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Director of athletics Rich McDuffie compares Eastern athletics to other state schools at Tuesday's faculty meeting.

Nursing director search begins

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The search is on for a director of the proposed new nursing program at Eastern.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, told the Faculty Senate that the university has put out a call for applicants for the first director of nursing.

At yesterday's senate meeting, Lord told the members that the university is looking for a director for the program that will go before the Illinois Board of Higher Education in April.

Lord said Eastern President Lou Hencken told him to begin looking for a director to help get the program started. The search has started even though the program has not been approved, and there is no money for the program yet.

"We're talking to (people) for private funding opportunities," he said.

If the IBHE does not approve the program, the university will stop the search for a director.

Lord also told the senate that he, Hencken and Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, will be in Chicago this week to hear the state's budget for next fiscal year.

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Student says stabbing was self-defense

By AARON SEIDLITZ
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A student that Eastern football player Ben Brown identified as the person who attacked him in an altercation on Feb. 26 said he acted in self-defense.

The altercation in which Brown was stabbed took place outside of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at about 1 a.m. The Eastern student said a group of people approached him. He said he was knocked down in the altercation, which, he said, prompted him to act.

Coles County State's Attorney Steve Ferguson, who is still reviewing the case, could not be reached for comment.

University Police Department Chief Adam Due said the report from Ferguson might come back today. Until Ferguson's report is brought to the UPD, the police cannot proceed with the case, he said.

The student involved said he has been relocated from his residence in Weller Hall.

He also said that police protection has been available to him, if he felt it was necessary.

STUDENT SENATE

Members want AB to pay debt

Student Senate has accrued nearly \$3k in debt from 3 years ago

By NICOLE WESKERNA
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Senate will vote on whether to accept \$2,894.39 from the Apportionment Board to pay off debts to the board from the senate's previous semesters.

The debt was incurred from fiscal year 2003-2004. The Apportionment Board has already approved the appropriation.

Mark Bates, co-chair of Tuition and Fee Review, said the proposal should not really affect students.

"There are no real alternatives to the situation (other than going to the Apportionment Board)," Bates said. "We are taking steps to close the books and get rid of debt."

The debts from three years ago are thought to be from Panther Service Day and excessive phone service bills. Since the senate does not have any fundraisers, Bates said, the Apportionment Board was really the only way to get the money to pay off previous debt.

Two new items will be discussed at the Student Senate meeting concerning money allotted to different events during Unity Week and increasing Health Insurance for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

The Student Senate proposed a bill to invite the Muntu Dance Theater of Chicago,

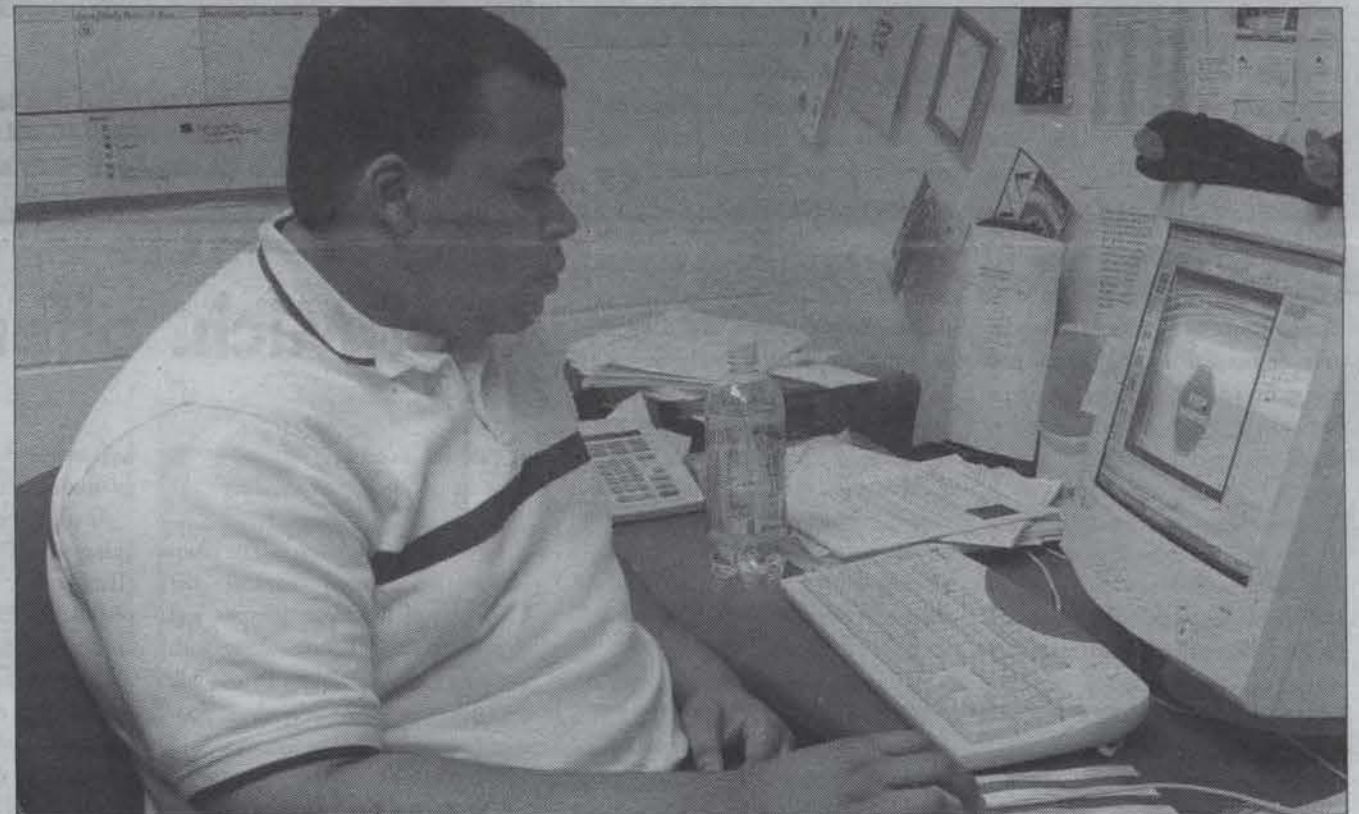
three comedians and motivational speaker Steve Birdine to perform for Unity Week, which takes place March 20-25.

"(If the bill is approved), it will bring a different kind of culture to campus," said senate member Eric Glenn. "It's important to embrace unity on campus and (the events will) give everyone a chance to experience something new."

A separate bill has also been proposed to approve Panther Catering during the Recognized Student Organization's Social.

The senate is also waiting for the approval to purchase prizes and giveaways during Unity Week.

The senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Austen Williams, a freshman computer information systems major, fulfills office hour requirements by working on projects for Unity Week and Panther Service Day Tuesday morning in the Student Government offices in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

OUT TO LUNCH

Some Student Senate members fail to meet office hour requirement

By ALEX HARRIS
STAFF REPORTER

Student Government members as a whole have successfully completed their assigned office hours only one week this semester.

Every Student Government member is expected to fulfill a two-hour work obligation each week.

Student Speaker Sean Anderson said having each member work two hours per week is important.

Internal affairs chair Heather Janik

believes that the amount of work a member of a committee may take on should be able to fill their hourly requirements.

Janik said senators are not restricted to only working within their specific committee. "Senators are also able to talk with executive members and aid them in their projects," Janik said.

She said she believes that recently, midterms may be playing a role in the decrease of attendance.

"I believe (the showing of decreased attendance) has been growing," Janik said. "With midterms going on, senators have not been using time management and many have been receiving absences for not completing their required hours."

So far this semester, about half of the Student Senate has been cited for at least

one absence, Janik said. Three have missed more than once.

A senate member can only miss their requirement three times before being removed from the senate.

"We're very strict on that policy," Anderson said. "If a senator gets three absences they will be asked to step down from their position."

However, Anderson said he believes that while executives are strict on enforcing the three-strike policy, they are lenient in the sense that they do allow three absences.

"We understand that weeks for college students get busy and sometimes there's nothing members can do to avoid being absent," Anderson said.

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KATELY MITCHELL
SOPHOMORE
ENGLISH MAJOR

"No accounting for taste, I guess."

Millions of people sat down Sunday night to watch the 78th Academy Awards, and I have to admit I was one of them. I am always curious as to whom they are going to give the award. And I have to say I was completely surprised by the outcome.



CHRIS WALDEN
SOPHOMORE
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"Lag. It is an online phenomena that most online gamers fear and detest."

Players who experience lag can often blame their connections for lag that is actually partly their fault. If you are running too many programs at once while playing a game, your computer will have a hard time taking it all in.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
56	59	58	69	69
53	42	50	59	55
T-showers	Strong storms	Partly cloudy	T-storms	T-storms

WTF?

75-year-old says she stole 5k for the poor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST MIFFLIN, Pa. — A 75-year-old woman accused of robbing a bank with an unloaded pistol was arrested after a tow truck driver blocked her in after a short chase, police said.

Marilyn Divine of Baldwin, Pa., said after her arrest that she acted "to help people who are starving to death and nobody cares about them." She did not specify to whom she was referring.

Police said the robber walked up to the National City Bank inside the Shop n' Save supermarket in West Mifflin at about 10:30 a.m. Monday and demanded money from two tellers, brandishing a 9mm handgun. She wore a gray sweat suit, a Steelers tassel cap, and had a scarf pulled around her face, police said.

A former bank employee chased the woman's car until police took over and arrested her after a short, low-speed chase when the tow truck blocked her path. Police said they

recovered all the stolen money, which totaled about \$5,000.

British Bars Selling Sex Toys in Machines

LONDON — Bars and nightclubs in some British cities have begun using vending machines that sell sex toys such as mini vibrators.

The pink Taboo machines had previously been used in public restrooms in Britain, because such settings gave buyers some privacy.

Geoff Todd, manager of the Alphabet Bar in London's West End area, said the Taboo machine in the middle of the bar is used daily.

"Some people use it just because it's in the bar. Some make a special journey, maybe because they are too embarrassed to go into a sex shop," Todd was quoted by Monday's *The Guardian* newspaper, saying, "Some buy the toys because they are a novelty, some do it for a laugh, some buy them as presents. It's been a great success."

SWEET VICTORY



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The Teutopolis Wooden Shoes raise the Illinois High School Association Class A supersectional plaque presented to them after they defeated the Nokomis Redskins 53-44 in Lantz Arena Tuesday evening. Teutopolis advances to play Seneca Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the state quarterfinals in Peoria.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

U of Mich. offers podcast lectures

BY CHRISTINE BEAMER
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The ubiquitous iPods seen around the University of Michigan campus will soon be blasting lectures along with the latest Coldplay album. By this fall, the University plans to distribute podcasts of lectures over the Internet.

The plan is to encourage podcasting by making it simpler for professors to upload their lectures and easier for students to download them.

According to Lynn Johnson, director of dental informatics at the School of Dentistry, Ittersum and other dental students constructed three studies with the help of the Office of Dental Informatics to determine whether students prefer lectures in video, audio or PowerPoint format.

Sixty percent of the students preferred audio recordings, Johnson said.

Their research attracted the eyes of Apple Computers, which donated hardware for Dental School lecture

halls to give the students the technology needed to upload the lectures.

At the same time, Apple was developing iTunes U, a version of the iTunes music store that organizes the podcasts of lectures and makes them available for downloading to an iPod.

Since last fall, dental students have been able to enter their unique names and passwords into iTunes U and access more than 300 lectures from dental school classes which are available for downloading.

Court orders UC-Berkeley to repay \$33.8 million in fees

BY SARAH DONNER
DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)

BERKELEY, Calif. — The University of California at Berkeley has been ordered to pay \$33.8 million to rectify the damages incurred after thousands of UC professional students faced unexpected fee increases, according to a court opinion released on March 6.

The multi-million dollar lawsuit, filed by eight UC professional students in 2003, stipulated the university breached its contract with more than 50,000 professional students — around 9,000 of whom saw their fees more than double.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge James Warren said in the court opinion that in "university-wide publications" such as student catalogues, the university made a promise to professional students that fees would remain constant, and they did not follow through.

Although UC officials said the court's decision was anticipated, the UC Board of Regents will take the case to the Court of Appeals, which would stymie the retribution process for a number of years.

"The university appreciates the time and effort the court put into the case, but nevertheless UC believes the court's judgement is incorrect on a number of fundamental issues of law," said UC spokesperson Ricardo Vazquez.



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City Council approves Ninth Street renovations

By ERIN MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

Students opting to spend their Spring Break in Charleston will find it a little difficult to drive around campus.

An electrical duct needs to be placed under the road, but Ninth Street will be returned to its original state by the time students return from break.

"It will be a little inconvenient," Mayor John Inyart said. "But there is no other way around it."

The street will be closed from South of Tarble Arts Center to North of Roosevelt Avenue.

After about 70 years of being industrial land, the Charleston City Council voted to approve an amendment to change the zoning of land on E Street to R-3, a type of residential zone.

Dan Seabright, of Double D Construction, said he plans to build 19 single-family homes on the

property.

The land was previously a 22-unit trailer park, which has been vacant for less than a year, said City Attorney Brian Bower.

The city council also approved appropriation of \$60,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds to make improvements on Polk Avenue.

The money will help purchase additional land from homeowners living along Polk Avenue, Bower said.

Roadwork on Polk Avenue from Division Street to Sixth Street will start as late as June 1 and last until late October, said Curt Buescher, director of public works.

The purchase of a new city vehicle, authorization of Change Order No. 7 at the Water Treatment Plant and an agreement with the Illinois Housing Development Authority were also approved by the city council.



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Council members Lorelei Sims and Larry Rennels look over blueprints for new housing on the East side of the Coles County Fairgrounds Tuesday evening.

Speaker shows campus how to travel Europe for less

By CRYSTAL REED
STAFF REPORTER

Gil White wants Eastern students to have "the best trip of your life for very little money." White, who has been to about 60 countries, presented his lecture, "Europe and the World on 84 cents a Day," Tuesday at 7 p.m. to a crowd of about 30 people in the Grand Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Some people think that to survive, I had to sleep in ditches and eat from dumpsters, but 99 percent of the time I was able to sleep with a roof over my head for 84 cents a day," White said.

The two things to establish when a student travels at a young age are to have a budget and not to expect their parents to pay for it. White also noted that the top three things that will give you an education in life are school, work and travel.

"You will learn more in the first four months of traveling than in the first 18 years of your life," he said.

One of the ways White said to get cheap transportation is to hitchhike because many people in Europe either catch rides or walk.

"Half of the fun is how you get to your destination," he said.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

World traveler Gil White speaks to students in the Grand Ballroom Tuesday evening on how to travel on a small budget in his "Europe and the World on 84 Cents a Day" talk.

White shared various stories of hitching rides on his trips including one where the driver was clapping his hands and singing, then asked White to sing. White then sang to the driver, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

In researching plane tickets, he recommends charting prices

weeks to months in advance to get the best deal. In terms of renting a car, White doesn't encourage it because it's very hard to afford unless you have a group of three to four people. Instead, White recommends taking the train the first few weeks for good transportation. A cheaper alternative is the bus; you can buy a Euro pass either here or overseas to cover fares.

For accommodations, White said that many times he stayed with people he met along the way who let him stay with them. One thing he says to do is always repay people that you stay with along the way, whether it is with gifts or doing chores with the family host.

White recommended that travelers take food with them in their backpack if they plan on hiking a lot. He also recommends farmers markets overseas for their cheap and good food. If travelers don't want to prepare their own food, he said cafeterias at universities and hospitals are great for good food.

White says recommends overseas travelers take a good backpack, an international student identity card, visas that allows traveling in specific countries, a journal, radio, camera and things to trade.

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COMMENTARY



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FROM FULL HOUSE TO METH HOUSE

"Meth, like NASCAR, is not just for rednecks anymore," stated an article from *Phoenix New Times*. The use of crystal methamphetamine used to be prevalent mostly in rural areas because it is inexpensive to produce. Today, it is becoming a problem in all communities.

Jodie Sweetin, best known for her role as Stephanie Tanner on "Full House," recently came out about her meth addiction. Sweetin told ABC News she was unemployed and bored and began by experimenting. Her experimentation turned into an everyday habit.

Along with Sweetin, 12.3 million Americans age 12 and older had tried meth at least once in their lifetime. Charleston is no exception to this statistic. Coles County was once known as one of the leading producers of meth in Illinois. In 2004, more than 100 meth labs were seized in Coles County. Luckily, with new laws this statistic is decreasing.

Earlier this year, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a bill that requires stores to put cold medications containing pseudoephedrine behind counters. pseudoephedrine is the only ingredient required to make meth. All other ingredients can be substituted. People wanting to purchase medications like Sudafed need to be at least 18 years old, supply their name,

address, time of purchase and type of product. Consumers are also limited to only two purchases of these medications a month.

This information is put into a database for law enforcement officials.

"Creating laws to prevent meth production is not solving this growing problem."

The new law has only been in effect since Jan. 15, but the amount of meth busts are decreasing, State Rep. Chapin Rose said. Rose is hoping the federal government will nationally control pseudoephedrine.

Even though the law has contributed to the considerable decrease in meth-related arrests, the problem still weighs heavily on local law enforcement. By limiting the amount of Sudafed being dispersed, it is hurting law enforcement, said Rick Giordano of the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force. Meth producers will employ more individuals to buy Sudafed so it makes it harder for law enforcement to track who is using the drug.

Meth is a highly-addictive substance and people will go to extreme lengths to satisfy their cravings. This drug was first popularized out West in states like California and Arizona. In 2000, there were 164-meth lab busts in Phoenix, but the number has since decreased. Police aren't finding meth labs because they aren't in Phoenix anymore.

Mexican nationals are starting to traffic meth across the border, stated in the article in the *Phoenix New Times*. Mexican labs will create as much as 70 pounds of meth per batch.

Creating laws to prevent meth production is not solving this growing problem. People are finding new ways to obtain the ingredients. Other actions need to be taken. To stop the cycle of meth addiction and jail, courts in Pike County have given meth offenders an alternative. They give meth addicts the option to attend drug counseling and mental health treatment. Sweetin finally checked herself into a rehab facility where she underwent six weeks of intense treatment.

She "was living a total double life," Sweetin told ABC News. "I was married to a police officer — we are going through a divorce right now — he had no idea."

"Stephanie Tanner" has been clean since March of last year. With the help of therapy and rehab other meth addicts will be able to do the same.

Miller, a senior journalism major, can be reached at erinmiller24@excite.com.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID PENNELL



EDITORIAL

Rock wall not written in stone

The Student Recreation Center is still in the process of assuring the addition of a new rock-climbing wall, but first the major concerns will need to be dealt with before the wall can be installed.

Ken Baker, director of campus recreation, said his biggest concern is the safety of the students using the wall. With proper supervision, the wall is a safe asset, but without the supervision could add a lot of liability.

"Climbing hours would be limited because of supervision," he said. "People would have to be hired and employee costs will go up. (We are) maxed out on student payroll."

The wall costs \$100,000 and is being split into two payments with the rec center fee paying for half of it, and Apportionment Board paying for the other half.

It's good to know more thought is being put into the rock wall, but it appears more and more that Eastern's campus can do without the wall.

There's always a possibility that it will be installed and students will love it, but right now there are too many concerns that need to be considered.

Baker said he held a survey, which 720 students filled out and 76 percent of the students said the rock wall would be a good investment.

At issue

The plans to install a rock-climbing wall in the Student Recreation Center.

Our stance

It would be a fun and unique addition to the rec center, but there is still a lot that needs to be worked out before the wall is installed. Ken Baker, director of campus recreation, seems to be working hard to figure out how beneficial the wall would be to Eastern's campus.

If the survey had a negative outcome, most likely no one would be talking about the possibilities of Eastern having a rock wall.

Baker said he's still trying to figure out how much students want the wall and he wants to know if students know what the industry standards are for climbing.

"My concern is that our students don't really understand that (the rock wall) needs supervision," he said. "The area in which we're getting ahead of ourselves is we are one of the first schools to consider (installing a rock wall)."

Baker said his main goal is educating the students and he plans to put together a committee, including members of several campus groups that would further discuss bringing the rock wall to Eastern.

Baker certainly seems like he wants to give the students what they want, but he's still in the process of figuring out if students really do want it.

While some students say they think the wall would be a good investment, the money could always be spent on something more useful and something that won't need paid workers to supervise when students use it.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues. They should be fewer than 250 words and include the authors' name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. Letters can be sent to *The Daily Eastern News* at 1811 Buzzard Hall, Charleston IL 61920; faxed to 217-581-2923; or e-mailed to DENeic@gmail.com

Animal center holds Bingo Night

CAMPUS BRIEFS

A bingo night will be held today to raise money for the Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center at the Moose Lodge.

This is the third year an event has raised money for CARE. A card can be purchased for \$3, a suggested donation.

The donations from the event will go to meet the needs of the animals.

"It will be a fun way for students to get involved with the Charleston community while having a good time," said Kathleen Gore, a senior journalism major and member of the public relations case studies class.

People attending the event must be 21 years old with proof of identification to enter, since alcohol will be sold during the event.

The public relations case studies class and Moose Lodge will host the event at 7 p.m. today.

"The class picks an organization to host an event for and it is often us," said Roger Greenwell, CARE director.

HEALTHSTOCK TO GIVE PRIZES IN REC CENTER

Health enthusiasts of all kinds will have a

chance to win prizes today when the businesses from all over the community takes over the Student Recreation Center for its annual Health Fair.

More than 2,000 students, faculty and staff are expected to attend the event, titled Healthstock 2006, which is hosted by the Health Education Resource Center.

The goal of this all-day event is to raise health awareness with students and the surrounding communities.

The Health Fair starts at 10 a.m. will go until 4 p.m., located on courts 1 and 2 at the Student Recreation Center.

NO WORD ON STOLEN LAPTOPS, INVESTIGATION ONGOING

The university does not have any new information on the 30 laptops that were stolen Feb. 25 from Lumpkin Hall.

Vicki Woodard, Eastern's public information specialist, said the matter was still under investigation.

Educational organization pulls for National Nutrition Month

By JESSE FUNK AND JESSICA CANTARELLI
STAFF REPORTERS

Members of the Organization for Peer Education on Nutrition plan on promoting nutritional lifestyles for National Nutrition Month through various projects.

Lindsay Schwarz, a senior dietetics major, said the organization has been on campus for two years. It typically appeals to students studying nutrition and dietetics, but she hopes it will appeal to those in other areas of study.

"It's the only nutrition organization on campus, and I think nutrition in a lot of college students is important," Schwarz said. "It also gives students and dietetics majors (an opportunity) to be in an organization to prepare for what they're going to be doing in their careers."

The Organization for Peer Education on Nutrition works on nutritional presentations, informational bulletin boards on campus and also has a monthly newsletter on campus covering topics such as eating disorders and nutritional awareness.

The members also do presentations for Greek organizations, residence halls, ROTC and classes.

Topics of the presentations can range from "How to Avoid the Freshman 15" to "Keeping Hydrated." The members also present posters at state conferences, participate in the local "Reshaping Coles" program, and a few members participated in a health fair in Chicago.

Karla Kennedy-Hagan of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department attributes the success of the group to the hardworking students involved in the organization.

"They work well together, even organizing and planning on their own," she said. "If they say they're going to do something, they do it."

The organization will have an informational booth at the Health Education Resource Center's annual health fair called Healthstock in the Student Recreation Center today.

Students interested in getting involved with the Organization for Peer Education on Nutrition can visit its Web site at <http://www.eiu.edu/~herc/open.php> or call the Health Education Resource Center at 581-7786.

Events for Wednesday

FARS- Records management 9 a.m. Records Management will be the topic at the next FARS. Guest Speaker will be Cathy Kimball, EIU Records Officer. Arcola-Tuscola Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union	Videoconference (Sony) 1 p.m. This workshop demonstrates the use of the Sony PCS 1 video-conferencing system and how it can be used to teach synchronously at two sites at once. CATS Training Lab, McAfee Room 1214	Staff senate meeting 1:15 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. University Union	MS Excel 2003 Intermediate III 2 p.m. A workshop in Excel XP will discuss formulas for special worksheet layouts, and advanced formulas. Booth Library e-classroom 4450
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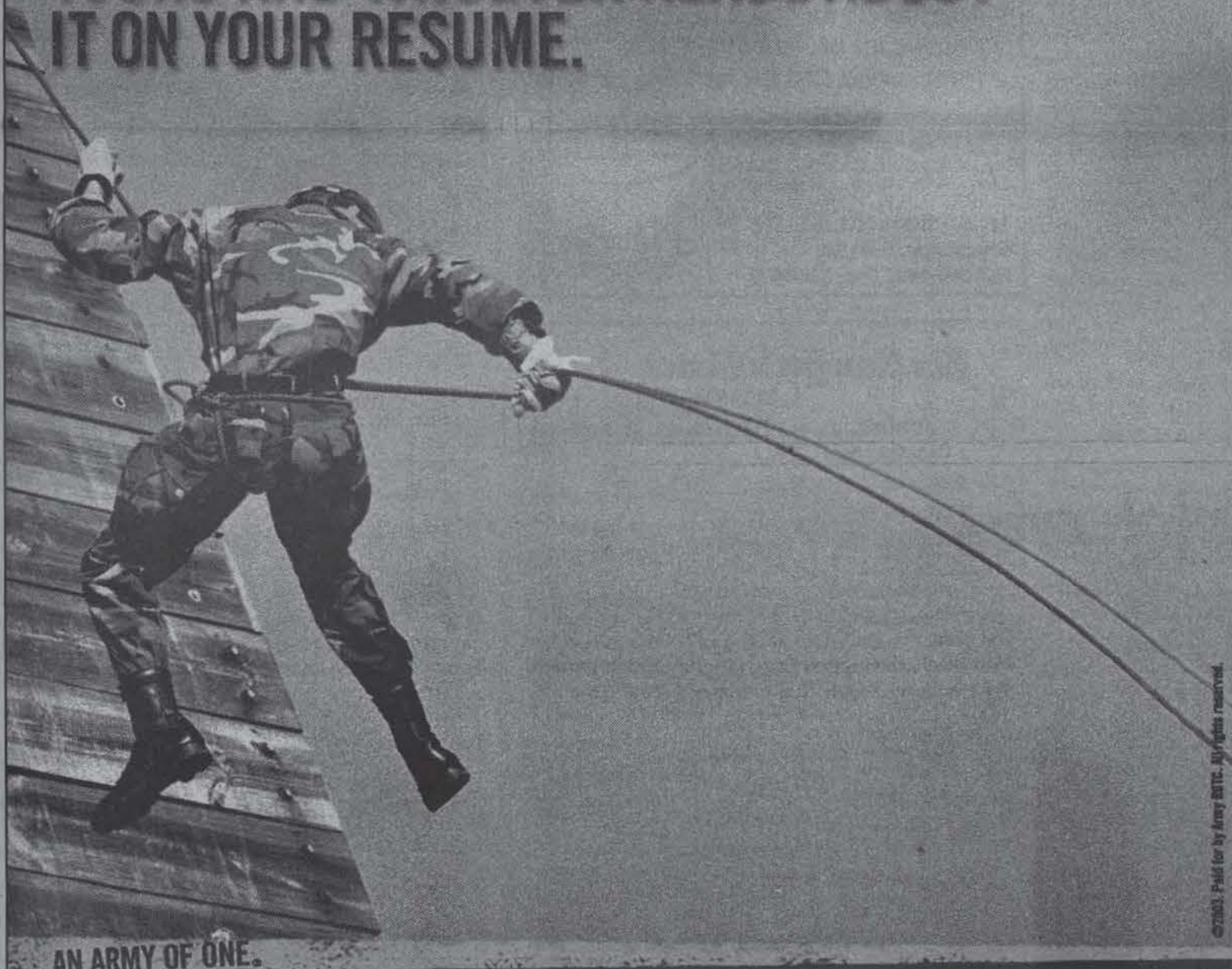
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 - 5 Progeny
 - 10 Doorway part
 - 14 Math sets
 - 15 Sure-footed mountain animal
 - 16 Village Voice award
 - 17 Record label with many collections
 - 18 Actor Paul of "American Graffiti"
 - 19 Proceed
 - 20 Disney's *McDuck*
 - 22 *Mr. Television*
 - 24 Muffed
 - 27 *vez* (again): Sp.
 - 30 Manfred Mann's "___ La La"
 - 31 Ex of the Donald
 - 36 Plot
 - 38 Like
 - 40 Elvis ___ Presley
 - 41 Hit 1960's TV show with a hint to the nine italicized clues in this puzzle
 - 44 Karachi tongue
 - 45 Actress Dolores ___ Rio
 - 46 All the same
 - 47 Monster
 - 49 Journey part
 - 51 Is profitable
 - 52 Mount ___ (oldest of the Seven Sisters)
 - 55 "Highly charged" character on "The Addams Family"
- DOWN**
- 1 Colorado Rockies game?
 - 2 Campus program, initially
 - 3 Hockey skater, informally
 - 4 Smuggler's amount
 - 5 Volunteer's offer
 - 6 Cold showers?
 - 7 *Man in a star-spangled suit*
 - 8 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
 - 9 Wonderland cake words
 - 10 It may get a nip on "Nip/Tuck"
 - 11 Help in crime
 - 12 Smaller than compact
 - 59 *Gentleman rabbit of children's lit*
 - 64 Melville novel
 - 65 Hubbub
 - 68 "Got Milk?" ad partner
 - 69 John Lennon's "Happy (War Is Over)"
 - 70 Explanatory phrase
 - 71 Superthin
 - 72 Gabs
 - 73 Camp sights
 - 74 "___ Thin Air" (1997 best seller)

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Puzzle by John Farmer

- 13 "Adam ___"
- 14 Senator who wrote "Dreams From My Father"
- 15 Uganda's Amin
- 16 "My Three Sons" housekeeper
- 17 Nimbus
- 18 Earth tone
- 19 Silents star Bara
- 20 *Brer Rabbit tale teller*
- 21 *Chekhov title character*
- 22 Cockroach of literature
- 23 Some court pleas, slangily
- 24 From the start
- 25 It's ripped off at the movies
- 26 Close
- 27 Docs' org.
- 28 Hew
- 29 Let float, as a currency
- 30 Café alternative
- 31 1940 Marx Brothers movie
- 32 Elliptical path
- 33 Highland attire
- 34 Cuning
- 35 Madame Bovary
- 36 Good, long bath
- 37 Turn's partner
- 38 Asian desert
- 39 Flattener
- 40 Fast time?
- 41 It can go around the world
- 42 Drink suffix
- 43 *Onetime Texas rice grower of note*

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DIRECTOR:

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McDuffie explains need for football trips to Faculty Senate

"(State) universities are not going to get much money (this year)," Lord said.

Eastern director of athletics Rich McDuffie also spoke to the senate yesterday. He explained how the department is funded and how they decide who can take trips to universities across the country.

He said the athletic department only receives a small amount of appropriated money and student fees every

year. The department pays for many activities through external donations and fundraisers.

"I think the next three years are the most attractive (for football)," McDuffie said.

During the next three seasons, the football team will play games against the University of Illinois, Purdue and the University of Hawaii. All of these universities pay for Eastern to travel to play them.

"(The trips) are also cultural events," he said. "It's a rule that everyone has to go to Pearl Harbor. We want them to have the experience beyond just playing the game."

The senate asked McDuffie about the upcoming improvements to Lantz Arena and how he thinks those will help student athletes.

He said the center will provide a place for student athletes to work on their academics, offer a place for studying, give the department a place to host guest speakers and improve the appearance of the campus.

The addition will not be open to all students, McDuffie said.

"It's barely big enough for our needs," he said. "It will help to relieve pressure from other areas on campus by taking (student athletes) out of the other (labs)."

The senate also heard from Melissa Ortiz, University Board lectures coordinator, on lectures after break and discussed the agenda for the next meeting after Spring Break.

Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. every other Tuesday in Room 4440 in Booth Library.

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Office hours not required during finals week

"That's why we give them allowed absences."

During finals week, office hours aren't counted against members, making it easier on them to manage their time better.

"Some of the student senators are involved in their (Greek) houses, and during Greek Week we see a lot of absences, but that's understandable," Anderson said.

Senate members record their own

office hours through an honor system.

"It is a bad system; however, there is no perfect way of tracking office hours," Janik said.

The Student Government members used to have to clock into a time clock, but that system proved to be imperfect as well, as some members forgot to clock out.

"Two hours of work is not asking a lot out of an entire week," Anderson said.

"However, I'm sure (lying about hours) happens."

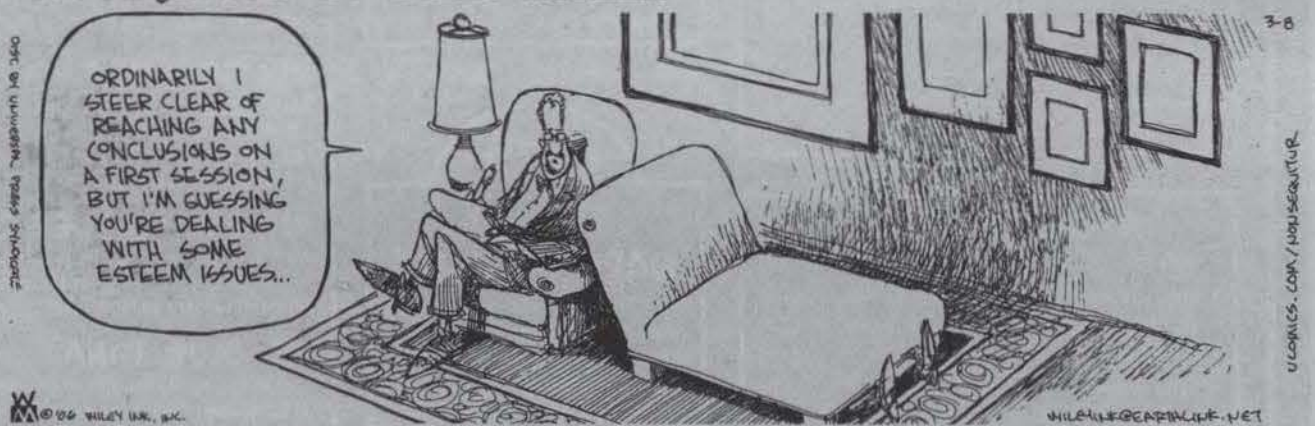
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GLOBAL:

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Eastern brings international talent to town

contacted about coming and playing for the Panthers.

"I never had a recruiting visit so I didn't really know what to expect when I first came," Mambetova said. "I think I might have talked to (coach Holzgrafe) once, but I did e-mail him."

"Charleston is a lot like my hometown so it had a familiar feeling. From the start I got along real well with the other girls on the team. I also made lots of friends with the other girls on my floor (in the dorms)."

While LeVaque and Mambetova were interested in coming to the United States, sophomore Sandra Sasidharan was reluctant at first.

"I was given some other offers before Eastern's but I was hesitant

then because I didn't want to leave home," said the Panthers' No. 1 singles player. "I was playing tennis in India but then I eventually decided that I wanted to take the next step and see what would happen."

Sasidharan grew up in Kerala, India, and was discovered just like Mambetova was. A friend was playing tennis for Tennessee-Martin and started spreading the word about the talented Sasidharan. Other than a few other small schools, Holzgrafe was the only one to try and get in contact with her.

"He called me and that really got the process going," Sasidharan said about her recruiting process. "I did some research about Eastern from the website and I learned about the team from coach Holzgrafe and from my friend. I had already started taking business classes at college in India and I saw that Eastern had a good business program. The business school along with a quality team really made me want to come (to Eastern)."

Sasidharan, however, did not have the smooth transition that Mambetova

and LeVaque experienced.

The sophomore was a week late getting to Eastern and missed freshman orientation. This only amplified the anxious feeling Sasidharan had about coming to a new country.

"It was really exciting to be coming here and experiencing a new country and new ways of doing things but I did not have any relatives here," she said. "I was here by myself with my only connection being the coach who I had talked to on the phone."

The staff and other players stepped in, though, and tried to get Sasidharan acquainted to the campus as quickly as possible.

"The assistant coach (C.J. Weber) was taking me everywhere and showing me the campus," Sasidharan said. "Madina really helped me because she had gone through everything already and she made me feel comfortable."

"I didn't see the team as people from different countries, but a group that I wanted to become a part of."

First-year head coach John Blackburn continued the trend of

recruiting internationally that Holzgrafe started.

Freshman Vuk Milicevic came to Eastern by way of South Africa but that is not his birthplace. Milicevic was born in Yugoslavia but when he was 5 years old, political turmoil and war forced his family to leave.

"With all the war, Yugoslavia was not a good place to raise a family," Milicevic said. "My family wanted to move and South Africa was one of the few places taking in Yugoslavians at that time."

Milicevic settled into Pretoria, the capital of South Africa with a population just more than 2 million. He attended high school at the Tucks Sports Study Centre, where the best athletes in all sports from South Africa gather to train and study together.

His coach at Tucks had a connection with at the University of Illinois and through that contact Milicevic was pointed to Eastern. He began talking with ex-assistant coach Weber after Holzgrafe had left and before Blackburn was hired in June. The

thought of not having a head coach in place did not bother Milicevic.

"I was really excited to see what the new coach would be like," he said. "Everyone seemed to be excited about his arrival and I was interested to see what his goals were for the season."

Like LeVaque and Mambetova, Milicevic had a nice experience coming to Eastern.

"It was much easier adapting here than I thought it would be," Milicevic said. "Everyone was so much nicer than back home and everyone was really friendly."

Milicevic made the transition to the team well too, as he is already competing at No. 2 singles just behind LeVaque.

Holzgrafe thinks the Panthers are fortunate to have the players he recruited.

"I got a lot of flack from the administration because they wanted me to stay with local kids to save money," Holzgrafe said. "I got so lucky that they were all 4.0 students and phenomenal tennis players. Eastern is very lucky to have them."

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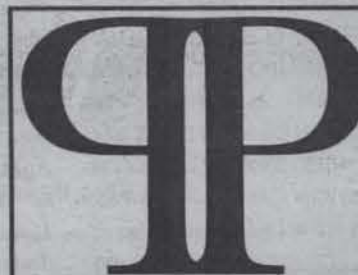
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OH, WHAT A STEELE

Junior outfielder Katy Steele has led the Panthers to a good start in 2006

By KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

If you ask junior outfielder Katy Steele what she is most proud of from her three years at Eastern, she will say her academic honors. But the fact that Steele currently leads her team in batting average, RBIs and slugging percentage has her coaches' and team's attention.

Steele's latest success came last weekend in the Wolfe Sycamore Classic where she tied her career-high with four RBIs in the tournament's first game against Indiana State and posted multiple RBIs in Sunday's two wins against Western Illinois and St. Mary's. The Wolfe Sycamore Classic was also the second time this season Steele has been named all tournament this year, her first was at the Holiday Inn Select Festival in Tulsa, Okla.

"Katy was always involved in sports," said her father, Mike Steele. "From an early age, she was very physically strong, competitive and always worked very hard."

Steele started playing softball at 6 years old. "I've wanted to do this for a long, long time," Steele said. "Sometimes little kids grow up and want to be a princess or something, but I just wanted to play softball or basketball in college."

And that is what she has been doing since she was recruited from an exposure camp in high school.

She has been Eastern's utility player, and started in a different spot on the field each year she has played.

"Each season I'm working on a new thing," she said. "Sometimes at practices I'm working a different position, it's difficult to feel like you're settled in and home in one position."

She admits that working on different posi-



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Junior outfielder Katy Steele leads the softball team in batting average (.367), RBIs (14) and slugging percentage (.592).

Steele off the Field:

What are your plans for spring break?

"We're (the team) going to Kissimmee, Fla., for the Rebel tournament."

The team will be in Florida for five days. Steele says the team will go see a baseball game one day with the coach, but she will opt out. She doesn't really follow baseball and will probably go visit Shamu at Sea World that day instead.

Who are your Heroes?

tions each day is difficult but has its rewards.

Steele entered Eastern as a catcher but was moved early in her first year to right field. Despite the change in scenery, she started 50 of

Her family, who have been to almost every one of her college games and in sports she says, "maybe Germain O'Neil from the Pacers" she stays true to her home teams.

What are the last 2 CDs you listened to?

Missy Higgins and Dashboard Confessional

What's your guilty pleasure?

"In a really dorky way, I really like to play Scrabble. I WILL beat you."

the 52 games that season and even earned OVC player of the week on April 12, 2004.

Steele's sophomore year she was moved again, this time to second base. Once again, however,

she stepped up for her team and started all 47 games that season.

This season she is listed at first base and outfield and is enjoying success.

Steele says it is very different from other positions she's played.

"I'm very happy in outfield," she said. "It's fun to make good plays in the outfield."

Head coach Kim Schuette said, "It takes a special player and person to be able to play what ever position the team needs for that specific year only to change, yet again, the next year."

Steele can never predict when it is going to be a good game.

"I think it just kind of happens in warm ups and stuff, you can tell when you're swinging well, it's such a mental game," she said. "Every warm up I feel like it's going to be a good day because it's a mental game and I'm trying to win."

She hopes to instill that attitude in her teammates as well, to show them by example that "if you work hard, good things will happen."

She says the team is very close and the players are "all equals fighting for the same positions," except when it comes to carrying equipment, she added with a laugh.

"Katy is a quiet leader who leads by example," Schuette said. "She is someone the coaches and players can count on to do the right thing on and off the field."

"She is a fun person to be around in her own light, smiling care-free yet compassionate way."

Steele's goal for the season is to see her team reach the OVC tournament, something that the team has not been able to do since she joined.

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FRIDAY	Men's Golf at Geico Direct (through March 11)	All Day
	Men's Tennis at Southern Illinois (in Champaign)	3 p.m.
SATURDAY	SOFTBALL VS. SACRED HEART	8:50 a.m.

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BASEBALL

Panthers open home season

BY ISRAEL CARRILLO
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers open the home schedule against Quincy University at Coaches Stadium on Tuesday afternoon.

Having just played a four-game series against Division I powerhouse Kansas State, the Panthers feel that they are battle tested.

"Kansas State is just one of those Big 12 teams that pitches well," head coach Jim Schmitz said.

The Panthers only managed to score 13 runs off 36 hits against the Wildcats in the weekend series.

Eastern finished the 2005 season with a record of 9-13 at home, much better than their record of 8-26 away from Coaches Stadium.

"We're excited to be back home," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said he is hoping that a win can help build the team's momentum for the rest of the season.

Offensively, the team has been inconsistent at the plate.

The Panthers were outscored at Kansas State 43-13 and are eighth in the Ohio Valley Conference in team batting.

However, junior third baseman Ryan Campbell has been red hot with a .346 batting average and is on a 21-game hitting streak.

"I've been seeing the ball well lately," he said. "I feel comfortable at the plate, and I worked hard in the off season changing my swing and adding some power, too."

Campbell has two doubles early in the season and leads Eastern with 11 total bases.

Junior right-hander Brandon Murphy leads the pitching staff with the most innings pitched with 12, while junior Mike Budde is the only pitcher on the team with a win.

The lone win came on three innings of scoreless relief.

Junior pitcher Chris Vaculik will start the 2 p.m. game. Vaculik's 7.71 earned run average is the highest among the starters.

The Panthers do not play at Coaches Stadium again until March 21 against Blackburn College, which is more of a reason why coach Schmitz wants the team to win the first home game in order to establish a winning streak.

The players are trying to move on after their poor performance this weekend.

Campbell knows that this game could be a crucial early-season game for the Panthers.

"Tomorrow we need a win. We just have to come out ready to play," he said.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: SUPERSEGMENTAL

Wooden Shoes steppin' to state

BY MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Junior guard Jason Runde's dream and the dreams of his teammates can come true now.

The junior from Teutopolis High School scored a team-high 15 points in leading the Wooden Shoes past Nokomis High School 53-44 in Tuesday night's Class A supersegmental game at Lantz Arena and into the state quarterfinals this weekend in Peoria.

"It's their night, not mine," said Teutopolis head coach Ken Crawford motioning to his players after the win.

"We've got a team and that's the big thing. Our kids play within our system."

Runde said he felt "elated" after the victory.

"It feels better than what I thought it would," said Runde as he stood on the court at Lantz Arena after the game.

In front of a capacity crowd and an atmosphere unseen this year at any Eastern basketball game, both teams showed nerves early on.

Nokomis made 1-of-8 shots, while Teutopolis made only 3-of-13 in the first quarter.

"We were a little tight to start with and so were they," said Nokomis head coach Steve Kimbro. "They just had a little more offensive firepower."

That firepower came off the bench from junior guard Wade Koester. The guard hit two 3-pointers in the second quarter to push T-Town ahead 18-8 with 3:30 remaining.

The Redskins cut the lead to 21-16 heading into halftime after three straight turnovers by Teutopolis led to easy baskets for Nokomis.

After a basket by Runde to push Teutopolis ahead 26-18 in the third

quarter, the Redskins ran off six straight points to cut the deficit to two.

T-Town answered with a 7-0 run of its own to extend its lead back to seven.

Nokomis cut the lead to five, 38-33 with 6:14 left in the game, but that would be the closest the Redskins would get.

Teutopolis converted 12-of-13 free throws in the last 2:47 to seal the win.

"I don't know what school will be like tomorrow," Runde said.

Teutopolis faces top-ranked Seneca Friday in the quarterfinals.

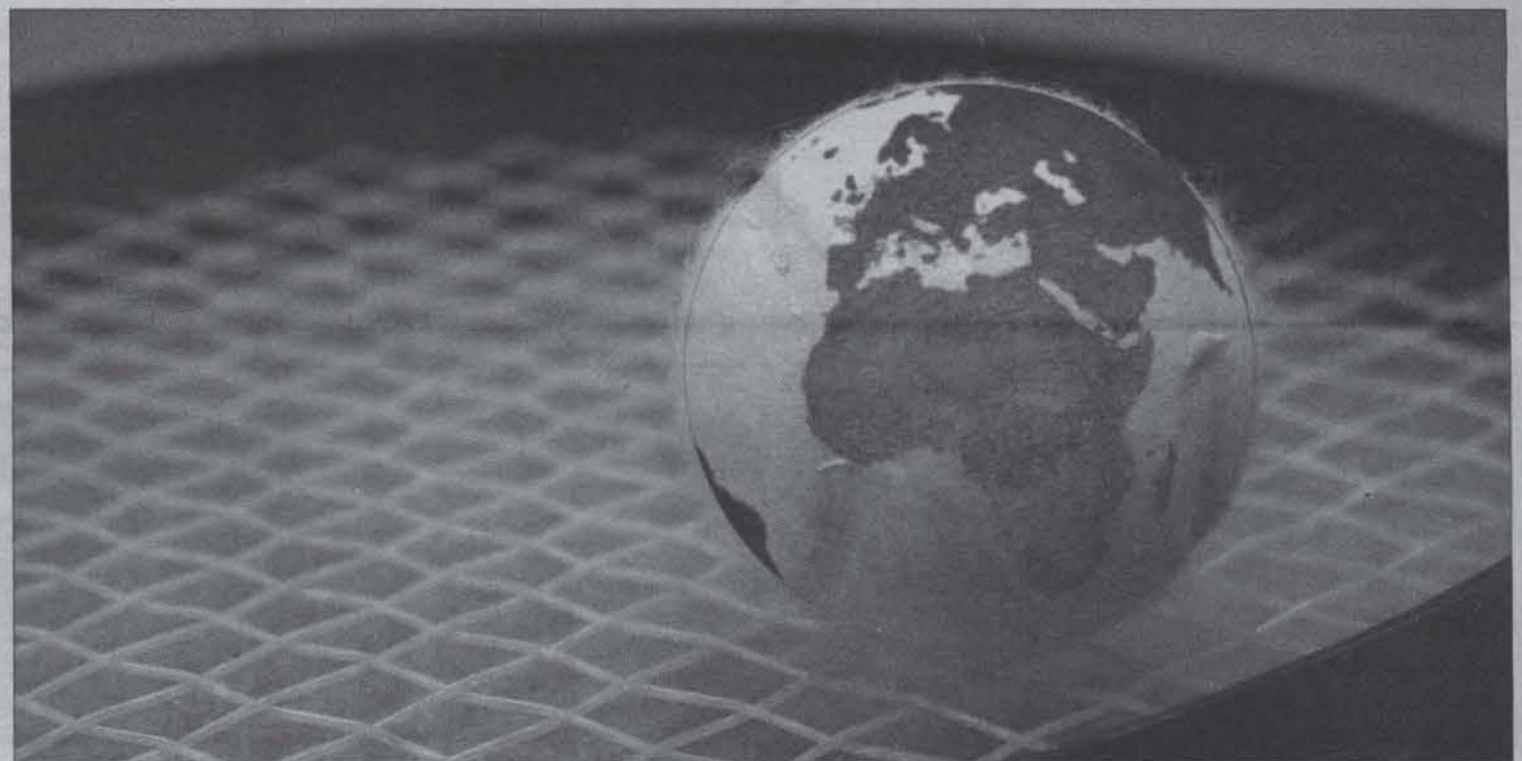


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The Eastern tennis team, with six international players, isn't the only OVC school attracting international talent; 14 from Tennessee Tech are international.

GOING GLOBAL

Darling Courts is a home away from home for the Panthers' six foreign tennis players



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MONTREAL,
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BY JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

Adjusting to college life is something every Eastern student has to do. Students have to adjust to living on their own and meeting new friends.

But unlike the majority of the campus, some of the members of the men's and women's tennis teams have to adjust to not only the college life, but to an entirely new country.

Junior Chuck LeVaque competes at No. 1 singles for the men and has been one of Eastern's most consistent competitors throughout his career. He made his journey to Charleston from the ski resort town of Mont Tremblant, Canada.

"My hometown has beautiful mountains, and a lot of Canadian Winter Olympians train there, but I was the only tennis player," said LeVaque. "When I was 13 years old

I moved an hour away to Montreal to train because there were no facilities for me back home."

The level of tennis competition in Canada is not very good, LeVaque said, so he sought out the help of the Canadian Tennis Federation to try and find a scholarship to an American university.

"I took a recruiting visit here in June and I really liked it," LeVaque said. "I got to meet some of the other players and I really liked the small, compact campus. A week after my visit, my parents and I decided that Eastern was the best place for me and I signed and came here in August."

Having just more than a 13-hour drive to get home, LeVaque only goes home for winter break and during the summer. That is fine with him because he has bonded so well with his teammates since first enrolling at Eastern.

"I had no clue what U.S. colleges were like so I did not know what to expect," he said. "I stuck with the tennis team and we all became really close."

While the Canadian Tennis Federation helped LeVaque find his way to Eastern, junior No. 2 singles player Madina Mambetova took a less formal route.

Mambetova, a native of Chegem, Russia, grew up playing tennis with her brother Alim.

Through a connection with a coach, Alim signed a scholarship offer at the University of Illinois-Springfield and that move would ultimately put Mambetova on a course that led her to Charleston.

After her brother put in a good word for her with former Eastern head coach Brian Holzgrafe, she was

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Week of events unite campus

Stephanie N. Johnson

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Unity Week was designed as a response to the great desire to unite the various students and faculty of the Eastern community.

One of the best highlights of this campus is that it is religiously, ethnically and culturally diverse, and this week is a way to celebrate that uniqueness campus-wide. Unity Week is planned to positively promote and encourage the members of the Eastern community to celebrate their differences.

Continually raising awareness of our cultural differences is an essential step in building up the community.

"This year, we are taking Unity Week in a whole new direction," explained Keila Lacy, vice president of student affairs for student government.

"Students should expect to get diversity education, leadership, development, motivation, cultural interest, and campus/community interaction."

Unity Week has been in existence on Eastern's campus for about five years, and each year the committees have been dedicated to providing the community with a week that is enjoyable for all.

Lacy has been involved with Unity Week for the last three years as the public relations coordinator.

"My responsibilities this year consist of gathering ideas, working with agents and performers, finding funding sources, and the marketing and publicity of the event," Lacy said.

Unity Week 2006 begins on Monday, March 20, and ends on Friday, March 26. The week will kick off with the "Oh, I Think They Like Me" fashion show, featuring Eastern students donning the latest in designer apparel. The event will also showcase a performance by the Muntu Dance Theater of Chicago, whom was the guest at the African-American Heritage Banquet in 2005.

Motivational speaker Steve Birdine will be presenting on the subject "Creating the UNSTOPPABLE You" in Lumpkin Auditorium on Tuesday.

"The speaker (Birdine) is life-changing," Lacy said. "I heard him speak twice at the National Race and Ethnicity Conference and he was unbelievable."

On Wednesday, students are encouraged to attend the Student Government meeting at 7 p.m. for a surprise twist.

On Thursday's game night titled, "What Would You Do to Be Unified?" the Unity Week committee will borrow components from Fear Factor, the game show notorious for placing its contestants in the most compromising situations.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Colorblind stereotypes find home in media

Meagan Morgan

Staff Writer

"Red and Yellow, Black, (Brown) and White, they are precious in His sight, as the old song says. The media is a driving force in perpetuating the continuance of this thing called racial stereotypes. Throughout history, movies and television have played an integral part in keeping racial stereotypes alive, be it for humor or to push an underlying message.

A stereotype is "a generalized picture of a person, created without taking the whole person into account," according to www.discovery.com.

"When we stereotype a group of people, we depict all of the individuals within that group as having the same characteristics."

Controversial movies such as "Crash" allowed the audience to view racism and stereotypes from all sides: the view of the misrepresented minority, the "bigot" and his troubles, the uninformed and afraid, and many more.

Most of all, the movie portrayed everyone as human and equally flawed and filled with misconceptions about one another.

"Drawn Together," an adult cartoon shown on Comedy Central, had an episode regarding racial stereotypes in cartoons.

The Federal Communications Commission planned to capture all the politically incorrect cartoon characters, imprison them and finally, erase them. (Sound familiar!)

Many American cartoons portray all races, except for the Caucasian-American, in a negative way.

For many years, a black person could easily be repre-

sented as some sort of savage, who lacked intelligence and ate white people for fun.

In later years, the "Aunt Jemima" or "Mammy" character was born. She was a heavy-set housemaid wearing an apron, do-rag and house slippers.

This woman took care of the white children, helped the woman of the house, and she usually helped the hero of the stories find the moral or correct path to follow.

Mammy made many appearances, including "Gone with the Wind," "The Littlest Rebel" (with Shirley Temple) and even the cartoon "Tom and Jerry."

A recent depiction of African-Americans shows baggy clothing, which are filled with concealed guns and other weapons, with simultaneous rap and display of gang signs.

The biggest definer is the "bling-bling" and no one can forget Ebonics.

Stereotypes are not limited to African-Americans or to American media.

After watching some of the Asian films, a viewer might notice something vaguely familiar with each; almost all the white-American characters are the same. They were portrayed as brutes without any brains and spoke in limited caveman usually just above a grunt.

The African-Americans in these films don Afros, bell-bottom pants complete with sunglasses and smooth talk.

They are usually shown in a better light, but are often times someone's sidekick and die tragically early in the movie providing the main character with a reason to break his vow not to fight. However, they are allowed to learn the fighting technique of the Asian hero and use it against the "bad guys."

Asian roles in American movies, sitcoms and car-

toons have not evolved much over the years. The women are subservient, always willing to please men and the men are wise and knowledgeable in a particular "fighting style."

This character provided a form of comic relief. Often their phrases of broken English added nothing more than a fortune cookie moral for the story. (GOOOOONNNNNNGGGG!!)

The role of the Hispanic in early media was usually the untrustworthy sidekick, but only if he was not already playing the villain.

Nowadays, they are just gang bangers wearing "wife-beaters" and drinking 40s with their "dawg" Chico (probably named after Freddy Prinze's character in the sitcom "Chico and the Man").

The women have been portrayed as hot-tempered, good cooks who can do a mean cha-cha.

Native Americans only played the parts of Indians during wars, battles and other historic film topics. Some movies portray them as money-hungry casino owners. For the most part, the film industry has left them alone.

On another note, most minorities were not allowed to act in lead roles for many years.

A white person painted in black face performed for the minstrel shows, or yellow face complete with taped back eyes, or dark makeup and a glued-on sparse mustache, and so on.

When minorities finally received the opportunity to be a lead in American films, it was considered taboo for white characters to marry them or have any serious form of intimate relationship.

The movie "Dances with Wolves," which Kevin

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Health and American Children

Charles Kyle
Entertainment Editor

As I look upon things that are happening in society today's, I get a sense that with the way things are progressing American health will only continue to worsen.

The average American is overweight and their nutritional intake does not meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

While it's understandable that it is difficult for many Americans to receive the nutrients our bodies require on a daily basis, thus creating a problem for the human body to function correctly, certain changes in diet and exercise methods need to be made.

The same can be said for American children. In this society, American children commonly fall victim to problems of obesity, while the ones who don't, suffer from anorexia or a similar eating disorder.

This is a reflection of adults in American society who ultimately have the most influences on their children. If a child always sees his parent eating fast foods instead of a nutritiously-prepared home-cooked meal, then it's only natural that a child will do the same thing in an attempt to model the parent.

In today's fast-paced world, most families have two working parents so nobody is there to monitor what the child is consuming, thereby hurting the chances of the child actually eating healthy.

Also a factor in the weight problem for children today is that there is not enough exercise. As a child, I remember racing my bike up and down the pavement with friends for bragging rights, or getting together and riding bikes around the neighborhood.

It really didn't matter where we were going, it was the fact that we were having fun. But with so much technology today, fun seems to be synthetic.

Nowadays children simply play with video games or sit in front of a computer screen for fun. Whether it's

listening to music, watching music videos or instant messaging, children simply are not as active as they used to be.

While I'm not really sure if technology can be truly blamed for the health of American children, it is a problem, and like all problems it must be dealt with. A step forward might be to encourage children to go out and play more instead of being plastered in front of a television or computer screen.

To help in the nutritional department, try replacing the sweet snacks in the household with more healthier foods such as fruit and granola.

Limit the ordering of fast foods and the consumption of carbonated drinks and serving soft drinks instead of juice.

In all, the health of the American society is an issue that must be dealt with, and it's truly up to the American people themselves to help solve this problem.

Halfway to the finish line

Stephanie N. Johnson
Editor In Chief

Someone mentioned in one of my classes yesterday that graduation is exactly two months away, and I felt as if I were going to suffocate.

Don't get me wrong, I am more than proud of myself for completing this crazy journey called college in exactly four years, but as the end of the road approaches fast, I can't help but to feel rushed.

I can't believe that the last four years have gone by so fast, and in a way, I am quite sad. I learned a lot here at EIU, some things that I will never forget and many things that I will lose as soon as I walk out of my last class on April 28th.

A lot of memories have been made here at EIU, and in May I will be off to a different world to create new ones.

I feel that I am properly prepared to challenge the next academic point in my life, or at least give it a run for its money.

So, as some of you will be basking in the sunlight of glorious beaches for spring break, I will be nervously awaiting acceptance letters

from the four graduate schools that I applied to.

I have to admit, the idea of going back to school was not exactly thrilling, but the idea of having two academic degrees at the age of 22 truly intrigued me.

I mean I have a shopping habit that just won't quit, and the more money I make, the better.

The uncertainty of what the future holds is starting to bother me a little though. When I graduated from the eighth grade, I knew exactly where I was going for high school. After high school, I knew I wanted to go to the one university that none of my friends were attending, and thus began my journey at EIU.

This brings me to present day 2006, and I am unsure about the rest of my life than I have ever been.

I do know that the Lord didn't bring me this far to leave me, and that with him in my life my future shines brighter than the sun in the sky.

I'm halfway to the finish line, but enough about me. I hope that everyone has a great spring break, be safe and God Bless!

Asian-American History Month coming soon

By Tim Martin
Staff writer

It's an awkward encountering many Asian-Americans experience at one point or another during their education.

Math class, a stereotype, an assumption.

A myth.

"Some people meet an Asian friend whose math score is not good, and they attribute that person as a weirdo," said Jin-Hee Lee, an assistant history professor who received her doctorate in Asian Languages and Cultures.

The goal of Eastern's first official celebration — the month-long Asian Heritage Celebration in April — is to broaden the awareness of Asian culture on campus. Some of the month's events will clarify stereotypes by exposing attendees to other elements of Asian culture, while others will meet the broad characterizations straight on.

Like the campus' other months celebrations for black and Latino history, the upcoming schedule of brown-bag sessions, entertainment events and lectures will focus on explaining stereotypes and culture. But Lee offers another reason why the campus should take note of Asian culture, economics. Business majors in particular should develop an awareness of China and India, two countries increasingly becoming global economic forces. "I see so many students with Asian characters in their hat or T-shirt, but that's about it," Lee said. "They don't have further information about the business relationship with Asia or the educational system in Asia and all those things."

An 11-person committee, represented by faculty, student, staff

and administration members began organizing the month in December, near the end of the fall semester.

Various campus groups already promoting awareness about Asian culture helped in organizing the month-long celebration. Faculty members had banded together to propose an Asian Studies minor. Students had organized the active Asian American Association, while a cinema club, showing films from Japan, South Korea and other countries, had been formed last year.

A lack of funding has hindered some celebration plans because it was planned after the annual budget was set. Fortunately, the university has a series of brown-bag luncheons hosted by faculty and "Teach Me Tuesday" sessions already in place.

There are also plans for a kick-off reception, an Asian music recital and a "Dance Dance Revolution" contest. The schedule of events also tentatively includes films about Asian culture that will also have faculty members give presentations and discussions to provide contextual background. Kennie Bae, an Asian Heritage Month committee member and a junior physics major, wants the month to communicate that not all Asians are alike. "There's different subgroups of Asians," Bae said. "Vietnamese, Indian, Chinese, Japanese ... each has their own different characteristics and values."

For more information as the month approaches, visit the Asian-American Association Web site:

http://www.eiu.edu/~asian_am/

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"Like a Black and White Classic"

Lauren Franco

Like a black and white movie my mother is a classic
Only truth lies within this reel,
Her presence is like a camera producing magic
She is a script of heart; a gentle touch to make you feel

It has been clear to me since birth
She is a Hollywood beauty so glamorous from head to toe
My mother is a legend beyond her wondrous years on this earth
If the shimmering curtains were ever to fall she would continue to glow

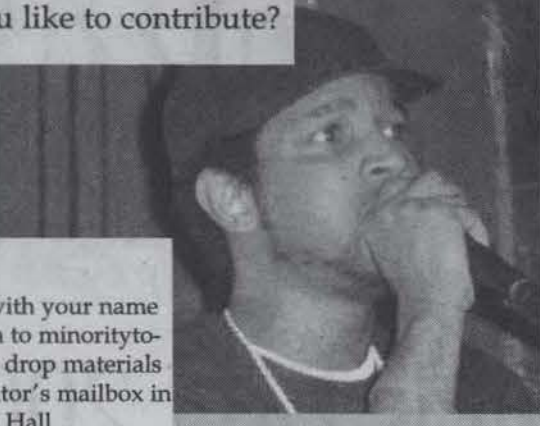
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I always admire; remembering she is a time-less frame
She speaks her words through warmth, I must mention
She is a priceless motion picture, never to fade, always having fame

Never will you be able to rent her
Because as I press my cheek against hers, she will never yell quiet on her set
She will never pause, freeze up or contain a blur
My mother is a black and white classic, so beautiful from the first night our eyes met

Having more grace than Fred Astaire; a beauty like Audrey; just look
Watching her brings salty tears to my eyes, having such natural talent is a gift
Always making a happy ending, never a hook
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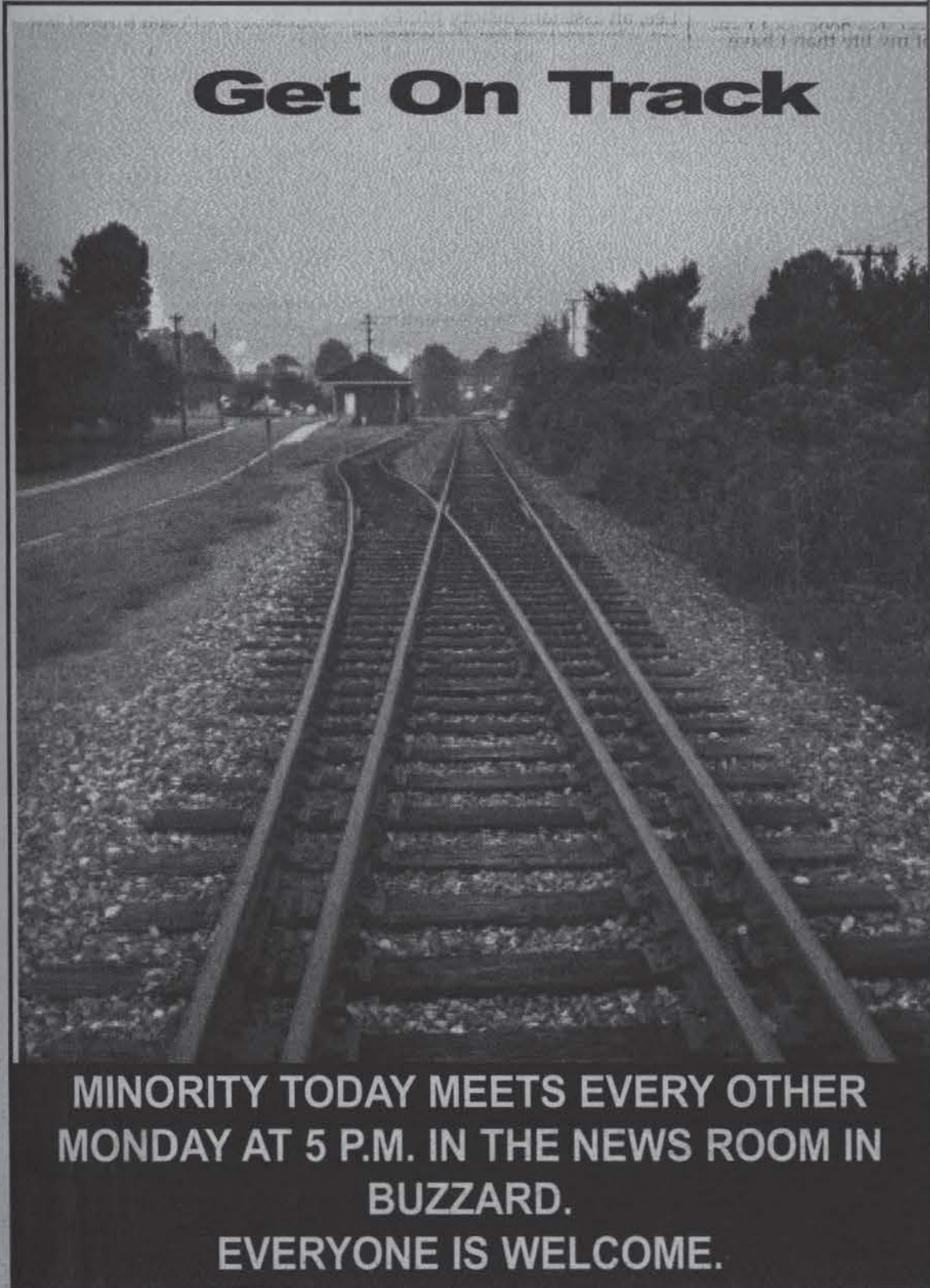
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Instead Costner marries a White woman who was captured by them when she was young. Times have changed and so has the American media, but can the change be attributed as a positive or negative one. Yes, minorities have received leading roles in major motion pictures and as the stars of their own sitcoms, but the bridge isn't over. Common stereotypes still plague our television everyday, which makes it hard for us as a nation not to feed on and succumb to these degrading typecasts. Back in the day, it was necessary to play a certain role just to get ahead in the game, and now that minorities have more of a say so in the characters that they portray, it's up to them to gain and maintain an upper hand in the situation.

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most compromising situations. "Students should wear clothing that they won't mind getting messy," replied Lacy. "It (Game Night) should be really interesting, and a lot of fun." Friday will bring a chance for members from each individual RSO to come out and network with the member of student government. "This is a chance for the members of student government and the various RSO's to come together," said Lacy. Saturday will bring an evening of knee slapping laughter with shows from comedians Vanessa Fraction, Dave Odd and Smoke. "Students should come prepared to laugh hysterically," said Lacy. "All three comedians are hilarious and won't hesitate to entertain." The university thrives off the strength and vitality of its diverse students body. So, all students are encouraged to come with an open mind and participate in the weeklong schedule of events. Student Government sponsors unity Week and all events are culturally enlightening and free.



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Backstage

A different perspective on entertainment

Miss Black EIU 2006 post-pageant photos



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The contestants for the 2006 Miss Black EIU pageant nervously wait, while the results of the judges are announced.



Photo by Eric Hiltner

Ebone Ashford walks down the catwalk for the first time after being named Miss Black EIU 2006.

The world of sex, lies, and betrayal

Stephanie N. Johnson

Editor In Chief

B-More Careful

A Novel by Shannon Holmes

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In his debut novel, Shannon Holmes pens a gritty tale about growing up on the cold, inner-city streets of Baltimore, Md.

Holmes places us in a world filled with jewelry, guns, cars and, of course, drugs with relatable characters in a story that will resonate with readers long after they have turned the last page.

The novel opens up with Netta who at an early age has learned to put the saying, "Using what you got, to get what you want" to good service.

Growing up without a father and a dope fiend for a mother, Netta has to fend for herself in order to survive.

On a church trip to New York, she meets Mimi, a pregnant teen, and the two become quite the pair. As the girls become older, they start to notice how truly opposite they are, which begins to put a rift in their friendship.

Netta starts the "Pussy Pound", a group of money-hungry goldiggers who ravage the city night after

night in search of "ballers" and that almighty dollar. The perfect night on the town puts Netta in touch with Black, the biggest drug kingpin in Baltimore. Black is immediately infatuated with Netta, but all she cares about is his money.

He showers her with the best jewelry, cars and the most exotic trips in the world, and Netta is eating it all up.

Things heat up when Black ends up in jail facing a murder charge. Thinking he has the girl of his dreams by his side, Black puts all his business decisions in Netta's hands, who, in return, robs him blind and severs all ties with him.

Netta, proud of what she has accomplished, nestles back into the life she had before Black and picks back up with the girls of the pound.

After some time has passed, Netta starts to notice sudden changes in Mimi. Their friendship has taken a sharp turn, and it looks as if the two have parted ways for good.

Meanwhile, Black has realized Netta's betrayal and he is furious. Netta is sitting back as if she doesn't have a care in the world, and Black is about to get out of jail and seek revenge.

For his first novel, Essence's best-selling novelist Holmes, has written a tale of intense betrayal, love, lust and the drug game.

It's a clever and poignant story that is relevant to many people in today's society.

B-More Careful is a must-read that leaves readers savoring and rushing to bookstores everywhere for a copy of Holmes latest work, *Bad Girlz*.

