunt starts in the Union

Eastern students have an opportunity to prepare themselves for the dreaded "real world" when the Spring Career Network Day occurs tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University ballrooms of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

For those who want to take the time to learn about internship, interviewing and researching job availability this is an opportunity they shouldn't miss. Illinois businesses, hospitals, charitable organizations, police departments and other companies from other job markets will have representation at the network day.

Because the career day is not geared toward just education or any other major, the variety of employers who will be attending allows for students of just about any major to find something of interest.

"The Educator's Job Fair in March is when we focus on placing teacher certified students," career adviser Bobbi Kingery said. "Because this does not cater to any one position, underclassmen are encouraged to come as well as those who are thinking about job placement now."

Kingery said that underclassmen are encouraged to come because it gives them experience in learning what it will be like when they try to find a job in a couple of

#### At issue

Tomorrow's Spring Career Day

#### Our stance

This is an excellent opportunity for all students to either find a job or experience the interviewing process.

years.

Students should not show up to the career day unprepared though.

Kingery said that students should check on the career services Web site, [www.jobsrv.eiu.edu](http://www.jobsrv.eiu.edu), to check what employers will be there and to find out which ones they will be interested in. Also, she says students should have resumes put together to distribute at the job fair, and if they don't already the Web site also provides tips to begin one.

Finally, she believes that dressing will be important for students who do attend.

"Dress slacks and a blazer or dress slacks and a sweater is good for the job fair," Kingery said.

No matter what students are interested in pursuing, even undeclared majors, they should see what the career day has to offer.

The lessons it will teach younger students and the job availability it offers to students who will soon need a job is reason enough for students to attend.

It's not every day that opportunities like this come to a student's back yard.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BLACK HISTORY SHOULD BE CELEBRATED YEAR ROUND

I have a comment on Black History Month. I've noticed that many of the black students are more willing to speak and even have a conversation with you during Black History Month.

But, what ever happened to

speaking to one another all year around. I believe most black students would agree with me when I say that when we walk past each other we tend to either hold our heads down or look the other way before we will speak.

There are few who do speak or at least smile, but there are many who don't. I feel, as a minority, we should

always acknowledge each other.

With that said, I hope people actually get something out of Black History Month and recognize that we should celebrate our history 365 days a year.

TAMMERA ROBINSON

JUNIOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR

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# Witter pleads not guilty after Town Branch Creek accident

BY HILLARY SETTLE  
CITY EDITOR

Eastern student Kyle Witter pleaded not guilty Monday to felony charges of leaving the scene of a motor accident involving personal injury and driving under

the influence.

He has requested a trial by jury. Witter, 22, of Darien, was allegedly driving the vehicle found in the Town Branch Creek on Dec. 3, 2004.

One passenger involved in the accident, Charice Guman, 22,

was found trapped in the vehicle with her head completely submerged under water when the police arrived at the scene, according to David Dunning, the officer who filed the police report. Guman was taken to a Champaign hospital and released

three or four days later.

After Witter was located, he told the police he had been “drinking a lot” and “blacked out,” claiming he had given up his keys and did not know who was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident, Dunning said.

Witter also waived his rights to a preliminary hearing and a formal reading Monday.

A status hearing has been set for Witter at 11 a.m., March 14.

# Carman Hall Council to play Cupid

## Residents to be auctioned off in Eastern’s version of “The Dating Game”

BY JESSICA PILOT  
STAFF WRITER

Carman Hall Council will play Cupid to two lucky couples tonight during its version of “The Dating Game.”

This version of the game, which will happen at 9 p.m. in the lobby of Carman Hall, is similar to hit television shows such as MTV’s “Singled Out” and “The Newlywed Game,” which airs on the Game Show Network.

After Carman Hall residents signed up to participate in the game, Carman Hall council members chose two lucky residents as a bachelor and bachelorette and three female and male contestants.

During the game, the three female contestants will compete for a date with the bachelor, and the three male contestants will try to win the hand of the bachelorette.

The bachelor and bachelorette are allowed to ask the contestants three questions each. The questions will be up to the discretion of the bachelor and the bachelorette.

“The questions become really funny,” said Kristen DeVito, Carman Hall Council president. “It’s a good time.”

At the end of the questioning, the bachelor and bachelorette pick one of the three contestants to go on the date based on the answers they gave.

This is the second year Carman Hall Council has hosted the game show, which is open for all of campus to watch.

“Last year was really successful,” said Lindsay DiPietro, Resident Hall Association president.

Stina Heldmann, associate resident director for Carman Hall, said the event was beneficial because it “(involved) residents who historically didn’t come out in the past.”

Last year, the three couples who won had a group date that included pizza and Chinese food.

After the bachelor and bachelorette have chosen their dates, the couples will have a dinner of their choice in the Carman Hall basement.

# Criticism of the theory focus of Darwin Days

CAMPUS REPORT

As a part of Darwin Days, Massimo Pigliucci will speak on evolution.

“Evolution; is it a logical fallacy?” will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in Roberson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall.

“In a nutshell what he is addressing is the idea that evolution as a science has received a lot of criticism in part by non-scientists,” said Steven Mullin, biological sciences professor.

Pigliucci will discuss the attacks on evolution from a religious perspective. With these attacks, he will take each of them and show why the attacks, themselves, are

false. During this, he will refer to several sources, from Aristotle to modern philosophers to modern scientists.

“His lecture is to defend evolution from these attacks,” Mullin said.

Pigliucci, who has three doctorates in botany, genetics and philosophy of sciences, is one of the founders of the Darwin Days celebration. He has helped organize and center activities around Charles Darwin’s birthday, which is Feb. 12.



MASSIMO  
PIGLIUCCI

Mullin said Pigliucci is a widely-read biologist, respected professor and he has written a number of books on the study of evolution.

Because of Darwin’s influence, Mullin said he thinks Darwin Days are important.

“It’s safe to say that Darwin’s ideas are perhaps the most influential ever in the sense that they have provided the basis for understanding in biology and the way in which modern society operates,” he said.

Pigliucci will also speak at 9 a.m. Wednesday in Roberson Auditorium about why living organisms look the way they do.

# Blagojevich tours to promote job programs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. — Declaring the state economy “on the right track,” Gov. Rod Blagojevich toured southern Illinois Monday to publicize success stories in a region where good jobs have often been hard to find and to announce millions of dollars in state grants.

The Chicago Democrat joined cheerleaders and local politicians in a pep rally to celebrate construction of a new coal-burning power plant. He

posed for pictures with executives of a trucking company opening a new terminal in Illinois.

He later released one of his “Opportunity Returns” plans for southeastern Illinois, including \$2.5 million in state aid to Henderson Trucking in Salem to help retain 550 jobs and more than \$1 million to support auto parts maker HN Automotive in Effingham to create 35 new jobs and keep 95 others, according to the governor’s staff.

“I think we’re on the right

track, but I’m not satisfied,” Blagojevich said at an Edwardsville industrial park. “That’s why we’re proposing a whole series of things to keep our economy moving forward and take advantage of the opportunity we have now to help businesses feel better about conducting business in Illinois.”

The number of Illinois jobs grew in 2004 for the first time in four years. And the current unemployment figure of 5.8 percent is the lowest Illinois has seen since the Sept. 11,

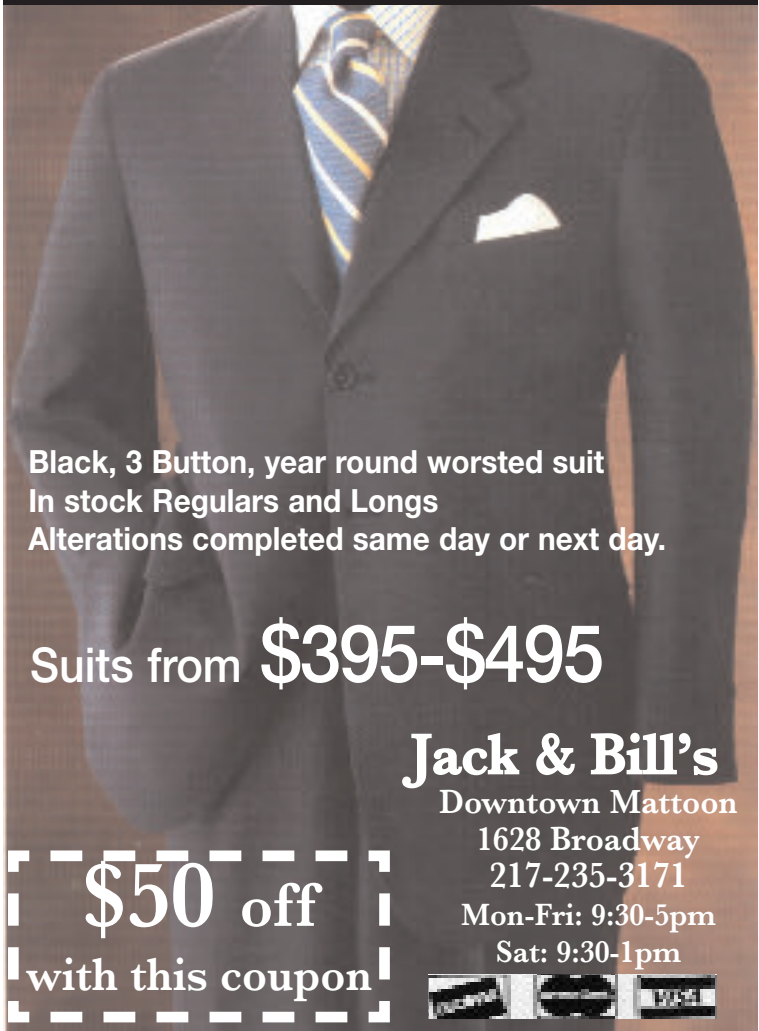
2001, terrorist attacks.

But problems remain. Personal income grew more slowly in Illinois over the past two years than it did nationally. The number of jobs, while up, is climbing more slowly than in many neighboring states.

Monday’s tour took the governor to Effingham County, where unemployment stood at 7.5 percent in November; Madison County, where it was 6.1 percent; and Washington County, where it was 4 percent.

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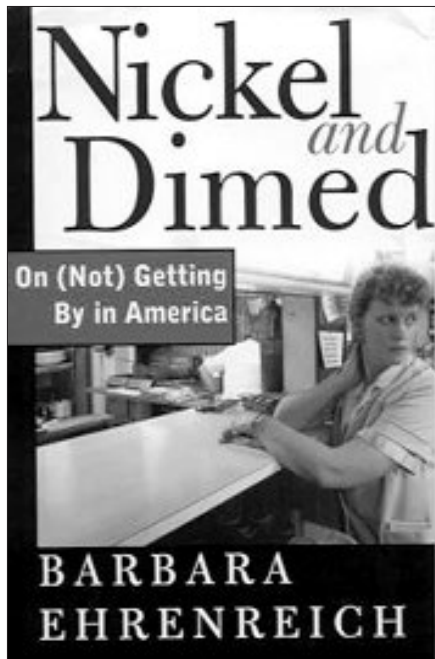
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# One Book/One Campus five session series wraps up



# Concluding discussions held last week

**By KYLE MAYHUGH**  
STAFF WRITER

Attendance picked up for the One Book/One Campus program last week after a dismal start, and the program is tentatively planned again for next fall.

Between Jan. 24 and Feb. 2, a series of five discussion sessions were held in the Booth Library to give people an opportunity to discuss the book titled "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America" by Barbara Ehrenreich. The book details Ehrenreich's attempt to spend six months living on minimum-wage jobs in different parts of the country.

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CHRISTOPHER HANLON,  
ASSISTANT ENGLISH PROFESSOR

“The stories she tells are not just narrating. She says something about the humiliation of these jobs,” said Christopher Hanlon, assistant English professor and chair of the Library Advisory Committee when the program was initiated.

Each discussion was led by a different moderator in order to bring a variety of perspectives.

At the program's first discussion, only a few faculty and staff members attended; however,

no students participated in the first discussion.

Attendance picked up through the remaining four sessions.

"I believe we had about six at the last session," said Allen Lanham, dean of Library Services.

The One Book program involves encouraging the entire university to read the same book and have a series of discussions about it. The idea was borrowed from the American Library Association.

Despite the low attendance for the discussions, there were indications the university was reading the book.

Lanham said all 20 of the library's copies of the book were checked out at times during the last several weeks.

The next sessions' book has not been chosen but a possibility is "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelly.

# Pharmacy contract draws support, criticism

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Comptroller Dan Hynes on Monday released details of the state's mail-order drug contract with Caremark Rx Inc. after the company opted not to appeal a court order making them public.

A pharmacists trade group called details of the \$250 million contract, which set pricing and administrative charges for participating retail pharmacies, unfair.

The newly released details show that Caremark charges a \$6 fee to the state for every prescription filled by retail pharmacies instead of Caremark's mail-order program, allowing the company to collect a

maximum of \$1.2 million from the state this year. The 420 retail pharmacies participating in the program also can only be reimbursed at the rates Caremark charges through its mail-order program.

The Illinois Pharmacists Association says that provision discourages pharmacies, especially smaller ones, from wanting to fill prescriptions for government employees and retirees because they can't compete at such low prices.

Mike Patton, the group's executive director, said other details about the state's contract, such as rebates and discounts the state receives from Caremark and the price tag for other administrative costs, weren't included in the details released Monday.

"There's a lot of information I wish would have been disclosed," Patton said.

Department of Central Management Services lawyer Dan Fewkes said the rebate information was included in other parts of the contract not released Monday. He said the agency, which oversees state contracts, was glad the issue was resolved.

A Cook County judge ruled Friday that details from an amendment to Caremark's latest contract must be released at the request of two state senators who filed a Freedom of Information Act request and then sued after Caremark got a restraining order to block release of the information.

## STATE BRIEF



# Researchers request prenatal screening

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO – Janet Morel doesn't know whether it was the undercooked eggs she ate while she was pregnant or parasites from the pet cat that caused her daughter's blindness and brain damage.

Her daughter, Dana, is now 17, and Morel and her husband face a lifetime of caring for her. Doctors determined toxoplasmosis caused Dana's brain damage, which is why Morel supports a call for routine testing of pregnant women and infants for the parasitic infection.

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# American Airlines to add route to Dallas from Champaign

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines and sister carrier American Eagle say they will increase flights to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, including a new nonstop route from Champaign, Ill.

American Eagle's single daily flight from Willard Airport, located in

Savoy, just south of Champaign, will begin April 4, The (Champaign) News-Gazette reported.

Eagle already provides two nonstop flights between Peoria and DFW, and with American will have 19 flights between Chicago and Dallas by July, company officials said.

American and Eagle's chief rival, Delta Air Lines Inc., disbanded its hub in Dallas last month. American

officials said Monday that their bookings at DFW have increased more than 12 percent since Delta Air Lines began reducing flights there. American and American Eagle are part of Fort Worth-based AMR Corp.

As a result, American and Eagle for the third time raised the number of flights they plan to add at their home airport to a combined 839 daily

departures by July.

In September, American and Eagle announced they would add 70 daily departures at DFW by summer 2005, then increased the figure to 90 new flights a day. Monday's announcement would mean 119 more daily flights than the carriers operated in July 2004.

The increases were spread across 61 routes from DFW, including addi-

tional American flights to Los Angeles, New York and Boston. Regional carrier Eagle will add 11 cities that it had not previously served.

AMR shares rose 24 cents, or 2.6 percent, to close at \$9.42 in Monday trading on the New York Stock Exchange, while Delta shares rose 12 cents, or 2.1 percent, to close at \$5.76.

## EMBASSY BOMBINGS MAN MAY GET A NEW TRIAL

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge agreed Monday to look into whether the government acted properly when it failed to give defense lawyers videotaped interviews of a key witness against a man convicted in the bombings of two U.S. embassies.

The hearing provides Wadih El-Hage, a former associate of Osama bin Laden, with hope for a new trial if the judge concludes that the government erred in the trial stemming from the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

El-Hage and three others were sentenced to life in prison after they were convicted of conspiracy in the attacks, which killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

## JURY FINDS PRIEST GUILTY OF MOLESTATION

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The witness broke down as he told the jury how Father Paul Shanley pulled him out of catechism class and raped him repeatedly, starting when he was 6. "He told me nobody would ever believe me if I told anybody," he said.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS



On Monday, a jury believed him. Shanley was convicted of raping and fondling him over a six-year period in the 1980s. The 74-year-old defrocked priest could get life in prison at sentencing Feb. 15. His bail was revoked and he was immediately led off to jail.

## 'MALCOLM X' SCREENING REMEMBERS OSSIE DAVIS

NEW YORK (AP) — At a screening Monday of a documentary on Malcolm X to commemorate the 40th anniversary of his death, the late actor Ossie Davis was eulogized as an inspiration for both the artistic and civil rights communities.

Director Spike Lee — who got Davis to recreate the eulogy he gave for Malcolm X in the documentary "By Any Means Necessary, the Making of Malcolm X" — said he was guided both creatively and politically by Davis and his wife, Ruby Dee, both of whom have appeared in his films.

"They gave me the courage to take stands that might be unpopu-

lar," Lee said.

Several hundred people attended the screening at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem, including Malcolm X's daughter Ilyasah Shabazz, actors Denzel Washington and Wesley Snipes, and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

## BUDGET SEEKS \$459 MILLION FOR PEACE

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush hasn't revealed yet how much money he will need to keep fighting the war in Iraq, but his 2006 budget proposal Monday asks for another \$459 million to try to secure the peace.

The request for funding for economic development, law enforcement and refugee programs comes even though the Bush administration has yet to spend most of the previously approved nonmilitary aid.

## SOLDIER CHARGED WITH RAPE KILLS HIMSELF

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A Fort Bragg soldier — once implicated as a teenager in a notorious New Jersey rape case — shot and wounded his estranged wife and her boyfriend, then killed himself, authorities said.

Spc. Richard Timothy Corcoran, 34, entered wife Michele A. Corcoran's house Thursday night and shot William Paul Seifert several times. Michele Corcoran ran outside, where she was shot in the arm, said Cumberland County sheriff's Maj. Sam Pennica.

Corcoran then went back inside the house and shot himself, Pennica said.

## IBM, SONY, TOSHIBA UNVEIL CHALLENGE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Setting up a battle for the future of computing, engineers from IBM, Sony and Toshiba unveiled details Monday of a microprocessor they claim has the muscle of a supercomputer and can power everything from video game consoles to business computers.

Devices built with the processor, code-named Cell, will compete directly with the PC chips that have powered most of the world's personal computers for a quarter century.

## WITNESS WASN'T ASKED DIRECTLY TO KILL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A key prosecution witness who was expect-

ed to say that Robert Blake solicited the murder of his wife testified Monday that the actor never directly asked him to murder Bonny Lee Bakley.

Gary McLarty, a retired stuntman, also acknowledged he was a heavy user of cocaine and had experienced paranoid delusions that people were tunneling under his house, that he was being chased by police and was being watched by satellites.

Under prosecution questioning, McLarty said Blake complained to him about his wife, showed him where she lived at his home, and pointed out a place where "someone could go up the stairs at night and pop her."

## INMATE ORDERED TO PAY \$2 MILLION

NEW YORK (AP) — An imprisoned child molester and former mental patient was ordered to pay \$2 million to the family of a 6-year-old boy whose 1979 disappearance helped give rise to the national movement to publicize the cases of missing children.

The judge who ordered Jose R. Ramos to pay the money also ruled in May 2004 that Ramos was responsible for Etan Patz' death after the inmate ignored orders to answer deposition questions for a lawyer for the boy's parents.

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- 1 Banned orchard spray
- 5 Obey
- 9 Problem with eyeliner
- 14 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 15 With the bow, in music
- 16 Small songbirds
- 17 Welcome forecast for Santa
- 18 Undecided
- 19 Chopin's Mazurka in \_\_\_\_
- 20 Double-H of magic
- 23 "Old MacDonald" refrain
- 24 Not precise
- 28 Rwandan people
- 32 Kind of counter
- 33 Double-H of film
- 37 \_\_\_\_ list
- 38 Author Umberto
- 39 Nocturnal lizards
- 42 Sparks's home: Abbr.
- 43 Birth place
- 45 Double-H of politics
- 47 "Seinfeld" role
- 50 Sawyer of morning TV
- 51 Secret pros
- 53 Game where you might hear "7 come 11"
- 57 Double-H of literature
- 61 Holy war
- 64 Prefix with distant

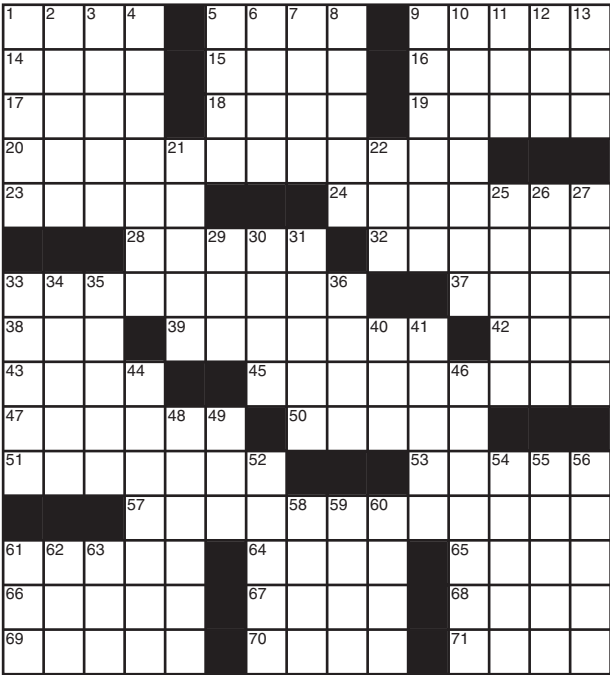
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- 65 Emphatic type: Abbr.
- 66 To no \_\_\_\_ (unsuccessfully)
- 67 Imperfect gravy feature
- 68 Works of Michelangelo
- 69 Cinema vérité, e.g.
- 70 Test areas
- 71 Forest growth

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- 1 "Steady \_\_\_\_ goes"
- 2 Molokai porch
- 3 Like a lot
- 4 Put another way
- 5 Biblical verb
- 6 Suffix with smack
- 7 Neutral shade
- 8 Title boy of old comics
- 9 Al Jolson standard
- 10 Handyman
- 11 Migratory fish
- 12 Santa \_\_\_\_
- 13 Letter run
- 21 Babies
- 22 Gerund suffix
- 25 A long, amateurish piano recital, maybe
- 26 Gave up



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- 27 Cache
- 29 It's definite
- 30 Quite
- 31 Signed
- 33 Lumberjack
- 34 Cause of an intestinal problem
- 35 Willy of "Death of a Salesman"
- 36 "Beloved" writer Morrison
- 40 Popular laundry detergent
- 41 Matched, after "in"
- 44 Outcome of merciless teasing?
- 46 "Yoo-hoo!"
- 48 Christmas tree dropping
- 49 Miscalculate
- 52 Bloodhound's sense
- 54 Jetsons' dog
- 55 High school exams, for short
- 56 Two-time U.S. Open tennis champ
- 57 Water color
- 59 Without feeling
- 60 Cheese \_\_\_\_
- 61 English sports car, informally
- 62 "\_\_\_\_ Got the World on a String"
- 63 Solo in space



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Senior official, head of U.N. oil-for-food program suspended

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Secretary-General Kofi Annan suspended the head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq and a senior official who dealt with contracts after an independent inquiry accused them of misconduct, a U.N. spokesman said Monday.

Benon Sevan, who was in charge of the \$64 billion humanitarian program, and Joseph Stephanides, head of the U.N. Security Council Affairs Division, were informed Friday that they had been suspended with pay, spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Sevan and Stephanides were told they would receive a letter "laying out the charges against them," which will allow them to defend themselves before U.N. disciplinary bodies, he said.

"Suspension is the beginning of a disciplinary process," Eckhard said.

"It means that they should not come onto the premises here unless it's in connection with summoning their defense, which they have 14

days to present in writing," he said.

After Sevan and Stephanides respond to the charges, the U.N. Secretariat headed by Annan will make a final decision on sanctions.

Eckhard said there are three options: the cases could be closed, Annan could decide to dismiss them, or the matter could be referred to the Joint Disciplinary Committee which would then make a recommendation to Annan.

Sevan and Stephanides are entitled to two appeals; the process can take months.

Annan said he was shocked by the findings of an investigation led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker regarding Sevan. The secretary-general has said that if any of Volcker's findings lead to criminal charges, he would lift diplomatic immunity.

Eckhard noted Monday that Volcker is still investigating Sevan but has not alleged any criminal wrongdoing.

BITTERSWEET:

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After the week-long trial, Lutz said he was relieved with Seniece Graham's acquittal, but made his disappointment clear with the other convictions, especially William Graham's.

"(William Graham) is not the the type of person who would carry something like that out," he said. "He was just upset."

Lee Graham said he and William Graham would both appeal their convictions in the appeals and federal courts if necessary.

"This only encourages me to go forward because they had no reason to arrest me in the first place since I wasn't convicted of aggravated battery," he said. "As far as (William Graham) threatening a public official, we will challenge that; there will be an appeal by the end of the week if I have to file it myself"

Coles County is the only surrounding county that defines police officers as public officials, Lee Graham said, and if police officers were not considered public officials, William Graham's conviction would only be considered a misdemeanor instead of the felony it is now.

Lee Graham and William Graham both have sentencing hearings scheduled for 10 a.m. on April 15.

CANDYGRAMS:

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# Men win, women lose in swimming's final dual meet

BY MATT DANIELS  
 STAFF WRITER

As both the Eastern men's and women's swimming and diving teams turn their attentions to the Midwest Classic Championship in less than two weeks, the regular season has come to a close.

With the men barely winning 122-120 over St. Louis University on Saturday at Lantz Natatorium, they seem well prepared to defend their title at the Midwest Classic. This latest dual meet win extends the men's win streak to eight and improves their overall record to 9-3. Eastern head coach Ray Padovan says that there is no added pressure on the men's team to capture back-to-back Midwest Classic Championships.

"Basically, the whole season is wrapped up into one meet," Padovan said.

The women had their five meet win streak come to a halt when they were defeated 168-78 by St. Louis. The loss dropped their overall record to 6-6. On the men's side, this victory over St. Louis let them sweep the season series with St. Louis.

Senior Tom Watson and sophomore Bill Senese were winners in multiple events for Eastern. Watson, who Padovan says, "has been phenomenal all year long," won the 200, 500, and 1000-meter freestyle events. Senese captured first in the 50 freestyle and 200 backstroke. Senior Paul Lutinen was another winner for Eastern as he won the 200 butterfly.

On the women's side, this was the second meet they dropped to St. Louis this year.

Two divers, seniors Angie Arnold and Lindsae Baldes, stood out against St. Louis.

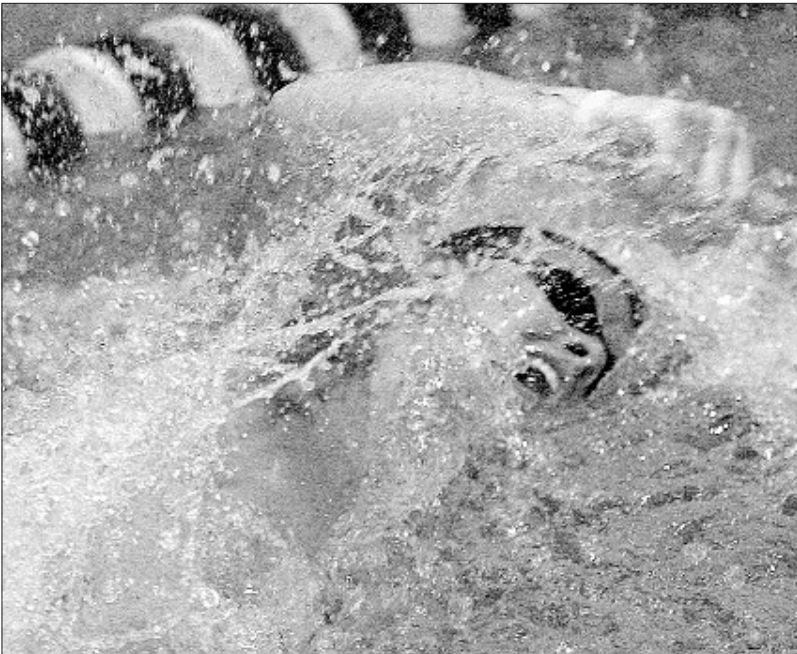
Padovan cites the women's diving

as a key component to the team, as they are senior-dominated. Arnold took first in one meter diving, while Baldes finished first in three meter diving. The women hope to repeat the same success they had in 2003 at the Midwest Classic, the last year they came away with the title.

Padovan and the teams are turning their attention to Indianapolis, the site of the Midwest Classic.

"The workload in practice has already started to be cut back, starting last week," Padovan said. "The swimmers are getting just as much work in, but the repetitions are starting to lessen,"

Padovan expects the men's team to receive steep competition from Western Illinois and Eastern Michigan, while the women should face pressure from Northern Colorado and Miami(OH) at the Midwest Classic.



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Sophomore Mitch Forney swims the freestyle against Valparaiso Jan. 22 in Lantz Natatorium. The men's team defeated St. Louis 122-120 Saturday.**

# MacArthur sails to an around-the-world record

LONDON — Ellen MacArthur has endured stormy seas, 65 mph winds, a broken sail, burns, bruises and exhaustion — even a close encounter with a whale. The payoff: a solo around-the-world sailing record.

The 28-year-old Englishwoman completed the 26,000-mile circumnavigation at 5:29 p.m. EST on Monday by crossing an imaginary finish line between Ushant, France, and the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall on the south coast of England.

Her final time was 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds, her control team said.

Her 75-foot trimaran B&Q broke the record set by Francis Joyon, who set the mark of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds, in February 2004.

MacArthur's control team, based in Falmouth, southern England — near where her voyage began over two months ago — burst into cheers and sprayed champagne as she crossed the line, beating Joyon's mark by 1 day, 8 hours and 35 minutes.

"I don't think until I see faces again that it's really going to sink in," she said

in comments posted on her Web site. "It's been an absolutely unbelievable journey both physically and mentally. I'm absolutely overjoyed."

Later, she told her team that she never thought she would break Joyon's record on the first try.

"I feel absolutely exhausted but I'm

**"It's been an absolutely unbelievable journey both physically and mentally."**

ELLEN MACARTHUR, WORLD-RECORD SAILOR

elated to be here," she said. "The whole voyage has been very draining, and there's a lot of things going round in my head. But it's great that I can finally switch my brain off and relax in the company of others which I've really missed."

MacArthur's record will need to be ratified by the World Speed Sailing Records Council, whose official watched B&Q cross the line from the Ushant lighthouse.

MacArthur was taken aboard a British naval ship, the HMS Severn, for

medical checks while a crew continued to sail the B&Q. MacArthur planned to rejoin her boat before it docked in Falmouth on Tuesday.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair led the tributes.

"This is a stunning achievement," he said. "The whole country is very proud of Ellen."

Queen Elizabeth II hailed MacArthur's "remarkable and historic achievement." Prince Charles also congratulated MacArthur.

"We have all watched your progress with the greatest possible excitement over the last 71 days ... the whole of the United Kingdom is, I know, delighted by your success," the prince said in a statement.

MacArthur's journey began Nov. 28. Since then, she has slept an average of 30 minutes at a time and four hours in

any day. She has reheated freeze-dried meals on a single burner stove while living area measuring 5 feet by 6 1/2 feet. Her water supply is desalinated from the sea.

She spent Christmas Day in a storm, but after crossing the halfway mark at Cape Horn on New Year's Eve she built a four-day lead on the pace set by rival Francis Joyon. A week later, during the worst storms of MacArthur's career, she badly burned her arm on a generator. MacArthur twice had to climb the 98-foot mast to repair mainsail damage.

"What I have done wrong to deserve this?" she wrote in an e-mail Jan. 20. "Everything we worked so hard for we are losing. It is so unfair. It has never been so hard."

Struggling in bad weather, MacArthur fell a day behind Joyon. By late January, she was back in contention after crossing the equator. Her 75-foot boat hit a large fish and nearly struck a whale, and then light winds threatened. A storm helped push her back in the lead.

The around-the-world record has been attempted only five times in a

multihull, the fastest and most extreme class of boats on the ocean. Only Joyon has been successful.

Joyon, a Frenchman, set his record in a 90-foot trimaran, IDEC. He broke the record of 93 days, 3 hours and 57 minutes set by Michel Desjoyeaux in the 2000-01 around-the-world Vendee Globe race, which is contested by 60-foot monohulls.

MacArthur grew up in landlocked Derbyshire in northern England. Her love of the sea began when she went sailing with her aunt in a dinghy at age 4. She then spent years reading about sailing while saving money from her school lunches to buy her own dinghy at 13. By 18, MacArthur had sailed solo around Britain, the steppingstone to competitive sailing.

In 2003 MacArthur failed in a bid to set the fastest nonstop circumnavigation of the globe when her mast broke in the Indian Ocean. Last June, shortly before embarking on her latest venture, MacArthur fell 75 minutes short of a solo trans-Atlantic record.

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# Panthers expect to battle in the paint against SEMO

By Marcus Jackson  
Sports Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team will have its hands full tonight as it hosts the first-place Southeast Missouri Redhawks today at 5:15 p.m. in Lantz Arena.


This will be the second meeting between the two teams this season, as the Redhawks (15-6, 9-1 Ohio Valley Conference) defeated the Panthers 87-70 on Jan. 11 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

SEMO junior center Tatiana Conceicao led the Redhawks with 20 points the first time around, and she is the player who keys its attack, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said.


"Conceicao is probably the best player in the league," he said. "If we can limit a little bit of what she's capable of doing, then we'll give ourselves a chance."

Sallee said that senior center Chandra Brown is also another player who will give the Panthers trouble in the post. Brown came off the bench to score 10 points during the first meeting, but is now a regular in the Redhawk starting line-up.

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The Redhawks come into tonight's game riding an eight game winning streak. Junior center Tatiana Conceicao leads the OVC in points (17.9 ppg) and steals (2.9 ppg).

The Panthers snapped their four-game losing streak Saturday with a 66-65 win at Tennessee-Martin. Senior center Pam O'Connor recorded game highs with 24 points and 13 rebounds.

SEMO defeated the Panthers 87-70 on Jan. 11 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. O'Connor and Sparks combined for 48 points in the loss.

"Brown is a player that can start for any team in this league," Sallee said. "They are playing a lot together now, so in the post, they are going

to be tough."

SEMO comes into today's game winner of eight straight and are currently in a first-place tie with Eastern Kentucky. Conceicao is the OVC leader in points (17.9 ppg) and steals (2.90 ppg).

Sallee said his Panthers (9-12, 2-8) will have to control the pace of the game on the defensive end and not let SEMO dictate the flow.

"We can't run with them, and we can't let them get six or eight points in a row," he said. "That's when they're really good, when they can make runs like that."

The Panthers are led by senior center Pam O'Connor. O'Connor enters today's game averaging a team-high 14.9 points per game, and is second in the OVC in field-goal percentage, shooting .574.

If the Panthers are to upset the conference's top team, one player that needs to get back on track is junior guard Megan Sparks.

Sparks has scored in single-digits in each of the last two games. She scored nine in a loss at Murray State on Thursday, and four during Saturday's win at Tennessee-Martin. The win snapped a four-game skid.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Sophomore guard Maggie Eck looks to pass around Samford senior guard Sarah Clement Jan. 27 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers face Southeastern Missouri at 5:15 tonight in Lantz Arena**

On the season, Sparks is scoring 11.1 points per game.

Sallee said the Panthers are relieved to have ended their four-game losing streak, but knows the Redhawks present a big challenge for

his team.

"They're a heck of a team, and are playing really well right now," he said. "If we can take care of the ball and do a good job of rebounding, then we will give ourselves a chance."

# Ex-Bear, Notre Dame alum charged with battery

SOUTH BEND, Ind.— Dave Duerson, a former Notre Dame defensive back who played for three NFL teams, including the Chicago Bears, was charged Monday with hitting his wife and has resigned from the university's board of trustees, officials said.

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Mike Dvorak filed two counts of battery and two counts of domestic battery, all misdemeanors, against Duerson, 43, of Lincolnshire, Ill., a Chicago suburb.

Duerson and his wife got into an argument in their South Bend motel room Thursday and Duerson hit her, according to a news release from the prosecutor's office.

The report said Duerson pushed his wife out the door of their room and she hit the wall. She was treated and released from a hospital, prosecutors said. He was not being held in the St. Joseph County Jail Monday, a jail official said.

Duerson, a native of Muncie, resigned this week from the board of trustees, the university said.

"It is regrettable but proper that Dave Duerson has resigned as a member of the university's board of trustees," the Rev. Edward Malloy, university president, said in a statement.

Mitch Rosen, a spokesman for the Duerson family, said the matter was a "family misunderstanding, which occurred in private and it has already been resolved in private."

"As with all people, we too are less than perfect human beings," the statement said.

Duerson said in the statement that he apologized and that the family was working to resolve the issue with law enforcement.

Duerson, a two-time All-America defensive back for the Irish, had been critical of how Notre Dame handled

the firing of Tyrone Willingham last season, saying trustees were not consulted.

Playing from 1979-83, he still holds the Notre Dame record for career interception yardage with 256, according to the Notre Dame Web site.

He played 11 seasons in the NFL with the Chicago Bears, New York Giants and Phoenix Cardinals, earning four all-Pro honors and winning Super Bowl titles with the 1985 Bears and 1990 Giants.

He is president, CEO and founder of Duerson Foods, LCC, which opened in 2002 and provides sausage for fast-food restaurants.

In recognition of his charitable work with substance abuse prevention and the Special Olympics, Duerson was named the 1987 NFL Man of the Year and the 1988 NFL Humanitarian of the Year, the Web site said.

**UPSET:**  
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"We were flat-footed," Samuels said. "We didn't play with a very good rhythm offense."

But in Eastern's 96-91 overtime win Saturday over Tennessee-Martin, the Panther offense was in rhythm, scoring 10 more points than they have in a game than they have all year.

"We just won on Saturday, so we're still rolling from that," Gomes said.


The Panthers have been on a roll lately, winning five of their last six OVC contests. And, in their last four games at Lantz Arena, the Panthers are 3-1.

"We're feeling good right now," Gomes said. "We have to take advantage of our home games."


But SEMO is also streaking, winning six-of-eight games, including road victories over Tennessee-Martin and Murray State in its last two outings.

"We're playing much more confidently than when we played them before, but so must they," Samuels said. "They've just won two big games on the road, and they've won five-straight games."

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The Panthers notched their first road win of the season Saturday, defeating Tennessee-Martin 96-91 in overtime behind 32 points from Gomes.

SEMO is the winner of five straight in the OVC and finds itself in a four-way tie for fourth in the conference. The Redhawks last two wins have come on the road over Tennessee--Martin and Murray State.

SEMO defeated Eastern 79-60 on Jan. 11 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Golson and Gonner combined for 47 points in the win. Gomes led the Panthers with 21 points.

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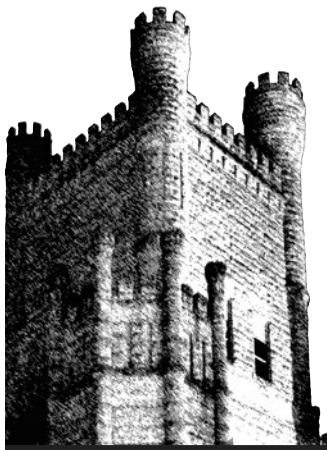
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## Time for postseason positioning

The men's and women's basketball teams both got off to slow starts to open Ohio Valley Conference play. While the men have played themselves back into the race, the women are currently tied for last place with Morehead State at 2-8 in the OVC.

Expectations were high for both teams coming home for four games after getting out of the gates with matching 0-4 starts. The men responded by winning three of four games, while the women came away with just one victory.

The men's home stand was highlighted by a surprise victory over first-place and then lone undefeated team in the OVC, Samford.

Since the 0-4 start, the men are 4-2 and have four more home games remaining. If the men win out at home, and claim a victory at either Eastern Kentucky, or Morehead State, they will find themselves at 9-7 in the league with a legitimate shot at playing in the OVC tournament in March.

The women, on the other hand, have dug themselves a huge hole, and at this point, their conference tournament hopes are still very much up in the air. The Panther women must win out over the next six games to finish at .500 and will hope for an outside shot at finishing in the top eight to make the tournament.

For the women to make a serious run, senior center Pam O'Connor is going to need some help from her teammates. O'Connor has been stellar in the Panthers' last eight games, as she has scored 10 or more points in each and gone for 20 or more six times.

Junior guard Megan Sparks has proven herself as a very capable second scorer, but has struggled offensively during the last two games.

If O'Connor and Sparks continue to score consistently, and junior forward Janelle Cazy continues heating up, the Panthers will find themselves playing meaningful game the rest of the way.

For the men, the two-guard attack of junior Josh Gomes and senior Emanuel Dildy must continue putting up big numbers and leading the team.

If freshman center George Tandy continues to mature, he gives the Panthers a very capable post-presence, which will equal out to the Panthers playing in the post-season.

# Panthers aim for another upset

## Eastern looks to drop fourth-place SEMO in OVC action

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panthers men's basketball team will try and snap Southeast Missouri's five-game winning streak when the two teams tip-off at 7:35 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

Eastern, who snapped Samford's six-game winning streak earlier this season at Lantz, will have to contain one of the Ohio Valley Conference's best frontcourt tandems if the Panthers are to play spoiler again.

Senior forwards Dainmon Gonner and Reggie Golson are two of the conference's top four scorers. Gonner leads the OVC with 20.3 points per game, and Golson's 16.6 is fourth in the conference.

The pair combined for 47 points in SEMO's 79-60 win over the Panthers on Jan. 11 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"Gonner and Golson did pretty much everything," senior guard Josh Gomes said. "We realize those two guys shoot most of their balls.

"We just have to watch for those two guys and contain them on the defense."

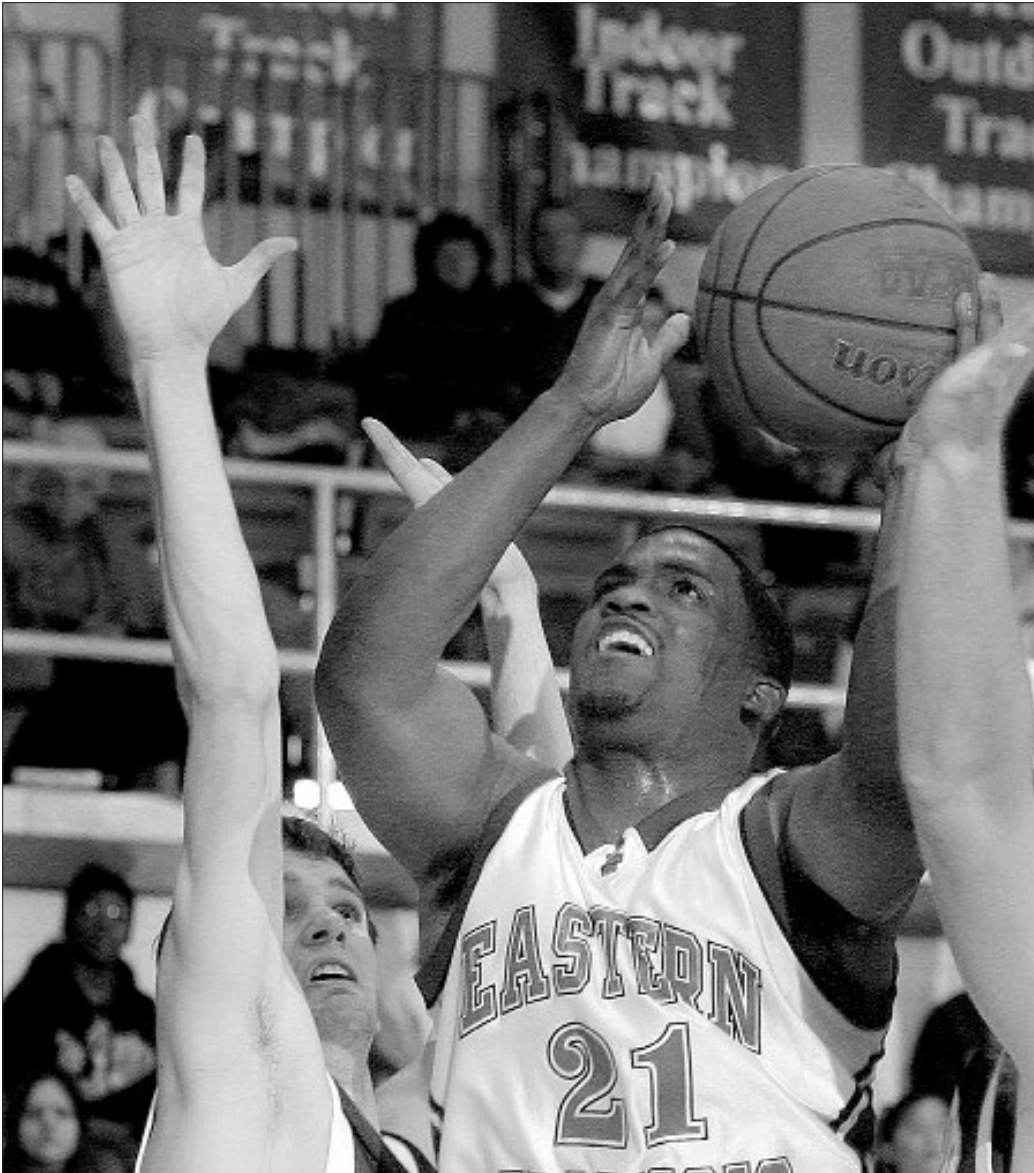
Golson led all players with 24 points in the prior meeting, hitting 10-of-12 from the field.

Samuels said the Panthers (9-12, 4-6 OVC) were prepared for SEMO's triangle offense, but the Redhawks (11-10, 6-4) were able to exploit Eastern by going backdoor.

"We have to do a better job of defending their rear screens. They were able to beat us on that," head coach Rick Samuels.

On offense, the Panthers will try and deal with a predictable half-court man-to-man defense.

"I think (SEMO head coach Gary) Garner's allergic to zone," Samuels said. "I don't think they'll come after us full-court because they only play seven



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**Senior guard Jason Wright scores two points against Samford Jan. 27 in Lantz Arena. Eastern hosts Southeastern Missouri in Lantz Arena at 7:35 tonight.**

guys, and they've been playing those seven guys for two months."

The Panthers will try to get big games out of their own duo, senior guard Emanuel Dildy and Gomes. In the first meeting with SEMO, Gomes led the

Panthers with 21 points, but the Redhawks limited Dildy to just 5 points on 2-of-9 shooting.

SEE **UPSET** PAGE 11

# Panthers long-term goals right on track

## Performance in weekend meet prepares team for conference season

DERRICK JOHNSON II  
STAFF WRITER

Looking at the Eastern men's track and field team's ninth place finish at 2005 McDonald's Invitational this past weekend at Southern Illinois, one might assume that the team's performance had fallen short.

But to head coach Tom Akers, there is a much larger picture that has yet to be revealed.

That picture would be improving individual performances and aiming for a fifth-straight Ohio Valley Conference championship.

"We went into this meet looking at individual performances," Akers said. "A lot of events we didn't even have people competing in."

Some of the athletes may have been slightly taken out of their element at the meet because they were competing in events that they do not normally participate in, Akers said.

"We moved people around a little bit so they don't get stale," he said.

Akers said he was pleased with the efforts from Erik Werden, who ran the mile in four minutes and 20 seconds, freshman Chris Wesson, who ran the 400 meter dash in 51 seconds, and junior Dan Strackeljahn, who ran the mile with a time of 4minutes 13 seconds.

Strackeljahn said he was dissatisfied with the intensity of the race.

"There's some pretty good guys in the mile out there," Strackeljahn

**"We moved people around a little bit so they don't get stale."**

TOM AKERS, TRACK AND FIELD HEAD COACH

said. "I wish the race had gone a little faster."

Unlike sprinting, which requires making a good start when coming out of the blocks and making a good, strong finish across the line, long distance requires extreme mental focus and a good game plan, which Strackeljahn said he executed.

"Pretty much the game plan was to get out to a quick pace in the first 400 and hold it for the rest of the mile," Strackeljahn said.

Strackeljahn's long-term plans seem to be as solid, as he said his goal is to run the mile at a quicker pace.

"By the end of the season I want

to be under 4:05 so hopefully I'll run a 4:04 or less," Strackeljahn said.

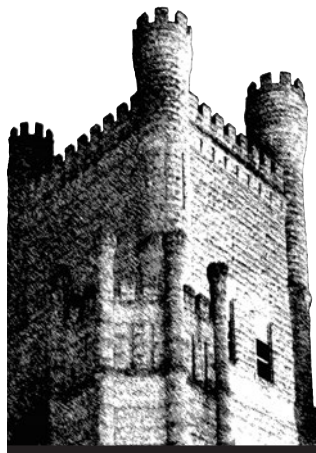
He said the upcoming meet at Iowa State University might help him achieve his goal.

"This weekend at Iowa State I'll see some pretty good competition, so hopefully it will be a pretty fast mile," he said.

The indoor season has just over a month left.

The Panthers head to the Tyson Invitational Friday before competing in the OVC Indoor Championships on Feb. 25-26, which Eastern will host at Lantz Fieldhouse.





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## Recruiter participation increases as result of climbing economy

**“We usually hire multiple people from Eastern. I’m always happy at the end of the day.”**

BOB BEDELLE,  
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BY ASHLEY RUEFF  
STAFF WRITER

More than 100 employers will be on the lookout for students to fill internships, summer jobs and full-time positions at the Career Network Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Ballrooms.

This is a semi-annual event that is beneficial to all students, including freshmen and sophomores, said Linda Moore, director of Career Services.

“It would be a really big mistake to wait until your senior year to come to something like this,” Moore said.

Employers, like the Disney College Program, are looking for students who are interested in internships and employment through their summer camps, said Debbie Endsley, campus interview coordinator.

Other recruiters will include Caterpillar, State Farm, Archer Daniels Midland and Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Endsley said.

Bob Berdelle, recruiting supervisor of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, has been coming to Eastern’s career day for the past four years.

“We usually hire multiple people from Eastern,” Berdelle said. “I’m always happy at the end of the day.”

Career Services hopes that the student attendance rate for the

career fair will increase this year. Moore said the number of employers who attend is increasing.

“The number of employers went down with the economy, but it’s climbing again,” she said.

There are a few things students can do to prepare themselves for

Career Network Day.

Students should dress and behave professionally, Endsley said. They should also bring their resume and a list of employers that they would like to speak with. A list of recruiters can be found on the Career Services Web site, [www.jobsrv.edu](http://www.jobsrv.edu).

“It really impresses recruiters if students have done their research,” Endsley said.

Moore suggests that students come to the fair early, while the recruiters are still fresh. Attendance will be verified for students who need an excuse for class, she said.

Career Services wants to emphasize how important it is for students to attend these types of events.

“The main purpose is for students to get out and get comfortable with the whole recruitment process,” Endsley said.

More information about Career Network Day can be found on the Career Services Web site.





# Interviewing: half the battle to landing a job

## Mock interview proves process difficult and important

By Nicole Nicolas  
Features Reporter

Out of breath and slightly nervous, I utter to the secretary, “Hi, I’m here for a mock interview with Kelli Brosam, the education and professional studies career adviser.”

“OK, she’ll be with you momentarily,” the secretary says politely.

I’m here for a mock interview, which is one of the ways Career Services helps students when they are preparing to enter the workforce.

Brosam is one of the two career advisers who conduct interviews for students as if she were an employer interviewing an employee. Through the course of the interview, she gives students interviewing tips.

At Career Services 2, 257 students have had either appointments or online assistance with their resumes and cover letters, career counseling and job searches, and mock interviews, according to the 2004 Career Service Annual Report.

Also, according to Career Services the amount of appointments increased 24 percent compared to previous years.

It takes an average of five interviews to learn how to interview well for a job, says Linda Moore, the director of Career Services.

“Going through mock interviews really helps ease some of (the students’) nerves, so they don’t go into the actual interview nervous,” says Kristi Orrick, a Human Resources representative and recruiter for State Farm Insurance.

I take a seat in the Career Services’s waiting room and try to relax, but I’m anxious for the interview to start. Beside me is a coffee table

“I pause a moment to think about a weakness I have that wouldn’t make me look incompetent.”

with a large aluminum thermos of hot chocolate surrounded by career-related magazines.

I try hard to remember what questions Brosam might ask. What goals have you set for yourself? How are you planning to achieve them? Tell me about your strengths and weaknesses.

After considering the questions, I try to recall the advice the employers I interviewed gave me.

According to Katie Noland, from Country Inn Suites in Effingham, a prospective employee should always have a question ready to ask the employer at the end of the interview.

Just as I reach for a magazine to read, Brosam smiles at me and asks me, “Are you Nicole?”

“Yes, nice to meet you,” I answer as I shake her hand.

With a little more confidence now, I follow Brosam to her office with my resume in hand. On the way we talk about how nice it is outside because small talk is always a good way to start the interview, Brosam says.

Many students in the past are surprised how welcoming the employers are, Moore says.

“Can you tell me about yourself?” Brosam asks as we take our seats.

I pause for a moment.

“I’m a sophomore journalism major at Eastern Illinois University. I have gained experience working at *The Daily Eastern News* and the *Verge* since my first semester in my freshman year. At the paper, I’m currently a features reporter.”

“What is the *Verge*?” Brosam says.

“The *Verge*, which comes out every Thursday, is part of *The Daily Eastern News*,” I say.

“Tell me some of your strengths and weaknesses?” she says.

“My strengths are I’m a good reporter and a hard worker,” I say.

I pause a moment to think about a weakness I have that wouldn’t make me look incompetent.

“One of my weaknesses is that I’m unorganized and scramble my notes everywhere.”

Brosam stops the interview to give me some advice. She says I should try to also explain how I’m working on improving my weaknesses instead of just simply stating my weaknesses.

“Moving on, do you prefer to work independently or in a group?” she asks.

“I like to work in both a group and independently,” I answer.

I pause for a moment and look away and up toward the ceiling.

Giving me some more advice, Brosam tells me that I should avoid looking up, and it would be better to establish more eye contact with the employer.

“I like to work independently because you don’t have to count on anyone but yourself, and you don’t have to worry about someone else not doing (his or her) share of the work,” I say.

### Career Services breakdown

In addition to career advisers interview help, Career Services also host presentations and workshops on resume writing, interview techniques, job search methods, career service overview, dining etiquette, career development and planning, major choosing, student teacher presentations,. I also conducts freshman orientations, open houses and transfer days.

### Tips to giving a good interview

- 1: Wear proper attire.
- 2: Give a nice, firm handshake with the interviewer.
- 3: Be on time!
- 4: Project confidence by answering questions genuinely and honestly.
- 5: Thank the interviewer.

“On the other hand, I like to work in a group because you have more people to bounce ideas off, and two heads are usually better than one,” I say.

After answering all of her questions, I ask her if she can give me any other tips on how to be prepared or what to do in an interview.

She said that one should shake hands firmly and project confidence by answering the questions honestly and genuinely. Also, send a thank you note to the employer, Brosam said.

Before I leave, I firmly shake her hand and thank her for her time.

As I walk down the hallway, I’m relieved the interview is over. And I now know I need to improve on my interviewing skills in order to land a good internship or job.

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# Unemployment drops

Percentage drops  
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BY KRISTY MELLENDORF  
STAFF WRITER

In December, the unemployment rate in Illinois was 5.8 percent, the lowest since October of 2001, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

"2004 represents the largest calendar year decline for the Illinois' unemployment rate since 1998, declining from January's high of 6.3 percent to December's low of 5.8 percent," said IDES Director Brenda A. Russell.

Along with the declining rate

in the state, unemployment is also becoming worse in the Charleston area.

According to [www.lmi.ides.state.il.us](http://www.lmi.ides.state.il.us), the current Coles County unemployment rate is 4.4 percent, as compared to 5.3 percent last year.

"Things have been fairly stable over the past few years," said Cindy Titus, the executive director of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce.

Quinn Matthews, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, has a job in the Thomas Dining Hall.

She discovered this job at freshman orientation.

"I like that with this job they realize that we're all college students, so the hours are very flexible and they work around our

schedules," said Matthews. "I'm trying to be more cautious with my money. It's really nice to be able to have more money every month."

Both Joanna Martin, a freshman special education major, and Vicki Potempa, freshman elementary education major, aren't currently employed.

"I'm not worried about it (looking for a job). It would be nice, but I haven't been looking for one," said Martin.

"I look at it like this, if I don't have money to spend, I can't spend any money," said Potempa.

According to the IDES, construction jobs reported the most gain with 2,800 more jobs. The government jobs have had the most loss, with 1,300 jobs lost.

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opened her up to the wider world of State Farm, she said. Through her mentor, White also met many of the other interns. At her summer internship, White said she learned the importance of an internship is to build relationships with employers and other interns to essentially build a solid network.

Not only are internships important preparation for the job market, but White also said it is important to prepare academically.

State Farm Insurance also relies upon students' grade point averages in college to decide whether it wants to hire them or not, Orrick said.

"You are preparing yourself for the life you want and seeking out opportunities is a necessary step to attaining that future," White said.

At the end of the summer, State Farm Insurance couldn't offer White a job because it had no job openings in her field.

And so she planned to go to graduate

school and became a graduate assistant after earning her bachelor's degree. Things took an unexpected turn in her senior year, a week before finals, when she received an email from State Farm asking her to come back for an interview.

"I was very excited and pleased. I revised my resume, and I called Moore and told her about the interview," White said.

White walked into State Farm Insurance to be interviewed and greeted her employer.

"I tried to bring my personality, professionalism and let them know what I could bring to the table," White said. "Most of the questions are designed to know more about you and sometimes the questions are very in-depth."

Three days later, White breathed a sigh of relief when she received a call saying she was hired. Later she found out the reason she got an interview was because her mentor gave her an excellent recommendation.

"I like my job. It's very different from school, but I like what I do. There are deadlines and no extensions like in school," White said.

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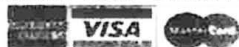
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Career Adviser Bobbi Kingery (right) gives advice to Jerry Rankin about his resume Thursday at the Resume Blitz held by Career Services. Rankin, a senior computer information systems major, said he was getting his resume prepared for Wednesday's Career Network Day.

# Making an impression on paper

## Resumes and cover letters leave lasting image with employers

BY KATE KONIECZNY  
STAFF WRITER

Whether a student is graduating and looking for a job or is only a sophomore looking for an internship, everyone needs to be prepared with a great resume and cover letter.

Making sure all the information on a resume is correct is the most important thing to do before sending it off because "that's what represents you when you're not there to do it," said Bobbi Kingery, career adviser.

The biggest mistake college students make, she said, is they not listing their degree on their resumes. Students often know their majors, but not what bachelor's degree they are getting, Kingery said.

Another helpful hint Kingery tells students is to always list a professional email address. An applicant can lose credibility if his or her email address cannot be taken seriously.

Kingery's basic resume tips include keeping it one page in length and always starting the resume with one's strengths.

When it comes to writing the cover letter, Kingery said to "show the employer how your skills match their needs." The cover letter introduces the applicant to the perspective employer

**"You cannot underestimate the importance of a resume because it is your first and only impression."**

RICHARD FANELLI, COMFORT SUITES MOTEL

and introduces the resume, according to the Career Services Web site.

Students need to gear their cover letters to the specific employer, promote their strengths and let the employer know how to follow up and reach them if they are interested, Kingery said.

"You cannot underestimate the importance of a resume because it is your first and only impression," said Richard Fanelli, the general manager of the Comfort Suites Hotel in Mattoon.

Fanelli's advice to college students is to keep their resumes concise. As an employer, Fanelli said he often passes over resumes that are overly wordy because of time.

With recent college graduates, although a good GPA will impress Fanelli, it is experience that influences his decision the most. Even though young students may think they have a disadvantage to older applicants, Fanelli said he

hires solely based on the candidate's credentials; it is against the law to discriminate based on age.

All of this information can be overwhelming to an already stressed out graduate looking for a job, but there are several ways to find relief.

Career Services offers students an array of help including resume critiquing, job listings and interview help. Students can either make a one-on-one appointment or attend one of Career Services' workshops. Career Services' Web site, [www.jobsrv.eiu.edu](http://www.jobsrv.eiu.edu), also provides students with a database of more than 1,000 job listings.

There are also other resources on the Internet for posting resumes and finding employers. Monstertrak at [www.monstertrak.monster.com](http://www.monstertrak.monster.com) prides itself on "successfully connecting employers with college students, recent graduates and career centers."

Throughout the site, students can find employers who are directly aimed at Eastern, as well as alumni career contacts who can give realistic information about career options and job responsibilities.

For more information on the upcoming Career Network Day or for resume help, students can contact Career Services at 581-2412, or stop by the Human Services building.

# Job search begins at Eastern

BY NICOLE NICOLAS  
STAFF WRITER

Lakita White, an Eastern graduate, took her first step toward landing a job right after graduating by simply attending the spring 2003 Career Fair to obtain an internship.

White, with her neatly ironed suit and a few resumes Career Services had looked over the night before in her hand, introduced herself and gave her resume to State Farm Insurance and Aldi's recruiters.

In Career Services' 2004 annual job employment analysis, it reported that 86 percent of last year's graduating seniors have jobs now. This percentage is a 3 percent increase from the previous year. According to Career Services, Eastern's employment rate is 6 percent higher than the national rate.

The reason Eastern employment rate is higher than the national rate is because students at Eastern take advantage of the resources available and don't just shoot for one great employer, said Linda Moore, the director of Career Services.

In the United States and Canada, State Farm Insurance has approximately 74,000 employees, according to State Farm Insurance's Web site. State Farm Insurance is also ranked the number one insurer of cars, with one car out of five insured.

"We always recommend researching the company ahead of time, so (students) are prepared," said Kristi Orrick, a State Farm Insurance Human Resources representative.

After talking to both recruiters, White realized Aldi was not the place for her and prayed for an internship at State Farm Insurance. Her prayers were answered when State Farm Insurance requested an interview with her.

Before the interview she took a deep breath and thought to herself, "I'm there for a reason. This is who I am, and I know what I have to offer and I have worked on my skills."

In the end, she was given an internship as a business analyst, which complimented her major in computer information systems with a concentration in telecommunications.

State Farm Insurance set her up with a mentor. White's mentor opened her up to the wider world of State Farm, she said. Through her

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# Online resume sites becoming a bigger trend

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Graduates may experience a shocking reality when expecting to get a job in the actual field they graduated in.

Most of the time, they won't. Posting resumes online has become quite a trend in recent years with expanding technology that has made it easier to search for jobs. But when students post their resumes on

these sites, they aren't always guaranteed a job in the field of their degrees.

Web sites like [monster.com](http://monster.com) and [careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com) seem to be the most popular sites when it comes to posting resumes. A representative from [careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com) said there are more than 9 million resumes on the site.

"Sales is a huge market on our site," he said. "Jobs that are very specified tend to get the best responses."

Bobbie Kingery, a Career Services mentor, agreed.

"Business, sales, management—those types of fields that are specific rather than something like social work, will most likely get the best response because companies with a lot of money look for a lot of people," Kingery said.

Eastern's Career Services does not only help graduating seniors build their resumes; they help everyone.

"We suggest people (post their resumes) before their senior year so it can get internships and build every aspect of their resumes," Kingery said.

Careerbuilder.com also provides a service to help build or polish resumes, but there is a fee for this type of service.

"It's a trend that is going to replace the traditional method," a careerbuilder.com representative said.

Alternative ways to get a resume exposed, as suggested by Career Services, are to register with it and come into the office on campus. Also, job fairs, affiliation with professional organizations and networking can prove to be effective methods.

"Sometimes going to a job fair and physically handing your resume to someone, establishing that one-on-one connection, is the best way to get your name out there," Kingery said.