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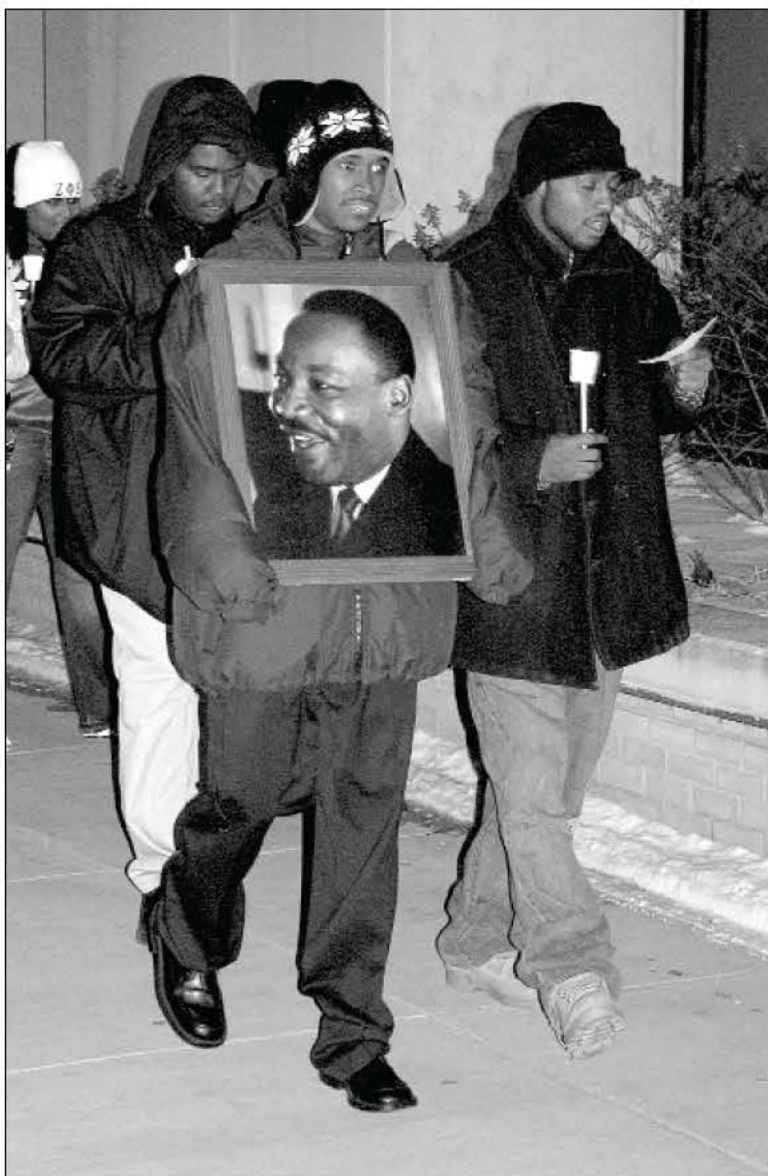
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Marcell Morgan, a junior physical education major, carries a portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. during the candlelight vigil walk Monday night sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha. Around 50 people participated in the event in the cold weather.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Past meets present in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

BY APRIL MCLAREN
CAMPUS EDITOR

Despite below zero temperatures, Eastern students, faculty and staff gathered at Thomas Hall to honor Martin Luther King Jr. The group of approximately 50 made their way to Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on a march while singing with lit candles in hand.

The annual event, was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which King was a member of. After the walk, the group and additional people who joined after the walk, made their way to the University Ballroom for a presentation in honor of King.

Joseph Malone, senior psychology major, said

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Roche named new frontman for WEIU

BY JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Denis Roche will serve as the new interim general manager for WEIU and hopes to make students marketable and connect with the community.

Roche replaced former WEIU General Manager, Rick Sailors, who was dismissed from his position Dec. 20. Roche has served as WEIU's director of engineering and distribution technologies since May 2004.

"I think (Roche) will do a great job. He has maturity, leadership, vision and is absolutely first-rate," Sailors said.

WEIU's radio and television advisory board met Jan. 14 and interviewed Jeff Owens, WEIU-FM director, and Roche for the position.

"(Roche) is a great guy and will bring leadership to the table," Owens said.

Owens said he applied for the position because he wanted to talk to Jill Nilsen, vice president for External Relations, about future plans for WEIU, but he said she made a good choice in choosing Roche for the position.

"Denis brings to the interim position many years of experience in the television industry," Nilsen said. "His skills will enable the Radio-TV Center to move forward until a permanent general manager is appointed."

Roche has worked in the radio and television industry for 30 years. He has continued to gain both managerial skills and knowledge of the industry while serving in various directorships and vice presidencies at large, multi-



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RICK SAILORS, FORMER WEIU GENERAL MANAGER

channel television companies.

Previous to his career at WEIU, Roche served as the vice president of broadcast operations and engineering at EABC/Skyview in Fort Lee, N.J., and was director of customer service at Leitch Inc. in Burbank, Calif.

Roche said his intentions when he was hired at WEIU were not to be interim general manager, but he feels he is qualified for the position.

"I am a hands-off guy in giving directions," Roche said.

Roche said he gives directions and realizes he is working with adults and allows his employees to follow the directions.

"We have a very talented staff, and the exciting part is that they know what they are doing," Roche said.

Roche plans to balance a manageable workload for his employees and said team building is important.

While at Eastern, Roche's primary goal has been to provide the best possible education to students so they will be most employable.

Roche has been responsible for engineering and managing WEIU's analog to digital transmission, multichannel transmission and production and live news facility.

Roche said in his new position he will work internally more with faculty and externally with business partners to get underwriting and funding for WEIU.

Student Recreation Center thefts under investigation

BY APRIL MCLAREN
CAMPUS EDITOR

Shortly before winter break a theft was reported in the Student Recreation Center.

The theft is still under investigation, and University Police Chief Adam Due said he is hoping the case will make it to the State's Attorney in a couple of weeks. The exact amount of items stolen is yet to be determined, and the sort of items could not be released from police.

"(The theft) was immediately reported to campus police," said Ken Baker, SRC director. "(University police) did a great job investigating."

Due said some of the stolen items were found in the trash and thrown on the ground in the SRC. Even though there are more people involved than when the theft first occurred, Due said no arrests have been made.

"The number of people involved has grown," Due said. "We're trying to get it all tied together."

An occasional panther card, wallet or keys have been stolen in the past from the SRC, Baker said; however,

the amount of valuables stolen was not high, Due said.

Baker said he was initially surprised when he found out about the thefts.

"Our students are always turning items in to lost and found, not taking other people's property," Baker said.

Mike Nowak, sophomore biology major and SRC employee, works at the desk near the storage shelves where the items were stolen.

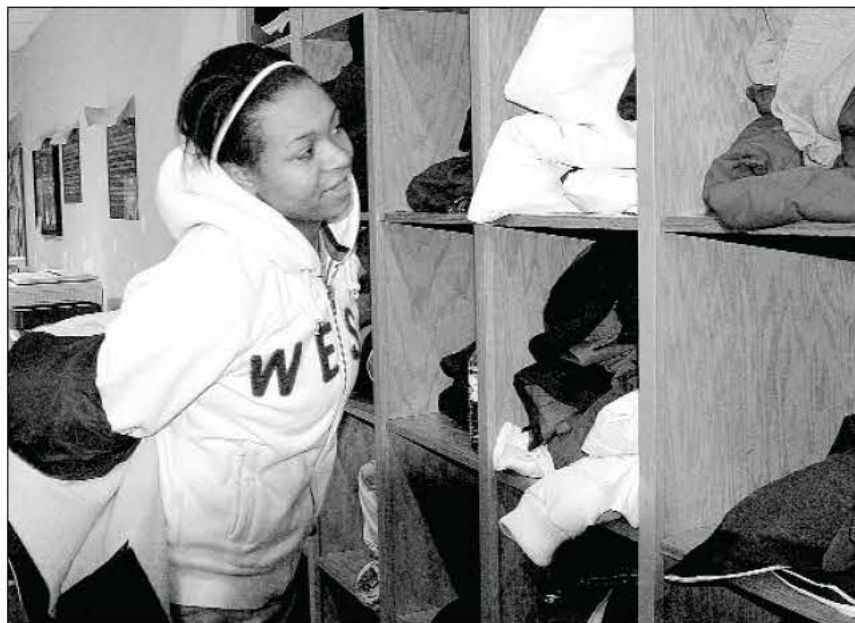
He said if an employee notices any suspicious people near other's personal items the employee will use a walkie talkie to get someone in charge to take care of the situation.

To avoid thefts from happening Baker advised students to use the coin-operated lockers located next to the access desk in the front of the SRC.

"Individuals are responsible to look after their own personal items," he said. "Do not leave your valuables unattended."

Nowak also had a bit of advice to prevent items from being stolen.

"I wouldn't bring anything except keys, my panther card and what I was wearing," he said, "because people are looking for wallets."



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Jessica Parks, a freshman broadcast journalism major, takes her roommate's coat off at the storage shelf at the Student Recreation Center Monday night. "I don't feel safe storing my stuff here," Parks said, "so that's why I brought my roommate's coat."

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

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WEDNESDAY
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Mostly cloudy

THURSDAY
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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
Studies show race plays a role with professors

By JENELL JACKSON
TECHNICIAN

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. - A recent study by the National Collaborative Diversity in the Teaching Force found that the race or ethnicity of a professor was directly linked to the success of a student.

The study, released last November, shows that students of color often perform better academically, socially and personally when taught by professors of their same ethnic background.

There are extensive demographic studies being conducted by the NCDTF to examine the relationship between students' academic achievement and teacher diversity. They have determined that by increasing the number of minority teachers and professors in classrooms, it will be directly linked to closing the achievement gap.

Gabrielle Moss, a junior in business, agrees that having a professor of the same ethnic background can help students do better in class.

"When a student has a professor of the same race, they have someone they can relate to. When I have a black professor I see someone who looks just like me," said Moss, who is African-American. "I also feel that you don't have any discrimination racially and that makes the class environment a lot better."

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES
Students affected by tsunami receive aid

By BRIAN HOLBROOK
DAILY BRUIN

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - International students at the University of California-Los Angeles who are from areas that were directly affected by the recent earthquake and resultant tsunami in South Asia may qualify for new financial aid resources, available thanks to a grant provided by two national organizations, the Institute of International Education and the Freeman Foundation.

The \$5,000 grant is available for up to four UCLA undergraduate students, the maximum number of grant recipients allowed per university.

To be eligible for the award, a student must be a citizen or permanent resident of Indonesia, Malaysia or Thailand and must be able to demonstrate that their financial ability to continue their studies in the United States has been directly affected by the Dec. 26 devastation.

Sharon Witherell, a spokeswoman for the Institute of International Education, said that over 13,000 students in the United States are from the three affected countries and could be eligible for aid, including 6,249 from Indonesia, 2,464 from Thailand, and 4,543 from Malaysia.

CORRECTIONS

Corrections will appear on Page Two.

WHAT THE BELL!?



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Terrence Mayhue, professor of percussion at Eastern, practices the bells in the percussion lab of McAfee Gymnasium Monday afternoon despite having the day off for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

WTF?

A furry dress-up event

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - The city is hosting a convention this weekend of about 1,700 "furries" - people who love animals so much that they take on their identities and sometimes dress up like them.

Part costume party and part role play, Further Confusion, or FurCon, gives grown-ups a place to act out their inter-species fantasies.

The convention includes workshops on such things as puppetry, costume making, writing about mythical creatures and "furry anatomy."

ENTERTAINMENT

'King Kong' to return to screen

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Director Peter Jackson's first attempt to remake "King Kong" featured an Empire State Building constructed out of cardboard and a Manhattan skyline painted on an old bedsheet. It was an amateur effort, but Jackson was only 13 at the time. He has a bigger budget now, at 43.

Jackson, who directed "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, said remaking "King Kong" has been a lifelong obsession.

The \$150 million remake now in production is a respectful tribute to the 1933 original.

ONLINE POLL

With the Chicago Bulls winning seven consecutive games, we ask how far will they make it this season?

- A) So they won a few games, big deal. The Bulls won't make the playoffs.
- B) Chicago will see the Bulls reach the playoffs for the first time since 1998, but will make a first round exit.
- C) Not only will the Bulls make the playoffs, but they will have a first round win.
- D) Can anyone say NBA Champion Chicago Bulls?

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Prices rise for wage increase

By HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

The increase in minimum wage that was implemented Jan. 1 has affected both employers and employees in Charleston.

The new law increased minimum wage \$1.35 over a two-year span, from \$5.15 to \$5.50 in 2004 and from \$5.50 to \$6.50 in 2005.

By allowing two years to implement the increase, Eastern could plan accordingly when setting housing and dining fees, President Lou Hencken said.

"We knew this was coming. I'm glad at the way (the government) did it," he said. "(It) phased it in. I'm sure the employees would have rather had (the increase) two years ago, but from a management standpoint, it's a lot easier when you phase something like that in to make plans accordingly."

The university did acknowledge the number of student employees may have to be reduced.

"Our personal service budget is so big, so we can employ as many people as we have (money for)," said Jeff Cooley, vice president for Business Affairs. "If you're paying higher wages then the number of people you could pay will probably decrease."

The two places that employ the most students on campus are the library and dining services, said Blair Lord, vice president for Academic Affairs.

Many students are employed off-campus as well, and some businesses in Charleston don't have the resources to accommodate the large increase.

Bonnie Litteken, owner of Trim, Tone and Tan, has always paid her employees a little more than minimum wage, and still does even after the increase. But to make up the difference, Litteken said she would probably have to increase prices this coming December.

"I think all of your costs are going to go way up," she said. "For instance, my income went down for minimum wage going up, so it just depends on how many people (a busi-

ness) employs; it could have a huge effect on them."

The initial reaction from Litteken's employees was negative because they assumed the prices of everything else would go up also, she said.

About 6 percent of Illinois workers currently receive minimum wage, and Illinois is one of 14 states that has passed minimum wages higher than the federal standard of \$5.15 an hour. The federal standard hasn't been increased since 1997, according to a press release from the governor's office.

Even though the increase is supposed to give people more money to put back into local businessmen, Litteken said it will all probably even out in the end.

"For people (getting paid minimum wage) who have a hard time getting jobs the cost of living for them may be a little bit easier," she said. "I also think all the the businesses are going to increase all their prices, so I think in the long run it's all just going to even out. You get paid a little bit more, but things may cost a little bit more as well."



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Bonnie Litteken, owner of Trim, Tone and Tan cleans a bed. Litteken says tanning prices will rise due to the minimum wage increase.

Berger earns senator honors for great service

By MATT POLI
STAFF WRITER

At last week's Student Senate meeting, student senator Andrew Berger received honors as the Senator of the Semester for fall 2004.

The award is given to a Student Senate member who has accomplished a great service for the student body and displays strong leadership qualities.

Nominees for the award are presented to the Student Senate, which votes for the member who has displayed such outstanding qualities.

"Senator of the Semester is someone who is not only a strong leader, but a person who can challenge other senators to be more successful," said Ryan Berger, the speaker of the Senate.

Andrew Berger paid a debt of gratitude to his roommate.

"Ryan really got me motivated. If not for him, I wouldn't have gotten into student government," Andrew Berger said.

As Andrew Berger's uncle, Ryan Berger knew he would enjoy being involved with student government.

"It was just something I knew he'd like, so I encouraged him to get involved," Ryan Berger said.

Andrew Berger started a Web site, allowing students to voice their opinions or post grievances they have about particular issues. Students as well as senate members can also access notes from senate meetings.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Andrew Berger at his desk in his room in Taylor Hall. Berger earned honors as the Senator of the Semester for fall 2004.

When he's not creating Web sites, Andrew Berger likes to play guitar, and he's learning how to play piano. His favorite interest, however, is politics.

"I can express myself artistically with music, but I'm all business when it comes to politics," Andrew Berger said.

Adam Howell, senate executive vice president, believes the senate should have more awards for Senator of the Semester.

"All who were nominated did exemplary work and made a big difference. I think there should be three awards," Howell said.

Howell received the Senator of the Semester award his freshmen year.

"You're not held to any higher expectations; however, you are expected to keep up the good work," Howell said.

Andrew Berger said he was going to keep doing what he was doing, which is helping the senate achieve its goals.

Chicago games available on Comcast Sports Net

By ASHLEY MORELAND
STAFF WRITER

Chicagoland sports fans are now able to watch their favorite teams again on the new Comcast Sports Net channel that Eastern has obtained.

Prior to this fall, students were able to watch Chicago sports on the Chicago Fox Sports Net channel, which was offered by Eastern's cable provider, Mediacom, said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining.

However, during the semester the rights to the Chicago Fox Sports Net channel were bought by Comcast, leaving the many Chicago sports fans hard-pressed to follow their teams.

"Generally, 60 percent (of the students are) from the Chicago-area," Hudson said.

Because of the large population of students from the Chicago-area, Hudson brought the issue to the Residence Hall Association, RHA President Lindsay Dipietro said. The council decided that it was worth pursuing a sports channel for the students.

Hudson found that Comcast was "free of charge to Eastern," Dipietro said.

As of the beginning of January, Eastern has had access to the Comcast Sports Net

channel through Mediacom, Hudson said.

"I assume Mediacom negotiated with Comcast to get that channel," Hudson said.

Hudson said Comcast is currently available on Channel 83, but starting in early February it will move to Channel 59 to replace the Chicago Fox Sports Net channel.

Although Hudson said he is a St. Louis sports fan, he wants the needs of the students to be met.

"We want to make sure our students are served," Hudson said. "We are very pleased to have gotten this channel."

Sara Doris, a freshman math major, said although she would rather be playing sports than watching them on television, she is glad Eastern got the new sports channel.

Eastern's contract with Mediacom ends this summer. Eastern will be working with the purchasing department this semester to make a draft of what is wanted out of its cable provider, Hudson said.

Companies will then send in their proposals, beginning the bidding process. Hudson plans to have a decision made by the end of the spring semester.

"Whatever bidding goes on, we want to include this channel," Hudson said.

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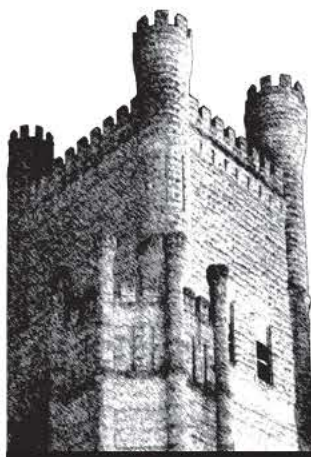
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COLUMN

Sometimes you just have to weather the weather



AARON SEIDLITZ
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In Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, an article was published stating exactly how the city of Charleston prepared for the always dependable Illinois winter weather.

The timing couldn't have been more perfect for the article to run, considering the snow/sleet/ice mixture that day was only followed by temperatures in the single digits for the rest of the weekend.

Overall, it seemed like the city's main streets were maintained in reasonable fashion considering how quickly the weather conditions changed. But at times, there were certainly more than likely situations where accidents could have been prevalent had drivers not maintained speeds that are suggested for such weather conditions.

More specifically, it seemed that Seventh Street in particular, on the campus side of Lincoln Avenue, was where the least attention was paid by the city considering the street remained covered in a fair amount of snow on top of a sheet of ice up until Sunday.

Those who were driving that road and parts of Fourth Street can understand just how difficult winter driving can be when the mixture of conditions becomes just right. Certainly this weekend would be considered just right for those conditions to be at their worst.

It's important to note that I'm not saying that the city of Charleston did a poor job reacting to the adverse conditions outside over the weekend. For the most part, the streets were handled the best way possible considering how quickly the city had to react to what was happening outside.

The point to be made here, more so than possibly just blaming the city for the poor conditions,

is that the unpredictability of the winter weather supersedes most of the efforts made by any city.

The exception here is Chicago, which in the past went through controversies with city workers who were dumping and spending too much money on salt. The city workers who directed how the snow plows were ran called for enough salt to be dumped onto the streets for the city to look like every street had a thin layer of the dirty white looking substance covering the ground.

The opposite seemed true in Charleston over the weekend, where ice was prevalent enough on some streets for some to wonder if any precautions were being taken to limit the dangerous situation on the roads.

Take into account that driving around the town on Friday and Saturday nights is fun enough when one has to encounter those who have been out to the bars or house parties throughout the night.

A few issues that drivers may have had to encounter while driving over the weekend in Charleston could have included anything from walkers who apparently didn't know that there was a sidewalk underneath all the snow to those who believe that sliding across parking lots on a snow board was a good idea, even though cars couldn't exactly stop on a dime.

When placed in those situations, as a driver, there aren't many other scenarios that are as stressful or can make somebody feel so helpless. Every driver has probably encountered it - when the brakes on your car lock up and the car in front of you isn't moving. No matter how the city or the driver handles the situation, however, there is no doubt that the winter weather can get the better of many.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY GIA HYOS



EDITORIAL

MLB finally stands up to 'roids

After a decade of high-scoring games and cherished record after cherished record falling under the speculation of steroid testing, Major League Baseball has finally stepped up to the plate and instituted a steroid testing policy.

Baseball's testing program includes year-round testing and suspensions of 10 days for first offenses, 30 days for second offenses, 60 days for third offenses, one year for fourth offenses and suspensions at the discretion of commissioner for a fifth offense.

All players will be tested at random at least once a year. The list of banned substances in the testing program was expanded to include all substances identified and banned by the federal government as steroids, steroid precursors, human growth hormone, ephedra, diuretics and known masking agents.

The policy has drawn criticism for not including amphetamines on the list of banned substances and a rather weak punishment for positive tests. While it is disappointing that amphetamines aren't included on the list of banned substances, the punishment aspect and yearly random test overshadow this fact.

Yes, 10 games is a small punishment when the season lasts 162 games. However, the test results will be made

At issue

Major League Baseball's Steroid Testing Policy

Our stance

While the policy is strong, it is a shame that it took MLB to take action.

public, which appears to be enough for baseball players to keep clean. Following the release of the federal grand jury transcript of Jason Giambi confessing to using steroids, the public has turned on him and so has his team's ownership.

If that is not enough motivation for players, the punishment becomes fairly strong as tests continue to come in positive.

It is a shame that it took this long for MLB to develop an adequate testing policy. With any baseball fan able to recite what Ted

Williams batted in 1941 and the career home runs for Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth baseball is a sport that cherishes its statistics.

This has made the record book onslaught of recent years, particularly in the home run category, all the much more difficult to except.

With Barry Bonds coming closer and closer to the most cherished record of all - Aaron's 755 career home runs - while under steroid suspicion, the delay in MLB's action will continue to hurt baseball even with an adequate testing policy currently in place.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EIU NEEDS A STRONG V.P. OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

I am writing in response to Friday's article, "The search is on," regarding the search for a new vice president of student affairs.

If you are a student who has ever had to address issues with the V.P. of Student Affairs, then you know how important it is that he or she possess

certain qualities. I am begging Eastern to hire somebody who will remember those students he or she has worked with in the past and acknowledge them with respect. I am also hoping that whom ever fills the position has the students' best interest at heart.

I want to have someone whose goals are a happy campus and a safe campus. I am hoping the next vice president of student affairs will hear

me out and not stare at me dumbfounded. I'm not saying anything bad about our last V.P. of Student Affairs, Shirley Stewart, but my mom always said, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

NICHOLE D'ANTONIO
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Concert exceeds expected attendance

By MEGAN JURINEK
CAMPUS REPORTER

A large turnout of approximately 70 people caused staff members to set up 20 extra chairs at the Tarble Art Center's soloist concert Sunday.

Emily Truckenbrod, accompanied by Randall Stubbs on piano, performed seven different pieces that varied in language, tempo and mood.

"She has, for one, a beautiful voice and great skill and diction," said Toni Beavers, a senior vocal music education major. "It's a great opportunity for the public and students to see what someone can accomplish."

The concert attracted a diverse audience, with members ranging from students to faculty to senior citizens.

"It's nice to see an audience of all ages," said Carrie Goebel, a freshman English major.

Truckenbrod performed songs composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and others, and she sang in different languages, including English, French and Spanish.

Truckenbrod has performed in

recitals, concerts and operas throughout the United States, Austria and Honduras.

On the opera stage she has performed as Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel" and Papagena in "The Magic Flute." She also has appeared as a soloist in many different orchestras around the country, including The Quad Cities Symphony Orchestra, which is located in Illinois and Indiana, and The Northshore Choral Society in

Louisiana.

"This is one of the first guest vocalists, which I think is really great," Beavers said. While performing, Truckenbrod gazed at the audience almost like she was looking though them. All the time her smile never left her face.

As she elegantly swayed back and forth, her voice compelled the audience to listen and watch, giving her their full attention.

Goebel said she came to see talented people perform.

"It's been great. She has great voice control, and (Stubbs) is a great pianist," Goebel said.



LAURA MILEN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Emily Truckenbrod sings classical music at the Tarble Arts Center Sunday evening. Truckenbrod was accompanied by her pianist, Randall Stubbs (left).

Police to receive city honor

By HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

Plaques will be presented to three members of the Charleston Police Department tonight at the city council meeting to recognize their outstanding service.

Officers Kirk Hildebrand, Chad Reed and Hank Pauls responded to the scene of an accident early last December after a car full of Eastern students ended up in the Town Branch Creek. The officers saved one student whose head was completely submerged under water.

Only five or six plaques have been given out prior to tonight, and tonight will be the first time they are presented to police officers, Mayor Dan Coughill said.

"Those officers are the ones that basically saved her life, and we're giving them a plaque thanking them for what they did," Coughill said. "It's kind of rare; we don't just do it for the heck of it."

The plaques are presented to people who have "gone above and beyond what they needed to do," he said.

"These guys pretty much did that in this case. There was no requirement to jump in that water, but had they not it might be much worse than it is now," Coughill said.

The city council will also authorize the release of minutes from closed session meetings, authorizing the settlement of an agreement with Deborah Essery and her sister regarding a Tiff loan the city had given them. Also, the closed session meetings include authorizing an agreement with the Coles County Fairgrounds.

The agreement will grant the fairgrounds a \$500 credit for water in exchange for letting Charleston use the fairgrounds for its spring and fall cleanups, Coughill said.

"They don't have to pay for the fair portion of their water, but they have to pay for all the other water they use. And then we don't have to pay to use the fairgrounds. We just swap," he said.

The meeting is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Eastern considers campus day care possibilities

By JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate will meet today to discuss the possibility of a campus day-care center at Eastern.

The Faculty Senate and Student Senate are working together to see if there is a need for a day-care on campus.

"We need to get a clear sense both of what needs are and of the state of available resources," said senate member John Kilgore.

Kilgore has been in contact with the Child Development Lab on campus, Lake Land College and the Child Care Resource and Referral Office to learn more about campus day care.

Kilgore said he learned in 1997 that Eastern had plans to construct a day-care center designed to enroll 100 to 50 children, but the funding for the center never came through.

"At some point it would be valuable to have a look at these facilities and to speak in person

with the people working with them," Kilgore said. "It's like anything else; you form an image in your mind, but if it happens to be unlike the reality you may end up drawing conclusions without understanding the source of your confusion."

The Student Senate is creating a survey regarding child care issues. Some of the questions include if the surveyor sees a need for day care and how much he or she would be willing to pay for services.

"The survey still has to go through the Student Relations Committee before it can be distributed," said Ryan Berger, speaker of the senate.

Berger said the committee will go through the questions on the survey to make sure they are not misleading.

"If enough students want the day care, funding shouldn't be a problem," Berger said.

The Faculty Senate meets 2 p.m. today in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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he felt obligated to walk because of what King had done in the past.

"He laid his life on the line," Malone said. He also said a short walk from Thomas Hall to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union can not compare to the march King led in 1963 to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

When those involved with the march made their way to the University Ballroom, they were welcomed with movie clips of King and the legacy he left behind.

After Alpha Phi Alpha welcomed everyone and thanked those involved in the event, the Black National Anthem was sang and a video, "The Journey of Dr. Martin Luther King," was shown.

Later Jeff Collier, a junior political science major and the Black Student Union president, spoke on behalf of the Black Student Union.

Collier said people can still learn from King's work years after he proclaimed them. He sees King as a leader who often convicts him.

"Everytime I put myself first, he convicts me," Collier said.

Nafisah Freeman, senior elementary education major and president Eastern's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke to the group telling them how the NAACP has been affected by King.

"We try to make sure everyone can do things together," she said. "We try to live up to (King's) dreams where everyone can fit into the same place."

Freeman said people probably would not have been as strong as they are today if King did not make a stance.

Freeman said she has always viewed King as a role model.

"I always wanted to go anywhere and do



Ceria Wilson (left), freshman elementary education major, and Marjani Lewis (right), freshman journalism major, walk by the painting of Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday. Students at Eastern had no classes on Monday in observance of King's birthday.

anything," she said. As students took a day off from class, some thought about those words King made and how he affected their lives.

"I get so speechless when I think about him," said Dominique Brown, junior broadcast journalism major and Black Student Union academic cabinet director. "He has made a huge impact on everyone. He has set into our heads being separated is uncalled for no matter what race you are."

She said King has affected her and her family since she has been little. Since her father participated in King's march in 1963, Brown grew up hearing stories of that day. While she knows it would have been a scary experience, she said she would have participated if she had the chance.

"It's scary, but if I was living I would have

stood up because I believed in (King) and his dream," she said. "I would have been terrified. It was basically the only way to gain equality."

She said King has taught her since she has been young to not look at people from the outside, but it is the inside that counts. She said she has been taught not to hate others because of the pain her ancestors went through.

While King left a huge impact on history, Brown stressed there have been others who believed in King and left their mark on history. But without King and his movement, Brown said the world probably would not be as desegregated as it is today.

"I think days like this is when people come together," she said. "No matter what race you are, people learn about each other."

STATE BRIEFS

State agencies to help attract more minority contractors

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich, speaking at a ceremony honoring Martin Luther King Jr., announced new initiatives Monday to help more women-owned and minority-owned businesses bid on state construction projects.

The Illinois Department of Transportation will focus \$3.1 million on helping disadvantaged businesses qualify as contractors, largely by hiring advisers to help them become certified for performance bonds, which are necessary for companies to get state construction contracts through IDOT, Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said.

IDOT's goal is to raise the percentage of contracts given to disadvantaged businesses from 14 percent to 22 percent, Blagojevich said at the breakfast ceremony in Chicago, also attended by U.S. Sen. Barack Obama and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

WINTER FLOODING EXPECTED TO WANE BY WEEK'S END

Rain-swollen rivers across Illinois should begin to recede by the end of the week, halting a spring-like rash of winter floods that forced dozens of people out of their homes over the weekend, authorities said Monday.

Other than scattered evacuations, officials said there generally have been few problems beyond flooded fields and secondary roads as rivers rose due to melting snow and heavy rains that have already made January the sixth wettest on record.

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King's hometown celebrates slain leader

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA - Americans inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. took part in marches and rallies around the country Monday, drawing from the late civil rights leader's message to call for an end to the Iraq war, advocate affirmative action and speak out for gay rights.

In King's hometown, parade spectators lined the streets dancing to Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" and listening to King's speeches blaring over the loudspeakers. Despite Monday's chilly temperatures, thousands of marchers then walked through the Atlanta district where King grew up and preached.

Joining high school marching bands, union workers and civil rights activists, a group of several hundred people came in support of gay rights, saying King's message was one of inclusion.

"Dr. King's dream is for everyone, not just one specific group of individuals," said Michelle Bruce, a Riverdale city councilwoman who marched with a transgender group called TransAction. "If you hate discrimination and racism, this is the place to come and march."

MINNESOTA TOWN REACHES 54 DEGREES BELOW ZERO

Temperatures plummeted across the eastern half of the nation Monday, approaching an all-time record in northern Minnesota and freezing the Gulf Coast as a river of Arctic air pushed southward.

Thermometers registered a low of 54 degrees below zero at Embarrass, Minn.

"You keep living, but it gets old after a while," said Christine Mackai, the town clerk for the community of about 1,400 people in northeast Minnesota.

Minnesota's record is 60 below, set on Feb. 2,

NATIONAL BRIEFS



1996, in Tower, about 10 miles north of Embarrass.

While below-zero readings stayed in the upper Midwest, thermometers dropped below the freezing mark all the way to the Gulf of Mexico coast.

COMAIR PRESIDENT QUILTS AFTER CHRISTMAS FIASCO

CINCINNATI - The president of Delta subsidiary Comair Inc. resigned Monday, weeks after the failure of an overloaded computer system stranded hundreds of customers on Christmas.

An internal Delta memo said Randy Rademacher had stepped down to pursue other unspecified opportunities. Asked whether Rademacher was pressured to leave, Comair spokesman Nick Miller said: "It was his personal decision. We don't want to speculate on his reasons."

A telephone message seeking comment from Rademacher was not immediately returned Monday.

AVALANCHE SEARCH ENDS WITH ONLY ONE KNOWN FATALITY

PARK CITY, Utah - Authorities ended a large-scale search for victims of last week's massive avalanche Monday and said there is a good chance a body found over the weekend was the lone victim.

"Right now, we believe that we have taken the one sole victim out of there," Summit County

Sheriff Dave Edmunds said at a news conference.

Trained dogs had helped searchers find the body Sunday beneath tons of snow. The presence of multiple sets of sweat shirts and gloves nearby had suggested possibly four additional victims.

The body of Shane Maixner, 27, of Sandpoint, Idaho, was found under 4 feet of snow, Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmunds said. More than 150 rescue workers and 20 dogs were involved in the search.

PETS TO EARN FREQUENT FLYER MILES FROM MIDWEST AIRLINES

MILWAUKEE - Midwest Airlines is focusing on four-footed customers in hopes of wooing more of the two-footed kind.

Midwest announced a program Monday that gives pets a free round-trip ticket for every three domestic round-trip flights they take with their owners.

By contrast, Midwest's human passengers get free round trips at 25,000 miles - a mileage requirement that frequently requires more than three domestic round trips.

BUSH SAYS HE HAS BIG SECOND-TERM AGENDA

WASHINGTON - President Bush said Monday he has "a big agenda in mind" for his second term that begins this week and that four years is going to be a short time to meet all his goals.

"We got to get moving and get some things done before _ before people kind of write me off," Bush told CBS News in an interview.

He said he hopes that with his final election behind him, Republicans and Democrats in

Congress will work together to pass his legislation. Unity will be the most important theme of his inaugural address on Thursday, he said as he taped separate interviews with CBS, ABC and NBC.

SPRINGER BEGINS LIBERAL RADIO TALK SHOW

CINCINNATI - Jerry Springer's new radio talk show doesn't have guests who get in fist fights or blurt foul language.

Springer promised to provide unabashed liberal views to counter the positions of President Bush in the first airing Monday of his radio show in Cincinnati, where he once served as mayor.

Springer, who will continue to host his more raucous TV show, called the war in Iraq immoral, saying it appeared to be focused on determining whether Iraq's Shiite majority or Sunni minority will be in charge as the country tries to grow into independence.

SUSPECT OF THREE WISCONSIN SLAYINGS KILLS HIMSELF

MADISON, Wis. - A college freshman charged with killing three men in their sleep hanged himself from a sprinkler head in his jail cell Monday, one day before his trial was to begin, authorities said.

Officials were still investigating how Meng-Ju Wu was able to use a bedsheet or pillowcase to hang himself at the county jail.

Wu, 20, came from Taiwan to study Chinese at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was charged in July 2003 with three counts of first-degree intentional homicide in the shootings of Jason McGuigan, 28, Dustin Wilson, 17, and Daniel Swanson, 25.

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28 Brooklyn or the Bronx, informally
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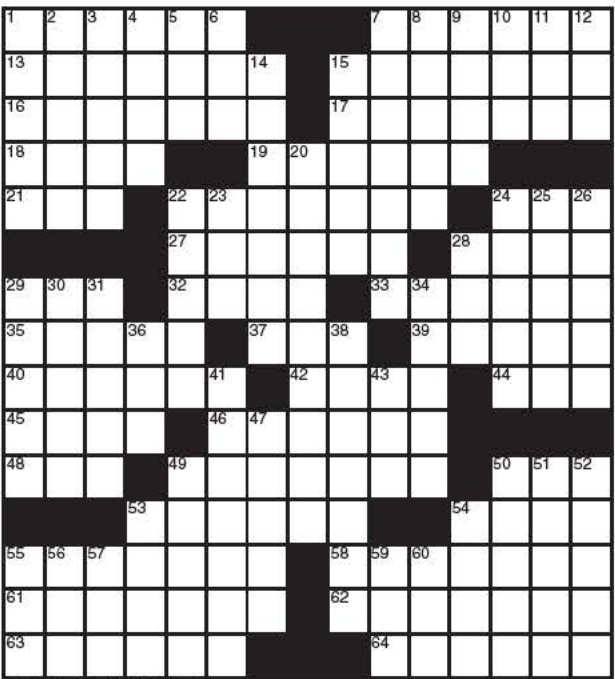
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Mother, 66, and baby doing well day after historic birth

BUCHAREST, Romania — A 66-year-old professor who writes children's books claims to have become the world's oldest woman to give birth, and doctors said Monday she and her day-old baby daughter were in good condition in intensive care.

Doctors at the Giulesti Maternity Hospital in Bucharest said Adriana Iliescu became pregnant through in vitro fertilization using sperm and egg from anonymous donors. They said she delivered her first child, Eliza Maria, by Caesarean section on Sunday and that a twin sis-

ter was stillborn.

"The child is eating a bit of glucose," Dr. Mirela Ranga, a hospital spokeswoman, said Monday.

"Mrs. Iliescu is still in intensive care, but she is moving around. She is expected to go see her daughter a bit later."

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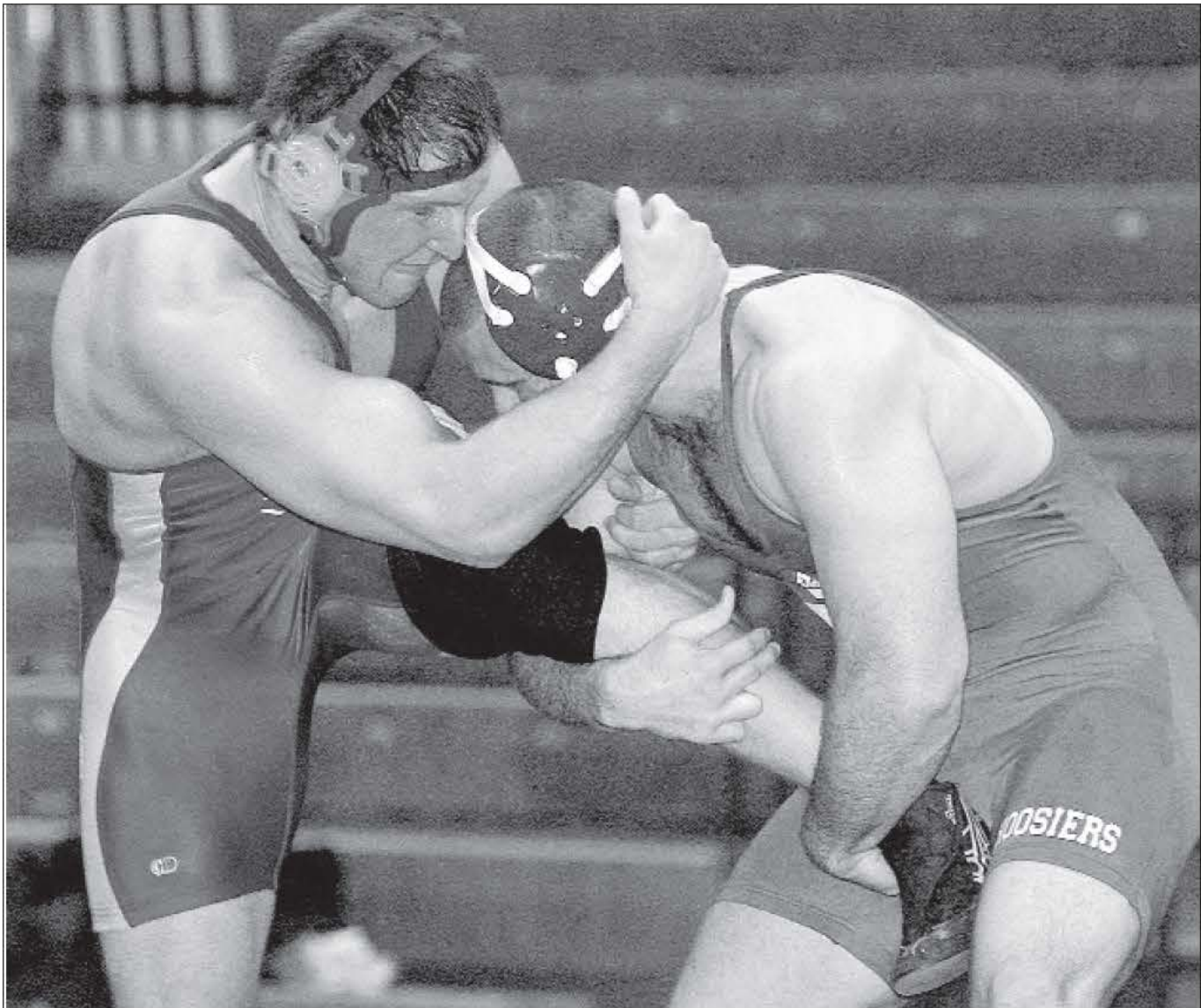
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Senior heavyweight Pete Ziminski escapes the hands of Indiana senior Pat DeGarin Dec. 12 in Lantz Arena.

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Panthers fall to Wildcats

By DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's wrestling team was able to win just one match Saturday, when it lost to No. 21 Northwestern 41-3.

The Panthers (0-5) were unable to capture their first victory of the season, as the Wildcats (7-0) maintained their perfect record heading into the Big Ten dual season.

"(Northwestern head coach Tim Cysewski) has a very nice team put together," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said.

Senior heavyweight Pete Ziminski (5-4) scored the only team points for the Panthers with his 4-1 win over Northwestern senior Scott Johnson.

"Ziminski's a good wrestler, and he's going to be a factor at nationals this year," Cysewski said.

One of the most exciting matches of the night came at 174 lbs., where Eastern sophomore Kenny Robertson (22-9), ranked No. 20 nationally at his weight class, lost 5-4 to No. 4 Jake Herbert.

"They had a barn burner," Cysewski said.

Northwestern 41, Eastern 3

- 125 lbs. NU wins by forfeit
- 133 lbs. NU wins by forfeit
- 141 lbs. Lang(NU) pins Johnson 3:25
- 149 lbs. Kim(NU) over Dintelman 5 3
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- 165 lbs. Hayes pins Knabjahn(NU) 4:50
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- Hwt. Ziminski(EIU) over Johnson 4 1

"They'll probably see each other again at nationals."

Despite the loss, McCausland was impressed with Robertson's performance, not only in that match but in the season as well.

"(Kenny) is right on the verge of winning those types of matches," McCausland said. "We still have some small, minute, technical things that Kenny needs to work on."

Eastern had another close match at 149 lbs., but the Panthers came up short to the Wildcats once again when Eastern freshman Shane Dintelman (10-11) lost a 5-3 decision to sophomore Jimmy Kim.

"(Shane) was right in the thick of it," McCausland said. "He's going to the same old moves."

"It's going to hurt him until he can learn to change the tempo of the match."

The Panthers forfeited at 133 lbs., where they had expected to send junior Chino Duran.

Duran was unable to wrestle and sophomore Casey Carrion, who normally backs Duran at 133 lbs., wasn't ready to wrestle on short notice and couldn't safely drop the weight to wrestle, McCausland said.

Eastern will try for their first dual win of the season when they welcome Ohio and McKendree to Lantz Arena for a triangular meet Sunday.

Chicago wins seventh straight

NEW YORK - The words came out of Kirk Hinrich's mouth almost matter-of-factly, words that no member of the Chicago Bulls would have dared utter for the better part of the past decade.

"We're a good team," Hinrich said, and there was no disputing him after the Bulls ran their winning streak to seven games Monday with an 88-86 victory over the reeling New York Knicks.

Ben Gordon scored on a driving 8-footer with one-tenth of a second remaining for the game-winning points, a basket that prompted coach Scott Skiles to leap into the arms of Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry.

And after the Knicks botched their last attempt and the final buzzer sounded, the smiles adorning the Bulls were a stark contrast to the long-faced frowns draping the Knicks.

"In this stretch we're just finding ways to win. Last year we were finding ways to lose," Hinrich said, "Hopefully, that's the sign of a good team."

A good team, it was pointed out, is something the Bulls have been the antithesis of since the end of the 1990s, when Michael Jordan left and the franchise sank into an extended period of rebuilding.

Nobody would have dared call the Bulls good in late November, either, after they opened the season 0-9, but the seven straight victories have left Chicago just one game below .500.

Cardinals resign starting pitcher

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Jason Marquis, coming off a career-best regular season and a shaky postseason, avoided arbitration when he agreed Monday to a \$3 million, one-year contract.

Marquis, 26, was 15-7 with a 3.71 ERA last year. He had entered last season with 14 career victories and won none in 2003, when he spent a major portion of the year at Triple-A Richmond in the Braves' system.

Marquis won 11 straight decisions from May 31-Sept. 4, the longest streak by a Cardinals pitcher since John Tudor also won 11 in a row in 1985. He lasted a total of 7 1-3 innings in his first two playoff starts before going six innings and taking the loss in the Red Sox' clinching Game 4 World Series victory.

"I look back on last year and see what went wrong and what went right," Marquis said. "Toward the end of the year, I really found out what I was capable of doing and what I'd like to be doing. It's something I've thought about all winter and come time when I'm starting to throw off the mound for the first time I'll start working on it."

The contract includes \$25,000 bonuses if Marquis pitches 200 and 205 innings and \$50,000 each for 210, 215 and 220 innings. Marquis also said there was a chance his agents could negotiate a multiyear deal.

"Multiyear is definitely something I thought about and it's something obviously that my agents are going to take care of," Marquis said. "It's still a possibility."

Last year, Marquis threw a career-best 201 1-3 innings, and after the regular season he participated in a major league tour of Japan. His previous best was 129 1-3 innings with the Braves in 2001.

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Eastern guard slumps on road trip

By JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern men's basketball team can make a few good arguments as to why it is 0-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

One reason is because those first four OVC games were on the road; another reason is it has turned the ball over an average 17.5 times in those games; and a third reason is the Panther's second leading scorer, senior guard Emanuel Dildy, has been struggling.

In Eastern's five wins, Dildy is averaging 18.2 points per game, shooting 48 percent from the field and an astounding 59.3 percent from three-point range.

In the Panther's four OVC losses, Dildy is averaging 15.25 points per game, which is above his season average, but he is shooting just 30.9 percent from the field and 28.5 percent from three-point range.

Dildy said this is the first year he has been looked upon to score. He said it's a different role for him, but he knows it's what his team needs him to do.

Dildy said when he and junior guard Josh Gomes struggle it puts a lot of pressure on the rest of the team to step up.

"It's not fair to them," Dildy said. "We just have to get on the same page."

Although Dildy finds himself in a slump while still adjusting to the role of a scorer,



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Senior Guard Emanuel Dildy avoids a University of Missouri-Kansas City defender during a home game in Lantz Arena.

he is very optimistic about getting through it.

"I just have to roll with the punches," Dildy said with a smile.

Dildy said he's been in the gym working on his shot more than he usually does, trying to get into a rhythm. He said head coach Rick Samuels told him to keep shooting, and eventually they will start to fall like in the beginning of the season.

Samuels compared shooting a basketball

to swinging a golf club; he said in golf if a person begins to think about his or her swing it just becomes a bigger problem. He said Dildy just has to keep shooting without thinking about the mechanics of his shot.

Samuels also had a couple other suggestions for Dildy to get back on track.

"Dive on the floor after a loose ball," Samuels said. "Take a charge."

He said if Dildy can make a play that

gets him and his teammates fired up, it will take his mind off his shooting.

If that doesn't work Samuels said Dildy should simply shoot quicker.

Another thing Dildy and the Panthers are looking forward to is getting back to Lantz Arena on Thursday night where they are more used to shooting.

"It will be a huge energy boost," Samuels said. "We'll feel like we drank five Powerades by Thursday."

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because I thought they were going to put up big numbers. I, like many other football fans out there, learned that you should never cheer against a team just because of the lack of publicity they get.

This week the Patriots will be avenging one of their two losses this season when they travel to Pittsburgh to face the Pittsburgh Steelers (16-1). Again the talk this week will

probably be centered around the Steelers and their undefeated rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Much like they did this past week, the Patriots will prepare for their opponent quietly in Foxboro, Mass., while everyone will be bombarding the Steelers with interviews and talking about them on the air all week.

However, that won't bother the Patriots. They will come out on Sunday ready to play, and do all their talking on the field.

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offensively and can deal with that sometimes, Sallee said. "We just need to get it done on the defensive end of the floor," Sallee said.

Despite the 1-8 road record, Sparks says the team is still in good spirits.

"A team might be really down after losing like this, but our mentality is a lot better than it would have been in years past," she said.

Playing at home the next four games should help the Panthers a lot since they are undefeated at home this

"We just need to get it done on the defensive end of the floor."

BRADY SALLEE, EASTERN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

season.

"Hopefully we can put together a winning streak and get back in this thing," Sallee said.

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MARCUS JACKSON
SPORTS REPORTER

Pats fly under NFL radar

If we were to open the dictionary and look up the word "team", we probably would not find a picture of the New England Patriots there, but we probably should.

Leading up to this past Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts and their high powered offense led by Peyton Manning, all the talk was centered around the Colts and their big-mouth kicker, Mike Vanderjagt.

Vanderjagt called the Patriots overrated, and said they were "ripe for the picking."

I don't know about you, but I don't know that I would necessarily call the defending Super Bowl Champions who are 14-2 overrated. All Vanderjagt did was provide bulletin board material for a team that really doesn't need much motivation.

After all, these are the defending champions, and they obviously know what it takes to get the job done on the field. They have even improved from last year's team that won it all. After winning the Super Bowl, the Patriots' running game was considered by some to be average. In response to this, they went out and signed a Pro Bowl running back in Corey Dillon.

Dillon has provided balance for an offense that features Pro Bowl quarterback Tom Brady, by rushing for over 1,600 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns. They also feature an underrated defense that shutdown the high-powered Colts by holding them to three points, and held Manning, the NFL single-season leader in touchdown passes, without one on Sunday.

I just find it hard to believe that this team has flown under the radar virtually the entire season. I know the Colts had a great season and provided many great highlights, but they have yet to prove anything in post-season play. I think that this was a lesson to everyone that it doesn't matter how much press you receive before a game, you still have to get it done on the field like the Patriots did.

Even after the Patriots defeated the Colts in week one there were a lot of people out there writing

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers lose barn burner

BY ADAM DREMAK
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern women's basketball team lost its fourth straight Ohio Valley Conference game Saturday at Tennessee State in a 58-56 heartbreaker.

With the game tied at 56, Tennessee States LaKisha Clay hit a runner in the lane leaving 3.5 seconds in the game.

"We were all looking for a win to start our home games off on a good note," junior guard Megan Sparks said.

The game had many swings for both teams and each team had strong runs to keep the game close.

"The tempo was the way we wanted it," head coach Brady Sallee said. "It was a game the defense dictated and the team that played better defense was probably going to come away with it."

The Panthers again hurt their chance of winning with their turnovers (28) and the number of offensive rebounds they allowed Tennessee State to obtain (25). This has been a reoccurring problem for the Panthers especially in their recent losses.

Sallee is well aware of these problems, but needs his team to understand how serious of a problem it is, he said.

"We don't have the same intensity in practice compared to game situations," Sallee said.



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Junior guard Megan Sparks sets up a play against UIC during a home game in Lantz Arena. Sparks scored a season high 21 points against Tennessee State and was named OVC player of the week

"It's not what we're doing but how we're doing it. We need to compete harder."

Sparks said the team knows they are going to turn the ball over a lot, but also aren't getting the rebounds they need.

Sparks recorded her second game in a row with over 20

points, scoring a season high 21. Sparks was also named the OVC Player of the Week in the Panthers two losses.

"She has definitely started to put up the points," Sallee said of Sparks' performance. "She knows someone needs to step up, and she has tried to do

that."

The Panthers also did a good job of getting the ball into the post, but unfortunately were unable to make the most of their opportunities, Sallee said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers drop fourth in a row

BY DAN WOIKE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panthers men's basketball team lost more than an early lead in its 77-62 loss to the Tennessee State Tigers Saturday night; the team lost a chance to record their first road win and gather momentum before its conference home-opener Thursday.

Eastern (5-10, 0-4 Ohio Valley Conference) raced to a 16-6 lead, but the Tigers' full-court pressure forced the Panthers into turnovers.

Behind the stifling press, Tennessee State (8-10, 3-1) put together a back-breaking 18-2 run.

Panther head coach Rick Samuels said his team, which has lost four straight, would have responded to the pressure if it played with more confidence.

"We responded to these kinds of situations better in December,

at home or on the road," Samuels said. "But, now, when it snowballs, it's gotten bigger and it's hard for us to respond."

"It changed the game."

Confidence also played a factor in the Panthers' poor shooting. The team managed to connect on only 38.5 percent from the field and 25 percent from beyond the three-point arc, Samuels said.

"We had several good shots that just didn't go down; part of it is confidence," he said. "If we had handled their pressure better and not turned the ball over, maybe some of those open jumpers fall for us."

"But the pressure made us tentative, and it carried over to offense."

Junior guard Josh Gomes led the Panthers with a game-high 25 points. Freshman guard Bobby Catchings had 14 points and a team-high five assists.

The Tigers had four players with

double-digit scoring nights.

Gomes said his team's cold shooting is only one facet of its struggles.

"Playing defense and turning the ball over have been the reasons we've been losing games," Gomes said. "We'd turn it over, and they'd score off them."

The Panthers are in the midst of a six-game losing streak, with all the games played on the road.

"Overall, the road was just tough," Catchings said. "It's something we're going to have get over."

"Six road games in a row is tough, period."

The Panthers now enter a stretch where they play 8-of-12 games at Lantz Arena, starting with a 7:35 p.m. match-up against Austin Peay (5-11, 3-1).

Gomes said playing on the road made the Panthers' struggles more intensified.

"When you're on the road and

Tenn. State 77, Eastern 62

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things aren't going your way," he said, "the little things start to add up."