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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## Promoting

### Eastern's HERC works to prevent alcohol abuse; one tool used is online education programs

By **Brittni Garcia**  
Faculty Senate Reporter

April may be Alcohol Awareness Month, but Eastern wants students to drink responsibly all year long.

"We work year-round to promote healthy choices," said Rachel Fisher, Eastern's health communication and marketing specialist. "A major goal of the HERC (Health Education Resource Center) is to reduce alcohol consumption rates and alcohol-related harm."

Last month, Eastern was honored for outstanding alcohol-abuse prevention efforts along with nine other institutions and organizations nationwide.

"I accepted it on behalf of the HERC," said Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs. "It would have never happened without them."

The award is being displayed at the Health Education Resource Center.

"This award recognizes the level of dedication, enthusiasm, effectiveness and commitment that Eastern

has to addressing and reducing the negative academic, social and health consequences related to excessive drinking," Fisher said.

#### The programs

Eastern offers a number of programs to make sure students are aware of alcohol consequences and side effects.

Two of these programs are AlcoholEdu and e-Chug.

AlcoholEdu is a program that incoming students take prior to arriving at Eastern.

The program is an online instructional course.

In order to pass the first assessment students must receive 70 percent or higher to continue.

The first part must be completed before the first day of classes. Forty days after the first day of classes, they must take another quiz to see

if thoughts have changed since they started school.

The school received a grant for this program and has an annual contract with the providers of the program for approximately \$12,000 a year.

Last summer every student who took the online assessment cost Eastern about \$1 each.

This program is available to all students. Eastern is the first school

to open this monologue to parents.

"By doing this it creates conversation between the university, parents, and students," Nadler said.

AlcoholEdu was started in summer of 2006 and was implemented by Nadler.

When Nadler came to Eastern, he noticed a few concerns with alcohol use and education at Eastern.

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The abuse of alcohol continues to be a problem that plagues Eastern, which is shown by the number of drinking violations handed out every year in the vicinity of campus.

#### SOBERING STATISTICS

According to the Marine Institute, more than 1,700 college students in the U.S. are killed each year as a result of alcohol-related injuries

Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs, said he doesn't think Eastern has ever had a student death in connection with alcohol.

CAMPUS | HOUSING

## Some colleges trying out coed dorms, bathrooms

### Oregon universities explore concept, but Eastern sticking with same-sex rooms for now

By **Barbara Harrington**  
University Reporter

Eric Freudenberg and Mary Sandberg wish they could be roommates.

Freudenberg, a sophomore history major, and Sandberg, a freshman English major, have been dating for six months.

The couple said they would like to live together in a campus residence hall.

"I would love to live with my boyfriend right now if I could," Sandberg said. "We're friends anyway and we get along no matter what. Even if we did break up we would still be friends."

In March, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* reported multiple universities in Oregon are experimenting with opposite-sex roommates in dorms.

Freudenberg and Sandberg said they think having coed floors in some residence halls would be a positive experience for Eastern students.

"I feel like it expands social life," Sandberg said. "It would be a lot easier to meet people."

However, the couple said being randomly assigned to a roommate of the opposite sex could cause some problems.

Sandberg said she thinks if Eastern were to adopt coed dorm rooms, people of the opposite sex should live together only if they mutually request each other as roommates.

»» SEE COED DORMS, PAGE 5



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Coed dormitories are appearing across university campuses in Oregon, but students shouldn't expect to see them at Eastern any time soon, according to Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

CAMPUS | BUILDINGS

## Work on Doudna nearly completed

### New fine arts center to open in Fall 2008 after much delay

By **Nora Maberry**  
News Editor

The move-in has begun.

The first two trucks of furniture were moved into the Doudna Fine Arts Building on April 1, said Steve Shrake, associate director of design and construction.

The furniture was moved into the B and C buildings, which house the music and art departments.

On March 30, Eastern Building Service Workers waxed the floors in the buildings to prepare for the furniture, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for Business Affairs.

The personal belongings of the professors in the Art Department, currently housed in Lawson Hall, will be moved into their offices in the Doudna Fine Arts Building on May 5.

"They won't necessarily be moved in, but at least their property will be moved into their offices," Shrake said. The rest of the building will be moved in during the summer, Cooley said.

A conference call with the Cap-

ital Development Board was held last week to help plan the completion of the project.

"It is important to coordinate the move and what we need to do to complete that project," Cooley said.

The Capital Development Board currently holds the deed to Doudna. Eastern will finally own the building this summer, when substantial completion of the building is complete.

The Capital Development Board manages construction projects for the state of Illinois and oversees design and construction on elementary, high school and university facilities, as well as museums and historic sites.

The total cost for completing Doudna, including furniture, fixtures and equipment, is estimated to be \$63 million. Construction costs had been estimated at \$45 million.

Currently, contractors are working overtime in order to complete the project by May, Cooley said.

"You may see gates open in the evenings but that is because contractors are in their working late in the evenings and working evenings and working overtime," Cooley said.

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EIU WEATHER

<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>  <p><b>56°   41°</b> Rain &amp; T-Storms ESE 5 mph</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p>  <p><b>54°   48°</b></p>
	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p>  <p><b>63°   53°</b></p>

WEATHER BRIEF

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Fatone, Brown to co-host singing competition

The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Melanie Brown and Joey Fatone have a new role to add to their scarily similar resumes: TLC host.

The duo will co-host "The Singing Office," a tongue-in-cheek singing competition that pits different groups of employees against each other. Both Brown and Fatone were members of chart-topping pop quintets; both finished in second place on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars"; and both have starred in "Rent" on Broadway.

"It's not like 'American Idol' or 'Dancing With the Stars,'" Brown said while filming at the Long Beach Airport. "It gives people a break from their everyday lives to have some fun with their co-workers."

In each episode, Brown, 32, and Fatone, 31, surprise employees at two separate workplaces with impromptu vocal auditions. They then

pick the five best singers. The make-shift groups are trained by pros to perform a song-and-dance routine and compete in front of a studio audience. Brown recently wrapped up the Spice Girls reunion tour. Fatone, who performed with 'N Sync, has been hosting NBC's "The Singing Bee," which wasn't included on the network's fall schedule.

Dylan wins an honorary Pulitzer Prize Monday

NEW YORK — Thanks to Bob Dylan, rock 'n' roll has finally broken through the Pulitzer wall.

Dylan, the most acclaimed and influential songwriter of the past half century, who more than anyone brought rock from the streets to the lecture hall, received an honorary Pulitzer Prize on Monday, cited for his "profound impact on popular music and American culture, marked by lyrical compositions of extraordinary poetic power."

It was the first time Pulitzer judges, who have long favored classical music, and, more recently, jazz, awarded an art form once dismissed as barbaric, even subversive.

Bay City wants to honor Madonna with key to city

BAY CITY, Mich. — A city that more than two decades ago declined to honor Madonna with a key to the city wants the singer to give it a second chance.

Mayor Charles M. Brunner has written a letter inviting Madonna, who grew up in Bay City and the Detroit suburb of Rochester Hills, to accept a key to the city, *The Bay City Times* reported.

"We have always been proud of your accomplishments but recently your induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame reminded us that we need to honor you with the highest honor that Bay City can offer," the letter says.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Flinging discs in the quad



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Rob Burkman, a senior math and computer-science major, tosses a flying disc in the Library Quad on Monday afternoon.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

New Zealand man accused of using hedgehog as weapon

The Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A New Zealand man has been accused of assault with prickly weapon — a hedgehog.

Police allege that William Singalargh picked up the hedgehog and threw it several yards to hit a 15-year-old boy in the North Island east coast town of Whakatane on Feb. 9.

"It hit the victim in the leg, causing a large, red welt and several puncture marks," police Senior Sgt. Bruce Jenkins said Monday. The teen did not need medical treatment, he added.

*The Herald* on Sunday reported that it was not known whether the hedgehog was dead or alive at the time of the attack, but that it was dead when collected as evidence.

Jenkins said Singalargh, 27, was arrested shortly after the incident on a charge of assault with a weapon.

His lawyer, Rebecca Plunket, said Singalargh intends to plead innocent.

The maximum penalty for the charge is five years in prison.

While using a hedgehog as a weapon in an assault is uncommon, Jenkins said, "People often get charged with assault for throwing things at other people."

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UNIVERSITY | FUNDS



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President Perry plans to begin a new fundraising campaign after the \$40 million comprehensive capital campaign.

# Eastern fundraising on the rise

Campaign for donations announced to combat decreasing state appropriations, rising tuition

By Brittni Garcia  
Faculty Senate Reporter

President Bill Perry is emphasizing fundraising for the coming future.

Perry said he wants to start a fundraising campaign that would begin after Eastern's \$40 million comprehensive capital campaign starts.

The Office of Philanthropy is in the process of developing tentative plans for the \$40 million campaign.

The steering committee for the campaign expected to meet for the first time in September.

The capital comprehensive campaign is slated to last five or six years.

Within the first two years of the capital comprehensive campaign, Perry said he wants to start a new campaign that focuses on increasing the numbers of gifts given to Eastern.

Perry said the reason why he is putting emphasis on fundraising is to combat declining state appropriations and rising tuition costs.

"They are the people who believe in what the university is doing and believe in excellence," Perry said. "Many times the private donations give you the margins for excellence."

In a January campus-wide email, Perry established five priorities for Eastern designed to strengthen support for the academic and personal development of students.

Fundraising was one of the priorities. "Any university in terms of its overall fundrais-

## BILL PERRY | PRESIDENT OF EASTERN

**"Over the past six years, (state) appropriations have declined. In order to have the quality of education that the students deserve and our citizens deserve, we need to raise money from other sources."**

ing is concerned about a couple of major issues, one being program excellence," Perry said.

Money that is typically raised from fundraising comes from companies, alumni and friends of the university.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said she believes Perry is building upon strategies used in the past for his fundraising plans.

"The difference with President Perry is he is helping move into a campaign mode for the university," Nilsen said.

When the university is not in a campaign mode, Eastern counts every dollar donated and documents it.

Once a campaign begins, the university has different guidelines for keeping track of donations.

"Right now, we are looking at the campaign guidelines and what is appropriate for the university and the Board of Trustees," Nilsen said.

In the past year, she said, Eastern has had a steady increase of money received.

In 2007, Eastern raised \$5.5 million in donations and plans to exceed that amount this year.

Nilsen said the foundation is like a pyramid. At the base would be friends of the university and people who want to give money to the university, she added.

"So, the larger the base, the better our fundraising will be as time goes further," Nilsen said.

Perry said fundraising for the university supports excellence in programs and affordability.

Two qualities that support Perry's overall goal of becoming best in class in integrating the academic and personal development of Eastern students, he added.

"Over the past six years, (state) appropriations have declined," Perry said. "In order to have the quality of education that the students deserve and our citizens deserve, we need to raise money from other sources."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Mayor Inyart to address Faculty Senate

Eastern's Faculty Senate will host its town and gown meeting today. President Bill Perry, Charleston Mayor John Inyart and Mattoon Mayor Dave Cline will be in attendance.

"I see this as a really wonderful opportunity to bring people together to talk about issues that concern the university's relationship with the wider community," said Lynne Curry, Faculty Senate chair.

Curry said the meeting will give the community a chance to ask questions and address issues of concern involving the university.

The Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. in Booth Library Conference Room 4440. Faculty Senate meetings are open to everyone.

### Eastern alum wins Pulitzer with Tribune

Former Eastern alumnus Ted Gregory was part of The Chicago Tribune staff that won the Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting on Monday.

Gregory, a 1981 graduate and Tribune staff reporter, helped work on the Tribune's story about defective toys made in China that were shipped to the United States. The series of stories titled "Hidden Hazards," also showed how lead-laden jewelry made for American companies was defective. The reporting led in September to the largest recall of full-size cribs in the history of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Also among the Tribune staff that worked on the series was Maurice Possley, whose daughter, Maura, is a 2004 Eastern graduate who now works at the Bradenton (Fla.) Herald as an immigration reporter.

### Jason Mraz tickets still on sale

Tickets for the April 25 concert at Lantz Arena featuring singer Jason Mraz are on sale. Cost of tickets are \$13 for the public and \$10 for Eastern students. Mraz's performance is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. and feature opening acts Bushwalla, and magician Justin Kredible.

For tickets, call 581-5122 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

— Compiled by Editor in Chief Matt Daniels and University Reporter Barbara Harrington

## LOCAL | CITY NOTEBOOK

# Status hearing set in student stabbing case

A status hearing for Mathew A. Bagnall has been set for May 12 at 11 a.m. at the Coles County Courthouse.

Bagnall, an 18-year-old freshman physical education major, is accused of stabbing student Brandt L. Schisler, 18, of Lewiston, during a house party on Dec. 7.

Bagnall was arrested the same day on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and causing great bodily harm.

Bagnall plead not guilty Jan. 14 and requested a jury trial.

Aggravated battery is a Class 3 felony and can be punished with fines up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for two to five years.

### Toxicology results for Schwartz still pending

The cause of death and toxicology results on Eastern student Mark Schwartz are still pending, said Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols.

Nichols said he is anticipating the cause of

death and toxicology results for Schwartz to be released soon.

Nichols has to sign the death certificate before the cause of death can be released to the public.

Charleston Fire Department responded to a call placed to Charleston Police on Feb. 29 at 6:27 p.m. after Schwartz was found by his roommate in their off-campus apartment.

He was pronounced dead at 7:09 p.m. at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Emergency room.

### Two suspects in child abuse case plead not guilty

Two Mattoon residents plead not guilty Monday to charges of aggravated domestic battery.

Brittany L. Shonk, 18, and Robert E. Shonk, 17, of Lot 28 at Lakeland Mobile Estates, are accused of allegedly abusing a three-year-old boy.

The Shonks are accused of causing extensive bruising over the child's body, which police have said was in various stages of healing when they

found the boy.

Brittany, the child's mother and Robert, the child's stepfather, and Leland E. Hubbard, 23, the child's uncle, all admitted during police questioning that they tripped the boy, causing him to fall, court documents say.

Brittany Shonk told police she hit the boy in the face several times. Robert Shonk said he hit the boy in the back. Hubbard said he grabbed the child and held him against the wall, according to court documents.

Aggravated domestic battery can result in a prison sentence of three to seven years, or up to four years of probation when there is a conviction. The Shonks are scheduled to return to court on May 5.

Hubbard's next court day is April 14.

—Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry

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## CORRECTION

The Home Rule Ad-Hoc Committee is meeting at 6 p.m. today, not Monday as previously reported.

Eric Wilber, the Eastern student representative to the city council, was misidentified in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

*The DEN regrets the errors.*

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IT'S NOT THE PLAGUE

San Diego State U. – I had the funniest HIV test two weeks ago. The nurse at the clinic was hilarious – she had plenty of comments after every question she asked me. Not to mention, it was a bit interesting discussing my sex life with someone old enough to be my grandmother. As funny as I thought this experience was, none of my friends cracked a smile at my anecdote.

At first I thought it was one of those things you had to be there for, but then I realized the reason people weren't laughing. It's because of the three-letter word that's dreaded like the plague: HIV. Even in a generation in which sex is so openly discussed, sexually transmitted diseases are still taboo subjects to bring up in polite conversation. If sex can be talked about, but sexually transmitted diseases are put on the backburner, then it's easy to assume that safer sex is not being talked about either.

It's called safer sex because all sex is risky, even when using protection. Because safer sex isn't often discussed, it's not surprising that a recent national study showed that one in four adolescent girls has some kind of sexually transmitted disease, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

HIV and STDs are topics being avoided by the people most impacted: sex partners. If people are not willing to talk about safer sex, they will be less likely to practice safer sex. College students are at a great risk for contracting unwelcome infections such as chlamydia, syphilis, gonorrhea or even HIV. And if these are left untreated, they can result in illness, infertility and death.

HIV is out there and, as scary as it is to find out you have it, how much scarier is it not knowing if you could potentially be infected? Don't avoid the test; it's not the plague.

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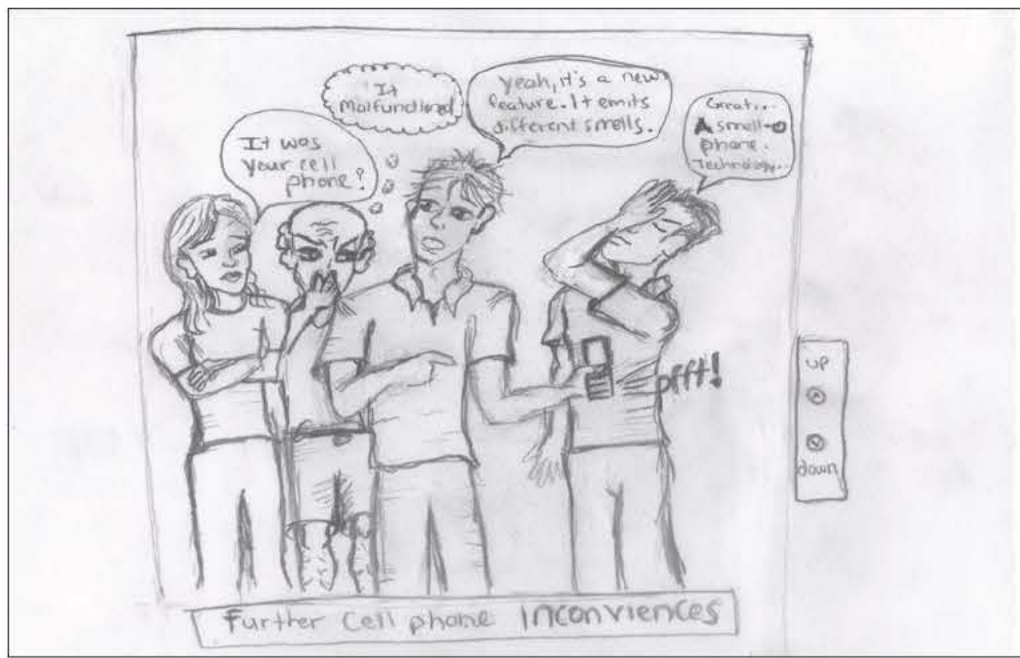
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Drawn from the news | Adam Tedder



STAFF EDITORIAL

Test it out: Coed living could work

We're all adults here. Right? Well, at least that's the assumption. We're at least 18 and we can vote, get married and live how and wherever we please – except if we choose to live in the residence halls. At Eastern, students have the option to live in Pemberton, an all-female dorm, Thomas, an all-male dorm, dorms that separate women and men by floor, like Taylor, and dorms that separate men and women by tower, like Carman.

And then there's the suite life in Stevenson Hall where students live in coed hallways. However, living in actual coed dorm rooms is not an option at Eastern.

But it's something to consider. Colleges in Oregon are now allowing both females and males to live not only on the same floor, but also in the same dorm room together.

Coed roommates can be couples or just friends. According to The Oregonian, students live in a "gender inclusive" wing with about 10 other students who wanted an alternative to single-sex dormitory rooms.

The program plans on expanding to include 60 students by next fall.

Many universities and colleges in Oregon have even moved to coed bathrooms for students.

Of course, concerns arise about couples that break up or how coed bathrooms are going to fare.

If we brought coed dorm rooms to Eastern, Stevenson Hall would be the best place to test-pilot a coed program.

That way, students would be able to share private bathrooms within the suite.

And if students break up or don't get along, it's really no different than when random roommates don't get along and need a different place to live.

Other schools reserve their coed living quarters for students who may feel uncomfortable living with someone of the same sex because of their gender identity or sexuality.

While students always have the option of living off-campus together, dorm life is easier for students who don't want to stress of paying monthly bills or want to live close to where their classes are.

Some students can't get financial aid if they choose to live off-campus. And, frankly, students do better in school living the dorm life than they do living off-campus.

Dorms require intensive quiet hours during finals week.

In an off-campus house or apartment, no resident assistant is going to stop our roommates from whooping it up until 4 a.m. the night before we happen to have a test.

Giving students a "gender inclusive" option for on-campus living won't drive students away;

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Colleges and universities in Oregon have recently added coed dorm rooms to their on-campus housing options.
- **Stance:** We think Eastern should try coed living in Stevenson Hall so students who would otherwise live off-campus have more options.

it only expands our options.

The times are changing and it's time Eastern accommodated more students who prefer living on campus.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said he does not think bringing coed dorms to campus would be a good idea.

"Never say never, but I certainly do not see (coed living) as a viable option in our immediate future," he said.

He thinks many students would be against the idea and said women and men would probably be uncomfortable using the same bathroom facilities.

Dorms require students to escort their guests, and Hudson speculated that people would have security issues because residents of the opposite sex would be unescorted.

**"In an off-campus house or apartment, no resident assistant is going to stop our roommates from whooping it up until 4 a.m. the night before we happen to have a test."**

"I am sure this concept would decrease resident satisfaction and drive students away from living on campus," Hudson said.

This is why we think Stevenson Hall would be a great place to start. Students already live on coed floors, so making coed suites would not be drastically different.

Eastern could simply run a test-pilot, much like the Oregon colleges and universities, by sectioning off one hallway reserved for coed living within the suite.

This would save the university from making large overhauling changes, such as having to renovate bathrooms and guests already don't need to be escorted through halls.

Stevenson Hall also requires students to be upperclassmen or ages 21 and older.

Reserving the coed hall for students who are older works better than throwing a coed hallway in, say, Carman Hall.

There's less risk of students not getting along because they're either more mature or have more stable relationships with friends because they've simply attended school longer.

On-campus living is flexible for students.

But it doesn't suit all of students' needs, especially students who feel uncomfortable with traditional living arrangements.

It wouldn't hurt to start small, try it and see if it works in Stevenson Hall.

It could bring more students to live on campus who may not be able to find fitting on-campus housing.



LAUREN DAVIDSON

Take matters into your own hands

Things are looking up these days for central Ohio resident Art Price, 40, who has been making waves in the headlines lately. One week ago on April 1, Price's felony charges were dismissed, thanks to a decision by the municipal court that the crime didn't deserve a felony count.

But wait until you hear what the guy did.

At the end of March, he was dealing with felony charges after a tipster turned three homemade DVDs in to Bellevue police. The DVDs featured Price, nude on his patio, engaged in illicit sexual acts with, of all things, his patio table. Price, husband and father of three, admitted to having fornicated with his lawn furniture when questioned by police and was charged with public indecency and fined \$20,000. Last week, they decided that his crime wasn't worth quite that much, and he's likely going to be charged for something less serious.

OK. The guy is a complete sicko-pervert who should not have been doing what he was doing. It was definitely public indecency and I'm glad that someone busted him for it. However, it really bothered me that the "tipster" was actually his neighbor.

If I had a neighbor who was pulling the kinds of things that Price was pulling, you can bet I'd be upset. It was disgusting and downright bizarre. But did it really warrant all the media attention or the big charges? What's more public or indecent than "guy has sex with patio furniture" sprawled across headlines nationwide?

If his neighbor had really cared about public indecency, he should have had the decorum to at least warn the guy. I mean, the guy's his neighbor. Would it have been so hard to drop off an anonymous note? Send an e-mail, perhaps? Heck, just crack out the hose instead of the camera next time and he'd have likely gotten way quicker results.

Now, the guy is going to be the laughingstock of his town and his family will be embarrassed and humiliated all because some neighbor didn't have the cajones, or the good graces, to try and solve the problem outside the public eye.

If the guy had been involved in bestiality or anything else that involved an actual victim, I would say the neighbor was doing his civic duty. But was anyone really in imminent danger of anything besides being made to feel squeamish? If a kid saw it, sure. But this neighbor waited to make THREE DVDs before turning them in. This person allowed it to go on without actually trying to make it better.

It's like when someone has a party and the neighbors call the cops before they try talking first. The law is there to help us when we have no way to help ourselves, not to be a place for tattle-talers to go running to.

So hey, next time you can cut somebody a break and give them a warning before you sic the dogs on 'em, I recommend you allow them that chance to prove themselves.

PS: I take back everything I said about South Park this season. The cheating episode was more than just a little hilarious.

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BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A CORE construction worker puts the finishing touches on the Doudna Atrium window, located just outside of the Concert Hall. Sections of Doudna are being finished this month, and a potential move-in has been scheduled for May.

## » Doudna

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Before the project is officially completed, the campus architect and engineer will walk through the building, identify unfinished items and put together a punch list.

The punch list will include any broken items, like a window that is currently broken on the east side of the building.

They want construction to be done before they replace the window, said Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management.

The punch list has been completed in the B and C sections of the building, Shrake said.

Once construction is complet-

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ed, the university will start programming events for the venue. Fundraising for the building has focused primarily on programming.

Within the next few weeks, the university will make an announcement regarding its New and Emerging Artists Series, said Jill Nilsen,

vice president for External Relations. The series was created to bring in artists in creative writing, theater, music and arts to perform and teach at Doudna.

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## » Alcohol

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Nadler knew he wanted to become more proactive with alcohol education.

"AlcoholEdu is the beginning of our dialogue concerning alcohol education, prevention, and awareness," Nadler said.

Cindy Fischer, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, thought AlcoholEdu was more of a refresher for her knowledge on alcohol.

"I knew most of the stuff the program discussed, but maybe if they had more realistic scenarios it would be more affective," Fischer said.

E-Chug is a part of 71 universities around the country and this assessment is designed to receive feedback to reduce drinking among college students.

When students enter the site, they have to enter info about their own drinking habits and family history.

When info is submitted, the e-Chug program calculates and compares the user's responses to national and local norms.

"Our motivation is for educational opportunity to pursue," Nadler said.

### Drinking rules on campus

When students violate drinking rules in the residence halls, the university has a series of consequences, which depends on the offense.

A referral for first offence and minor violations sometimes requires students to attend a Crawl class.

This is a program for first time offenders who violate the Student Conduct Code with substance usage in residence halls. The program costs \$35.

To prevent these violations the

HERC puts together programs such as 6-Pack to prevent violations and incidents from happening.

Residence Assistants also speak to members on the floor in the beginning of the year, Nadler said.

These programs have reduced incidents involving alcohol by 50 percent, Nadler said.

"These programs are effective to turn students around and continue with academic and social strength," Nadler said.

### Drinking at other schools

Other universities use other programs and ways to prevent and show awareness of alcohol.

Kerri Calvert, promotion coordinator of Illinois State University said ISU uses "toilet talks," which are flyers placed behind bathroom stall doors and on bulletin boards to discuss drinking prevention and education with students.

"This is definitely an issue and we are trying a convenient effort from different angles," Calvert said.

Donna Schoenfeld, Northern Illinois University director of Health Enhancement, said NIU has created a variety of programs for alcohol prevention because not all students absorb information the same way.

"Starting this fall, my department will be introducing BASICS to NIU," Schoenfeld said. "This is a two-session educational opportunity for students to meet with health educators and participate in one-on-one self assessment about their drinking behavior."

This program is not intended to be a replacement for counseling for those with serious issues but rather to reach students who need to be aware of alcohol issues, Schoenfeld said.

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## » Coed dorms

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Roommates who are dating should also have couples' counseling available, Sandberg said.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services, said Eastern has viewed the "coed line" by looking at bathroom separation.

"There are some schools that are running gender-free bathrooms, which means just use it," Hudson said. "I just don't think that's a good fit for a university environment, and certainly not ours."

In Eastern's coed residence halls,

genders are separated by floors. Hudson said this is because the bathrooms in the dorms are designed for single-sex use.

"You cannot have a male or female in there both and have them be comfortable," Hudson said.

Coed floors are offered at Stevenson Hall. Each suite has its own bathroom facility attached.

Besides the issue of bathrooms, Hudson said allowing students who are romantically involved to live together could create problems.

"It adds a whole (other) dimension to what potential roommate conflicts could be," Hudson said. "I believe when people come to college

MARK HUDSON | DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND DINING

**"It adds a whole (other) dimension to what potential roommate conflicts could be."**

they need to be able to have some space with those that they're having relationships with."

At Willamette University in Salem, Ore., coed rooms are available for those who do not feel comfortable rooming with people of the same sex because of their own gender identity, the article reports.

"The landscape's a lot more complicated than it used to be," Hudson

said. "Certainly the whole transgender thing and all that are new things to be considered."

Freudenberg said while sharing a bathroom with women would not bother him, he understands why some people would be uncomfortable with coed facilities.

"Right now when you see people of the opposite sex being sneaked into your bathroom, I know some

people are bothered by it," Freudenberg said. "I could see it creating some issues."

While Hudson said he doesn't think allowing opposite-sex roommates is in Eastern's near future, he said the possibility could be revisited when the residence hall bathrooms are redone.

"If students had input and an argument on how it could work and not disrupt people, we could certainly talk about it," Hudson said. "But that doesn't mean we just go rush to do it."

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CAMPUS | PANEL

# Presentation addresses local diversity

Group discusses issues faced by minority groups at Eastern and at other campuses

By Chris Gajda  
Senior Verge Reporter

Krishna Thomas thinks there is a vital distinction to be made when it comes to discrimination.

"There is a line between curiosity and discrimination, and it is important to know which is which," said Thomas, the assistant director for faculty development.

A panel, comprised of students from Black Student Union and the Asian American Association, discussed the issue of being a minority on campus Monday.

They discussed issues dealing with negative experiences as a result of their culture, how diversity is handled around campus and how Eastern handles diversity.

At the beginning of the discussion, Thomas pointed out that about 10 percent of Eastern's

KRISHNA THOMAS | ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

**"There is a line between curiosity and discrimination, and it is important to know which is which."**

campus is black, 1 percent is of Asian heritage and less than 1 percent is Hispanic.

Ayaka Hisanaga, an AAA secretary, said she does not feel any negativity because of the fact that she is Japanese.

Instead, she finds many students thinking it is cool that she is from Japan.

Keith Wise, vice president of the BSU, said he was used to being called names, but added that it is not the students' or the university's fault.

He does not see the negativity in what they say, but instead how naive others are of cultures they are not familiar with.

During Wise's freshman year, he said, he roomed with a Japanese-American and learned more about Japanese culture.

"It made me appreciate and want to learn

more about other cultures," Wise said.

He said he expected the racial negativity to be gone or different at college, but realized that it takes people a little more time to mature than others.

Danny Tran, AAA vice president, said the student groups address diversity on campus, but not so much the administration itself.

He said the administration should let groups know when they want to promote diversity in an effort to work together for a better result.

Tran does not think the university necessarily solves problems but tries to minimize the issues.

Thomas said the university pushes "issues under the rug." Everyone on the panel said they would like to see more students get involved in student diversity.

Charrell Barksdale, president of the BSU, said she wants to add a diversity committee to the organization to help bring more diversity to campus.

Hisanaga wants to diversify AAA more and break some of the stereotypes associated with Asians.

Wise said he notices more faculty members "look like you," the farther a student moves up in his or her major.

He added he sees the number of minorities at Eastern increasing.

Thomas said minorities need to "see a reflection of themselves in the classroom" by having more minorities teach classes.

She added minorities would bring a different perspective into the classroom.

Wise also said he would like to see a greater change within the Charleston community.

Students are aware and accepting of diversity on campus but when he goes into town, he feels like all eyes are on him, Wise added.

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STATE | FEDERAL ELECTIONS

# Gov. Blagojevich signs bill to bypass Electoral College

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois is officially ready to bypass the Electoral College in choosing the country's president, but dozens more states would have to join the effort before it could take effect.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Monday signed into law a measure designed to ensure the presidency goes to the winner of the popular vote, joining Maryland and New Jersey in promising to award electoral votes to the candidate with the most support nationwide.

"By signing this law, we in Illinois are making it clear that we believe every voter has an equal voice in electing our nation's leaders,"

Blagojevich said in a statement. "I'm proud Illinois is leading the way by joining this landmark compact that will help shape our democ-

cracy in to (the) future."

Critics argue the move could create more election confusion and controversy.

Blagojevich's support for the idea isn't a surprise. As a congressman in 2000, he co-sponsored a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College.

The new law is part of a national push by the California-based advocacy group National Popular Vote Inc. to get around the Electoral College's odd political math.

The proposal also is aimed at preventing a repeat of the 2000 election, when Al Gore got the most votes nationwide but George W. Bush put together enough victories in key states to win a majority in the Electoral College and capture the White House.

"This kind of legislation makes sense really for any state, but particularly for the two-

thirds of the states that are left out of the presidential campaign," said John R. Koza, chairman of National Popular Vote Inc.

The Electoral College is set up by the Constitution to make the final decision on who becomes president.

States have a certain number of votes in the college — Illinois has 21 — based on the size of their congressional delegations.

A state's electoral votes often are awarded to whoever wins the popular vote in that state.

Under the National Popular Vote plan, states agree to award their electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote.

That way, the popular vote winner would be guaranteed to win in the Electoral College.

The agreement kicks in once it's been approved by enough states to generate 270 votes, or a majority in the Electoral College.

In the case of a tie in the popular vote, the current system would be used.

The downside, critics argue, is that a close presidential election would require recounts not just in one or two key states, but throughout the entire country.

And it could further reduce small states' influence as politicians focused on voter-rich places like California, New York and Texas.

Advocates note smaller states such as Hawaii and Vermont are pushing ahead with the idea anyway.

Sen. Brad Burzynski, R-Clare, said he voted against the measure because there isn't a need to move away from a successful system created before George Washington was elected the country's first president.

"I'm very hesitant to change anything that seems to be working," Burzynski said.

## NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Polygamist compound investigated for abuse

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Authorities say more than 400 children have been taken from a polygamist compound and placed in state custody as they continue to investigate whether one of them had been an underage bride.

Authorities have uncovered the equivalent of a small town on the 1,700-acre property in rural West Texas they raided last week. They say 133 women left the compound voluntarily and that an unknown number of men remained there and are not free to leave.

A girl's report to authorities last week that she was abused led to last week's raid.

### McCain has best fundraising in March

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain raised more than \$15 million in March for his presidential campaign, a top performance for the likely Republican nominee that still falls far short of the cash gathered by rival Democratic Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The amount was confirmed to The Associated Press by two campaign officials speaking on condition of anonymity because the numbers haven't been made public.

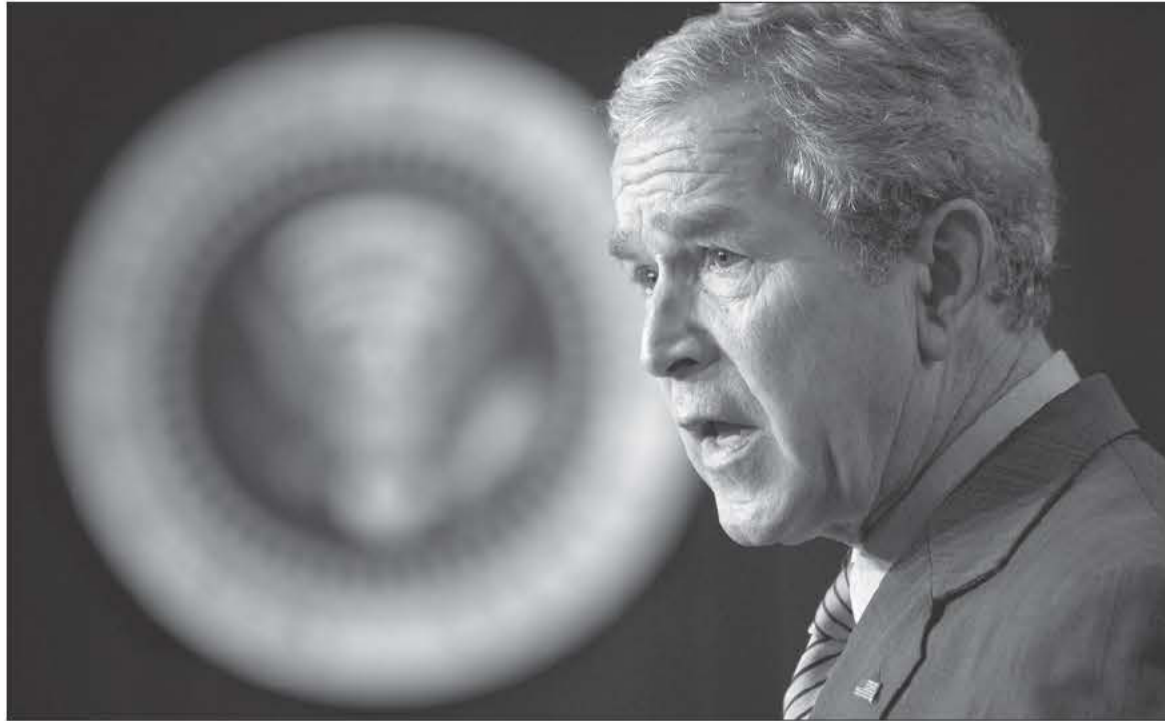
### Post office to offer free recycling for electronics

WASHINGTON — People who want to recycle small electronics can do so free under a test program at about 1,500 post offices.

The Postal Service is testing the program in several states and, if it is a success, may make it national this fall. Postage-free envelopes are available at the test offices for people to send in old cell phones, personal data assistants, MP3 players, inkjet cartridges and other small electronic items.

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## NATION | COLOMBIA



CHUCK KENNEDY | MCT

President George W. Bush makes remarks on the Colombia Free Trade Agreement, Monday in Washington, D.C.

## Bush sends congress free trade pact

### Deal on track for vote this year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is getting a controversial U.S.-Colombia free trade agreement from President Bush and must vote on it within 90 legislative days.

Many Democrats and union groups denounced Bush's decision on Monday, raising the prospect that the deal will be defeated.

Democrats contend that Colombia has not done enough to halt violence, protect labor activists and demobilize paramilitary organizations. The president disagreed, saying Colombia has addressed the issues.

"If Congress fails to approve this agreement, it would not only abandon a brave ally; it would send a signal throughout the region that America cannot be counted on to support its friends," Bush said in a ceremony with members of his Cabinet where he signed the letter transmitting the agreement to Congress.

Bush's action will force Congress to take up the proposal under a fast-track process that will require votes

within 90 legislative days, which counts the days that Congress is in session.

Officials said Bush is acting now in order to force a vote before Congress leaves in the fall for the campaign season.

Democrats and labor unions blasted the move, the first time a president has used his fast-track authority to force a congressional vote over the objections of the party controlling Congress.

"The president's decision to act unilaterally in sending the free trade agreement disregards three decades of established precedent under fast-track legislation and demonstrates yet again his disrespect for Congress," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charlie Rangel said they could not support the Colombia pact "under present circumstances."

"The president's apparent disregard for the economic insecurity faced by millions of struggling American families highlights a misplaced set of priorities," Rangel and Pelosi said in a joint statement.

Bruce Raynor, head of Unite Now, a 465,000-member union representing workers in the apparel and

textile industries, said it was an outrage for Bush, during a time of economic crisis, to send Congress a trade agreement "with a country that has one of the most ruthless records of repression of the trade union movement."

Business groups, including the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, applauded Bush's move and said they would work to get the Colombia deal through Congress.

The administration insisted the deal would be good for the United States economically because it would eliminate high barriers that U.S. exports to Colombia now face, while most Colombian products are already entering the United States duty-free under existing trade preference laws.

Trade analysts said Bush's effort faced long odds, given how hard it is to get Congress to approve free trade measures at any time, much less an election year when unemployment is rising and the country could be slipping into a recession.

"This is a very high-stakes gamble for what is actually a fairly small agreement, but one with huge political overtones," said Gary Hufbauer, a trade expert with the Peterson Institute, a Washington think tank.

## WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Chauffeur, paparazzi blamed for Diana's death

LONDON — A coroner's jury returned the most serious verdict within its power Monday, ruling that Princess Diana and her boyfriend were unlawfully killed because their driver and pursuing paparazzi were reckless — behavior tantamount to manslaughter.

Criminal charges were unlikely, however, because the incident happened in France outside the jurisdiction of British authorities. Rejecting claims by the father of Diana's boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, that the couple were murdered, the jury concluded after six months of testimony they were victims of reckless speed by their drinking chauffeur and the pack of photographers chasing after them in Paris in 1997.

### Torch relay causes chaos at Eiffel Tower

PARIS — Paris' Olympic torch relay descended into chaos Monday, with protesters scaling the Eiffel Tower, grabbing for the flame and forcing security officials to repeatedly snuff out the torch and transport it by bus past demonstrators yelling "Free Tibet!" The relentless anti-Chinese demonstrations ignited across the capital with unexpected power and ingenuity, foiling 3,000 police officers deployed on motorcycles, in jogging gear and inline skates.

### European Union to allow cell phones on plane

BRUSSELS, Belgium — You can use your cell phone in the skies over Europe later this year under new rules that will allow air travelers to stay in touch — and raise the cringe-inducing prospect of sitting next to a chatterbox at 30,000 feet.

But don't expect to use your phone on a U.S. flight anytime soon. The decision Monday by the European Union makes the 27-nation bloc the first region in the world to scrap bans on the use of cell phones in the sky. The EU insists the change will not compromise safety.

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## Murphy

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But the biggest, and presumably, the closest, games are going to be conference games for the Panthers. Eastern hosts Tennessee Tech this coming weekend. The Golden Eagles have won the OVC Tournament the past two seasons but are not as dominant in the league this season with a 5-7 conference record. Eastern also has to play Jacksonville State (23-9, 12-1), a team that is running away from the rest of the conference.

The Panthers must also face Morehead State (23-7, 8-4), a surprise team that's off a to a good start.

The Eagles' pitching staff will cause trouble for Eastern's hitters.

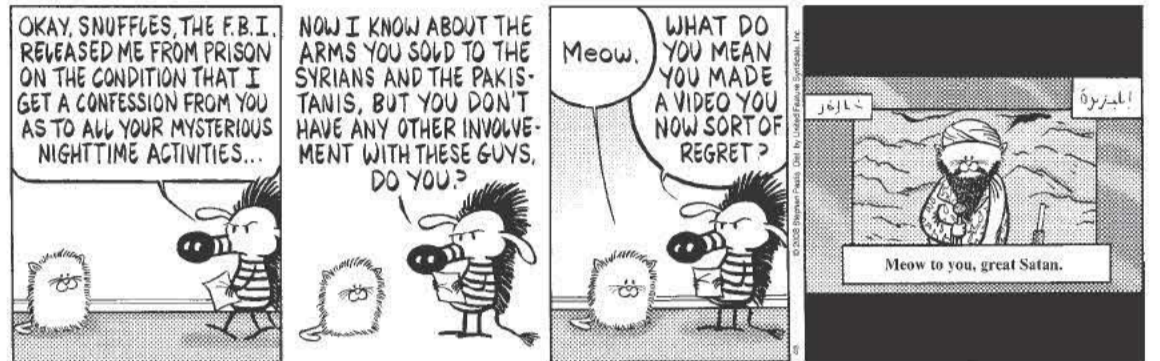
Morehead State's pitchers have a combined 1.08 ERA and are led by sophomore Alex Gjevre (0.88 ERA).

The Panthers will also play a balanced Eastern Kentucky team that can hit home runs and has decent pitching.

The Panthers will have a tough task ahead of them with these conference teams, but they need to continue to win conference series if they want to make the six-team OVC Tournament.

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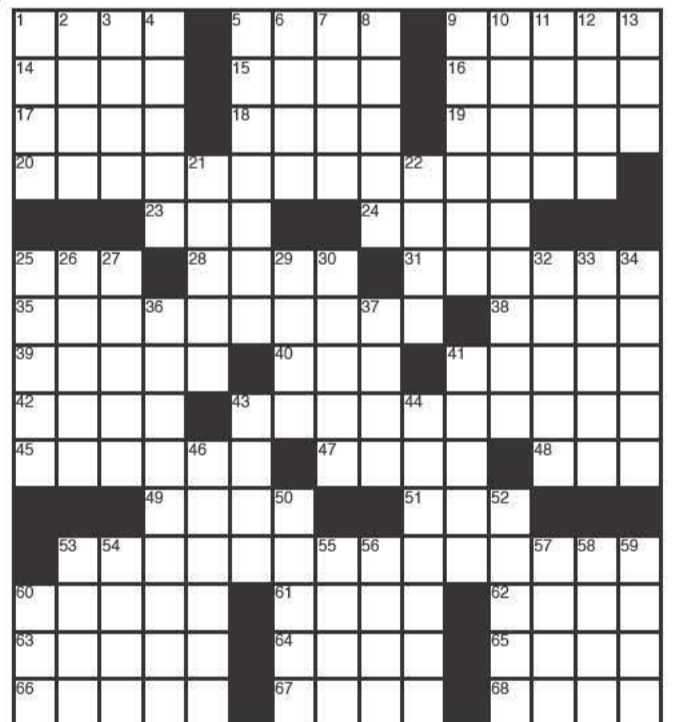


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  - Puts into effect
  - Trustee group at an Atlanta campus?
  - Peel
  - Musical closings
  - Old Michael Jackson 'do
  - Zellweger of "Chicago"
  - In a bit
  - Thoroughfare at a New Orleans campus?
- DOWN**
- Face powder ingredient
  - Lunchbox goody
  - Food thickener
  - John who wrote "Love built on beauty, soon as beauty, dies"
  - Can opener
  - October gem
  - What Texas hold'em tables hold
  - Take furtively



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- Volvo's home
- Stationer's supply
- Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- Baseball stat
- Night school subj.
- Outstanding Comedy Series awards
- Addition
- Pie nut
- "\_\_\_ roll!"
- Sin city
- Vegetarian's protein source
- \_\_\_ Court (London tube station)
- Paddled vessel
- One of two choices on Halloween
- Tournament favorites
- Discovered by accident
- A horse of a different color?
- Towed items, sometimes
- No \_\_\_ traffic
- Conventioneer's wear
- Close-fitting hats
- French military hats
- Nokia offering
- Repast
- Suffix with billion
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SPRING FOOTBALL | NOTEBOOK

# Backfield depth apparent in scrimmage

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Eastern's football team has relied on its running game for its success in the Ohio Valley Conference. Even with a switch to the spread offense, the Panthers' backfield strength will remain a key cog in Eastern's offensive game plan.

Junior running back Norris Smith scored three times from three yards, eight yards and 14 yards, and transfer red-shirt freshman running back Chevon Walker scored once on a 12-yard burst up the middle of the field during the Panthers' first spring scrimmage game on Saturday.

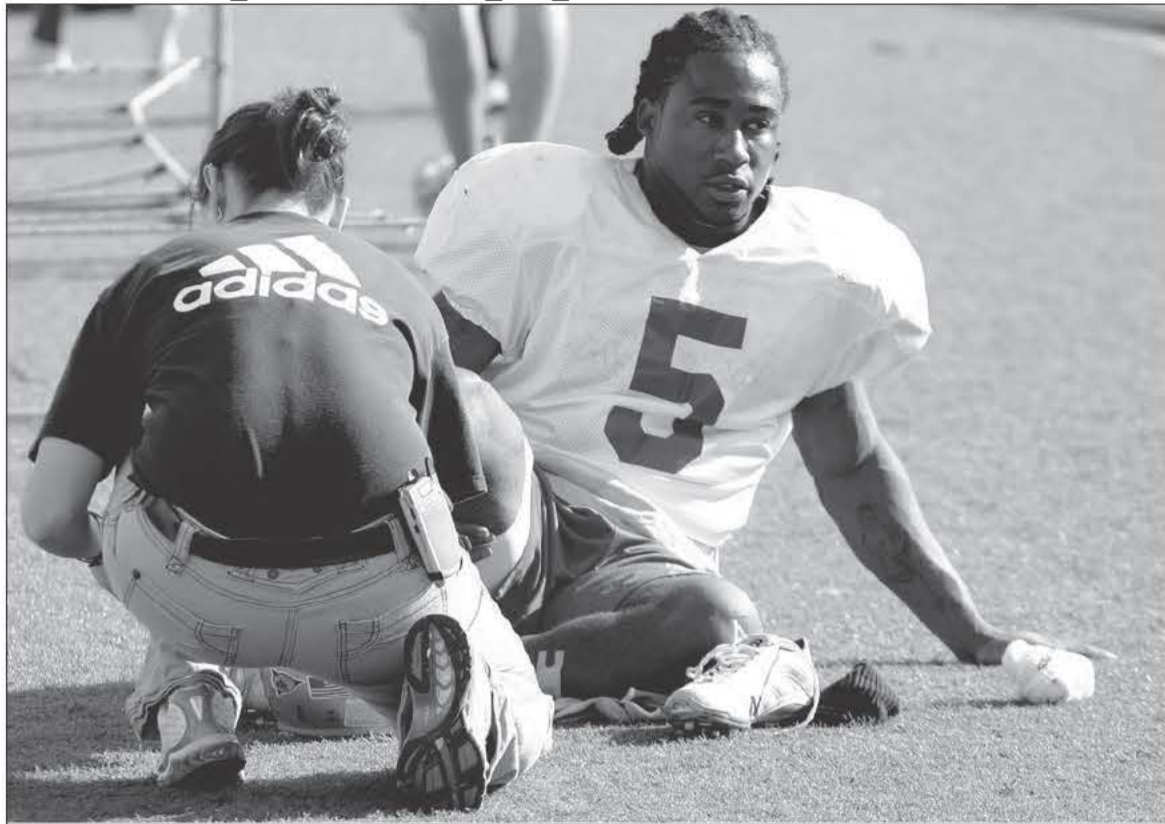
"You've got to be pleased," said Eastern head coach Bob Spoo about the running backs' performance. "But I'll tell you why I'm pleased. There's got to be holes opening up in there for those guys to be able to do that. That was nice to watch."

Walker said Eastern's offensive line was blocking well and that opened up running lanes for him.

"We're running the ball hard," Walker said. "We've got a long way to go (still). I need to work on pass protection more."

Walker said he also needed to work on finishing runs strong by staying on his feet and breaking tackles. He didn't need to break any tackles in his first carry of the scrimmage. Walker broke outside to the left and used his speed to run away from the Eastern defenders for nearly a 30-yard gain.

"Chevon did a damn good job today," Smith said. "You can't question speed. We'll complement each



Red-shirt freshman running back Chevon Walker gets his ankle taped by football trainer Jen Tymkew during football practice on Monday at O'Brien Stadium.

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other. Our 1-2 punch will be pretty good."

Walker said Smith is more of a bruising Jerome Bettis-type running back that drives through the middle of the field, while he compared his own style to the more fleet-of-foot Clinton Portis.

"Either way it doesn't matter to me," Walker said. "He can take it outside, and I can take it up the middle."

## Run game opens up spread offense

Eastern freshman quarterback D.J. Brown said Eastern's strength at running back helped make the offense run smoothly.

"Our (offensive) line helped us establish the run game," Brown said. "That's basically how we want to build our pass. Run first, pass second. Once we established the run, the pass and play action, everything came easy."

Brown received the majority of the snaps in Saturday's scrimmage and looked comfortable in different spread formations. He said that was a change from the 2007 season.

"Last year me and (freshman quarterback Luke Hockaday), we're pretty much red-shirted," Brown said. "We didn't get that may reps. (New offensive coordinator Roy Wittke) has been doing a good job of getting us involved in the offense."

Brown said Wittke talks with all three quarterbacks and works with them on individual weaknesses.

"As far as I what I need to work I think (is) developing quarterback skills," Brown said. "Keeping your eyes downfield while you're dropping back to pass, picking up blitzes - things like that."

## Secondary keeps offense off-balance

Eastern's offense did not score the first touchdown of the team's first scrimmage. Junior strong safety Ke'Andre Sams had that honor.

Sams picked off red-shirt sophomore quarterback Bodie Reeder and returned the interception 45 yards for a touchdown.

"It was a zone blitz call," Sams said. "I had to play the No. 3 (receiver). He came to me, and I just made a good play and read the quarterback."

Sams said Eastern's defensive backs are playing well but have room for improvement.

"The secondary is older and is starting to know the offense," Sams said. "We hold ourselves to a higher standard."

Spoo said he was pleased with Sams' play.

"It's kind of reminiscent of a few years back when the defense scored, I think, nine times," Spoo said. "If we can do that on a consistent basis - or at least get one a game and turn it into a score - it's always a plus for you."

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PANTHER BRIEFS

## Women's golf improves

The Eastern women's golf team improved each round but still finished in 12th place at the Illini Spring Classic.

The 54-hole event was the longest for the Panthers this season. The Panthers finished 12th of 15 teams, shooting a combined 978 (+114).

Eastern was in 12th place following a first-round 345 (+57) and maintained its 12th place standing with rounds of 315 and 318 on Saturday.

Eastern junior Carrie Riordan shot a 239 (+23) to finish in a tie for 28th with rounds of 79 and 77 on Saturday, following a first-round 83.

Junior Michelle Anderson posted the Panthers' second-best score with a 244 and a tie for 43rd place.

Sophomore Jaymie Voorhees (tie

56th), senior Amy Simons (tie 61st) and junior Katie Imburgia (tie 65th) also competed for Eastern.

Illinois won the event with a three-round score of 924, and Cincinnati freshman Bambee Dela Paz was the top individual performer with a 228.

## Women's soccer splits two matches at Indiana

The Eastern women's soccer program split two spring games on Saturday.

The Panthers beat Central Michigan 4-0 and lost 1-0 to Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis.

Sophomore forward Rachel Hamilton, sophomore midfielder Cassie Shear, freshman Kaitlin Sullivan and sophomore midfielder Alex-

is Miller all scored in the second half against Central Michigan.

## Volleyball wins one match at tournament

The Eastern volleyball team defeated Findlay in two games but dropped two other matches at the IUPUI Tournament.

Eastern lost 2-1 to Division II Lewis. Lewis made the Sweet 16 last season in the Division II playoffs.

Eastern also lost 2-0 to Western Kentucky, which played in last year's NCAA Tournament.

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## » Double Play

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Schmitz said Tokarz has improved his defensive skills dramatically from the fall season.

"I think Tokarz has been unbelievable compared to what he came in on," Schmitz said. "I just think he really gets the hop. That seems so simple, but the mistake made by defenders is they don't move their feet and they get the in-between hop and the bad hop."

Tokarz said he doesn't even think about turning a double play until the ball is in his glove.

"I just try to get around the ball so I can see the hops a little better," Tokarz said. "I just focus on getting (the ball) into my glove."

And Tokarz is turning double plays from the toughest position on the field.

"Second base is very difficult to

## EASTERN PROBABLE STARTERS

Pos.	Name	BA
CF	B. Nommensen	.354
LF	C. Restko	.305
2B	J. Tokarz	.303
DH	Z. Skidmore	.308
3B	J. Kreke	.266
C	R. Derbak	.333
1B	T. Facer	.286
RF	R. Lindquist	.211
SS	C. Strang	.317

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turn," Schmitz said. "It's almost if you're catching and turning at the same time."

Tokarz said Eastern's double plays start with Eastern's pitching staff throwing pitches low in the strike zone to force batters to hit groundballs.

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# ALL ACCESS WITH LAUREN BRACKETT

*Aurora native battles through first injury and first error of career*



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Sophomore left fielder Lauren Brackett is one of three slap hitters on Eastern's softball team. Brackett hits from the No. 2 spot in the Panthers' lineup and is one of Eastern's top fielders with a .955 fielding percentage with just one error this season. A devoted Chicago Cubs fan, Brackett said 2008 is the year for the Cubs to win the World Series.

Lauren Brackett says she hasn't had too many injuries in her career, but battled through one after suffering a concussion a couple weeks ago. Nonetheless, she continues to rank among the team leaders in sacrifice hits, steals and fielding percentage. In fact, the sophomore has only committed one error in her college career.

Though the Aurora native is a Cubs fan, she plays a self-described style of "small ball" that White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen would be proud of.

Brackett recently sat down with Staff Reporter Mike Mears to discuss the specifics of that lone error, how her concussion happened and why she prefers to bat second in the lineup.

## Can you describe your injury two weeks ago?

It was during practice, and I was the last outfielder to go. The other ones had already ran in. I thought I had more room than I did, and I was running back full speed for a fly ball.

At the last second, I heard, "Fence!" But it was too late. I turned, and my face hit it. It was definitely on top of the list (of most painful injuries). It was the first time, really, that I've had to go to the hospital for anything.

## Where do you prefer to hit in the lineup?

I love the two-spot. Bunting is one of my strengths. In the two-spot, I love being able to move the runner over. That's pretty much my game: small ball.

## Where do you prefer to play in the outfield?

Left field. I just have more experience there. I'm more comfortable

there. I've never played right (field) before, but I can handle it. I still like it over there.

## What's been the key to your fielding success at Eastern?

I feel confident out there. I've always played the outfield, I love it and have a lot of experience out there.

## What happened on the lone error this season?

It was at Southeast Missouri State this year. The ball bounced on the ground and bounced over my head. It just kind of sucked. The field conditions were kind of rough when it happened. I wasn't expecting it to bounce (like it did).

## Do you ever want to play center field?

No. I don't mind (playing the corners). I like the corner spots, really. I don't mind not playing center. I'm more comfortable at the corner

spots. It doesn't bother me.

## What is your approach to stealing bases?

I'm just thinking about really concentrating on not getting off the base late. Your timing is important. If you're a second too late with your release, it's going to cost you. You just have to make sure you get a really good jump and push off the base. We really work on pushing off and getting a good jump.

## What do you think is the best part of your game?

Defensively, it's my range in the outfield, going after fly balls. Also, my bunting. I feel like I'm good in the two-spot, moving along the runner, making things happen like that.

## What do you need to work on the most?

I'm always trying to work on improving everything – my arm strength especially. I want to get

every runner that's trying to tag up or score from second. I'm always trying to improve my speed so I can explode off the base faster and get down the line faster to beat out grounders to the shortstop.

## Who are your closest friends on the team?

Megan (Nelson) is my roommate, and she's probably my best friend. Then there's (Angela Danca) and Sarah (Coppert), who I've played with for a long time. I've played summer ball with them in the past, and I'm really close with them. Denee' (Menzione) too. I'm playing in the outfield with her now, we're the same age and we're living together next year.

## Are you a Cubs fan or a White Sox fan?

Cubs, definitely.

## Is this the year the Cubs finally win a title?

Hope so.

## What are the goals for the rest of your career?

I want to keep getting better. Increasing my stolen bases, because that's my role.

To get on base and run. Keep working on my speed and my slapping. Getting everything on the ground. No pop-ups.

## What would you say is your favorite band or artist?

I love Taylor Swift. A lot of country. I'm a big country fan.

Before a game I like to listen to more upbeat stuff to pump me up.

## Why did you decide to major in elementary education?

I really like kids, and I feel like I'm really good with them.

I just like being around them, and I want to make a difference in their lives.

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KEVIN MURPHY

## Still plenty of games to go in season

The Eastern softball team sits in a nice position halfway through the Ohio Valley Conference season.

But that being said, there are still 13 more games, and the competition won't get any easier for the Panthers (12-16, 7-4 OVC).

Eastern swept Austin Peay, won the season series against Tennessee State, Tennessee-Martin and Samford but got swept by Southeast Missouri.

What's really frustrating to players and coaches are the one-run losses, especially in conference games that truly matter each season.

The Panthers have won three OVC games in extra innings this season and five league games by one run. They have lost two OVC games by one run this season.

And both of these two OVC losses could have easily been won.

On Sunday's loss to Samford, the Panthers committed an error, but the offense did not support Eastern's good pitching performances.

The defense was there, but the hitting was absent.

Eastern senior catcher Ally Nolte said she didn't have an explanation why the Panthers weren't aggressive at the plate.

She said they were hoping something would happen, but nothing ever did.

In the only other loss by one run, the Panthers lost 7-6 on March 25 at Southeast Missouri.

"We should have gotten business taken care of earlier in the game," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette at the time. "Some of those things happen. That's just a part of the game."

Eastern can be successful in one-run games.

During Schuette's three years as head coach, the Panthers have excelled at winning close games.

Eastern is 32-12 in one-run games in three seasons, posting an 18-6 record in 2006 and 9-3 mark last season. They are 5-3 this season.

In the past three seasons, the Panthers are 45-27 in close (one- or two-run) games.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN VS ILLINOIS COLLEGE

# Keeping up a good home stand

## Panthers' defense shines in last five games at Coaches Stadium

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Eastern turned five double plays against Tennessee-Martin on Sunday, and the Panthers had seven during the three-game series.

Eastern will ride its defense into its first midweek game this week against Illinois College — a Division III school. The Panthers will play the Blue Boys (12-5) at 3 p.m. today at Coaches Stadium.

Eastern's double play combination for the majority of its 27 games was junior Jordan Tokarz at second base and junior Jordan Kreke at shortstop.

Kreke recently moved to third base and freshman Cameron Strang has started at shortstop in the Panthers' last five games.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said the key to Tokarz and Kreke working well together was to bring Tokarz (a transfer from Elgin Community College) in right away and get the combination together.

"Having a new person to play second and (shortstop), that's a big change," Schmitz said. "The difference is real simple. How does the person throw me the ball?"

Tokarz said he and Kreke developed a good relationship because they are roommates.

"We have a real good camaraderie," Tokarz said. "I just came in, and we became good friends and that carried over onto the field."



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Junior infielder Jordan Kreke fields a bunt during the Panther's first game of Saturday's double header against Tennessee-Martin at Coach's Stadium. The Panthers won that game 6-4.

Kreke said he knew Tokarz was a good baseball player when he first came to Eastern. He said Tokarz is good to work with and turns a quick double play.

"With me and Tok, it's kind of like real smooth together because we get along," Kreke said. "I like Tok a lot, and he came in and gave me great confidence about the number of double plays we'd turn this year."

The Panthers (14-13) have turned 23 double plays this season.

Schmitz said developing the dou-

ble-play combinations with different players was difficult, but assistant coach Sean Lyons — who coaches the infield and defense — worked the players during the fall to make the adjustment easier.

"It's been a lot of work from the beginning because of a lot of our (throwing) techniques are different than what Tokarz had or Cam Strang, the other middle guy, (had)," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said turning a double play is not as easy as it sometimes appears

to be.

He compared turning a double play to the connection between a quarterback and a wide receiver in football.

"You've got to know the timing," Schmitz said. "You've got to know where he wants the ball. There's probably seven or eight kinds of balls hit on the ground, and all of those double plays are turned a little differently."

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP | KANSAS 75, MEMPHIS 68

# Jayhawks win in overtime thriller

## Chalmers' last second shot earns him most outstanding player

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — So patient for 20 years, Kansas had no problem working an extra five minutes to bring a long-awaited championship back to the heartland.

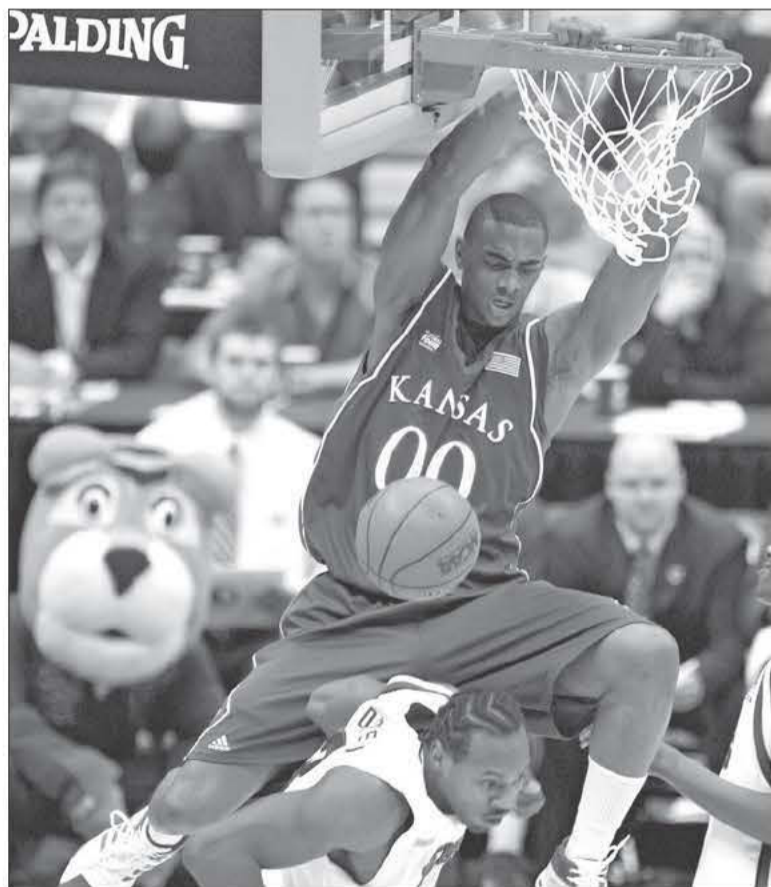
Mario Chalmers hit a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left in regulation to push the game into overtime, and the Jayhawks grinded it out from there for a 75-68 victory Monday night over Memphis in one of the best title games in recent memory.

The shot earned Chalmers the most outstanding player honor.

It was the first title for Kansas since 1988, when Danny Manning, now an assistant coach for the Jayhawks, led them to an upset of Oklahoma.

The most memorable performance in this one came from freshman Derrick Rose of Memphis, who completely took over the game in the second half, scoring 14 of his team's 16 points during one stretch to lift the Tigers to a 60-51 lead.

But Kansas (37-3) used the strategy any smart opponent of Memphis' would — fouling the heck out of



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Kansas forward Darrell Arthur dunks over Memphis forward Joey Dorsey during first half action in the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship game at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, Mon.

one of the country's worst free-throw-shooting teams — and when Rose and

Chris Douglas-Roberts combined to miss four of five over the last 1:12, it

left the door open for KU.

Hustling the ball down the court with 10.8 seconds left and no timeouts, Sherron Collins handed off to Chalmers at the top of the 3-point line and Chalmers took the shot from the top. It hit nothing but net and tied the score at 63.

Robert Dozier missed a desperation shot at the buzzer, and Rose went limping to the bench, favoring his right leg. Brandon Rush, Darrell Arthur and Darnell Jackson scored the first six points of overtime to put Kansas ahead 69-63. Memphis, clearly exhausted, didn't pull within three again.

Arthur was dominant inside, finishing with 20 points and 10 rebounds, lots of dunks and easy layups off lob passes. Chalmers finished with 18 points. Rush had 12 and Collins had 11 points, six assists and did a wonderful job shutting Rose for the first 28 minutes.

Rose wound up with 18 points in a game that showed how ready he is for the NBA. He was 3-for-4 from the line, however, and that one miss with 10.8 seconds left is what almost certainly would have sealed the game and given the Tigers (38-2) their first title.

Instead, the title goes back to Lawrence for the third time in the fabled program's history.

## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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