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COMMUNITY | SAFETY

Cops: No special plan for St. Pat's

No expectation of additional trouble for well-known holiday

By Jordan Crook
Senior City Reporter

Interim Charleston Police Chief Mark Jenkins has no plans to assign the Charleston bar areas tonight, despite St. Patrick's Day celebrations that will take place.

Because this year's St. Patrick's Day falls on a Monday, Jenkins said he doubts many students will take to drinking tonight.

If the holiday had fallen on a weekend day, it might warrant an increased police presence around the city, he said. If this were the case, Jenkins said the city would offer a few extra police officers overtime pay to patrol the town.

In his 30 years as part of the Charleston Police Department, Jenkins said drinking on St. Patrick's Day has rarely posed a problem.

"We've had some nights that are busier than others," he said. "But there haven't been any where we've been overwhelmed."

University Police Chief Adam Due said the University Police Department had no "big" concerns about the evening - but it would have a few extra officers on duty, just in case.

Because most drinking activity takes place off-campus, he said he doubts there will be much activity



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Marty's, along with other bars in Charleston, is known for its St. Patrick's Day specials. Interim Charleston Police Chief Mark Jenkins and University Police Chief Adam Due do not expect any major problems for the holiday.

on campus.

However, Due said UPD officers could be used to help patrol the city if the city needs assistance.

If extra patrols are needed, the distribution of officers would be determined by the kinds of special offers and attractions offered by local bars, Jenkins said.

One bar that will offer specials is Top of the Roc.

Bartender Lauren Berggren said the bar will provide customers with samples of Guinness Stout, Smithwicks Ale and Harp Lager, as well as offer customers 50 cents off all Irish beers during the evening. Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Irish dish, will also be served tonight.

The band Mother Lode will perform Irish tunes at the bar tonight, she said.

Tonight is expected to be the same as past St. Patrick's Days, Berggren said.

"It's usually a very busy night," she said.

While Top of the Roc is expecting a larger-than-usual turnout for St. Patrick's Day, other Charleston bars are skeptical.

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TECHNOLOGY | NETWORK

Ping problems pacified

ITS assistant vice president says on-campus Internet hassles solved

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Campus Internet problems have been solved, said Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for Information Technology Services.

In the past few months, much of campus has had issues with Web sites that did not load properly on the first try and had to be reloaded several times.

ITS narrowed the problem down to overloaded domain name resolution equipment, or DNS.

"This problem was solved on March 4," Chatterji said. "As for the reason for DNS overloads, we seem to be victims of our own success"

File sharing programs, along with newer student-owned PCs that are capable of running more Internet connections, helped contribute to this problem, said Chatterji.

When DNS equipment is overloaded, a user is unable to get to a Web site without multiple tries. ITS added more DNS equipment to handle the Internet use on campus.

The Internet problems inspired some students to create a Facebook group to discuss the problem. Bre Stillwell, a junior health studies major, and Shannon Roden, a senior psychology major, started the group called "EIU Internet=problem loading page."

"We decided to start the Facebook group because we were frustrated with the lack of information we were getting from ITS," Stillwell said. "The Internet has been almost unusable for over a month, but every time we called the help desk to report the problem, we were told that they were not aware of the issue."

Discrepancies regarding students paying for the Internet and not being able to use it have surfaced because of the Internet issues. On-campus students are not charged for their Internet connection, Chatterji said.

Off-campus students may be charged for DSL or cable modem when using the Internet.

The all-student network fee of \$48 per semester does not pay for Internet access in the residence halls. It pays for any hardware or software repairs to the equipment over which the Internet travels within Eastern's internal network.

Roden said she believes Housing and Dining Services and Chatterji are making excuses for why the Internet issues took so long to correct.

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TECHNOLOGY | CHANGES

Rabbit ears will be listening to something new

The signal used since the first transmission will be no more

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

Feb. 17, 2009, will mark a change in TV broadcast history.

It will be the last day television stations will broadcast an analog signal.

On Feb. 18, 2009, every viewer who receives a signal from an antenna or rabbit ears will have to have a TV with a digital tuner or a digital-to-analog converter box.

Larry Rennels, owner of Rennels TV and Appliance, said all his TVs in stock contain a digital tuner.

All new TVs were required to have a digital tuner installed beginning March 1, 2007. VCRs, DVRs and any other electronic that receives a television signal also has to contain a digital tuner.

Stores were allowed to sell their remaining stock that did not have digital tuners. People with cable or satellite will not be affected by the change because they receive channels from another provider.

"Around here, the vast majority

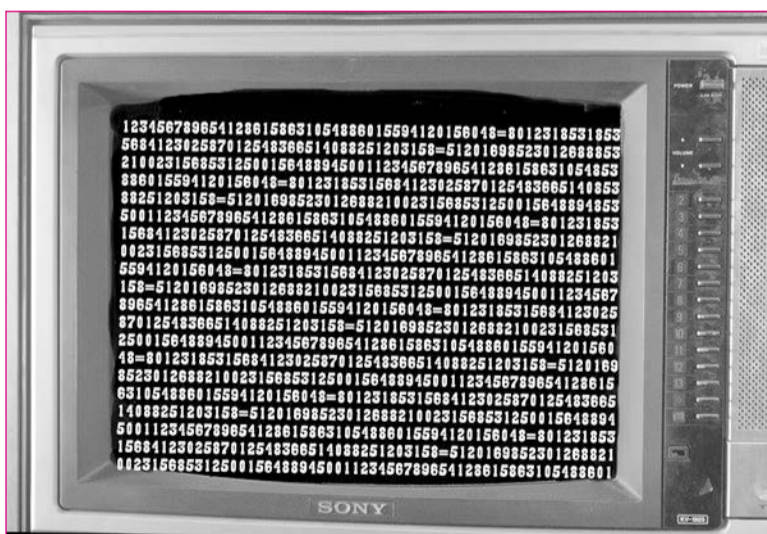


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Because of a federal government mandate starting Feb. 18, 2009, all televisions have to have a digital tuner or a digital-to-analog converter box.

have one or the other," Rennels said.

Few people in town will be affected by the change, but more outside of town might, because cable service is not provided, he said.

While it will affect a significant number of households, Rennels said it is not a major change.

"I've seen reports where they say TVs will go black and that (viewers) need to get a new TV," he said. "That's not true for the majority of

people."

For people without cable or satellite, there are options.

Rennels said people have the choice of purchasing a converter box, which allows the older TV to use the digital signal. The boxes tend to be priced at \$40 or more, depending on the features the converter has, he said.

The federal government is making the transition for people easier by

offering two \$40 coupons a household to purchase a converter.

"We'll be carrying converters, and we signed up to accept the coupons," Rennels said.

Todd Sedmak, communications director for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, said more than 4 million households have requested 7.7 million coupons.

"Our consumer campaign is to inform people, so they know their options and make a decision on how to switch," he said.

When it comes to the effect on the university, there will not be many changes. Students living in university housing will not be affected by the change, said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

"When we negotiated our current cable TV contract last year, we included the responsibility of any expense for the conversion would fall on our provider," he said.

A possible adjustment may be made where the cable comes onto campus, Hudson added.

WEIU-TV will also not be affected, as it launched a digital broadcast in 2006.

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EIU WEATHER

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WEATHER BRIEF

Warmer conditions are expected for the start of the week with a chance of thunderstorms today. Heavy rain can be expected later tonight. A chance of rain showers will continue through Wednesday morning.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Spears pal to stay away for at least one more month

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears' friend Sam Lutfi has agreed to stay away from her for at least another month, delaying a hearing that could have made a restraining order against him permanent, The Associated Press learned Sunday.

Lutfi and conservators for Spears' estate agreed to have the restraining order extended for 30 days, said a person close to the pop star who spoke on condition of anonymity because the extension had not yet been formally approved.

A judge was expected to approve it Monday.

Lutfi did not immediately return a phone message Sunday seeking comment. Phone messages and e-mails to lawyers for Spears and her estate co-conservators, which include her father, also were not immediately returned.

A Superior Court commissioner

last month ordered Lutfi to stay 250 yards from Spears and her home.

Spears' mother, Lynne, requested the order based on allegations that Lutfi — Spears' frequent companion and sometime manager — had held the singer hostage in her own home, drugged her and taken control of her finances.

McMahon gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES — It was a smackdown — Hollywood-style.

Vince McMahon, the promoter who helped turn professional wrestling into prime-time TV entertainment, got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Friday.

He humbly thanked wrestlers and fans before shifting into the cocky, evil Mr. McMahon persona he uses on World Wrestling Entertainment telecasts.

"I already know I'm a star," he said, drawing cheers from the crowd.

"I'm the biggest star of all time."

McMahon, WWE's owner, was honored in the television category.

He has often appeared in the ring himself and helped wrestlers such as Hulk Hogan and The Rock become mainstream show business stars.

'Horton Hears a Who' dominates box office

LOS ANGELES — Family audiences boosted 20th Century Fox's animated tale "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!" to a \$45.1 million debut, the best opening so far this year, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Horton Hears a Who" topped the \$40.1 million opening in January for "Cloverfield," which previously was the year's No. 1 debut.

Warner Bros.' action yarn "10,000 B.C.," slipped to second place with \$16.4 million this weekend and raised its 10-day total to \$61.2 million

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Making sweet melody



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Members of Eastern's Jazz Sextet perform in the Tarble Arts Center on March 6. The performance featured music from Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Wayne Shorter and Charlie Parker.

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

Biologist releases fish in 1983, catches it 25 years later

The Associated Press

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. — Some people catch fish and release them. Bill Wengert releases them and then catches them — a quarter-century later.

In April 1983, Wengert and other state Game and Fish Department biologists stocked some 12,000 young trout in the Flaming Gorge Reservoir in southwest Wyoming.

Game and Fish spokeswoman Lucy Wold said Wengert was ice fishing recently on the 91-mile-long reservoir and caught a 23-inch Mackinaw trout, a type of lake trout.

Wengert noticed the trout's right pelvic fin had been

clipped, indicating it was a hatchery fish that had been stocked. Examining historical stocking data, Wengert determined the fish was stocked on April 14, 1983.

"I may have actually clipped the fins on this very fish, and I know I was driving the barge when the fish were stocked, nearly 25 years ago," Wengert said.

Wengert, a 35-year veteran of the agency, estimated the trout was 26 years old because stocked fish spend a year in a hatchery before being released.

But he said it was very skinny and weighed only 2.5 pounds.

He said the trout will allow fishery biologists "an opportunity to learn more about fish genetics, age and growth of lake trout in the reservoir."

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CAMPUS | THEATER

CUBS FAN + WHITE SOX FAN = (SOMETIMES) LOVE

Student-written play to be performed in April

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Paul Teresi got an idea for a play he wrote by watching a baseball game.

The 2006 "Crosstown Showdown" between the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox sparked the idea for "Crosstown."

"I got the idea for 'Crosstown' while watching the 2006 Cubs/White Sox brawl," said Teresi, a senior history major. "I was surrounded by Cub and Sox fans going crazy, and I got the biggest laugh out of it. I knew this would make a great story."

"Crosstown" is scheduled to be performed at the 7th Street Underground at 7 p.m. April 11 and 12 and at 2 p.m. April 13.

Teresi secured 7th St. Underground by turning a schedule of 12 different dates to the scheduling office. He eventually received permission to perform his play there.

"This is a student production, so I had to get, like, 12 different availabilities and try to develop a rehearsal schedule where it all molded together," he said. "So far, we've done a decent job at that."

"Crosstown" takes place at Eastern and focuses on Rick and Sammi,

the two main characters.

Rick, played by Teresi, is a diehard Cubs fan. Sammi, played by Caitlin Carroll, is a diehard Sox fan.

"The two have dated on and off since 2000 and have broken up three times," Teresi said. "All 3 breakups took place during the postseasons."

The play starts in June 2008, and the Crosstown Showdown returns to Chicago. Teresi describes the play as romantic fun.

"When Rick and Sammi try to figure out if they still have feelings for one another, a few things stand in their way: old secrets, hurtful lies, forgotten gifts, angry ex's, crazy blind dates — and Crosstown rivalry," Teresi said.

Teresi has been working on "Crosstown" for a year and a half. He said his friends inspired him.

"At one point in the play, we hang out at the 'south side house,'" Teresi said. "The south side house is based off my friends' house because they're all Sox fans from the south side of Chicago."

Other actors from "Crosstown" are enjoying the experience of performing. Erica Jones plays Julie, a girl who goes on a blind date.

"Julie and I are alike, but she is way more extreme than I am," said Jones, a junior family and consumer sciences major. "I enjoy playing Julie because I get to play someone else every day."

Orion Buckingham plays the

television/radio announcer and a baseball player in the Cubs/Sox pickup game.

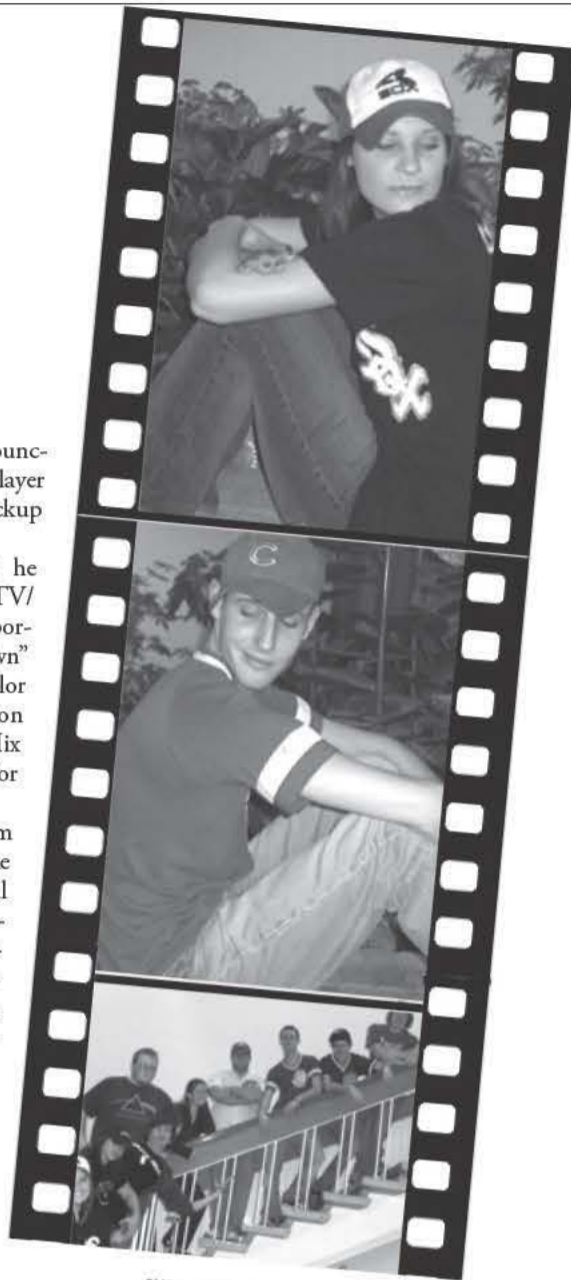
Buckingham said he can relate to the TV/radio announcer he portrays in "Crosstown" because he is a color analyst for Charleston Football on Hit-Mix 88.9 WEIU and for Eastern baseball.

"My character from the baseball is just like me. I played baseball for 10 years," Buckingham said. "Looking back over footage, I see my strange little mannerisms coming through in that character."

In keeping with the baseball theme, the play will have an intermission and "The Star-Spangled Banner" sung.

"This is a very innovative production because we were trying so many things that haven't been done before," Teresi said.

"To put it quite simply, our goal is to make a big comedy that the whole campus can enjoy."



SUBMITTED PHOTO FROM PAUL TERESI.
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Actors featured in the upcoming play 'Crosstown' sport costumes for the upcoming performance.

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CAMPUS | TECHNOLOGY

Apple brings the music to campus

New system will have multiple uses for students, faculty

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Associate News Editor

Eastern is now an iTunes University.

Eastern purchased the iTunes University service early last month, and early planning has begun.

"We are collecting names of individuals who may be interested in contributing to this initiative and plan to gather them during this semester," said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "How we roll this out will really depend on how the conversation progresses."

iTunes U allows faculty and students to use the iTunes Store to search, download and play course content.

Michael Hoadley, director of the center for academic technology support, and the staff of the external relations department started the initiative, Lord said.

"Our presence on iTunes University will provide another medium to share information about Eastern," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations. "The iTunes site will enable our faculty to upload lectures, podcasts and academic information about their classes."

The service will allow Eastern to develop information to prospec-



SCREENSHOT BY BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

iTunes University provides students access to various lectures from multitudes of universities on a variety of subjects. No date has been set for when the service will be available for use, but planning has begun.

tive donors, alumni and parents, she said.

Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for Information Technology Services, said the service is available to anyone, but added that the person who submits information can decide who accesses the information.

"The access could be for public consumption or restricted via EIU net-login to an EIU audience, or to a class which a student might be taking," Chatterji said.

The service will be available to both MAC and PC users, but no

date is set for when the service will be available, he said.

Tracy Hall-Ingram, project manager of university marketing and communications, said a launch date will be announced at a later date.

The benefits of the service are limitless, she said. Students can use it to review lectures and faculty can present materials in a different, creative way, through podcasts, video podcasts and downloadable portable document folders.

"Once people start thinking of ways to generate new content, the

options are only limited by our collective imagination," Hall-Ingram said.

Students will be able to access the service by loading it onto iTunes, Chatterji said. Content can be moved to an iPod.

"I am very pleased that the university is supporting this initiative," Chatterji said. "It helps put EIU on the map, not just nationally, but internationally as well."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Audition for Charleston Alley Theatre play

Auditions for Mary Zimmerman's "Metamorphoses" will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Charleston Alley Theatre.

Five men and five women roles are available. Those wanting to audition should be ready to present a one-minute monologue or do a reading from the script and should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. They should also bring a copy of their personal schedule through May and bring a head shot if possible.

Jeri Hughes is directing. Planned performances are slated to start May 9 through May 12 and May 16 through May 19.

Contact the Charleston Alley Theatre at 345-2287 for more information.

Free concert at Tarble Tuesday evening

The Millennium Chamber Players will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Tarble Arts Center.

The Millennium Chamber Players hail from Chicago and will perform works from the romantic era up to contemporary eras.

Eastern faculty members Jonathon Kirk, Carmel Raz and Sarah Ritch will also perform. Admission is free. Contact Kirk at 581-3010 for more information.

Spring 2008 graduation deadline approaching

Students needing to apply or re-apply for spring 2008 graduation need to do so by March 19.

Students can log into their PAWS account and click on the "student and financial aid" link, then click on the "apply for graduation" link.

Contact Betsy E. Miller at 581-5221 for more information.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

BLOTTER

On March 4, it was reported a red Ford truck had mirrors and antenna damaged while parked in the Carman Hall parking lot.

On March 5, it was reported a fleece jacket was stolen from the Student Recreation Center while left unattended.

— Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry

CORRECTION

In the March 7 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the way to apply for graduation was incorrectly reported. To apply for graduation, students should log into their PAWS account and click on the "student and financial aid" link, then click on the "apply for graduation" link.

The DEN regrets the error.

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OUR NEW DEADLY SINS

U. Illinois – Forgive us Father, for we have sinned.
Fond memories of crossing my arms and being blessed at communion have given me faith in the Catholic Church's compassion for everyone, no matter what they choose to believe. So listen, I'm not one to air my dirty laundry to strangers, but news from the Vatican has brought me to my knees before you.

Father, the world is coming to an end. The verdict has been reached, and we are guilty of the seven deadly sins. I don't mean the classic seven deadly sins that your man Pope Gregory the Great coined in the sixth century. No it's not lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride that afflict us now. Those seven words were known to strike a universal and sharp chord in our conscience. If we confessed every time we committed one of those, you would have to work weekends.

What really brings me to this confessional is the announcement by the Vatican's No. 2 in matters of conscience. As you are aware, the Archbishop Gianfranco Girotti, the head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, has decreed a list of new sinful behaviors. The modern “thou shalt not” list is made of violations of the basic rights of human nature.

After a week-long Vatican confession-fest, the Archbishop has listed the shameful acts of environmental pollution, genetic manipulation, accumulation of excessive wealth, infliction of poverty upon others, drug use and trafficking, experimentation on humans and causation of social injustice.

Right now, we don't have much of a choice. We are guilty of polluting the environment. No matter how many trees we plant or bottles we recycle, there will be ten more new gas guzzling cars and housing complexes. And when it comes to genetic manipulation, unless a vicious army of super clones is created or the government destroys all stem cells, it doesn't seem like geneticists will slow their research. Research aimed at delaying the meeting with your boss above, of course.

Father, you have to understand that it is virtually impossible to bridge the financial gap in society. Those who are worth billions, such as Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates and the Pope – no offense – would have to relinquish a giant chunk of their assets. We yearn for the days of old Father, where being guilty of a cardinal vice rested solely on one person's conscience.

Sujay Kumar
Daily Illini

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Drawn from the news | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Less drunken debauchery if drinking age is lowered

St. Patrick's Day is a day we celebrate, well, drinking ... whether or not we're “of-age.”

The less “of-age” you are, though, the more likely you'll end up binge drinking.

But why does the “of-age” rule in the United States require drinkers to be 21 years old?

It's a question we've asked since the 1980s when the National Drinking Age Act came into effect.

The act requires that states make the legal drinking age 21 or they lose 10 percent of their federal highway funds.

The 21-year-old legal age is unique compared to other countries. Those under the age of 21 who are in the military or are married have vehemently questioned the legal age.

Compared to just about every other country, the United States requires the highest drinking age and we've seen reverse affects similar to the days of prohibition, like a rise in binge drinking. This is why we should lower the drinking age.

In South Dakota, a petition is making its way through the state to allow 19- or 20-year-olds to purchase beer no stronger than 3.2 percent alcohol.

In Missouri, a petition requiring 100,000 signatures is betting to lower the legal drinking age to 18.

New Hampshire tried last year to pass legislation allowing active military personnel under the age of 21 to purchase liquor. The proposition was rejected, but this year, Wisconsin and South Carolina are trying to pass it for their states.

The International Center for Alcohol Policies surveyed more than 100 countries' drinking age policies and concluded only eight countries have a legal age of 21.

In Egypt, citizens must be 18 to drink beer and 21 to drink wine and spirits. In Pakistan, drinking is illegal for the Muslim population, but for the non-Muslim population, the legal drinking age is 21.

In Indonesia, Fiji, Micronesia, Palau and the Solomon Islands, the legal drinking age is 21.

The most common legal drinking age in other countries is 18 and they seem to function perfectly fine.

In countries like France, it's legal to buy beer and wine at the age of 16, and hard liquor can be purchased by 18-year-olds.

The drinking age in the United States should be lowered to 19, which would allow college students to drink in college rather than high school if the age was lowered to 18.

Universities should educate students on how to drink responsibly while we are legally able to drink.

We learn about drinking responsibly in high school, but we're educated years before we can actually drink.

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Some states are considering lowering their legal drinking age to under 21.
- **Stance:** Illinois should lower the drinking age to 19. Doing so would cut back on binge drinking and would urge universities to educate incoming students about drinking responsibly.

It makes little sense.

John McCardell, a former college president in Vermont, is the head of Choose Responsibly, a non-profit group that advocates lowering the drinking age to 18.

He wrote a letter published in the *New York Times* four years ago called “What your college professor didn't tell you.”

In the letter he said: “To lawmakers: the 21-year-old drinking age is bad social policy and terrible law. It is astonishing that college students have thus far acquiesced in so egregious an abridgment of the age of majority. Unfortunately, this acquiescence has taken the form of binge drinking.”

He went on to say: “This is the hard lesson of prohibition that each generation must relearn. No college president will say

that drinking has become less of a problem in the years since the age was raised.”

Legislators who thought raising the drinking age would solve the problems on college campuses have not opened their eyes for the last 20 years.

If they did, they would see the problem with binge drinking has only gotten worse.

Questions concerning the legal drinking age have almost become old adages: If we're allowed to go to war for our country, if we're allowed to get married, live on our own or vote when we're 18, why can't we purchase and legally consume alcohol before we're 21?

And so it has gone for the last two decades – though the age limit has been questioned over and over, it stands because the Department of Transportation threatens our state funding.

Influential lobby groups, like Mothers Against Drunk Driving, have worked fervently to maintain the 21-year-old legal age.

But McCardell makes a valid point about the connection of the legal drinking age and driving.

He said: “This has nothing to do with drunk driving. If it did, we'd raise the driving age to 21. That would surely solve the problem.”

We need to take more responsibility in educating students about making responsible decisions.

Assuming we're more responsible as 21-year-olds rather than 18-year-olds proves nothing when we aren't properly educated about alcohol.

Dropping the age to 19 and providing plenty of education about drinking (while we're actually able to drink) will provide us with more competence as adults regarding our decision-making better than the way our system works now.

That makes sense.



ALAN BAHARLOU

Interpreting our free will

Religion is by far the most important factor defining the nature of various cultures such as human relationships, values and tolerance, particularly regarding gender and sexual preferences.

Scriptures, more than any other documents ever written or words spoken, define the value and role of women.

According to scriptures, man was created in God's image, woman out of man's rib; both children of Adam and Eve were male, all of God's prophets were male and all prophets' (i.e. Moses, Jesus, Mohammad) disciples are male.

Scriptures profess that woman committed the original sin, which was to eat fruit from the tree of knowledge that made her eyes open and know good from evil. For that, woman was condemned by God to childbearing pain for eternity and was instructed to submit herself to her husband's leadership.

Let us examine the consequences of believing that scriptures are the exact words of God and must be adhered to.

For this purpose, we review the value and opportunities for women in the United States, the flagship of democracy, whose constitution originally declared that all men are created equal.

Until 1920 (19th Amendment gave women the right to vote in 1920), women were not considered citizens and could not vote, hold political office or attend universities. If they divorced, they were allowed to keep no more than the clothes on their backs. Some of these prejudices continue to the present time.

There are 16 women of 100 senators, 70 women of 435 representatives, 9 women of 50 governors, only 1 woman of 9 Supreme Court Justices and no woman president, vice president, priest or mullah ever.

This trend is prevalent in every important U.S. decision-making organization and position. The more religious fundamentalist a person, group, nation or culture, the less equality, opportunity and tolerance for women.

Our mothers, grandmothers, daughters and sisters are women.

It is our ethical, moral and patriotic responsibility to oppose any statement, subtle or not so subtle, that discriminates against women.

We are born with free will to choose compassion, caring, fairness, and tolerance – the noblest human qualities.

To remain neutral and silent and not oppose intolerance gives support and comfort to those who promote it, and it is a great disservice to future generations.

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CITY | COURTS NOTEBOOK

Abernathy's drug trial set for April

By **Nora Maberry**
News Editor

The drug trial for Jason A. Abernathy, 34, has been scheduled for April 14.

Abernathy's attorneys Mark Wycoff and Monroe McWard requested the trial date. Both attorneys are scheduled to take part in a Menard County trial starting April 14, but they said they hope to have this date vacated.

The attorneys said they will let Circuit Clerk Judge Gary Jacob know March 31 if the April 14 date is possible.

Abernathy is charged with possession of a methamphetamine. Abernathy is accused of having methamphetamine May 1, 2007, at the grain elevator where he was employed.

The trail for the methamphetamine possession charge was scheduled to start March 3 but was postponed to allow defense attorneys to

investigate newly disclosed prosecution evidence — which includes a man who prosecutors say will testify that Abernathy admitted to having methamphetamines in May 2007.

Abernathy is also accused of beating Charleston resident Gina L. Giberson on Oct. 16, 2007, at her home at 211 Fourth St.

Giberson suffered severe injuries to her head and face and spent two weeks in a coma. Abernathy was charged with aggravated domestic battery.

Abernathy's attorneys are in the process of hiring an expert witness to be present when blood from a baseball bat is tested at the Illinois State Police Lab in Springfield. Only a small amount of blood was present on the bat.

Abernathy was originally arrested May 2, 2007, on the drug charges.

His bond was revoked in November 2007 by Jacobs based on evidence that he attacked Giberson

while he was out of jail on bond.

He is currently jailed without bond.

Because of Abernathy's prior criminal record, if convicted of aggravated domestic battery he will face a prison sentence of six to 30 years. The charge of possession of a methamphetamine carries a two- to 10-year prison term.

Hearing set for Kooistra

A Chicago man charged with domestic battery appeared in Coles County Court on Wednesday.

Scott Kooistra, 21, of Chicago, was arrested March 1 on charges of domestic battery, stemming from an incident in Stevenson Hall, said University Police Chief Adam Due.

Another hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. April 16.

A person can be charged with domestic battery if they intentionally or knowingly, without legal justification by any means, cause bodi-

ly harm to any family or household member, according to Illinois statutes.

Domestic battery is a Class A misdemeanor and is punishable by serving time in a county jail for less than a year.

A fine of \$2,500, or an amount specified in the offense, whichever is greater, can be levied.

Kooistra attends St. Xavier University in Chicago. He is a junior and a defensive end on the school's football team. Kooistra, at 6 feet 3 inches and 240 pounds, had seven-and-a-half sacks this past season for Saint Xavier, which advanced to the quarterfinals of the NAIA playoffs.

Ex-linebacker hearing in May

Fred L. Miller, 26, filed a waiver of extradition March 10, allowing him to leave the state of Illinois while on bond.

Miller, a former Eastern student and 2001 All-American football

player, previously pleaded not guilty after being arrested and charged with residential burglary.

Miller's Jan. 16 arrest was in connection with about \$7,000-worth of stolen electronics and a stolen credit card.

A status hearing was set for 9 a.m. May 5.

Miller was a linebacker for the Panthers from 2000 to 2004. He made the 2001 All-American Second Team and finished his Eastern career with 344 tackles.

Miller signed a free-agent contract with the St. Louis Rams in April 2004 but was later released by the team.

Residential burglary is a Class 1 felony that carries a punishment of imprisonment of not less than four years and not more than 15 years in a state prison.

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SAFETY | REGULATIONS

Cops see no need for new rules

Downstate highway death will not change how locals work

By **Michael Schwader**
City Reporter

Illinois State Police Trooper Matt Mitchell was indicted on reckless homicide charges Friday.

Grand jury members found his freeway speeds that topped 120 mph were excessive when his patrol cruiser swerved into an oncoming car, killing two teenage sisters in November.

Mitchell was heading eastbound on Interstate 64 while responding to an accident call on Illinois 4, where several people were reported trapped and injured.

A motorist cut Mitchell off, and he swerved to avoid a collision. He crossed over the median and into westbound traffic and hit an oncoming car, killing sisters Kelli and Jessica Uhl, of Collinsville.

Charleston police do not have a set policy on what speed police officers can drive, said Interim Police Chief Mark Jenkins.

"What we do have is the Illinois Vehicle Code, which basically states that emergency vehicles are immune to red lights, traffic directions and a number of different things," he said. "But it says you must exercise and

MARK JENKINS | CHARLESTON INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

"I could not think of any reason why he was driving at 126 mph while responding to a call, regardless of what the call is."

take care, and to be immune to those things you must have your sirens and light activated."

Mitchell had both his sirens and lights on, according to witnesses, which is required by the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Jenkins said there is no reason for an officer to drive at excessive speeds, especially if officers on the scene deem the accident to be not as severe as first thought.

"If what I've read and seen in the paper is accurate, then I don't see what excuse this officer has for the actions that he did," Jenkins said.

"I could not think of any reason why he was driving at 126 mph while responding to a call, regardless of what the call is."

Before the accident took place, Mitchell had turned off an in-car video taping system.

If the system was left on, it could have helped catch the vehicle that cut him off and may have supported his statements.

State police are still looking for anything that can help lead them

to the suspect who cut off Mitchell, triggering the accident.

State police troopers are allowed to turn off the system while driving to a scene to save tape for when it is most needed.

The state police require the video system to be used during "enforcement action," including a traffic stop or an arrest.

Local authorities believe an accident of this caliber is unlikely to happen in the area.

"The only opinion that I can offer on the incident involving (Illinois State Police) is that it is a tragedy," said University Police Chief Adam Due.

"I think that it would be highly unlikely to happen around here, although we do some major roads outlining the campus."

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

» Ping

FROM PAGE 1

"Housing and Chat Chatterji are claiming that we do not pay for Internet in our rooms," Roden said.

Roden said on-campus housing costs students at a minimum of \$800 per month. She and others believe some of that money is used to pay for Internet services.

ITS fixed the problem March 4, around the time ITS was in the process of readjusting the feeds from their two Internet service providers.

"This apparently aggravated the problem experienced in the residence halls," Chatterji said.

"All of those problems have been solved with the addition of

the new equipment and in working with our equipment providers and our Internet service providers."

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WHERE TO GET HELP

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» St. Pat's

FROM PAGE 1

One such bar is the Panther Paw Bar and Grill, which reopened last Thursday after being closed for three days earlier in the week for repairs and renovations.

Chris Clayton, owner of the Paw, said this is first year since he bought the bar three years ago that St. Patrick's Day has fallen on the Monday after spring break.

"It's an oddity because students are usually still on spring break," he said.

Clayton said he could not remember a time while he was at Eastern when St. Patrick's Day

took place after break. He said he thought this was a purposeful maneuver on the part of the school to avoid having students celebrating the holiday while at school.

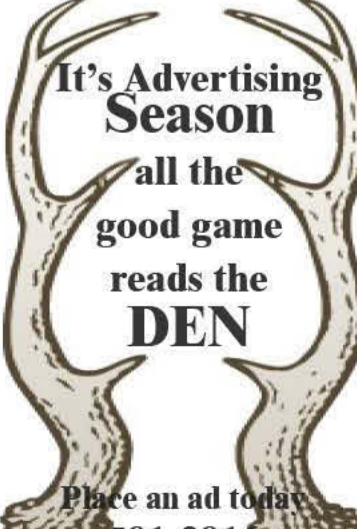
This is why many students, more so at the University of Illinois than at Eastern, celebrated Unofficial St. Patrick's Day, so students would be less tempted to drink more during the school week, he said. He doubts students will be turning out in droves to party tonight.

"I can't imagine it's going to be as busy as it is on a weekend," Clayton said.

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EVENT | WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Looking the part for life

Speaker addresses body image issues beyond just eating disorders

By Emily Zulz
Activities Reporter

Dr. Susan Bordo has struggled with body image issues her whole life.

Bordo comes from a Jewish culture, which has a heritage of food as a source of love, sensuality and family – much like Black and Hispanic cultures, she said.

This was all fine and well when she was a child, until she left the house and was teased for being fat.

When Bordo was 13, she decided to completely remake herself to fit in.

Bordo went on an 800-calorie-a-day diet and succeeded in transforming herself – but it came at a price.

She became a chronic dieter and, from the ages of 18 to 36, a heavy smoker as well.

When she quit smoking, her battle with weight became more intense, even more so after she adopted a child.

Like many mothers, she said she began to use food to relax and comfort herself after a long day of taking care of others.

Bordo's daughter is now nine, and she can see signs of body image troubles among children her age.

"So I've personally experienced all sides of the problem – as a fat kid, as a slim-but-obsessed teenager and young adult, as a mommy with a compulsive eating problem and spreading waistline, and as a concerned mother worried about her beautiful daughter and what this culture might do to her sense of self-esteem," Bordo said.

Bordo intends to speak about these issues at 7 tonight in the



SUSAN BORDO

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• Professor of English and Gender and Women's Studies and holds the Otis A. Singletary Chair in the Humanities at the University of Kentucky

Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Her discussion, "Not Just 'A White Girl's Thing': The Changing Face of Food and Body Image Problems," was timed to come to Eastern during Women's History Month.

Bordo is a professor of English and gender and women's studies at the University of Kentucky.

Bordo grew up in Newark, N. J., during the fifties and early sixties.

She dropped out of college and worked at bookstores, designed record album covers and held other assorted jobs for several years.

Eventually, she returned to college. Bordo chose to major in philosophy, and she went on to get her Ph.D in the subject because she thought it was challenging.

But at heart, Bordo said she has always been a pop culture addict and a cultural critic.

MLK UNION SPEAKER

What: "Not Just 'A White Girl's Thing': The Changing Face of Food and Body Image Problems"
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<http://www.eiu.edu/~wsminor/>

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"Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body"

Also authored:
"The Male Body: A New Look at Men in Public and in Private"

"Twilight Zones: The Hidden Life of Cultural Images from Plato to O.J."

"I've never been content just communicating with scholars and theorists," Bordo said. "I like writing and speaking on topics that have to do with people's everyday lives."

Bordo is the author of several works on body image and issues, including *"Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture and the Body,"* her most well known book.

She said it has been cited and discussed in scholarly writing and used in university courses.

Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, coordinator of women's studies at Eastern, is well acquainted with Bordo's work. She said she has often used and researched Bordo's writing.

"I think she's brilliant," Enck-Wanzer said. She also said Bordo is provocative in her writing.

Enck-Wanzer said Bordo's work engages social problems to make the world better.

The theme for Women's History and Awareness Month this year is women's bodies.

Enck-Wanzer, who saw Bordo speak at Indiana University five or

SUSAN BORDO | PROFESSOR OF GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

"If we're going to continue to use the term 'eating disorders,' we better also include 'cosmetic surgery disorders,' 'trying-to-look-like-a-digital-image disorders,' 'perky boob and booty disorders,' 'big muscle disorders,' 'tight buns disorders,' and many others."

six years ago, said Bordo was perfect to bring as a keynote speaker to go along with the theme.

Dr. Dagni Bredesen, an assistant professor of English and a member of the women's studies minor faculty, said Bordo was an obvious choice because she has "thought a great deal and written extensively on the body in western thought and in contemporary culture."

Bredesen said Eastern, like many university campuses, has students who battle eating disorders and have negative body image issues.

"When Dr. Bordo offered this as a topic for her plenary talk, we thought it would helpfully address a number of our campus community's concerns," Bredesen said.

Enck-Wanzer said one in 10 college women will develop an eating disorder.

It is important to talk about where those issues come from and how to resist the media, she said.

Enck-Wanzer hopes students who attend the lecture learn to question where beauty standards come from.

In Bordo's lecture, she will not just address issues of white women's bodies, but also those of men and different races.

"When I first started writing and speaking about these issues, most people believed that only a handful of 'spoiled' white girls had food and body image problems," Bordo said.

Bordo knew from her students and from tracking pop culture that this was not true.

She said in the last 10 years, the quest for the "right" kind of body has become a global phenomenon, crossing lines of race, class, nationality, sexuality and gender.

Bordo uses slides throughout her presentation to illustrate her points.

She said she will discuss the old "anorexic paradigm" and the groups it left out and recommend more inclusive ways to conceptualize eating problems.

She shows how body image problems have shape-shifted to new addictions and obsessions: The problems are no longer just about anorexia, but reflect the changing and diverse nature of the beauty ideals today, she said.

People need to stop thinking just in terms of eating disorders because they are just one part of a widespread cultural obsession with body image and body makeover, Bordo said.

"If we're going to continue to use the term 'eating disorders,' we better also include 'cosmetic surgery disorders,' 'trying-to-look-like-a-digital-image disorders,' 'perky boob and booty disorders,' 'big muscle disorders,' 'tight buns disorders' and many others," Bordo said.

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WORLD | VIOLENCE

Missiles strike near Pakistan

20 reported dead day after explosion happened near capital

The Associated Press

MIRAN SHAH, Pakistan — Missiles that witnesses say came from an unmanned drone flattened a suspected militant safehouse Sunday in Pakistan's tribal area along the Afghan border. State television said the strike killed about 20 people.

Witnesses said a drone dropped seven missiles on the sprawling, mud-brick compound about three miles outside Wana, the main town in South Waziristan. Only U.S.-led coalition forces in Afghanistan are known to operate unmanned drones in the region, and they have launched attacks near the Pakistani border before.

Osama bin Laden and other

senior al-Qaida and Taliban leaders are believed to be hiding out somewhere in the rugged, lawless tribal regions along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Anger about U.S. attacks on militants in the area, which often have tacit approval from President Pervez Musharraf's regime, helped carry the president's opponents to victory in parliamentary elections last month. The new parliament convenes on Monday.

Many Pakistanis believe Musharraf's friendship with the U.S. and tactics in fighting al-Qaida and Taliban militants have only fueled terrorism at home. Witnesses, state TV and intelligence officials said the destroyed building belonged to a local militant leader and Taliban sympathizer who goes by the single name Noorullah.

State-run Pakistan Television said about 20 people were killed. It was unclear whether Noorullah was

among them.

Rahim Khan, a local tribesman who went to the site, said the huge, fortress-like compound was known as a hub for visiting foreign militants.

Eight of those killed were foreigners, two intelligence officials said on condition of anonymity because of the nature of their work. They did not elaborate.

The Pakistani military said there were five or six explosions that caused casualties.

Maj. Chris Belcher, a U.S. military spokesman, said coalition forces conducted an operation Sunday just across the border in Afghanistan's Paktika province.

FBI personnel injured in Saturday's attack

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's capital was on high alert Sunday and embassies reviewed secu-

rity measures after a bomb struck a restaurant crowded with foreigners, killing a Turkish aid worker and wounding at least 12 others, including four FBI personnel.

Saturday's attack appeared to be the first attack targeting foreigners in a recent wave of violence in Pakistan, which has been battling al-Qaida- and Taliban-linked militants.

"Four FBI personnel were slightly injured in the bombing attack in Pakistan," said Special Agent Richard Kolko, an FBI spokesman. "The FBI is providing the necessary assistance to our employees and their families."

The Saturday attack also came at a politically sensitive time — parliament is due to convene Monday, bringing to power foes of U.S.-allied President Pervez Musharraf.

A notice posted on the U.S. Embassy's Web site late Saturday urged Americans "to avoid areas where Westerners are known to con-

gregate and to maintain a low profile," also noting that "American citizens should stay alert, be aware of their surroundings, reduce travel to a minimum, and act self-defensively at all times."

U.S. policy prohibits families of American diplomats from accompanying them on assignment in Pakistan, but most other countries allow it.

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Kay Mayfield could not comment on whether the U.S. was taking measures such as sending home nonessential employees.

"Embassies are reviewing their security practices and the guidance they give to their employees," Mayfield said.

Concrete barriers lined the streets Sunday of the upscale neighborhood around the Luna Caprese restaurant, a popular spot for expatriates in Islamabad and one of the few that serves alcohol.

WORLD | PROTESTS

Dalai Lama warns of cultural genocide

The Associated Press

TONGREN, China — Protests spread from Tibet into three neighboring provinces Sunday as Tibetans defied a Chinese government crackdown, while the Dalai Lama decried what he called the "cultural genocide" taking place in his homeland.

Demonstrations widened to Tibetan communities in Sichuan, Qinghai and Gansu provinces, forcing authorities to mobilize security forces across a broad expanse of western China.

In Tongren, riot police sent to prevent protests set off tensions when they took up positions outside a monastery.

In a sign that authorities were preparing for trouble, AP and other foreign journalists were ordered out of

the Tibetan parts of Gansu and Qinghai provinces by police who told them it was for their safety.

Meanwhile, police in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, searched buildings as a Monday deadline loomed for people who took part in a violent anti-Chinese uprising last week to surrender or face severe punishment.

Speaking from India, the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetans, called for an international investigation into China's crackdown on demonstrators in Lhasa, which his exiled government claims left 80 people dead.

China's state media has said 10 civilians were killed.

"Whether intentionally or unintentionally, some kind of cultural genocide is taking place," said the Dalai Lama, referring to an influx of

Chinese migration into Tibetan areas and restrictions on Buddhist practices — policies that have generated deep resentment among Tibetans.

Tensions also boiled outside the county seat of Aba in Sichuan province when armed police tried to stop Tibetan monks from protesting, according to a witness who refused to give his name.

The witness said a policeman had been killed, and three or four police vans had been set on fire. Eight bodies were brought to a nearby monastery while others reported that up to 30 protesters had been shot, according to activist groups the Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy and the London-based Free Tibet Campaign.

The claims could not be confirmed.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

At least four workers killed in crane accident

NEW YORK — Rescuers dug through debris Sunday for three people still missing in the rubble and wreckage left when a construction crane toppled across a city block and killed at least four construction workers.

Among the missing were two workers and a woman who was staying in an apartment at a townhouse flattened by the crane. Twenty-four others were injured, said Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Eight remained hospitalized Sunday, officials said.

US military deaths in Iraq comes close to 4,000

As of Sunday, at least 3,988 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes eight military civilians.

The AP count is 10 more than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday morning.

STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Man charged in death of Good Samaritan

CHICAGO — Chicago police say a 24-year-old man from Guinea faces charges in connection with the fatal hit-and-run of a man who had just rescued a woman from two men who were kicking her.

Officers say Boubacar Bah was charged early Sunday with reckless homicide and leaving the scene of an accident. He had turned himself in to officers who were searching for the driver who struck and killed 26-year-old Thomas Dalof on Chicago's North Side.

\$2 million bail set for man charged in stabbing

WHEATON — Robert Lyon, 35, fatally stabbed his mother, 61-year-old Linda Bolek, in the back nine times, then poured household chemicals on her body, prosecutors say.

DuPage County Circuit Judge Thomas Riggs set Lyon's bail at \$2 million and appointed the public defender's office to represent him.

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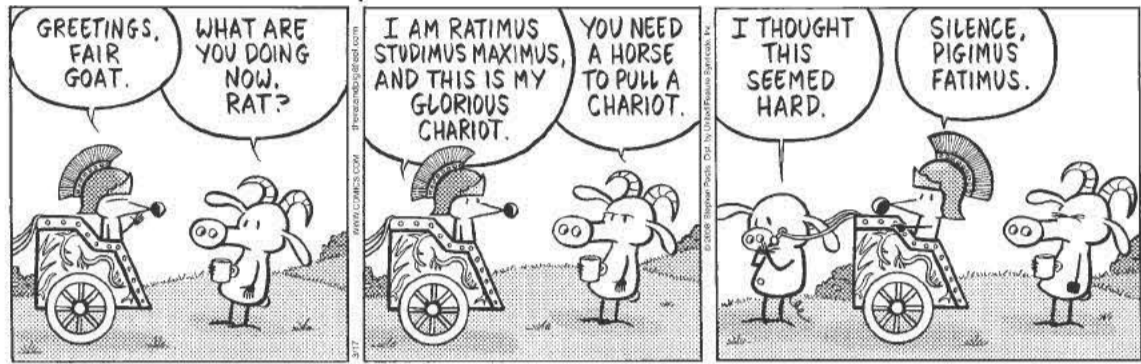
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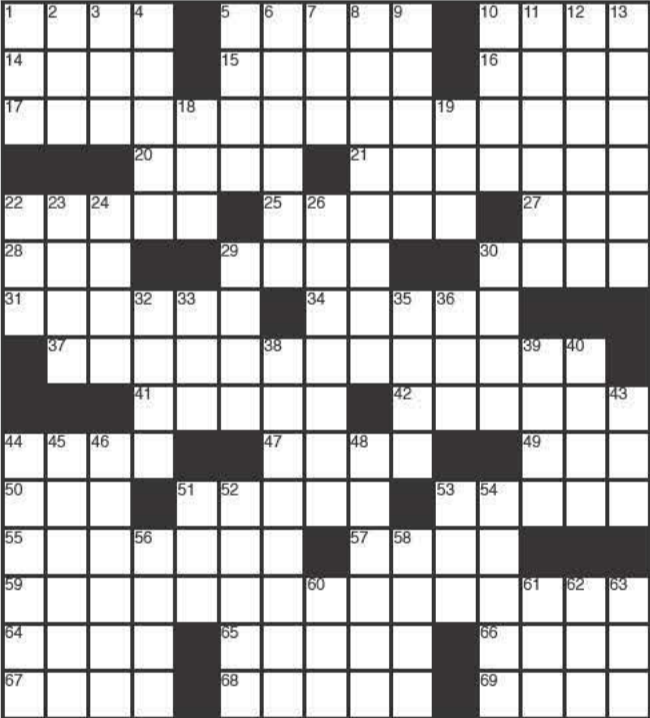
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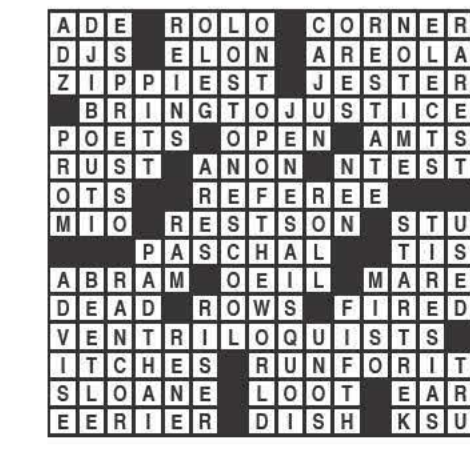
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 - 5 Like a score of 10 out of 10
 - 10 Speedy
 - 14 "Star Wars" princess
 - 15 Dated yet trendy
 - 16 Knowing of
 - 17 "See you again!"
 - 20 Longtime CBS and NBC newsman Roger
 - 21 Touchdown destination
 - 22 Blacktops
 - 25 Tricky curves
 - 27 Bud's partner in comedy
 - 28 Had dinner
 - 29 ___ B'rith
 - 30 Coarse file
 - 31 "Veni, vidi, vici" speaker
 - 34 The "R" of NPR
 - 37 "See you again!"
 - 41 Henry Blake's rank on "M*A*S*H": Abbr.
 - 42 Many IM recipients
 - 44 Letterhead design
 - 47 "___ Green" (Kermit the Frog song)
 - 49 Snooze
 - 50 In the style of
- DOWN**
- 1 Outdated
 - 2 Recent: Prefix
 - 3 The Reds, on scoreboards
 - 4 Words on a Wonderland cake
 - 5 Steamed
 - 6 Muffle, as a sound
 - 7 U.F.O. fliers
 - 8 Kind of well
 - 9 Michaels of "Saturday Night Live"
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- 24 Swerve
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- 29 ___-a-brac
- 30 Stir up
- 32 Lindbergh's classic flight, e.g.
- 33 Fitting
- 35 Actress Cannon
- 36 "How was ___ know?"
- 38 Duke or earl
- 39 Restroom door word
- 40 Chapters in history
- 43 Austin Powers, e.g.
- 44 Perry Mason, e.g.
- 45 Clinton cabinet member Hazel
- 46 Gasoline unit
- 48 Weather map line
- 51 Tic-___-toe
- 52 Cattle branding tools
- 53 Lighter and pen maker
- 54 Perfectly pitched
- 56 A polar bear might be found on one
- 58 Valley
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» Momentum

FROM PAGE 12

"I knew it was going to be a game of runs," said Murray State head coach Jody Adams. "It was going to be our mentality and how we were going to handle (Eastern's) runs. Were we going to get caught up in what they were doing great and what we were not doing so great, or were we going to make the changes?"

The Racers made the changes.

Guffey hit a 3-pointer from the left wing to start the second half and extended Murray State's lead to 34-21, but Eastern went on a 10-1 run to draw within four points with 14:53 remaining in the game.

"At halftime we were really disappointed with how we played, clearly," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "More than missing the shots that we missed in the first half to bury us, between our ears we weren't as good as we wanted to be and we have been during this run."

But the Racers answered back from the free-throw line and from beyond the arc and outscored Eastern 34-27 in the final 14 minutes.

"We began to attack their rim, and we began to put them on their heels," Adams said. "I like the way we handled ourselves with those runs, and it worked in the end for us against a very good team."

Sallee said Eastern came out at the beginning of the second half with the aggression the Panthers normally play with.

He said hitting a couple shots and working the ball into junior forward Rachel Galligan fed Eastern's momentum.

Eastern continued to feed Galligan the ball in the post even as the Racers' lead grew and time ticked off the clock.

"They were guarding her with a 5-7 kid," Sallee said. "Would you throw it to her? Would you take a 3 if you knew the 2 was against a 5-7 kid? We had to try and get quick scores at that point."

But Galligan was not always guarded by a Murray State player who was six inches shorter than her 6-foot-2 frame.

The Racers tried to contain Galligan with 6-foot-5 senior center Angela Brown until Brown fouled out of the game with six minutes left in the second half.

Galligan said she knew before the game started it would be physical, and Murray State would focus its defensive pressure on her.

"That's nothing new," Galligan said. "I'm used to it. I knew if I was just physical, going up strong going after the ball, that they'd foul me. It's always tough going against Murray. They're physical. They're bigger than me, but that's why they're good."

That physical nature extended to all aspects of the game. Players on both teams hit the floor for loose balls and battled for rebounds.

Murray State senior guard Alaina Lee said because it was a championship game, the intensity was higher.

"You're fighting for a championship," Lee said. "Both teams want it. We both banged, but I think we matched their intensity and we matched their competitiveness. It was definitely physical and a lot of people on the floor, but it was all worth it."

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Eastern sophomore guard Jessica Huffman drives past Murray State junior guard Amber Guffey in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship on March 8 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

» Title

FROM PAGE 12

Guffey's last 3-pointer extended Murray State's lead to 54-45.

Racer junior forward Ashley Hayes added 17 points, and senior guard Alaina Lee chipped in 15 points. Only two other Racers scored.

"They just put so many talented players on the floor," Sallee said. "Ashley Hayes is such a bear to guard with her dribble drive and pull-up (jump shot). You have to help, and you have to expend so much energy that when they kick it out and they hit those shots they make it very tough to guard."

Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan led the Panthers with 23 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore forward Maggie Kloak added nine points, and junior forward Lindsey Kluempers and red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards scored seven points each.

Galligan shot 4-of-12 from the field, but finished 15-of-16 at the free-throw line.

Galligan said every time Eastern plays Murray State, she thinks she is going to get to the free throw line often.

"I really felt it was going to be

BRADY SALLEE | EASTERN HEAD COACH ON DEPTH OF MURRAY STATE

"They just put so many talented players on the floor."

tough to get my shots off," Galligan said.

The Panthers' coach agreed.

"Every time we play Murray State, it's going to be physical," Sallee said.

Galligan finished her junior season with 500 points, the most by a Panther since 2002.

Galligan broke Eastern's career free-throw record and tied the Eastern single-game mark for free throws made for the second time this season. She also established a new single-season record for free throws made for the second year in a row. Her 15 free throws made in the loss represent an OVC Tournament record. Her 28-of-31 showing in Eastern's three tourney games was also a record for free throws made.

Galligan represented Eastern on the OVC All-Tournament Team.

Murray State led 31-21 at halftime.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Murray State 69, Eastern 58

EASTERN (19-13)
Kluempers 2-3 2-2 7, Galligan 4-12 15-16 23, Canale 3-12 0-0 6, Edwards 2-4 2-2 7, Sims 1-9 0-0 2, Huffman 1-2 0-0 2, Sturtevant 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 1-5 0-0 2, Kloak 1-5 7-8 9. Totals 15-53 26-28 58.

MURRAY STATE (24-7)
Hayes 5-16 7-10 17, Brown 1-1 1-2 3, Guffey, A., 7-11 10-12 27, Petty 3-13 0-2 7, Lee 2-9 11-12 15, Matthews 0-1 0-0 0.

Halftime: Murray State 31-21. **3-pointers:** MUR 4-17 (Guffey, A., 3-6); Eastern 2-13 (two with one made). **Turnovers:** MUR 10 (Guffey, A., 5), Eastern 15 (Canale 4). **Fouls:** MUR 21, Eastern 26. **Tech:** None. **Note:** Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship game.

Murray State's speed echoed the Racers' namesake in the first half. The Racers had eight steals in the first half. Petty had six steals for the game.

"I knew it was going to be a game of runs and one of our keys, and it was going to be our mentality and how we were going to handle the run," said Murray State head coach Jody Adams.

Murray State lost in last year's OVC Tournament Championship, 62-60, to Southeast Missouri.

"We wanted to get back to this position because we knew we could win it – we could go all the way if we worked hard," Hayes said.

The Panthers will be in a similar position for next season.

All but one player, senior Brittney Coleman, will return next year.

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» Richey

FROM PAGE 12

Galligan was called for a double dribble, and Murray State regained possession.

Orr let this situation play out in front of her without saying a word.

Apparently, she didn't think she had blown her whistle.

But she did. Orr was the closest referee to the action and was mere feet from Galligan on the right baseline.

Galligan was not the only person at Municipal Auditorium to hear a whistle. I heard it. The Eastern bench heard it.

That was the question among the members of the press after the game ended.

Did you hear a whistle? And the answer was a resounding yes.

The mantra in all sports is to keep playing until the whistle blows, but the OVC Tournament Championship game presented another idea for athletes to keep in mind: Keep playing until an official stops you.

This is where Galligan went wrong.

Whether Orr blew her whistle or not, the small shrug and shake of her head meant play on.

The best choice for Galligan at that point would have been to pass the ball off to a teammate and reset the offense.

You can't pick up your dribble in basketball and then start dribbling again.

It's one of the rudimentary fundamentals taught to all basketball players.

It's a rule that must hold true, even when it seems the official has stopped play with their whistle.

Until the game is stopped for good, you have to keep going.

The phantom whistle was not the only questionable call Orr made during the game.

She called a defensive blocking foul on Murray State just as the shot clock expired on Eastern. Her whistle and the buzzer sounded nearly simultaneously in the first half.

Murray State head coach Jody Adams took issue to the call. As she should have.

Not only was it a questionable foul – a no-call would have been sufficient because of the contact on both sides – but Adams was correct when she questioned whether the foul had occurred before the shot clock showed no time remaining.

This is not the first time Eastern has had Orr running the sideline during its games.

Orr was also one of the referees during Eastern's 46-41 loss at Southeast Missouri on Feb. 14.

That game featured a total of 44 turnovers, several of which were traveling calls. The game dragged on forever, and the players weren't allowed to play the game.

Eastern had 27 of those turnovers.

Some were the result of errant passes, others from offensive fouls, which is typical in a college basketball game.

But several were traveling violations. Orr used her whistle that night, calling travel after travel, turnover after turnover.

It would not stop that night.

She used her whistle again in the championship game.

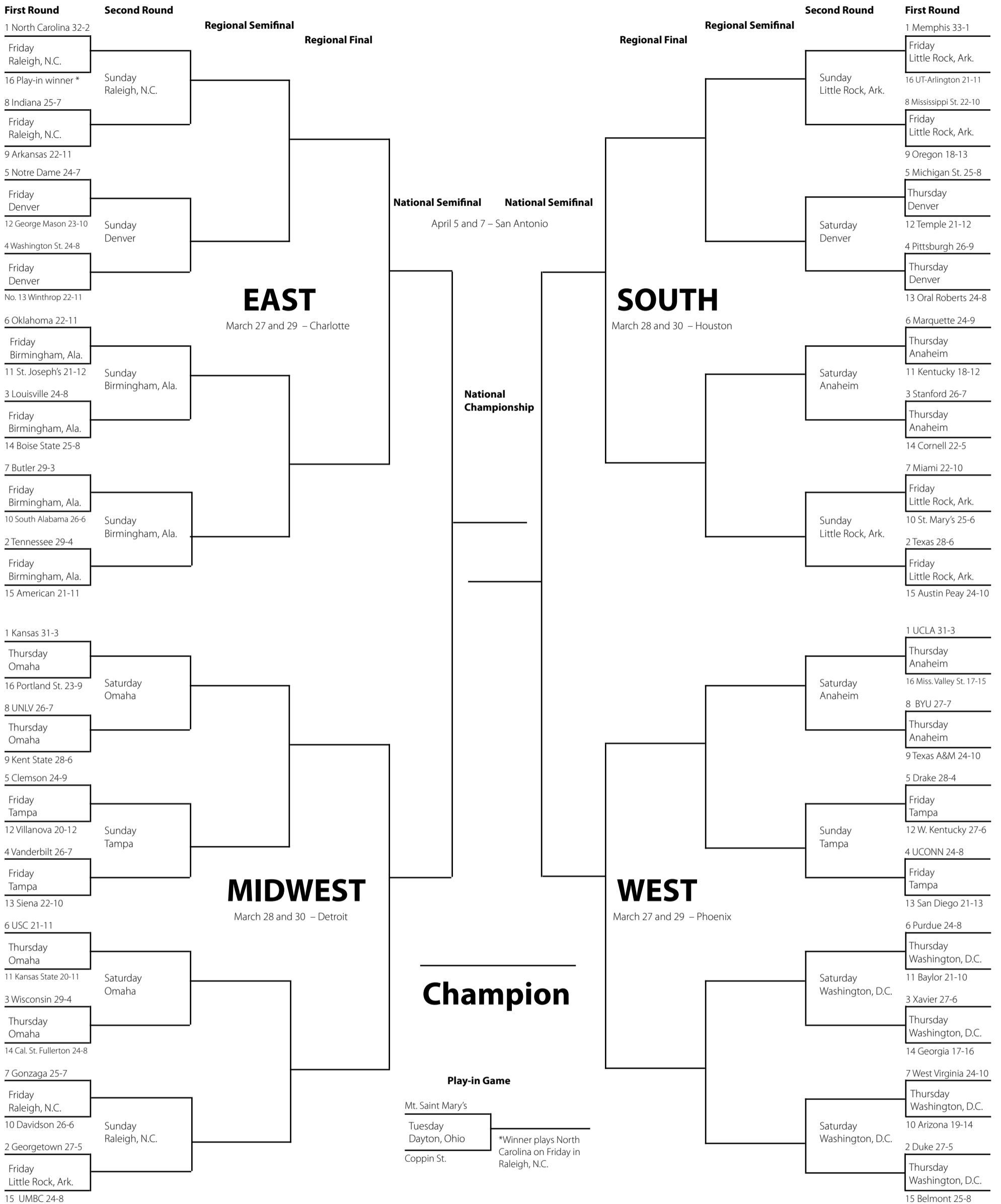
Well, maybe, she did.

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PHOTO GALLERY

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2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Bracket



PANTHER BRIEFS

Men's basketball player will transfer to Quincy

Eastern men's basketball forward Justin Brock will transfer to Quincy and the sophomore will be eligible to play basketball for the Division II Hawks next season.

Eastern senior forward Bobby Catchings said Brock told individual team members he planned to transfer a few days after the Panthers beat Samford 64-61 to end their season.

Brock suffered a stress fracture in his foot that limited him to just three games this season.

Softball wins first OVC series

The Eastern softball team won the Ohio Valley Conference opening series against Tennessee State.

Eastern lost 5-2 and won 3-2 on Sunday in a double header. Eastern (6-11, 2-1 OVC) won 2-1 on Saturday.

Baseball has successful trip

The Eastern baseball team (5-9) went 5-3 at the Florida All-Star Challenge in Bradenton, Fla., last week.

Track finishes indoor season

Junior David Holm placed fourth in his subsection of the 800-meter run at the NCAA Last Chance Meet on March 7 at the University of Notre Dame. Holm's time of 1 minute, 50.78 seconds was his personal best and the second best time in Eastern history.

Junior Jenna Uhe was the only Eastern women's track athlete to compete. She placed fourth in the long jump.

Women's tennis loses

The Eastern women's tennis team (6-2) lost 7-0 on Wednesday to Mississippi State in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Men's tennis wins

The Eastern men's tennis team beat Xavier (La.) 7-2 in New Orleans on Thursday, pushing its season record to 6-5.

Men's golf finishes in top five

The Eastern men's golf team fin-

ished fourth out of 11 teams at the Butler North-South Invitational on March 11-12 at the Jacksonville Golf Course in Jacksonville, Fla.

Women's golf ties for sixth

The Eastern women's golf team also competed at the Butler North-South Invitational on March 11-12 at the Jacksonville Golf Course in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Panthers tied for sixth place of 12 teams.

NATIONAL SPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA Women's Basketball
Selection Show |
6 tonight on ESPN

NBA

Chicago at New Orleans |
7 tonight on Comcast SportsNet

TRIPLE THREAT



Tom O'Connor

George Mason Athletic Director Tom O'Connor (above) is the chairman of the NCAA Tournament selection committee. Like most years, the selection committee makes decisions on at-large tournament bids that college basketball fans heartily disagree with. Here are three teams that in no way, shape or form should have been selected for the 2008 NCAA Tournament.

1. Oregon — The Ducks (18-13) finished sixth in the Pac-10 Conference. Oregon lost in the quarterfinals of the Pac-10 Conference Tournament and is ranked 58th in the RPI ratings. Illinois State (24-9 and 32nd in the RPI) deserved Oregon's spot.

2. Arizona — The Wildcats (19-14) were the seventh best team in the Pac-10 Conference and lost in the quarterfinals of the Pac-10 Conference Tournament. Arizona (40th in the RPI) had the second strongest schedule in the nation, but Dayton (21-10 and 34th in the RPI) had quality wins against Louisville, Pittsburgh, Temple and Saint Joseph's (all tourney teams).

3. Kentucky — The Wildcats (18-12) lost in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament to Georgia — who had not won back-to-back SEC games until the tournament. Kentucky is ranked 59th in the RPI, and other bubble teams like Massachusetts (21-10, 42nd in the RPI) might have been more deserving.

—Scott Richey



SCOTT RICHEY

Call should not decide outcome

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan stopped driving toward the basket.

She picked up the ball and looked expectantly to referee Robin Orr midway through the first half of the Ohio Valley Conference Championship on March 8 against Murray State at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

Galligan picked up her dribble because it seemed a whistle was blown.

Orr responded with a half shrug and just the slightest shake of her head.

Galligan then made a mistake. She dribbled the ball again, intent on getting to the basket.

This time another whistle was blown loud and clear.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | MURRAY STATE 69, EASTERN 58



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Eastern red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards dribbles the ball against Murray State senior guard Alaina Lee. Edwards and the Panthers lost 69-58 in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship on March 8 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

PANTHERS' TITLE HOPES SLIP AWAY

Racers run away with championship

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Eastern women's basketball team couldn't cut into Murray State's deficit.

And at the end of the game, they couldn't cut down the nets, either.

Murray State senior guard Shalea Petty put up a running jumper in the lane with 1 minute, 39 seconds remaining in the game.

The shot hit, and Eastern was too far down with too little time left.

Petty's jumper put the Racers ahead by 11 points and Eastern never recovered from the deficit as the Panthers lost, 69-58, in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship on March 8 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

It was the first time Eastern had ever been in an OVC Tournament Championship game.

Murray State (24-7) earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament with the win.

Murray State had too much momentum and was more efficient from the field.

The Racers shot 35 percent from

the field and 29-of-38 (76 percent) from the free-throw line.

Eastern (19-13) had trouble from the field.

The Panthers shot 28 percent (15-53), which included 2-of-13 from three-point range.

Even down at the end of the game, Eastern didn't rely on 3-pointers.

"I think our team also understand there's been games where we haven't shot the 3 very, very well," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "Clearly, we didn't shoot it very well today, so the last thing we were going to do was clang it up there just to clang it up there."

Sallee said Murray State's game plan affected the Panthers' shooting.

"This is a little bit different stage," Sallee said. "When you shoot 28 percent, it's hard to beat a team like Murray State."

Murray State junior guard Amber Guffey, the OVC Tournament's Most Valuable Player, led the Racers with 27 points and hit all three 3-pointers in the second half. She finished 3-of-6 from three-point range.

"We didn't have it in our game plan to guard Guffey from the concession stand, and she hit a couple from there," Sallee said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ADJUSTMENTS

Momentum carries Murray State to win

Racers pull past Eastern multiple times in intense battle

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Murray State junior guard Amber Guffey made a fast break layup to score the Racers' first points 30 seconds into the Ohio Valley Conference Championship game at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn., on March 8.

Nearly three minutes later, Murray State junior forward Ashley Hayes hit a 15-foot jumper from the right elbow to extend the Racers' lead to 4-0 with 16 minutes, 48 seconds remaining in the

first half. Nine minutes into the game the score was tied 9-9.

Neither team had found much offensive momentum.

Both teams were missing shots and turning the ball over.

Murray State was in the midst of a 14-2 run that started with two free throws by Guffey to bring the Racers within one point at 7-6, and culminated with Guffey at the line, making another free throw on the back end of a three-point play.

The Racers ended this run with an 18-9 lead they would not relinquish as they went on to win 69-58 and earned the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

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Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan attempts a free throw during the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship on March 8 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn. Galligan led the Panthers with 23 points in their 69-58 loss. She finished 15-of-16 from the free-throw line.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL

Tuesday at Ball State (DH) |
1 p.m. — Muncie, Ind.

BASEBALL

Tuesday vs. Monmouth College |
2 p.m. — Coaches Stadium

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Tuesday at Western Illinois |
3 p.m. — Macomb

BASEBALL

Friday vs. Morehead State (DH) |
Noon — Coaches Stadium

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Friday vs. Tennessee-Martin |
1 p.m. — Darling Courts