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**CAMPUS** | ORGANIZATIONS

# **CRASH CRUSHES CHAIRMAN**

# Leader of UMADD loses his friend to the foe he fights

#### **By Ashley Mefford**

Senior Campus Reporter

Matt Kelly lost one of his friends in November.

A drunk driver hit and killed Zachary Milks on Nov. 26.

Milks was 23 years old.

"It was sort of a gut check in the sense that it was incredibly ironic because I had been working with this group fighting against drunk driving for a whole semester, and I was just pouring my heart into it," Kelly said. "Less than a month before the semester ends, I get a call that my friend had been hit by a drunk driver and was killed."

Kelly, a senior journalism major, had been working with Respect for Youth all semester long.

R.F.Y. was started by former Eastern wide receiver Micah Rucker after his girlfriend, Rebecca Yacob, was killed by a drunk driver in January 2007. The importance of RFY was never more evident for Kelly than on Nov. 26.

R.F.Y's mission is to educate students about drinking, urge them not to binge drink, drink and drive or

drink while underage.

After Kelly's tragedy, he was able to relate to R.F.Y's purpose more than ever before.

"It was real before that because I related to what Micah was feeling because I got to know him really well, but then it became so tangible after that happened to me," Kelly said.

Rucker graduated in December, leaving R.F.Y. without a president. Currently, Kelly is the chairman for R.F.Y. Despite Rucker's graduation, R.F.Y. is still an RSO on campus and is working to educate Eastern students about drinking.

Kelly said after the death of his friend, he realized the importance of having an organization on campus that worked to educate students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Katrina Zaret, a senior journalism major and Vice President of R.F.Y, saw this change in Kelly as well.

"It was a large reality check, we wanted people to understand this can't happen," Zaret said.

At the start of each R.F.Y meeting, Rucker would tell a story about Rebecca. At the last meeting during fall semester, both Kelly and Rucker told their stories.

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Matt Kelly, chairman of the local chapter of the University Mothers Against Drunk Driving, lost his best friend to a drunk driver in November. He said "it was incredibly ironic because I had been working with this group fighting against drunk driving for a whole semester."

# A NEW WAY AROUND TOWN

Alternative route sends trucks around Mattoon, Charleston

#### **By Jordan Crook** City Reporter

On Dec. 27, the new interchange at Exit 192 on I-57 at County Road 1000N opened to traffic, nearly 13 years after the idea of a new interchange for the area was first initiated by area businesses looking for more



# BUDGET | FUNDING

# \$25 million for Eastern stalled in legislature

bridges.

# Republicans blame Madigan, Blagojevich feud

**By Stephen Di Benedetto** Senior University Reporter

Jeff Cooley has devised a plan to heat Eastern's campus if legislators in Springfield are not able to agree on a capital bill.

Rose said progress with the bill has included how to fund it, but not in how to spend those funds. He added it has not been

He added, it has not been decided which roads and buildings should receive money as well as how much money those roads and buildings will receive.

er amenities, would go to improve

public school buildings, roads and

"It's pathetic," he said of the sit-

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direct shipping routes for semitrucks.

While 13 years may seem like a long time, Coles County Engineer Rick Johnson said the project actually finished six months ahead of schedule.

The actual construction of the interchange did not begin until March 2006.

Johnson said weather conditions and funding allowed the Coles County Highway Department and the Illinois Department of Transportation to complete the project sooner than expected.

Though construction of the interchange took two years, Johnson said the bulk of the time was spent studying the feasibility of whether an interchange should be built outside Mattoon.

The study was commissioned by RR Donnelly and Superfoods in 1995 because they wanted to allow their trucks to be able to reach their processing plants more quickly, without having to pass through ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI| THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Vehicles pass through a new interchange on I-57 Sunday evening. The interchange at exit 192 allows semi-trucks to have a more direct access to local businesses.

Mattoon.

Johnson said the study, which was funded by Mattoon and Charleston, took years because it looked at several different aspects of the area to determine if an interchange was needed – and if it would adequately serve its purpose.

"To do something of this magnitude, you want to see it succeed," Johnson said.

The "magnitude" Johnson alluded to did not just include the manpower put into the project.

Johnson said construction of the interchange cost \$20 million in funds provided by various sources, like the federal government, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the state of Illinois.

He said there is still some work to be done on the interchange to allow better flow of truck traffic – not only to Mattoon, but also to Charleston. Mattoon Mayor David Cline said the city will benefit from the interchange. He called it a "very warrant-

ed project." The interchange may have already helped to bring the city a new business.

"It's one of the things (the Future-Gen Alliance) looked at before they picked us," Cline said.

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The bill is hoped to include money for a new power plant for Eastern.

"We'll just get a bunch of Weber Grills," Cooley said jokingly. Cooley is Eastern's vice president for business affairs.

On a more serious note, the Illinois Senate passed a capital bill in late September that included \$25 million for Eastern's new power plant.

Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said the capital bill's progress in the House has been halted by a feud between Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Speaker of the House Michael Madigan.

"The governor and the speaker still will not talk face-to-face," Rose said. "It is tough to get anything done in that environment."

Eastern plans on creating a \$60 million power plant that has co-generation capabilities, which would allow the university to produce its own electricity. uation surrounding the bill. "Until the democrat leaders of Illinois start acting like grown-ups, it is hard to pass a capital bill or any bill."

Rose added House Republican Leader Tom Cross is acting as the negotiator between Blagojevich and Madigan to try and get the two parties to agree on a capital bill.

"Cross is the only guy everybody trusts," he said.

Cross' spokesman David Dring said Blagojevich and Madigan refuse to get into a room together, and when they do, the result is not productive.

"It's been pretty disappointing that the governor and the speaker let their personal infighting, disputes slow down any process of a capital bill," Dring said.

He said Cross has been the gobetween, as Cross has met individually with Blagojevich and Madigan.

The capital bill, among oth- >> SEE BILL, PAGE 5

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# **ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK** 'Atonement' named best drama at Globes

The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. -

The tragic romance "Atonement" was named best drama Sunday at a Golden Globes event that was relegated to a news conference-style awards announcement because of the Hollywood writers strike.

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" was chosen as best musical or comedy. Its star, Johnny Depp, won for best actor in a musical or comedy.

Also winning two awards was the crime saga "No Country for Old Men," which earned the screenplay Globe for writer-directors Ethan and Joel Coen and the supporting actor honor for Javier Bardem.

Daniel-Day Lewis was named

best dramatic actor for the historical epic "There Will Be Blood."

Julie Christie won best dramatic actress for the gloomy drama "Away From Her.'

### Federline's lawyer calls today's hearing significant

LOS ANGELES - Britney Spears' effort to regain visitation rights with her two small children is back on the court docket for what an attorney described Sunday as "the most significant hearing in the case so far."

Police and emergency medical technicians who were summoned to her home Jan. 3 in a standoff involving her refusal to return the boys to her ex-husband, Kevin Federline, will testify Monday, probably behind closed doors, his lawyer said.

"I don't know if she will be there," Mark Vincent Kaplan told The Associated Press, but he suggested she would have to appear in person if she wants to press her request to see her children. "You can't phone this one in."

### Pop star Aguillera gives birth Saturday to baby boy

LOS ANGELES - Christina Aguilera has given birth to a boy, the pop singer announced on her Web site Sunday.

"Christina Aguilera and Jordan Bratman are proud to announce the birth of their son Max Liron Bratman," the brief message said.

The baby was born Saturday night and weighs 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Agu-

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# Photo of the day: A healthy reminder

HAYLEY CLARK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Amber Shaverdi, a College Student Affairs graduate student and Health Education Resource Center worker, lays caution tape around the entrance to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Sunday afternoon to remind smokers of the Smoke Free Illinois law. The law prohibits smoking within 15 feet of all entrances, exits, windows and ventilation systems of public places. The HERC will be hosting two clinics later in the year for smokers who want to quit smoking



# Man apologizes for message, charge dropped

The Associated Press

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. - A man who wrote a vulgar message on the memo line of a check he used to pay a \$5 parking ticket has apologized in writing, leading police to drop a disorderly conduct charge against him.

Clerks were offended by the message, and the disorderly conduct charge was filed because the comment was obscene, police Chief James Donnelly said.

"He was contrite enough to offer an apology, and I think that satisfies the people who were insulted by it," he said.

The lawyer for David Binner, 45, said his client would have prevailed if he went through a trial.

"The F-word isn't what it used to be," attorney Keith Williams said. It doesn't have a sexual connotation anymore and so can't be considered obscene, he said.

Williams said his client felt bad about what he did and will pay the parking fine and court costs.

"This is not my normal nature and admittedly was a temporary lapse of judgment on my part, vented in a moment of frustration," Binner wrote.

### Doctor's home destroyed; yet family safe and few hours later, delivers baby

WEST HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.. — An obstetrician saved his wife and six children from a fire that ravaged their home, delivered a baby while the house was still smoldering and then got cited with building violations.

Dr. Herman Weiss said Friday "was just my day."

The 37-year-old awoke around 3 a.m. to the screech of a smoke detector and the sight of flames inching up an outside wall of his Long Island home. He got his family to safety, then was paged and went to a hospital to deliver an infant around 6 a.m.

The fire brought scrutiny from building inspectors, who cited the Weisses with a discrepancy in plumbing plans and living in the house without a certificate of occupancy. Weiss said the family had hired a lawyer to get one.

The family has been ordered to tear down the damaged house. Weiss said he hopes to rebuild in the same place.

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# LOCAL NEWS

### **CAMPUS** | ACTIVITIES

# **STAYING UP ALL NITE**

# About 725 students attend the late-night, food-fun festivities on Friday evening's event in the Union, sponsored by University Board. This year's flavorful theme? 'Chew on this!'

### **By Emily Zulz** Activities Reporter

In one box of Twinkies are 10 of the yellow-colored, sponge-like cakes.

That totals 1,500 calories and 45 grams of fat.

And it took Adam Lueken, a junior physical education major, less than five minutes to consume all 10.

Lueken won the Twinkie-eating contest during Friday night's Up All Nite event in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

That contest was one of many food-eating contests during the University Board sponsored event.

Lueken said he went into the Twinkie competition confident that he would walk away victorious.

"It's all about attitude," he said. "You got to believe you're the best at eating Twinkies.'

Lueken said he felt like throwing up after devouring the Twinkies but that wasn't going to stop him from entering more contests. The competition was the reason he came to the event.

The food-eating contests were not the only activities in the University Ballroom.

The sounds of students downing assorted food items battled with shouts of "I29, I20 and B8" from the bingo tables, along with the enthusiastic singing of Aqua's "Barbie Girl."

Down the hallway, the scent of cotton candy drifted toward the bridge lounge, where snacks like cream pies, chips and salsa were laid out.

The bridge lounge was just as active as the ballroom. Students could pose on a full color "Almost Famous" magazine cover, which was printed out so they could take it with them. Students could also stand in the "cash box," in which air blew pieces of paper up, which students caught to win the prize written



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Megan Ward, a sophomore pre-nursing major, and Catherine Read, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, karaoke at the Up All Nite event hosted by University Board in the University Union.

**NEXT UP IN THE "UP ALL** NITE" SERIES: "WHAT HAPPENS AT EIU, STAYS AT EIU" When: February 22 Where: Thomas and Andrews halls

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on the paper.

Students could also participate in laser tag in the Grand Ballroom.

Andrew Hubbard, a sophomore corporate communications major and UB special events coordinator, said he was pleased with student participation.

He said attendance ranged from

600 to 725 students through the night.

Hubbard said the event provided an "alternate to a stereotypical college weekend."

But the main focus of the night was on the food-eating contests: Slushie slurping, hot sauce chugging, marshmallow stuffing and hot

In each round, about five students attempted the contest.

Paul Martin, a freshman theater arts major, was shaking as he stuffed one hot dog after another into his mouth.

"I was hungry and hadn't eaten in hours," Martin said about why he



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Kirsten Gee, a freshman math education major, stuffs Twinkies into her mouth at one of many Up All Nite food-eating contests.

### entered the contest.

His mouth was completely full and his hands shook, but he shoved his last hot dog in his mouth. It was all that was left to swallow. If he could, he would win the first round and a Wal-Mart gift card.

Martin said this was the hardest part, but everyone else still had at least one hot dog left on their plate.

Martin won the first round but would go on to lose in the championship

The winner of this round was the person who ate the most hot dogs in five minutes.

And it was Lueken's roommate, Erik Henschel, who won the championship.

Henschel, a junior physical education major, said he had never done competitive eating before. He ate almost five hot dogs to win.

"It feels good and disgusting," Henschel said.

Emily Zulz can be reached at 581-7943 or at eazulz@eiu.edu.

# **CAMPUS BRIEFS**

## **Calling all interested in** 'Vagina Monologues'

A call-out meeting for those interested in working or performing for the "Vagina Monologues" is at 7 tonight in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Junior University Union.

# **Coats for cold weather** needed for winter

The Office of Orientation is holding a winter coat drive this week.

Collection of new or gently used coats will take place starting today until Friday. Individuals can drop off the coats at the Carman Hall lobby, Taylor Hall lobby or the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union outside of the Food Court.

# **Bagnall's preliminary** hearing today

Eastern student Matthew A. Bagnall, 18, of Elmwood Park, has his preliminary hearing at 1 p.m. today on two charges stemming from an incident Dec. 7.

Bagnall allegedly stabbed Brandt L. Schisler, 18, of Lewiston, during a house party at 766 6th St. Bagnall faces two charges, alleged aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and causing great bodily harm to the victim.

The aggravated battery charge is a Class 3 Felony and carries with it fines of up to \$25,000 or 2 to 5 years imprisonment.

## No specific date set for Starbucks opening

A Starbucks spokesperson said the opening date for the Starbucks located at 437 W. Lincoln Ave. is not available.

Despite announcing in December that the store should be open early February, there is no specific opening date yet.

Starbucks announced in August it was opening a store in Charleston.

The representative said the time to open a Starbucks varies.

According to the Associated Press, Starbucks is planning on slowing expansion, as sales have shrunk over the past year.

# Library participates in new delivery service

Booth Library is taking part in a potentially faster way to get materials to and from its library.

In cooperation with the Illinois State Library, the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) started a new delivery service for library materials last Wednesday. The Illinois Library Delivery Service (ILDS) provides 24-hour delivery time from the pick-up at one site to drop-off at another. Materials shipped are generally Interlibrary loan items coming from or returning to a library. No fees are charged. Booth is one of 130 sites in the ILDS.

laidback songs, such as music by Jack Johnson, when playing guitar. He added that the game is good for parties and big groups of people. "It's only one or two players, but everyone can get involved," Naleway said.

dog eating.

The hot dog-eating contest held two rounds and a championship round.

Each contestant had three hot dogs with buns, and the first to finish all three won.

# Popular video game series enthralls many students on campus

**CAMPUS** | STUDENT LIFE

#### By Sara Cuadrado **Campus Reporter**

Eric Naleway still plays Guitar Hero - even after winning Tower Dining's Guitar Hero Challenge held last year in Stevenson's dinning hall.

"Guitar Hero" is a musical video game that was originally released in 2005.

Since then, the game has four different editions, including Guitar Hero, Guitar Hero II, Guitar Hero Encore: Rocks the 80s and Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock, which is the latest release.

The different editions can be used with PlayStation 2, Xbox 360, Wii and PlayStation 3.

Naleway, a freshman business management major, said the only reason he started playing the game

was because his brother played it all the time.

"I thought it was going to be stupid," he said.

Like Naleway, Emily Peralta started playing the game because of her brother.

Peralta, a junior special education major, said her brother got it for his birthday in October, and plays the game with him when she goes home for breaks.

She said even though her brother always beats her, she still likes to play because it's interactive.

Naleway said he plays because of the game's uniqueness, and it intrigues the musical side of a person.

He may have had an advantage when he started playing because he taught himself to play guitar two and a half years ago.

Naleway said he plays the guitar and Guitar Hero for two different reasons.

He said Guitar Hero is fun as a game - but he plays real guitar for

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Brad Saiz, a sophomore English major, plays the popular video game "Guitar Hero" Saturday afternoon in Taylor Hall. The game has four different editions.

the music. He said he enjoys more

His friend, Marcus Miller, a freshman marketing major, said he started playing Guitar Hero last year because he was looking to try something new.

Miller doesn't own the game because it's too expensive, he said.

The game seems to be holding onto its strong popularity, but some question when it will fade out.

"I think it will still be big for the next couple of years," Naleway said. He said he estimates the game will be obsolete in about 10 years.

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# Other Views on News

# CLINTON GETS TEARY-EYED

U. Kentucky – The recent drama of the 2008 New Hampshire Democratic Primary has left me stunned, along with the rest of the country.

On Tuesday night, the major news networks closely resembled one of the marathons of my favorite reality shows that ran constantly over the break: an emotional rollercoaster with euphoric highs and debilitating lows as well as a winner that no one saw coming.

I have had my reservations about Sen. Hillary Clinton practically since birth. I grew up in a culture where Clinton's name was a symbol of the anti-woman, a she-male whose reputation effectively scared me away from Legos toward the more gender-appropriate Barbies.

I had no desire to become public enemy No. 1 and have questioned Clinton's decision to accept such a role and, consequently, her integrity ever since.

However, in the past week my feelings on Clinton have softened from cautious to something akin to respect.

Only two other news stories rivaled the popularity of the Clinton upset: the continued descent of Britney Spears and the appearance of tears in Clinton's eyes during a public appearance.

I could not believe it, but Clinton is in fact capable of tears, of public emotion.

A part of me could empathize with her at that moment because she showed herself to be more than a politician. She showed herself to be human.

Carrie Bass Kentucky Kernel

# EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion

# Drawn from the news | Dylan Polk



# STAFF EDITORIAL Exit 192 not worth confusion

Inless you are a truck driver, it is very unlikely that you know the purpose of the new I-57 interchange – Exit 192, which opened Dec. 27.

Exit 192, located north of the Mattoon and Charleston exits, takes motorists to County Road 1000N, also known as County Highway 18. But where does that lead?

Ideally, the exit will be used for traffic north and west of Mattoon and also the eastern part of Coles County north of Charleston. By just reading the sign, a motorist would never know this, unless perhaps he or she is very familiar with the roads in Coles County.

The sign just says County Highway 18 and County Road 1000N and to the average motorist this probably means nothing.

The sign could have had Mattoon/Charleston added to it so Exit 192's direction is more known.

Truck drivers are the ones who know the most about Exit 192's

direction. The main purpose of the new route to Mattoon is so that trucks heading to RR Donnelley and Mars Pet Care food plant do not have to go

do not have to go through town. And the purpose

of the route to Charleston is to lead truck drivers to plants north of Charleston like Arkwright, Vesuvius USA and ITW Hi-Cone.

However, only one of these routes is finished. If you were to take the new interchange, you would quickly realize the route to Charleston goes nowhere – it is not yet completed.

According to Coles County Engineer Rick

## **OUR VIEW**

• Situation: The newly opened Exit 192, located north of the Mattoon and Charleston exits leads to nowhere.

• Stance: The road should not have been opened to motorists in the first place and would have been better left unconstructed since its completion is still a long way off.

Johnson, the route to Charleston will be complete within five or six years.

This will tack on even more years to the 12 that Exit 192 has already been worked on – the project began in 1995.

After 12 years, it seems that more of the project could have been completed, but making final improvements to local roads will make final completion continue to move slowly.

Because the road is so far from being completed, it should never have been opened for motor-

ists in the first place. Improvements will be made to County Road 1000N east of the exit and County Road 200E, a northsouth road known as Dole Road.

Johnson said work on County Road

1000N will begin in 2009 to make it connect with Exit 192 and it is important that Dole Road be improved because the FutureGen plant will be located at the intersection of Dole Road and Route 121.

With two other Coles County interchanges, this third interchange would have been better left unconstructed – especially since the road leads to nowhere and is still a long way from completion.



# NORA MABERRY Baby talk is just that: talk

My mother wants a grandchild. She desperately wants a grandchild. Gender does not matter, as long as it is a living, breathing baby.

She does not even care if I get married first, as long as I give her a grandchild sometime before she dies.

Hair color and eye color do not matter, either.

Some days, I agree with her. Some days, I want a baby.

I joke with my friends that my biological clock is ticking and that I'm not getting any younger. Many of my friends I graduated high school with are married and talking about having children. Some have more than one child.

I see the cute baby clothes in stores and say how much fun it would be pick out clothes for a child of my very own.

I see celebrities having babies and naming them things like Harlow and Max and think about what I would name my children.

(Emma Lee and Collin Benjamin, for the record.)

But I know I'm not ready.

I know this because of two reasons.

1. Financially – I'm in graduate school. Even people with full time jobs have trouble making paying all their bills when they have a baby.

Between rent, car payments, utilities and school payments, I'm not sure I have the extra cash for formula.

According to MSNBC, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that families making \$41,700 to \$70,200 spend \$184,320 raising a child through the age of 17. If they go to college, you can tack on a lot more dollars. I cannot fathom how a person in college would be able to pay for formula, doctors' bills, and clothing for a child. I can barely pay for my own food, much less the food of a person that wants to eat every three hours.

2. Emotionally – I have seen first hand what happens when selfish people have a baby. The baby suffers. A family member and his girlfriend had a baby when they were in their early 20s.

The mother left and the father is more interested in fulfilling his own needs than those of his son. It's heartbreaking to see, especially considering how loving and intelligent the child is.

I would not want to be a parent who puts my own needs and desires first. I want to finish graduate school. I want to hang out with my friends and have fun. I want to get a job at a mid-size paper when I graduate. I do not think my wants are conducive to having a baby right now. But then I worry, if I do not have a baby by the time I am 27, will I ever? However, a story in USA Today gave me hope. A 60-year-old woman gave birth to twins in May. Healthy, baby boys that were conceived through in-vitro fertilization. The woman, Frieda Birnbaum, a New York city psychologist, also has a 6-yearold son. While I don't think I will be waiting until the age of 60, or even the age of 54, to have children, it did calm me somewhat, strangely enough. I just hope my mother can wait a few years for a grandchild.

"If you were to take the new interchange, you would quickly realize the route to Charleston goes nowhere — it is not yet completed."

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# Feuding leaves progress halted

E astern is in dire need of a new power plant. The current plant is inefficient, breaks frequently and relies on technology that dates back to 1928.

Plans are in place to build a new co-generation plant, which would allow Eastern to create its own energy.

However, one small detail has yet to be handled.

Feuds between Speaker of the House Michael Madigan and Gov. Rod Blagojevich about a capital bill have yet to be resolved.

The bill, if passed, will give Eastern the \$25 million it needs for a new, and more efficient power plant.

The current plant is in need of \$14 million worth of repairs, money that would also come from the state.

It would be much easier if Eastern received the money it needs for a new plant rather than money to repair the current steam plant, which will continue to break.

Because Madigan and Blagojevich cannot reach an agreement on the capital bill and are not

## **OUR VIEW**

• Situation: Eastern needs money from the state in order to start building a new and much needed power plant.

• Stance: Speaker of the House Michael Madigan and Gov. Rod Blagojevich should not let their feud get in the way of their responsibilities because the capital bill has still not been passed and Eastern is left empty handed.

speaking to one another, Eastern has an outdated and inefficient power plant with limited life left in it.

If Madigan and Blagojevich would actually do their jobs and agree on the terms of the capital bill, Eastern would have the money it needs to build a power plant that works efficiently and not be burdened with the outdated technology.

The feud should not get in the way of the elected officials' jobs, but it has and its effects have reached Charleston.

Now Eastern is among the many items on the bill that are affected by the inability of our political leaders to come to an agreement. Nora Maberry is an English graduate student. She can be reached at 581-7942 or

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# >> Exit

## FROM PAGE 1

He said the interchange project played a part in the selection of Mattoon as the site of the FutureGen facility because it will allow a more direct route to the company's site north of Mattoon.

Businesses are not the only group in the area who will benefit from the interchange.

Cline said with the new trucking routes, the interchange allows for fewer trucks driving through Mattoon, which should mean less

traffic con-PROJECT gestion for SUMMARY motorists. Howev-» Proposed: er, he did 1995 that say » Date opened: some of Dec. 27 local the » Total cost: businesses \$20 million who cater to truckers

may suffer a slight loss in business because there will not be as many trucks driving through town.

While Mattoon is probably the most direct beneficiary of the interchange, Charleston will also be helped by the completion of the project.

"Any industrial development will help the area," Charleston Mayor John Inyart said about the benefits of the interchange.

He believes any project that provides more access for trucks, specifically those leading to the local industrial park, will bring more businesses into Charleston.

"Overall, I think it will be a positive thing for this side of the county," Inyart said.

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# » Bill

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"It's not the ideal way to do things, but in the interest of the state getting a capital bill done, we are willing to do whatever we can," Dring said.

As for the capital bill the Senate passed in late September, Dring said the bill was just a draft. He added that is a common process for a bill, and that the House of Representatives and the Senate would have to agree upon a new spending plan for a capital bill.

Dring said he doubts Eastern's \$25 million for a new power plant will be cut if a capital bill is passed.

"It's very hard to say, but (higher education) is definitely a priority of our leadership," he said.

The capital bill has been close to being completed for a couple of months, Dring added, but ultimately Blagojevich and Madigan have found something to disagree on.

When you are dealing with the (stubbornness) of these democrat leaders, it has been a fairly ineffective session," he said.

"I would hate to put a timeline on this because it could be proven wrong.'

Cooley said a co-generation power plant could not happen without the \$25 million from the state.

Eastern intends to borrow \$35 million from banks to fund the rest of the plant, Cooley added.

'We can't build that combined heat and power plant without that influx of money from the state," he said.

The current steam plant provides all the heating and cooling to all buildings on campus and more problems are happening as the plant gets older, Cooley said.

He added the plant is running on



MITCH SURPRENANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The steam plant on Eastern's campus shows signs of its age. The plant provides heating and cooling to the entire campus. Strain on the plant will continue to rise as the Doudna Fine Arts Center moves to completion.

#### 1928 technology.

"It's not a matter of if the plant will cease to function; it is a matter of when," Cooley said.

He said the sooner the General Assembly approves a capital bill, the sooner Eastern can start building a new power plant.

This would be beneficial for the university because the plant will take between three to four years to construct.

If the plant is built earlier, the university does not have to rely on the current steam plant as long, he added.

As for fixing the current plant and not relying on a capital bill to build

a new one, Cooley said it would cost \$14 million to repair.

The costs, however, do not stop there. The scrubber that scrubs the coal in the plant breaks easily, Cooley said.

'We'll be back to the state, saying we need another five to seven million dollars to fix it again," he said. "It just eats itself up."

Cooley said it is a better investment for the state to give the \$25 million now as opposed to giving out \$14 million, and then another \$5 million, and another \$5 million, and so on.

He said he is still hopeful a capital bill will be passed, but is disappointed by the current status of the

"I understand they have some issues they have to wrestle with, and we're one small piece in the larger picture of what the state is trying to accomplish," Cooley said. "But, for us, this is a mission critical piece of equipment."

Dring said he hopes the capital bill will not fail.

The needs are so great for roads, for higher education," he said. "We absolutely need to do it."

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"We have big goals in mind for

word on prevention road. R.F.Y will

be known all over and everyone

will hear our stories." R.F. Y. is working toward having Jan. 28, the day of Yacob's death, be proclaimed R.F.Y. Day in Charleston.

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KARLA BROWNING | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Matt Kelly, LIMADD chairman, lost his friend to a drunk driver on Nov 26

# >> Kelly

FROM PAGE 1

"Everyone was in awe, shock, some were actually in tears," Zaret said

Kelly had just come back from Nancy's Lettering to put a poem on a plaque for Rucker, when he received the news about Milks.

The poem was about Yacob.

Rucker appreciated Kelly giving him the plaque with the poem on it to remember Yacob.

"The poem was special because he didn't even know Rebecca. He has a great heart," Rucker said. "I want people to realize that helping with drunk driving is something you have to want to do."

After Kelly had learned his friend has been killed, he turned to the

port. to Micah Rucker reads: "I didn't "The flowers of our tomorrow know what to bloom in the ventricles of our beatdo and I read the ing heart, and if our mind would poem and it realexpand because of some inexplily hit me, and cable custom such as warmth or it just made it kindness, we would always rememthat much more ber you." powerful," Kelly said. "It was a

poem for sup-

poem for Rebecca that I wanted him to either keep or give to her family. It sort of dealt with the issue of her passing and how to deal with it and we're all going to remember her."

Rucker hopes Eastern's campus remembers Yacob by continuing R.F.Y's mission.

R.F.Y. We want to help people as well as spread the Part of the poem Matt Kelly gave

of drinking," Rucker said. "We work hard and won't be denied. R.F.Y has no limit here at Eastern and further down the

# bill.





# 6 NATION

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# **NATION BRIEFS**

The Associated Press

## Churchgoers still waiting for a candidate

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The faithful in South Carolina are still looking for the Republican presidential candidate who is the answer to their prayers.

"This is a hard one. None of them are real statesmen," Barbara Richey, 65, said after Sunday morning services at First Presbyterian Church.

The latest poll showed McCain with a clear lead over Huckabee, who had been the front-runner in most of the surveys until McCain won the New Hampshire primary.

## Mullen favors closing Guantanamo Bay

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The chief of the U S. military said Sunday he favors closing the prison here as soon as possible because he believes negative publicity worldwide about treatment of terrorist suspects has been "pretty damaging" to the image of the United States.

"I'd like to see it shut down," Adm. Mike Mullen said in his first visit since becoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last October. Mullen stressed that a closure decision was not his to make and that he understands there are numerous complex legal questions the administration believes would have to be settled first, such as where to move prisoners.

## Second body found in search for four kids

MOBILE, Ala. — The body of a 3-year-old boy was recovered Sunday in the search for four children allegedly thrown from a coastal bridge by their father, the sheriff said.

The body was found near shore by a search team, close to where a duck hunter found the body of the boy's infant brother on Saturday about five miles west of the bridge in a marshy area, Mobile County Sheriff Sam Cochran said.

The 3-year-old's body was spotted near shore in Bayou La Fourche Bay, about three miles west of where the infant was found, authorities said. Cochran said the remaining two bodies could be in the same area .

# Clinton claims Obama distorts comments

## The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested Sunday that Barack Obama's campaign had injected racial tension into the presidential contest, saying he had distorted for political gain her comments about Martin Luther King's role in the civil rights movement.

"This is an unfortunate story line the Obama campaign has pushed very successfully," the former first lady said in a spirited appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I don't think this campaign is about gender, and I sure hope it's not about race."

Clinton taped the show before appearances in South Carolina, whose Jan. 26 primary will be the first to include a significant representation of black voters.

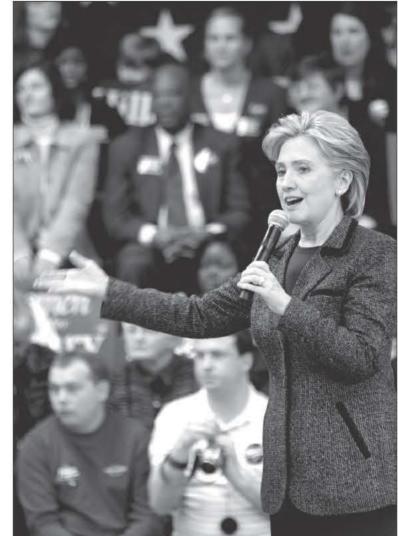
Blacks were 50 percent of primary voters in the state in 2004 and the number is expected to swell this time.

Both New York Sen. Clinton and her husband, the former president, have engaged in damage control this week after black leaders criticized their comments shortly before the New Hampshire primary last Tuesday.

The senator was quoted as saying King's dream of racial equality was realized only when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, while Bill Clinton said Illinois Sen. Obama was telling a "fairy tale" about his opposition to the Iraq war.

Former President Clinton has since appeared on several black radio programs to say he was referring to Obama's record on the Iraq war, not on his effort to become the nation's first black president.

As evidence the Obama campaign had pushed the story, Clinton advisers pointed to a memo written by an



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton discusses topics of immigration, health care and the economy during a campaign stop at Columbia College in Columbia, S.C. on Sunday.

Obama staffer compiling examples of comments by Clinton and her surrogates that could be construed as racially insensitive. The memo later surfaced on a handful of political Web sites.

Obama later called Clinton's accusations "ludicrous," and said he

found Clinton's comments about King to be ill-advised and unfortunate.

Erik Campos MCT

"If Senator Clinton wants to be distracted by the sorts of political point-scoring that was evident today then that is going to be her prerogative," Obama said. Another rival, John Edwards, added his voice to the chorus of criticism of Clinton's comments about King.

King. "I must say I was troubled recently to see a suggestion that real change that came not through the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King but through a Washington politician. I fundamentally disagree with that," Edwards told more than 200 people gathered at a predominantly black Baptist church in Sumter, S.C.

Later Sunday, the Clinton campaign scrambled to explain comments by one of its top black supporters, BET founder Bob Johnson.

Johnson's comments seemed to raise the issue of Obama's admitted teenage drug use.

"I am frankly insulted the Obama campaign would imply that we are so stupid that we would think Hillary and Bill Clinton, who have been deeply and emotionally involved in black issues, when Barack Obama was doing something in the neighborhood; I won't say what he was doing, but he said it in his book," Johnson said at an event with Clinton in Columbia, S.C.

The Clinton campaign later released a statement in which Johnson said his comments referred to Obama's years as a community organizer in Chicago.

During the televised interview, Hillary Clinton praised King as one of the people she "admired most in the world," and suggested his record of activism stood in stark contrast to Obama's.

"Dr. King didn't just give speeches. He marched, he organized, he protested, he was gassed, he was beaten, he was jailed," she said, noting King had campaigned for Johnson because he recognized the need to elect a president who could enact civil rights into law.

## **CRIME | SLAIN MARINE**

# Manhunt focused on Texas and Louisiana

## The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — The nationwide manhunt for a Marine wanted in the brutal slaying of a 20year-old pregnant colleague who had accused him of rape focused Sunday on Louisiana and Texas, after he was spotted at a bus station.

Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean was seen at a Shreveport, County Sheriff Ed Brown said.

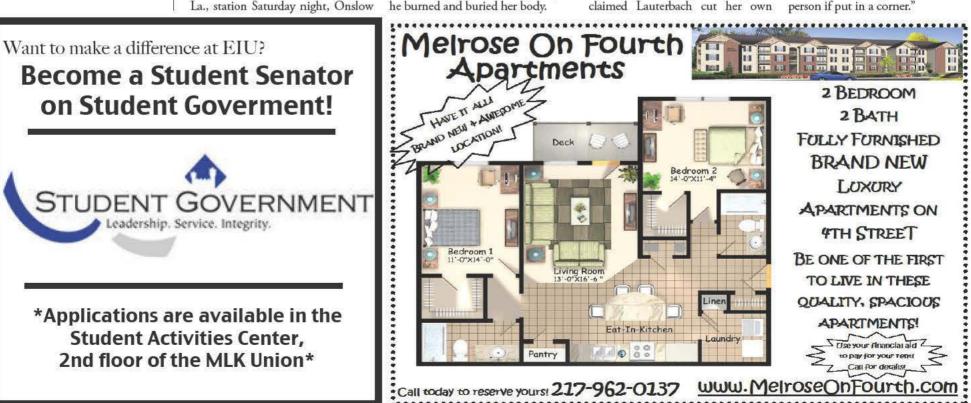
The bus Laurean was riding was headed to Texas, but police don't know if he continued on that route, he said.

On Saturday, authorities said they recovered what they believe to be the burned remains of Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach and her unborn child from a fire pit in Laurean's backyard, where they suspect Those remains have been sent to the state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill for a formal identification.

That same day, state authorities issued an arrest warrant on murder charges for Laurean, 21, of the Las Vegas area. They believe he fled Jacksonville before dawn Friday after leaving behind a note in which he admitted burying her body but throat in a suicide.

Brown has challenged Laurean's assertion that Lauterbach killed herself, citing what he described as evidence of a violent confrontation inside Laurean's home, blood spatters on the ceiling and a massive amount of blood on the wall.

Brown said Sunday that evidence in the case "leads us to believe that he would be a dangerous and violent



# **NFL** | PLAYOFFS Romo's playoff run ends

### The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Tony Romo can go wherever he wants with Jessica Simpson now. Eli Manning and the New York Giants knocked him and the Dallas Cowboys into the offseason Sunday.

Having to wait out long, slow drives by Dallas, Manning made his few chances count, throwing two touchdown passes to Amani Toomer and getting a 1-yard touchdown run from Brandon Jacobs for a 21-17 victory that put New York into the NFC championship game for the first time since the 2000 season.

"I won't get tired of hearing that this week," Manning said. "No one's given us much credit and probably still won't. But that's OK. We like it that way."

Manning is heading to his first NFC championship game, at Green Bay next Sunday.

Manning had a much better day than his brother, Peyton, whose Indianapolis Colts were stunned by the San Diego Chargers.

"I know he was watching and rooting for me," said Eli, who was 12-of-18 for 163 yards.

Cornerback R.W. McQuarters intercepted a pass into the end zone with 9 seconds left, turning away a last-ditch drive by Romo.

It marked his second straight disappointing finish to a playoff game, following his flubbed hold of a short field goal in Seattle last January.

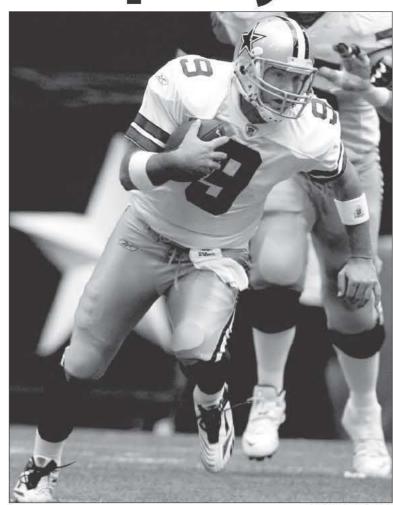
"It hurts," said Romo, who was 18-of-36 for 201 yards with a touchdown. "It's tough right now."

Terrell Owens came to his quarterback's defense, even crying behind dark sunglasses with a quivering bottom lip while declaring, "You can point the finger at him, you can talk about the vacation (with Simpson), and if you do that, it's really unfair. That's my teammate. ... We lost as a team."

Schedule FROM PAGE 12

The Chippewas started the 2007 season 1-2 but went on to win the Mid-American Conference West Division and the MAC Championship game. CMU lost to Purdue 51-48 in the Motor City Bowl in December.

"Did you see them play Purdue?" Baker said. "That's a heck of a ball team. Plus, there's a nice paycheck for us. When we go to Central Michigan we'll come back with a nice profit."



BEN NOEY JR. | MCT

Eastern graduate and Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo scrambles against the New York Giants in the second quarter of Sunday's NFC Divisional playoff game in Irving, Texas. The Cowboys lost 21-17.

Dallas' failure is huge.

The Cowboys just wasted a 13-3 season, which matched the best in team history.

They're the first No. 1 seed in the NFC to lose in this round since the NFL went to the 12-team playoff format in 1990. They also became the seventh team to lose a playoff game against a team they'd beaten twice in the regular season, joining Dallas' 1998 club.

Worst of all is the extension of all the skids: Romo now 0-2 in the

pewas beat Eastern 33-17 and lead the all-time series 21-2. CMU was 17-2 against Eastern when both schools were members of the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference from 1951-69. Eastern last beat CMU 17-14 in 1964.

"I know the MAC is pretty good, but we feel like we play a pretty good brand of football here too," said Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni. "We've got our hands full with the opener."

The Panthers are coming off their third straight FCS playoff appearance.

playoffs, coach Wade Phillips 0-4 and the team 0-for-the-postseason since winning a wild-card game in 1996. The Cowboys have dropped five games since.

The Cowboys might be headed into a stormy offseason. Team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday he would keep Phillips regardless of what happened in the playoffs. Now that will be tested, especially with highly valued assistant coaches Jason Garrett and Tony Sparano interviewing for jobs elsewhere.

#### NEXT WEEK'SPLAYOFF SCHEDULE

#### AFC

• San Diego at New England -2:30 p.m. on Sunday on CBS NFC

• New York at Green Bay -5:30 p.m. on Sunday on FOX

Critics may point to Romo's trip to Mexico last weekend with his latest celebrity girlfriend as a disruption, but the problems went a lot deeper.

There were all kinds of penalties that hurt Dallas drives and helped New York's, sloppy tackling on defense and special teams, dropped passes and wasted timeouts.

The Giants loved every bit of it.

New York gave up 45 and 31 points in the first two meetings, in part because the defensive front that produced an NFL-best 53 sacks went hard after Romo but missed and wound up allowing big plays.

This time, the Giants were content to give up short yardage, and the Cowboys accepted the invitation.

Their first three scoring drives took nine, 20 and 14 plays, burning a total of 23:32 off the clock.

Dallas converted eight straight third downs in that stretch, yet came away leading only 17-14 midway through the third quarter.

Toomer turned a short pass into a 52-yard touchdown on the gameopening drive, breaking free from two tackles and running away from everyone else. New York hardly had the ball the rest of the first half, but got it back at its 29 with 47 seconds left and Manning turned it into another touchdown to Toomer, a 4yarder on a drive helped along by a 15-yard face mask penalty.

## Chargers 28, Colts 24

INDIANAPOLIS - Gone -Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison,

# Colts. By stunning Indianapolis, the

San Diego Chargers just knocked off New England's biggest road block to the Super Bowl.

Adam Vinatieri and the rest of the

Now, San Diego must avoid a repeat of its last performance at New England.

That will be especially difficult without an injured LaDainian Tomlinson, who departed in the first half with a bruised left knee, and starting quarterback Philip Rivers, who went out in the third quarter with a damaged right knee in the Chargers' stunning 28-24 victory Sunday.

With Billy Volek at quarterback and Michael Turner as the main runner, San Diego went 78 yards on eight plays, with Volek sneaking in from the 1 with 4:50 remaining for the lead. The Chargers' big-play defense then held on downs at its 7, and stopped Indy again in the final moments to preserve their eighth straight win.

To make it nine in a row and advance to their second Super Bowl - the other was a loss to San Francisco after the 1994 season - the Chargers will need all the resourcefulness they showed at Indianapolis. Being undermanned against undefeated New England hardly is an enticing prospect.

Still, with All-Pro cornerback Antonio Cromartie getting an interception and fumble recovery, and linebackers Shawne Merriman and Shaun Phillips plaguing Manning, the Chargers showed they have the ability to throw off any offense. Maybe even the most prolific attack in NFL history.

The Chargers didn't come close against the Patriots in Week 2, falling 38-14. That was the beginning of a slide to 5-5 for San Diego, but the Chargers (13-5) are rolling now.

"A lot's happened since then," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

## 2008 EASTERN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

 Aug. 28 - at Central Michigan Sept. 6 - at Illinois • Sept. 13 - Indiana State Sept. 20 - at Illinois State Sept. 27 - JACKSONVILLE STATE \* • Oct. 4 - Open date Oct. 11 - at Tennessee-Martin\* Oct. 18 - Southeast Missouri\* Oct. 25 - at Eastern Kentucky\* Nov. 1 - Murray State\*

## 2009 EASTERN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

- Sept. 3 Illinois State • Sept. 12 - at Indiana State
- Sept. 19 at Southeast Missouri\*
- Sept. 26 at Austin Peay\*
- Sept. 27 JACKSONVILLE STATE \*
- Oct. 3 Eastern Kentucky\*
- Oct. 10 at Penn State
- Oct. 17 Tennessee Tech\*
- Oct. 24 at Jacksonville State\*

"money game" on Sept. 6 at Illinois in the newly renovated Memorial Stadium. Eastern received \$300,000 to play Illinois in 2008. Illinois defeated Eastern 42-17 during the

2006 season. It will be the first time Eastern will play two FBS schools (formerly I-A) since the 2006 season when they played Illinois and Hawaii.

'First and foremost we play these to win," said Eastern offensive line coach Jeff Hoover. "A win (at Illinois) could really catapult us on a national scale. Eastern is also scheduled to play at Penn State in the 2009 season. Eastern received \$450,000 to play Penn State, which is the largest amount Eastern has received to play a FBS team.

**SPORTS** 

The 2008 season opener marks CMU's first game against Eastern since the 1999 season. The Chip-

Eastern's last win against a FBS team was in 2004 when the Panthers defeated Eastern Michigan, a MAC school, 31-28.

The Panthers play their second

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# » Richey FROM PAGE 12

Slow starts have been at the heart of the Panthers' unsuccessful season thus far.

But that's not the sole reason Eastern has won only twice. Injuries, a depleted roster, the lack of a consistent second or third scorer and, as of late, poor shooting have combined to produce 15 losses this season – including eight in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers played again without leading scorer Romain Martin during Saturday's game - the

third game Martin has missed the last four. Eastern's offense revolves around Martin. The sophomore guard is the focal point of the triangle offense. When he's on the bench, the offense doesn't function as effectively or efficiently as it would with him on the floor.

But Martin is not the only Panther spending his time on the bench during games.

Sophomore forward Justin Brock has not played since Nov. 20 at Western Illinois. His loss has put added pressure on Eastern's remaining post players.

Senior forward Jake Byrne is

Eastern's best offensive post player, but he's struggled to find a rhythm and his shot. Sophomore center Ousmane Cisse plays aggressively in the post and can rebound well, but he is struggling with his ball control and offensive game. Freshman center Matt Dorlack has promise with his size he could dominate in the post in the OVC - but he still looks a little unsure of himself in games.

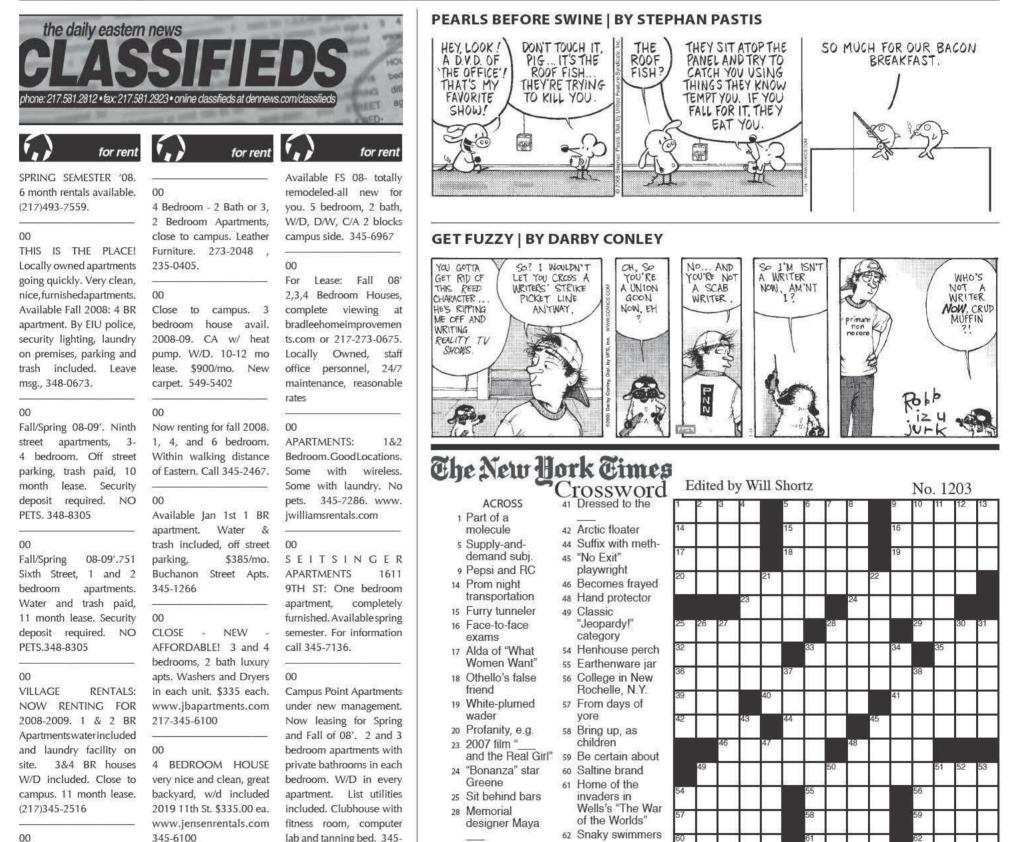
If Martin continues to miss games with his chronic foot injury - something that could happen off and on throughout the rest of the season if the irritation doesn't heal properly - the Panthers must find alternate sources of offense.

Senior forward Bobby Catchings is the second leading scorer for the Panthers. When he is shooting well, he can put up double-digit points consistently. But that's been an issue this season. He scored a season-high 27 points against Harris Stowe on Nov. 10, and 25 points against Tennessee State on Dec. 8. He's also scored just four points twice and two points Monday at Austin Peay on 1-of-8 shooting.

The brightest point in this otherwise cheerless season has been the Panthers' ability to come back from big deficits early in the game. Eastern was down 18 to UTM but battled back in the second half to close within single digits. The Panthers were also able to go on runs in the second half to rally back against Eastern Kentucky.

However, second-half rallies are for naught if the hole that's been dug early is too deep to get out of. The Panthers could be looking at several more close losses if they can't find a way to play the first half like they do the second.

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# MEN'S BASKETBALL | SHOOTING

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# Both teams struggle from the floor in

Each team shoots under 35 percent from field in first half

**By Scott Richey** Sports Editor

Eastern Illinois senior guard Gino Myers-Kyles made a 3-pointer from the far left wing with 8 minutes, 10 seconds remaining in the game against Eastern Kentucky.

It was the first 3-pointer the Panthers made all game. They made one more when senior forward Bobby Catchings hit one from just right of top of the key with 50 seconds left in the game.

The Panthers' cold shooting put them in a hole early en route to a 67-56 loss Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

Eastern Illinois head coach Mike Miller said the Panthers are not a team that plays around the arc but, instead, are a team that should play with more thrust toward the basket.

"But we shot 25 3's (Thursday night against Tennessee-Martin)," Miller said. "We shouldn't be shooting 25 3's. That's not how we're effective and efficient. That was something we shouldn't have gotten into.

Despite the misses against Eastern Kentucky, Miller said the looks the Panthers had on their 3-point attempts were good.

Eastern Illinois finished the game 2-of-14 from 3-point range but was not alone in poor shooting from beyond the arc. Eastern Kentucky made just 8-of-26 3-pointers, including a 3-for-9 (33 percent) performance from sophomore guard Adam Leonard, who is shooting 38



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Eastern senior forward Bobby Catchings looks to shoot while being guarded by Eastern Kentucky senior center Darnell Dialls during Saturday night's game in Lantz Arena. Eastern Illinois lost 67-56.

percent on 3-pointers on the season. Leonard said he wasn't rushing his shots - but there were times

yourself in a hole takes so much out

points and had five rebounds.

Catchings scored a game-high 17

Byrne shared Catchings' con-

"It's just one of those things

fusion about the difference in play

where I don't really understand why

we come out the gate and they hit

some shots and we don't," Byrne

said. "The last four or five games we

keep putting ourselves in a hole and

of you."

between halves.

when he could have pump-faked or passed the ball instead of shooting right away.

too many mistakes," Catchings said. "I think we play either a little bit better or a little bit more in control do, but at the same time we can't get in the second half. We can't keep over that hump." putting ourselves in holes. Putting

Eastern Illinois had the lead just once in the game at the 17:33 mark in the first half, when senior guard Bam Willhite scored on a fast-break layup to give the Panthers a 4-3 lead. The Colonels then went on an 11-0 run to give EKU a 14-4 lead. Colonels sophomore guard Adam Leonard scored six points in the run on a drive through the lane for a layup and foul and a wide open 3-pointer at the top of the key.

Eastern Kentucky senior forward Darnell Dialls extended the

"I was cold the whole game," Leonard said. "Something was wrong with my body. I was freezing."

Both teams struggled from the field in the first half as Eastern Illinois shot 32 percent (8-of-25) and Eastern Kentucky shot 30 percent (8-of-26). This provided ample opportunity for second-chance points - something the Colonels took advantage of with 11 points off offensive rebounds.

"Second-chance points broke our back because there were a few balls in there we have to come up with," Miller said. "We did not rebound the basketball tonight the way we needed to. With the authority, I think we should have.'

Eastern Illinois senior forward Jake Byrne said the missed shots early put the Panthers in a slump and they got down on themselves instead of fighting back.

But Byrne had a better game offensively against the Colonels after struggling to find a consistent shooting touch this season. Byrne finished with a season-high 13 points on 6of-10 shooting from the field.

"Because of how well our guards have been doing as of recently, (the Colonels) were really pushing out hard on them, which allowed down low to be open more," Byrne said. "I'm glad I maybe got over the hump a little bit, so maybe I can start doing more to help our team win."

Eastern Illinois shot better in the second half and made 15-of-30 from the field to finish the game with a 42 percent shooting percentage.

Eastern Kentucky finished the game at 39 percent shooting but \

lead even further on a thunderous dunk down the left side of the lane after blowing past the entire Eastern Illinois defense. Dialls finished the game with 13 points and six rebounds for Eastern Kentucky.

The Colonels' first-half lead was as big as 14 points with 5:37 remaining in the half, but Eastern Illinois trimmed that to eight points at halftime on a 6-0 run to end the first half. Willhite hit a runner from the right side of the lane, and Byrne followed with a layup and a turnaround hook shot over Dialls to cap the run.

We knew they weren't going to quit," Dialls said. "We had to hold

# **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# E. Kentucky 67, E. Illinois 56 ESTERN KENTUCKY (7-9, 44 Ohio Valley Carference) Rose 2-10 3-4 7, Taylor 2-4 4-4 9, Stommes 2-7 1-1 6, Dialls 4-8 5-6 13, Leonard 4-1 1 5-5 16, Daniel 4-6 1-1 12, Douglas 1-3 2-2 4, Wiersma 0-0 0.0 0, Totals 19-49 21-23 67. EXTERN ILLINOIS (2:15, 14) Catchings 6:13 4:4 17, Byrne 6:10 1:1 13, Cisse 1:1 0:0 2, Wilhine 3:11 0:0 6, Anthony 5:10 37, 13, Laser 0:5 0:0, Myers/Kyles 1:3 0:0 3, Parrish 1:2 0:0 2, Darlack 0:0 0:0 0. Halftime: Eastern Kentucky 26-18. 3-pointers: EKU 8-26 (Daniel 3-4, Leonard 3-9): Eastern 2-14 (Wyers-Kyles 1-1, Cato Ings 1-3): Turnovers: EKU 13 (Dialls 6), Eastern 14 (Two lie with 3): Fouls: EKU 15, Eastern 19. Techs: None, A: 727.

made up the difference at the free throw line.

Eastern Kentucky made 21-of-23 free throws, including 16-of-17 in the second half.

The Colonels shot 91 percent against the Panthers. Eastern Illinois made 8-of-12 free throws.

Eastern Kentucky senior forward Darnell Dialls said the team focused its practice time during winter break on free throw shooting, and everyone shot at least 50 free throws before practice was done.

"We haven't been a great free throw shooting team all year," said Eastern Kentucky head coach Jeff Neubauer. "We do have great shooters in the game. Quite honestly, we should be closer to (tonight) than what we've done so far this season."

Miller said the Colonels' free throw statistics were a little skewed because of late fouls by the Panthers.

"Probably 10 of their free throws were in the end when we were trying to stop the clock and get them to miss and they didn't," Miller said. "They were a little above their average, maybe playing with the lead and those kind of things when you get to the line a little bit more."

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them down and not stop ourselves. We just focused on stops and not even scoring.'

Eastern Illinois head coach Mike Miller said it took the Panthers time in the first half to get on the same page offensively.

Eastern Illinois was without sophomore guard Romain Martin for the third time in four games because of his chronic foot injury. Miller said not having Martin on the court hurt when the Panthers committed 11 first-half turnovers that led to 11 Colonels points.

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Stop by and see for yourself.



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It wasn't enough, however, as the Colonels (7-9, 4-4 Ohio Valley Conference) made 10 straight free throws in the final 1:08 to win 67-56 on Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

Eastern Illinois senior forward Bobby Catchings, who finished the game one point shy of 1,000 points for his career, said he could not understand why the Panthers (2-15, 1-8) continue to struggle in the first half.

"I think we come out and make





then we have to keep fighting back and fighting back. Thankfully, we

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# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | BENCH PLAY Thomas comes off the bench, plays key role

Sophomore guard gets key steal, rebounds

**By Kevin Murphy** Associate Sports Editor

Late in the first half, Eastern Illinois junior guard Ellen Canale rolled her ankle after she was fouled on a drive to the basket. Canale left with 1 minute, 41 seconds remaining with the help of a trainer - and never returned to the game.

Eastern sophomore guard Ashley Thomas came off the bench and made two free throws in place of Canale.

"I cringed," said Eastern Illinois junior forward Rachel Galligan. "Ellen is such a great defender. She's such a hard worker. She brings so much heart and emotion. She went down; someone's got to step up. Thomas - I cannot say enough about her coming in and defending (EKU's senior guard Niki Avery) like she did."

Thomas, recovering from a back injury she suffered during the summer, finished with 11 points and seven rebounds in Eastern Illinois' 86-81 overtime win Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

"It's still tough," Thomas said. "I wasn't allowed to shoot a ball for 12 weeks. I wasn't allowed to do anything except walk. It's taken a lot longer than I wanted to."

On Saturday night, she showed how she worked back from the injury. Thomas stole the ball from an EKU player to start the overtime period. She also picked up an offensive rebound and hit a field goal seconds later to put the Panthers ahead, 82-78, with 36 seconds remaining in overtime.

"She put up that tough, tough shot to really give us a little bit of a pad in there," said Eastern Illinois head coach Brady Sallee. "If she doesn't get that and put it in, we're only up two. It's a whole different ball game."



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Eastern Illinois sophomore guard Megan Edwards tries to dribble past Eastern Kentucky senior guard Niki Avery for an open shot. Edwards finished with nine points. Eastern Illinois won 86-81 in overtime.

Thomas had six points in the first half but had two turnovers in seven minutes.

"She was playing pretty well," Sallee said. "Even without Ellen's injury, I was going to have her out on the floor. Ashley is usually that kid who is in crunch time, anyway."

Then, she committed zero turnovers the rest of the game.

"She's such a great player," Galligan said. "She's got such a great mind for basketball. She's really worked on her defense to make it better. It definitely improved tonight and helped

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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us win the game."

With Canale gone, Thomas said she was more worried about the defense, which Canale specialized in.

"I just tried to remember all the defense that I've been learning," Thomas said. "Just tried to keep the ball out of (Avery's) hands as much as possible."

Niki Avery split a pair of Eastern defenders and hit a game-tying 3pointer as time expired in regulation. But Avery only had one 3-pointer in overtime.

"The thing (Thomas is) doing now, that maybe she didn't do as a freshman, is that she's playing a complete game," Sallee said. "She's defending, she's rebounding; she's a really offensive player in our system. You take those three things and you got a pretty good basketball player."

Eastern Illinois sophomore guard Lauren Sturtevant was key at the line for the Panthers (8-9, 7-2).

Sturtevant went 5-of-6 from the line, which included 3-of-4 in the overtime period.

The Fishers, Ind., native missed her first free throw of the season in overtime. She is 13-of-14 from the line this season.

The Eastern Illinois bench finished with 27 points.

Eastern Kentucky finished with 21 bench points.

The Panthers return to action against Tennessee Tech at 5 p.m. Thursday in Cookeville, Tenn.

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# MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | EASTERN VS. MILLIKIN Panther squads swim past Decatur school

# Women's squad wins first dual meet of the season

**By Ross Meister** Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's swim teams both beat up the visiting Millikin on Friday night at Lantz Natatorium with team scores of 121-64 for the women and 119-64 for the men. The meet was low-pressure for Eastern, as there was a team mindset going in to get best times and prepare for conference. "It was good going in; we had the idea that we were going to win," senior Mollye Shanel said. "So, instead of concentrating on winning, we concentrated on our times. The pressure was off." It was the women's team's first dual meet win of the season, making its record 1-6, while the men moved within one win of .500 with a 3-4 record for the season. Even though both teams won and several swimmers improved their times, there was a feeling that times didn't matter as much to them, swimming against a Division III school.



the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.62) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:30.86).

"Everybody was working hard in practice, and that showed in the meet," Shanel said. "I think the time factor is big, and it was a big meet for us. It was like we were amazed we could get those times."

# >> Galligan

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In December, red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards hit a game-tying pointer in regulation and Eastern

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went on to win Rachel that game 91-86 Galligan in overtime. Eastern junior Avery's 3forward Rachel pointer was Galligan became reviewed by offithe 19th member of knew the program's we were down 1,000-point club three," Avery said. on Saturday "It was the last night. chance. I kind of

"I don't know many people who were that excited about their times,"

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Eastern men's swimming team defeated Millikin 119-64 on Friday at Lantz Natatorium. Eastern finished in 12 of the 13 scoring events. The Eastern women's team defeated Millikin 121-64.

junior Brent Noble said. "It'd be good to take this meet, especially with difficult ones early on in the season, and it allows us to charge right into conference."

First place finishers for the men's team include senior Matt Latham in the 50-yard freestyle (22.20) and the 100-yard freestyle (49.19), and Noble in the 200-yard freestyle (1:52.45) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:02.75).

"The times that we had really helps make the coach's decision easier on who will swim what events at conference," Caleb Arthur said,

who won his first event as a freshman in the 100-yard backstroke (57.76).

Several members of the women's team improved their times and won several races.

The team's most consistent swimmer of the season, sophomore Laura Nilsen, won the 50-yard freestyle (26.36), while also winning the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.76).

Senior Mollye Shanel improved her season best time in the 200-yard IM (2:19.30) and won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 59.81. Sophomore Lauren Zillmer won

Eastern junior Geanina Pavel set a new season high in the 1-meter dive (208.65) and did well in the 3meter (184.80).

Eastern junior Joe Laird was the lone 1-meter and 3-meter diver, cials. finishing with scores of 296.60 and 315.15, respectively.

"Joe always performs top notch," freshman Cody Showers said. "I've always been amazed with Joe, and I have never thought that he's not going to do well."

The team travels to Indiana for a Saturday meet at 1 p.m. at Valpara-

"Coming back into the season with the win (against Millikin) will boost our confidence," Showers said. "We have Valpo coming up next Saturday. They'll have good guys going for them."

Both Eastern swimming squads will compete against Valparaiso at 1 p.m. Saturday in Valparaiso, Ind.

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somebody's arm. Once I let it go, I saw it on track to go in. I thought it was probably going to be short. I was just hoping that I was behind the line."

Avery had 11 points, five assists and three rebounds. EKU senior guard Crystal Jones led her team with 22 points, three steals, three assists and three rebounds.

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**Rachel Galligan** 

Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan (above) became the 19th member of the 1,000-point club Saturday night against Eastern Kentucky. Galligan scored a career-high 31 points against the Colonels and moved into 17th place on Eastern's all-time scoring list with 1,026 points.

Here are the top three scorers in Eastern women's basketball history.

1. Nancy Kassebaum — Kassebaum played for the Panthers from 1980-83 amassing 1,807 points despite playing in just 19 games her senior year. She also holds the career scoring average record (16 points per game) and the career field goals made record (778).

2. Pam O'Connor — O'Connor scored 1,731 points in her four seasons with Eastern from 2001-05. She was a 59 percent shooter and holds the career Eastern record and the season record (61 percent). O'Connor ranks third all-time in field goals made and 10th in rebounds.

**3. Toni Collins** — Not only did Collins score 1,715 points in her Eastern career from 1982-85, but she also holds the Panthers' career rebound record with 984 – 140 more than second place on the all-time list. Collins is also second in career field goals made (711).

-Scott Richey



SCOTT RICHEY

# Different day, same outcome

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 86, EASTERN KENTUCKY 81 (OT) GALLGAN PUSHESTEAM Junior forward joins

Junior forward joins 1,000-point club, scores career-high 31 points

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#### By Kevin Murphy Associate Sports Editor

Eastern Illinois junior forward Rachel Galligan may have missed two foul shots in overtime against Eastern Kentucky, but she was clutch the rest of Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

Galligan finished with a careerhigh 31 points as the Panthers defeated EKU 86-81 in overtime. Galligan became the 19th member of the Panther 1,000-point club on Saturday night. She tied a program record for free throws made in a single game (15). Galligan also had five rebounds, three blocks and three steals.

"Rachel's great," EKU head coach Larry Joe Inman said. "She's a great player. She's a go-to player. She's an awesome young lady, but she's an awesome basketball player, as well."

Galligan started her first game since Nov. 24 after she missed five games because of a toe injury and came off the bench in the six previous games. She finished 8-of-14 from the field.

"I don't know what to say that everybody in the gym didn't see," Eastern Illinois head coach Brady Sallee said. "She was clearly the best player on the floor. Unstoppable down on the block. If she continues to play like this, it's going to be a tough match-up for anybody in our league."

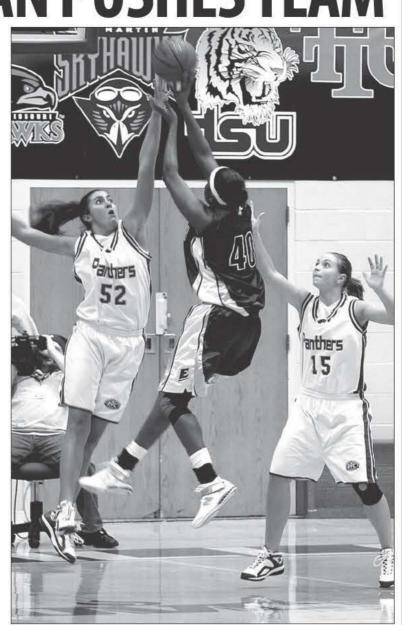
The Bloomington native scored the first basket of the overtime as the Panthers outscored the Colonels 11-6 in the extra five minutes.

Seven of the Panthers' 11 overtime points came from free throws, and they finished 40-of-48 from the free throw line.

In two games against EKU (8-6, 7-9 Ohio Valley Conference) this season, the Panthers are 76-of-88 from the free throw line. The Panthers finished 36-of-40 from the free throw line in Richmond, Ky., earlier this season.

Galligan finished 10-of-10 from the free throw line in the second half.

"If I was physical and went in,



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Eastern Junior forward Rachel Galligan goes for a block in Saturday's game against Eastern Kentucky. Galligan became the 19th member to join the program's 1,000-point club as she finished with a career high 31 points. The Panthers won 86-81 in overtime.

they were going to foul me," Galligan said. "I just wanted to be physical. I know they like to block shots and they got me a couple of times, but I kept trying to take it in and trying to draw the foul."

In contrast, EKU finished 12-of-17 from the free throw line.

"You look at it," Inman said. "What do you say? When they shoot 48 and we shoot 17, I just wish we could have got to the line a little more."

The Panthers (8-9, 7-2) trailed 38-35 at halftime but made 14-of-16 free throws in the first half to stay in the game.

#### SEE PAGE 11 FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

Eastern matched its total number of conference wins from last season with the win.

The game between both teams was similar to the game in Richmond on Dec. 21.

EKU senior guard Niki Avery split a pair of Eastern defenders and hit a game-tying 3-pointer as time expired in the second half Saturday.

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# Chippewas chip in for locker room

Panthers to open at Central Michigan, game against Illinois also on slate for 2008

### By Kevin Murphy Associate Sports Editor

The Eastern football team is getting a new locker room, thanks to Central Michigan.

Associate Athletic Director John Smith said the \$225,000 the Panthers will receive from the Chippewas for playing them in Eastern's 2008 season opener will finance the project.

Eastern released its 2008 schedule on Friday and opens the year on Aug. 28, a Thursday night, at Central Michigan. The 2008 season allows Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) teams to add an additional game if desired, and the Panthers will play 12 regular season games.

"(The athletic department and the football team) talked with Dr. (Dan) Nadler, and the one thing the football program needs desperately is a locker room renovation," Smith said. "Our locker room is in very poor shape. It's not unsanitary, but it's just ugly. It hurts our recruiting."

Smith and Eastern interim athletic director Ken Baker met with Nadler, Eastern's vice president for student affairs, to ask if they could play a second "money game" in 2008 and if the money could be used for the locker room renovation.

Normally the money the football team makes goes to the athletic department fund.

Smith went to Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo, and Smith said Spoo gladly accepted the idea to renovate the locker room.

Smith also negotiated the contract with CMU to increase it by \$25,000 from what was originally offered. He said it's easier to negotiate when it is a smaller Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) school.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN KENTUCKY 67, EASTERN 56



Eastern Illinois fell behind early in the first half against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday night. The same thing happened Thursday against Tennessee-Martin, Monday at Austin Peay, and Jan. 5 against Southeast Missouri.

In all four games, the Panthers lost. The only game Eastern has won since the beginning of 2008 - an 83-80 overtime victory against Murray State on Jan. 3 - featured an early 9-2 first-half lead by the Panthers.

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# Early lead propels Colonels to win

Panthers make run in second half for near comeback

By Scott Richey Sports Editor

Eastern's men's basketball team fell behind early in the first half against Eastern Kentucky – something that's becoming a trend for the Panthers in this forgettable season.

But true to form this season, Eastern Illinois battled back in the second half. The Panthers cut Eastern SEE PAGE 10 FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

Kentucky's lead to three points with 3 minutes, 49 seconds remaining in the game when senior forward Jake Byrne made a turnaround jump shot from the right post and was fouled in the process.

Byrne made the free throw to bring the Panthers within reach, 51-48.

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Eastern Illinois senior guard Julio Anthony drives toward the basket during Satuday's game against Eastern Kentucky at Lantz Arena. Anthony had 13 points in the 67-56 loss for the Panthers.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE					
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK	
<b>Thursday at Tennessee Tech  </b>	<b>Thursday at Tennessee Tech</b>	Saturday at Tennessee State	<b>Saturday at Tennessee State  </b>	<b>Eastern Mega Meet  </b>	
5:30 p.m. – Cookeville, Tenn.	7:30 p.m. – Cookeville, Tenn.	1:30 p.m. – Nashville, Tenn.	4:30 p.m. – Nashville, Tenn.	All Day – Lantz Fieldhouse	