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UNIVERSITY | SURVEY

Results from survey show positives

Parking cited as negative aspect

By **EMILY ZULZ**
Associate News Editor

Eastern's greatest strengths, according to the results of the survey done by Stamats, Inc. and University Marketing and Communication, include personal attention, class size and the universities academic programs, said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

Stamats, a higher education research and consulting firm, sent a survey electronically via e-mail to alumni, current students, prospective students, and faculty and staff on Sept. 25.

The purpose of the survey was to ensure that the different groups that Eastern interacts with think about the university the same way it views itself.

The survey had 4,733 responses total, and of that were 145 prospective students; 1,660 current students; 447 faculty, administrators and staff; and 2,481 alumni.

Stacia Lynch, director of university marketing and communications, said the response rates overall were good.

"Obviously, we would love to have more information from prospective students, but right now that's a very difficult group for us to contact and then engage in a meaningful way for this type of research," Lynch said. "Those respondents may, or may not, end up here."

Lynch said she felt positive about the results of the survey.

"We cannot move EIU forward without establishing a baseline," Lynch said. "This survey allowed us to see and hear what our constituencies think about us."

Nilsen said all four groups were asked a series of similar questions.

One part of the survey asked participants to rate their perceptions on a list of statements about Eastern on a scale of one to five, one being very poor and five being very good.

"The statements that received the most positive perceptions were that the campus was accessible, that people on campus are very friendly and that students receive personal attention from faculty," Nilsen said.

Nilsen said the statement with the lowest evaluation was the accessibility of parking on campus.

In a fill-in-the-blank portion of the survey, participants were asked in one or two words what Eastern's greatest weaknesses were.

One common answer was the location, Nilsen said. That Charleston is not a college town.

"Now, we're not sure exactly what that means," Nilsen said. "That's something we have to look into a little bit more."

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NATION | INAUGURATION



SCOTT STRAZZANTE | MCT

President-elect Barack Obama delivers a speech at the Obama Inauguration Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Sunday. He will be sworn-in today as the 44th president of the United States.

Projecting a new term

Inauguration Day brings campus together

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

History will be broadcast on many television screens throughout the campus community today, as Barack Obama becomes the first African American president of the United States today.

Several organizations on campus plan to bring students, faculty and community members together to watch the events unfold throughout the day.

The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Panther Catering and divisions of Student Affairs will sponsor and host a large-screen viewing of the Presidential Inauguration at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

Colleen Peterlich, assistant director for the union, said the inauguration's event would be projected from

a screen live from their computer.

"It is a very large screen and we will have tables and chairs," she said. "So it's like a come when you can, stay as long as you want type of event."

Peterlich said several students and staff members suggested the program, and the union took the suggestions into action.

"I think that this is a part of the union's job, and that is making this the place for people to feel comfortable being together with faculty, staff and students," she said. "We have tables and chairs for 200 people, which is a good amount, and we are just hoping it is going to be full all day and that it will be an exciting time."

Peterlich said this is an important day for the campus community to come together and witness it.

"It's history," she said. "For some freshmen this is their first inauguration they probably have paid attention to because of age. This is a wonderful service that the union is

doing."

Also today, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. Theta Gamma chapter are sponsors of an event called "PolObama" that will celebrate Inauguration Day.

The event will take place at 4 p.m. at the fraternity's house in Greek court.

Keith Wise, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. said the organization has shown their support for Barack Obama throughout the school year by sponsoring the "Dollar for Obama Campaign."

"We decided to continue and do another political event for this semester," said the senior history major. "It's a great way to start off the school year."

As it is stated on their flyers, the event is complementary and a casual dress code is required.

Wise said the Inauguration is a classy event.

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CAMPUS | CONCERT

Lupe Fiasco to head Spring Concert

Possible opening act negotiations still ongoing

Staff Report

University Board sent out a press release Friday announcing Lupe Fiasco as this year's spring concert.

The rap artist will perform at 8 p.m. on April 4 in Lantz Arena.

According to the press release, the UB Concerts Committee is still negotiating a possible opening act, which has not been decided yet.

Lupe Fiasco was one of four bands UB was considering. Ben Folds, T-Pain and Jack's Mannequin were also considered.

In 2006, Lupe Fiasco was nominated for three Grammy Awards including Best Rap Album, Best Solo Rap Performance and Best Song for "Kick Push."

His first album was titled "Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor." Lupe Fiasco's second album "The Cool" was released in 2007 and contains the hit single "Superstar."

He is currently nominated for four Grammy's at this year's awards show scheduled for Feb. 8. He is nominated for Best Rap Solo Performance, Best Rap/Sung Collaboration for "Superstar," Best Rap song for "Superstar" and Best Rap Album for "The Cool."

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for students with an ID and \$20 for the general public.

Tickets go on sale March 2 to students and March 9 for the general public and can be purchased at the ticket office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union or by calling 581-5122.

UNIVERSITY | COSTS

Budget future uncertain as politics takes priority

Governor proposed 2.5 percent budget cut for universities

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

The status of the university's budget remains foggy as the General Assembly shifts focus to the current impeachment trial of Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

The governor proposed a 2.5 percent budget cut for the state's colleges and universities. Notification to reserve the funds was sent from the Illinois Board of Higher Education on Nov. 26. The proposal has not been passed by the General Assembly and, therefore, remains on reserve.

"They have until June 30 to decide for the fiscal year of 2009,"

said William Weber, associate vice president for academic affairs. "But the sooner the better for us, because by that time most of the money will have been spent and it could cause problems for future budgeting."

Weber and President Bill Perry both agreed that the current political climate has consumed the time of the legislature in the state. The state's budget, though extremely important, has most likely lost priority with the scandal in Springfield, Weber said.

With the future unclear on the 2.5 percent on reserve, the budget office does not have enough solid information to focus on for the fiscal year 2010 budget.

"We don't know if we will have to give this money back, if it will be returned in the next fiscal year or if this will be a permanent cut," Weber said. "But we anticipate that

this cut, in the event that the economy remains unstable, will be a permanent one if passed."

Perry and his counsel have outlined that non-safety related maintenance will be the focus of budget cuts adding to the already outstanding deferred maintenance backlog. As of fiscal year 2007, deferred maintenance was budgeted at over \$90 million.

"Deferred maintenance is generally a problem for all universities," Perry said. "We budgeted conservatively and simply delayed some projects that we can afford to delay."

Perry explained that the administration budgets first with an emphasis on safety-related maintenance, then mission critical projects and finally, repair and renovation with no immediate safety need like system updates and other building repair. As to personnel cuts, Weber

explained that lay-offs are not the answer.

"Rather, we look into positions that we can afford not to replace that are left open and where we can expect attrition," Weber said. "But the reality is out of the budget which is over \$100 million, three-quarters goes to personnel."

The personnel budget for 2009 approximately uses more than 76 percent of the universities funds, compared to the 23.6 percent spent on other means. Weber explained that it is policy for department leaders to look into their departments and participate in planning exercises that give options for cut-backs.

"This is where the rumors and panic begin," he said. "But currently we are not facing any lay-offs or major program cuts."

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EIU WEATHER

<p>TUESDAY</p>  <p>25° 15° Mostly Sunny NW 10-15</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>33° 23°</p>	<p>WEATHER BRIEF</p> <p>Cold today but expect temperatures to rise above freezing tomorrow and reach into the low 40s on Thursday. The sun will also stay throughout the rest of the week and weekend.</p>
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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Sharing the flame



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A candle is lit from another before the Martin Luther King Jr. March and Candlelight Vigil in Thomas Hall Monday evening.

DENNEWS.COM | EXTENDED COVERAGE

• After living with the state-wide smoking ban for a year now, students gave some insight to online reporter Sam Sottosanto about the ban and how it has or has not changed their smoking habits. Visit Dennews.com to hear what students have to say about the smoking ban and how it has affected their lives after an entire year.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Sundance doc wants people to know 'it's Cazale'

The Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah — The most star-studded entry at the Sundance Film Festival is a short documentary about an actor whose intense face is known to just about any serious cinema fan but whose name often escapes them.

"I Knew It Was You" features interviews with Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Robert De Niro, Gene Hackman, Richard Dreyfuss, Francis Ford Coppola and others, all paying tribute to the guy whose long, sad face leaves people saying: "I know him. Isn't that Fredo from 'The Godfather'?"

John Cazale made only five films, among them the first two "Godfather" flicks, before dying of cancer at age 42 in 1978.

"Five best-picture nominations. A perfect record," said Richard Shepard, who directed "I Knew It Was You," a 40-minute documentary that premiered in Sundance's short-films program and eventually will air on HBO. "It's insane, isn't it?"

New U2 single hits airwaves

DUBLIN, Ireland — U2 fans, get your boots on. The first song from the band's first album in five years is ready for you to hear.

U2 began broadcasting the up-tempo single "Get On Your Boots" Monday — first on RTE, Ireland's state broadcaster, then for free on the group's Web site.

For decades, U2 has given Irish broadcaster Dave Fanning first dibs to broadcast its singles.

Fanning led his morning RTE 2FM show with the song, which he praised as "a big song with lots of layers, but not overproduced."

The "Get On Your Boots" single goes on sale Feb. 13 in Ireland and shortly thereafter worldwide.

U2's official Web site also lists all 11 title tracks for the new album, "No Line on the Horizon," which will be released Feb. 27 in Ireland, March 2 in many other countries, and March 3 in the United States.

"No Line on the Horizon" was recorded over a two-year period in New York, London, Dublin and Morocco — and is widely forecast to become the biggest-selling album of 2009.

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Student must attend a meeting to formally apply for University to Teacher Education and initiate the selection process. Students who have not previously applied must attend a meeting. The following meetings are available Spring 2009 semester to initiate the selection process.

- Monday, Jan 26, 2009 2-2:50pm 1501 Buzzard Hall
- Tuesday, Feb 24, 2009 6-6:50pm 1501 Buzzard Hall
- Friday, Mar 27, 2009 12-12:50pm 1501 Buzzard Hall
- Thursday, Apr 16, 2009 6-6:50pm 1501 Buzzard Hall
- Wednesday, Apr 29, 2009 5-550pm 1501 Buzzard Hall

Registration is not required

The next opportunity to initiate the selection process and apply for University Admission to Teacher Education will be during the Summer Semester, 2009.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Civil Rights leader commemorated

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

He had a dream.
It was to "let freedom ring."
His name was Martin Luther King, Jr.

Eastern students commemorated the civil rights leader yesterday by marching with burning candles in his honor and then participating in a ceremony afterward.

"He took a stand to uplift the black culture and today we celebrate his legacy by marching in remembrance of him," said Jantelle Horton, a sophomore sociology and African American studies major.

The march and ceremony are an annual affair at Eastern.

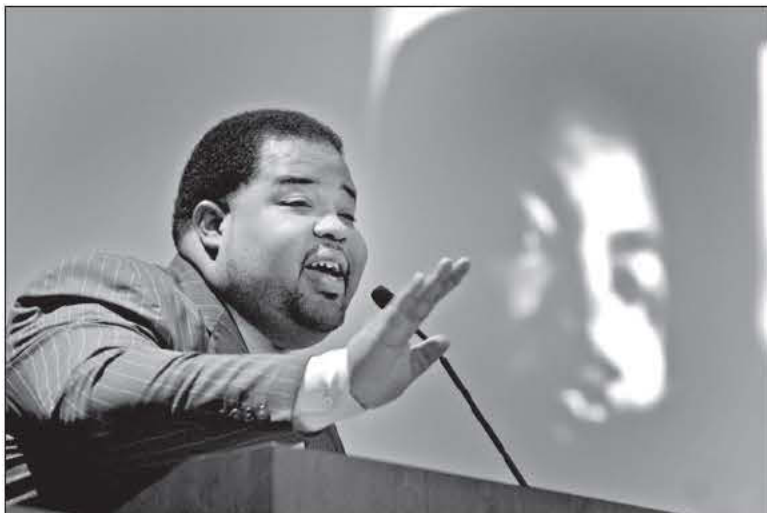
"Dr. King is a pivotal leader and this is how we pay respect to him," said Sterling McKinley, President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Students met in Thomas Hall at 5:30 p.m., received their candles and talked before the march. The candles were donated by the Newman Catholic Center and cups were put on the candles so the wind would not blow out the flames.

Alpha Phi Alpha members marched with their afghan held high while others broke out in song.

Participants marched together with their candles lit to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to participate in a ceremony in the Grand Ballroom. This tradition has been going on since the 1980s.

Cortney Reardanz, a freshman



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Cordell Ingram speaks of the importance of leadership while giving his keynote address during the Martin Luther King Jr. service in the Grand Ballroom of the MLK Jr. University Union on Monday evening.

pre-pharmacy major, said she came to the march/ceremony because she was doing volunteer work earlier in the day and was encouraged to come.

Rachel Fisher, Interim Director of Student Community Service, was the one who told Reardanz about the event.

"It sounded like a wonderful way to appreciate and give honor and respect to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," she said. "I actually organized some volunteer work this afternoon and I think this is a great way to appreciate his legacy."

At the ceremony, William Ridgeway, the first member of Alpha Phi Alpha at Eastern's chapter, was recognized and awards were handed out. This was Alpha Phi Alpha's 40th

anniversary at Eastern and it is special because Alpha Phi Alpha was the first black Greek group on campus. Among the awards were the Annie B. Singleton Award, the Alpha Image Award and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Horton won the Annie B. Singleton award.

"I felt honored knowing that she (Annie B. Singleton) was a very significant woman in the history of Alpha Phi Alpha," Horton said. "I do community service in Chicago and am the director of service for NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) at Eastern."

Mona Davenport, director of minority affairs, won the Alpha Image

Award. The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award was awarded to a Charleston High School student that wrote the best essay on King.

The ceremony also included keynote speaker Cordell Ingram. Ingram is from Decatur and is principal of Roberts Charter School. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

His speech was about shifting a dream into a plan. He stressed that young people should not give excuses and should pursue their dreams. He also talked about how Dr. King was a role model for all.

"He was beaten for his involvement in non-violent protests," Ingram said. "Dr. King had to give his life."

He also mentioned that King was the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize and how he changed his name from Michael to Martin because he wanted to be known by the name of his great father.

"I really like the opportunity of talking to college students," Ingram said. "They are the future leaders and it is a privilege to come over and speak for them."

Dajuan Coleman, member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said he thought Ingram's speech was inspirational.

"He gave great points," he said. "With Obama's Inauguration, this should be seen as a time for no excuses. Obama becoming president was seen as impossible and now, I do think Dr. King's dream has come true and will continue to grow each day."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

BASEketball tournament needs more teams

A BASEketball tournament will be held on Jan. 31 at the Student Recreation Center to benefit local charities.

It will help raise money and non-perishable food donations for the Soup Stop, a local soup kitchen, and the Charleston and Mattoon Food Pantries.

BASEketball is a combination of basketball and baseball. Teams consist of three members plus two subs.

The cost is \$15 per team and 15 canned or non-perishable food items. Additional donations are appreciated.

Sign-up sheets are available to the left of the Student Activities Center entrance in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Registration, money and food items can be dropped off starting today.

Opportunity available for student filmmakers

The African American Heritage Planning Committee will host an informational meeting about a film contest for African American Heritage Month at 5:30 p.m. today. The meeting will be in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Conversations in Color" is a video contest open to the entire campus. Students can enter a three to five minute short film, and three films will be selected to showcase on Feb. 20.

— Compiled by News Editor Matt Hopf and Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

LOCAL | MEETING

City Council to vote on requiring lock boxes

Grant of \$3,125 to rehabilitate houses also on agenda

By JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will vote tonight on a proposal to require some businesses and apartment buildings to have quick-entry lock boxes.

Lock boxes, which can only be opened by firefighters and fire department paramedics, contain building keys and are designed to reduce emergency response time.

But the ordinance on which council members will vote has changed

since it was proposed in December.

"We changed the definition of what was in the box in terms of keys," Mayor John Inyart said.

The ordinance would now require building owners to include keys only for "shared" systems like heating, cooling, alarm systems, electric panels and sprinklers, along with keys to the building's entrance.

It would not require keys to similar systems for individual apartments.

Building owners would also spend less money under the revised ordinance since, unlike the original measure, it does not require a \$50 installation fee.

"We're not trying to make money on this," Inyart said. "We'd rather people put that money toward paying

for the box."

Inyart said lock boxes typically cost between \$140 and \$190.

He also described steps the city is taking to protect the security of buildings with lock boxes, noting that only city firefighters will be able to open the lock boxes.

Each fire truck, he said, will have a keypad-activated box containing a master key for all lock boxes.

"It's a secure system," Inyart said. "Each firefighter will have their own code, so we know who uses the key and at what time."

The council will also decide whether to accept a \$3,125 grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The grant money would be used

for Charleston's HOME Single Family Owner-Occupied Residence program.

"(HOME SFOOR) helps rehabilitate four or five low-income homes, add insulation, siding and fix bathrooms," Inyart said.

The grant money would be used to make those homes more energy-efficient.

"The (city) will provide grant funding to the 2008 HOME SFOOR participants, to replace 'out-dated' and inefficient appliances with new, highly-efficient 'energy-star' appliances," said the IHDA grant program summary.

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BLOTTER

Nick Knoblauch, 18, of Normal, was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia after a 2:44 a.m. Jan. 15 arrest in Carman Hall, said the University Police Department.

John Townley, 18, of Rosemont, was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia from the same incident, police said.

CORRECTION

Student Senate member Chris Kromphardt spoke to the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council about expanding hours at Booth Library, which was incorrectly reported in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

In Friday's edition, Douglas Hall was announced as winner of the Pack the Place competition. Lincoln Hall won.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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BOB BAJEK

President Obama, repeal the Patriot Act

Congratulations, President Obama, on your inauguration as president of the United States of America.

As president, you will be faced with the difficult challenge of winning over voters like me, who disagree with your views on social, economic and foreign policy.

However, you said it yourself countless times that your presidency is about change, about the political grassroots network you have attempted to foster and about being a president who unites differences.

Mr. President, in order to fulfill the oath you are taking to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," it is vital to repeal the USA Patriot Act and further legislation infringing on our rights as American citizens.

Now, as a professor imparting constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School for 12 years, you should be able to easily follow my qualms with this type of legislation. The original Patriot Act was passed on Oct. 26, 2001, and had many forms of constitutional breaches, such as hidden wiretaps, and searches and seizures without a warrant bypass the Fourth Amendment. The National Security Letter in that same statute demands records without a court order of United States citizens' library records while proceeding to put a gag order on the librarians, again violating the Fourth Amendment. You might say, "Well, Mr. Bajek, I voted yes in important revisions to the Patriot Act that was renewed in 2006 to protect your and other Americans freedoms." Well, there are inconsistencies with that reply.

Chip Pitts, an international attorney and lecturer at Stanford University Law School, still sees flaws in the law. During its revision, he writes in *The Nation* that the Patriot Act still violates the First Amendment (peaceful dissent), the Fifth (potentially indefinite detention without due process), and Sixth (speedy trial guarantees).

"The government has initiated deportation proceedings against even lawful permanent residents for engaging in constitutionally protected speech reflecting viewpoints with which the government disagrees," Pitts said.

Even federal judges are concerned, my Commander in Chief. Victor Marrero, a New York district judge, ruled against the National Security Letter gagging librarians, flouting the First and Fourth Amendments.

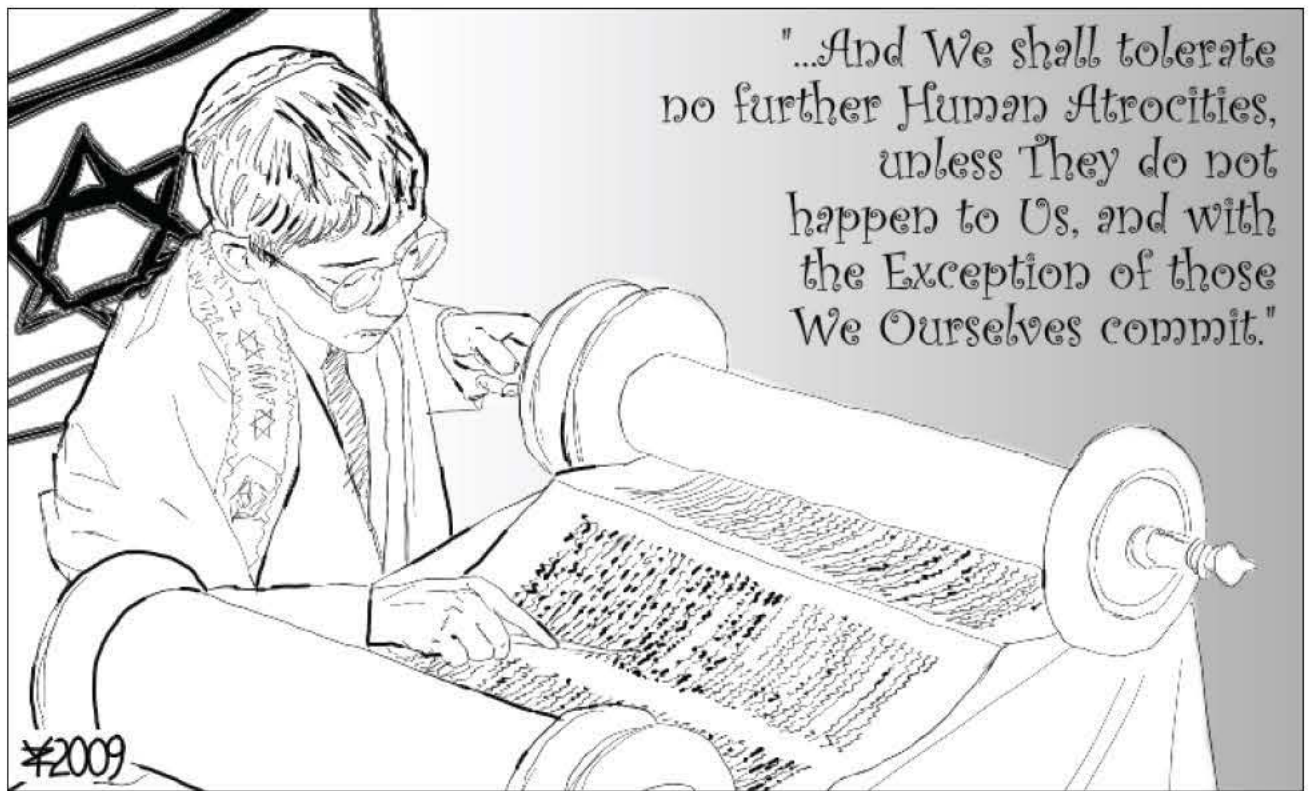
"By the high degree of deference to the executive that the Government here contends (the NSL provision of the Patriot Act) demands of the courts," Marrero argued, "When the judiciary lowers its guard on the Constitution, it opens the door to far-reaching invasions of liberty."

Marrero is right, President Obama. One piece of future legislation being considered now is the Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act. This bill, if passed, would broaden the range of the term "terrorist" to include anyone who could use strong-armed tactics to force the government to change policy; thus, limiting our First Amendment rights of protest.

As a concerned citizen, I ask you, Mr. President, to end the abuse of the Constitution at the strangling hands of the Patriot Act and similar legislation.

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Drawn from the News | Yotam Zohar



STAFF EDITORIAL

Inauguration Day: Bring on the hope and change

Today history will be made.

At about 11:00 a.m. CST, Barack Hussein Obama will be sworn in as the 44th president of the United States and the nation's first black president.

Yet, before he takes power, some people are quick to criticize the administration without even fully understanding the significance of this inauguration, nor do they have any knowledge of even the first thing Obama's team will act upon.

It's OK to disagree with Obama's policies. Nobody is forcing you to agree with his administration.

However, it seems foolish to quickly write him off without knowing what he is capable of accomplishing in this position.

After all, could it get any worse?

George W. Bush was elected in 2000 in what is remembered as one of the most controversial elections in American history.

This new Republican administration was a far cry from the eight years of a Democrat White House under Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

After 9/11, Bush was hailed as an American hero for the courage he displayed and the defiant stand he took against al-Qaeda.

Little did we know what a mess the Bush administration would make in the next eight years, tarnishing U.S. foreign relations for the greater part of this decade.

But today, that group is relieved of its duties and free to pursue a "normal" life, however they describe it.

Today, we say goodbye to eight years of corruption and outright lies and welcome a new administration that reaches across the aisles for the betterment of a brighter democracy: Change and hope.

"Dissent is the highest form of patriotism," historian Howard Zinn said (the phrase is commonly misattributed to Thomas Jefferson).

Based on the actions of the Bush White House since 2003, critics of the administration use this phrase to justify problems they take up with issues such as the Iraq War.

The difference between criticisms of Bush and Obama is

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that people actually know Bush made mistakes and that he deserves to be chastised for them.

Whereas criticism of Bush is based on solid evidence and is subsequently supported by it, it's pessimistic to automatically assume the Obama administration won't live up to expectations and will fail the American people.

It's fascinating that people can be so critical of an administration that hasn't even been sworn in yet.

It's even more outrageous that people have the audacity to complain after eight years under the rule of a president with the lowest approval ratings of all time.

Is it fear? Is it uncertainty? Have the last eight years just made you paranoid?

Fair is fair: If the Obama administration actually turns out to be worse than expected, then every American will be justified in criticizing them.

But for now, this is no time to be overly critical.

Today is the day we all stand behind Obama and support him as he takes on the most challenging political endeavor he's ever faced, going against a volatile Middle East and a floundering economy.

If we really want to pull ourselves out of this rut, then it's time to stand behind the man we elected to lead us out of it.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CARTOON MISSES MARK

Perhaps Ian Winston should have done his research (even a simple Google search) before submitting the distasteful cartoon that ran in last Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Irwin, as in Steve Irwin, is spelled with an "I", not an "E."

Furthermore, I am shocked that such a glaring error would have eluded the trained eyes of the copy editors at *The DEN*.

How embarrassing.

I am, of course, assuming that the cartoonist was referring to the Steve Irwin that was killed by a stingray, and not the

recording artist from Maine whose last name is in fact spelled with an "E."

If this was the case, I stand corrected and humbly retract my criticism of the cartoon in question.

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» Inauguration

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"We want people to step up their standards in general," he said. "If you were in Washington you would be dressed as accordingly also."

The inauguration events will be shown on a flat screen television mounted in the fraternity's house and hors d'oeuvres will be present for people to snack on.

"We will have everything in the living room area," Wise said. "There will be a few couches for people to just watch the speech. We want

the main thing people see is the speech."

Wise said he wants the campus community to come together and understand the magnitude of this day.

"When Obama won, people rushed out to the quad and celebrated," he said. "We want people

to come with that same experience also and be like, 'Wow, it's a black man in office,' and not just black people, but everyone."

Wise said he thought he would never see this day come when an African American man would be elected to office as president of the United States.

"It's a date I thought I would never live to see," he said. "I have fought for things like racism on this campus and just to see something like this. It's just an inspiring thing to see."

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» Budget

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Weber said the administration and the budget office have been working diligently to expect the worst-case scenarios to arise in the economic future. Beginning in December of 2007, the university was already con-

sidering the possible implications of an economic recession.

"We anticipated the recession's impact and basically figured that the increase we had received in our general revenue funds, which are given by the state in tax appropriations, would possibly have to be given back," Weber said. "The 2.5 percent is almost equal to the increase we received."

The budget office believes that if the 2.5 percent becomes a permanent cut they will not be receiving the full request for the 2010 budget. Weber said the 2010 budget is really the main focus of the office right now. They have already begun planning for reserve requests estimated by the IBHE.

"What we have to look forward to is the possibility of a stim-

ulus package from the federal side of things," Weber said. "President Obama has made it clear that his administration will attempt to aid higher education through a stimulus package, and we hope that we will be able to get our hands on some of those funds."

The House of Representatives proposed an \$825 billion stimulus package that would aid postsec-

ondary education on Thursday, Jan. 15. However, how the funds will be appropriated has been criticized because of the large scope of the funds, the vagueness of the language about distribution and the anticipation of the Senate's version of the stimulus package.

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» Stamats

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The second most often weakness cited was parking.

Another portion of the survey asked for the most well-known academic program of Eastern.

"Overwhelmingly, every group cited education, teacher's certification," Nilsen said.

In another portion of the survey, 11 statements were given and participants were asked if they agreed with the statements, with one being strongly disagree and five being strongly agree.

"The statements that came out with these groups most strongly agreed with was that EIU's a friendly supportive community and that Eastern has a proud history, and

the third one was EIU has a bright future," Nilsen said.

The statement with the lowest scores in terms of agreement was Eastern "is a backup or safety school for students," she said.

"That's positive because that was not the way people perceived us," Nilsen said.

The final question of the survey asked if the participant would recommend Eastern to a friend or relative considering college, she said.

"This is the ultimate question in terms of loyalty," Nilsen said.

She said 79 to 88 percent responded definitely yes, and 2 percent or less responded no.

"Stamats said this is outstanding results," Nilsen said.

Eric Sickler, principal consultant for Stamats, said it is Stamats' policy not to comment on proprietary client work.

Nilsen said now that the university has the results, she and Lynch have been discussing the next steps they need to take.

"We are developing an overall university marketing plan," Nilsen said. "Part of that plan will be to talk about the good things happening in Eastern internally and the second part would be to tell the good things happening in Eastern to those external audiences."

She said she hopes these goals will be fleshed out within the next few months.

"Stamats felt very positive about the results that we have here, but we know that we've got some work to do," Nilsen said.

Lynch said the results of the survey showed her that the university was spot on with its approach.

Information from the results will be used as part of this plan.

"Of course, every institution has issues that need addressed, and we heard some of those loud and clear, too," Lynch said. "Knowing what some of those issues are will allow us to examine what is within our control to change. You can't change, good or bad, unless you've asked the questions."

For example, one of the complaints shown through the survey is dissatisfaction with the parking.

"The president is committed to listening to what people have to say on this issue as evidenced by the panels in the fall semester," Lynch said. "No one likes to search for a parking space, but the reality is that we're listening."

She said President Bill Perry is doing his best to understand the situation and implement positive changes.

"A university is a collection of

disparate parts, a town within a town, and it's important to listen to concerns and then, as citizens of the community, to find the best answer for the whole," Lynch said. "You can never do any of that if you don't have these conversations."

Lynch said she thought the results of the survey matched what the university had been saying about itself.

"That was the best surprise," she said. "I market Eastern based on what I feel are our strengths. It turns out that most of our respondents shared those feelings. I feel good about that. Even the bad stuff is not bad once you know what it is, give it a name and a face. Overall, we're in a very strong position."

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Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 8

She was busy doing an interview with WEIU-FM, WEIU-TV, the Journal Gazette-Times Courier and The Daily Eastern News. With how Kloak performed Saturday, it is easy to see why she has become the talk of the Eastern athletic department.

Saturday's 20-point, 11-rebound effort appears to be the tip of the iceberg of what to expect out of Kloak.

Sallee said Kloak's presence in the post, more than the points she scored, is what has impressed him.

"It wasn't so much the points she put in but I think the way she impacted the game," Sallee said. "She just really dominated. She was really special and getting herself deep in the post and scoring."

Performances like Saturday's have come to be expected out of senior forward Rachel Galligan. Galligan, the fourth most prolific scorer in Panther history, has long been

the focal point of the team's offense. While Galligan is still dominant, having an additional weapon makes the Panthers that much more dangerous, which was apparent Saturday as Eagles junior center Brittany Pittman could not handle the duo of Galligan and Kloak.

"(Pittman) got in foul trouble and we did too, but we had two (post players) so that was the difference in the game," Sallee said. "We were in foul trouble, but we had 10 fouls for our post players and they only had five."

Additionally, it must be nice for Sallee to know that, as difficult as it will be to cope with Galligan's departure after the season, he has a more than capable forward in Kloak for one more season. And if Kloak continues to perform like she did Saturday, as well as Thursday, when she scored 18 points, the Panthers' post should be in good hands for at least one more season.

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Post

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She fouled out with nine minutes, 22 seconds remaining with 13 points, six rebounds and only one block for the Eagles (11-9, 5-3 OVC).

"We know that (Pittman) likes to block shots and we've played against her for a couple of years so (Eastern head coach Brady Sallee) talked to (Kloak) and I and the game plan was just to take it at her,"

said Galligan, who finished with 14 points and eight rebounds. "(Sallee) said just to take it at her and we always want to pound it inside and that's what we continued to do and when she got in foul trouble we did it some more."

Red-shirt junior guard Dominique Sims added 11 points and six assists for the Panthers (12-6, 6-1 OVC).

Senior guard Megan Edwards had eight points and six assists.

Edwards connected on her 100th career three-pointer with

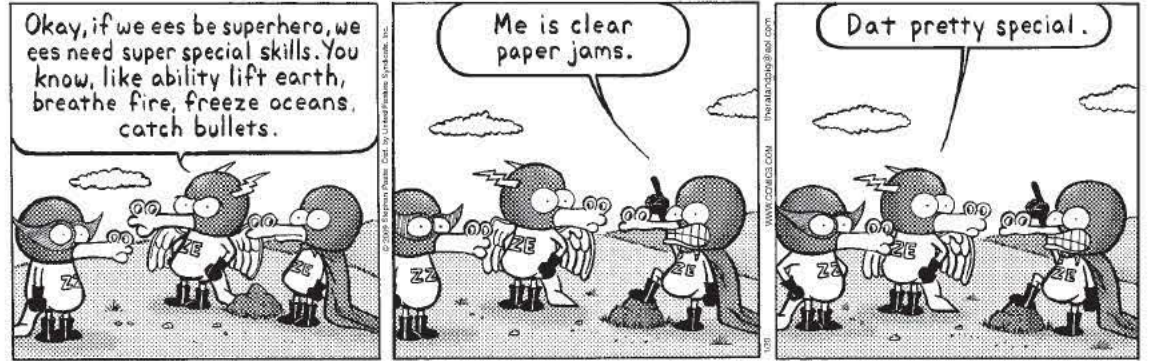
1:41 remaining, becoming the seventh player in Eastern history to accomplish that feat.

Edwards said after the game she was unaware she was approaching 100 three-pointers for her career, and was surprised when they announced it.

"It felt good because I've been in a shooting slump lately," Edwards said. "But I'm more worried... that we won."

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Laser

FROM PAGE 8

Eastern junior guards Romain Martin and T.J. Marion paced the Panthers with 10 and 11 points, respectively. Morehead sophomore guard Demonte Harper led the team with 16 points.

This is the second game Eastern has taken the lead in the second half and been able to shut down their opponent down the stretch.

"The drills we do in practice prepare us for those situations," Laser said. "We played together as a team. After plays, we were not walking

away from each other or cussing under our breath. We were together."

Cisse said it was a team effort from all five spots on the floor.

"We knew they could rebound, and we needed every position on the court to rebound," Cisse said. "I think we did a good job doing that and we had plenty of urgency on defense."

Eastern's next game will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against Murray State in Murray, Ky.

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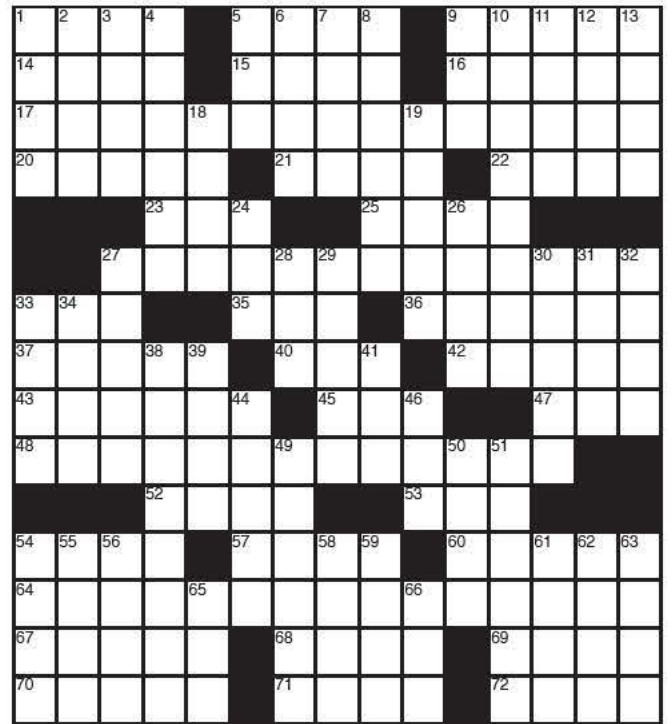
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Ohio State at Illinois |
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NBA
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7:30 p.m. on CSN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tennessee at Vanderbilt |
8 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Michigan at Penn State |
8 p.m. on Big Ten Network

TENNIS
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SCOREBOARD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
*Eastern Illinois 67, Morehead State 61
*UT Martin 92, Jacksonville State 73
*Eastern Kentucky 74,
Southeast Missouri 71
*Austin Peay 91, Tennessee State 87
*Tennessee Tech 61, Murray State 55

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
*Eastern Illinois 70, Morehead State 52
*Jacksonville State 55, UT Martin 49
*Murray State 69, Tennessee Tech 47
*Southeast Missouri 71,
Eastern Kentucky 54
*Ohio Valley Conference game
(all games were played Saturday)

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Kloak
a rising
star

After the Eastern women's basketball team's 70-52 victory against Morehead State, I stood by the team's locker room door as the Panthers' coaches waited for everyone to get there.

Head coach Brady Sallee wanted to address his team after a huge victory, but couldn't do so until the entire team was there.

They waited. And waited. And waited some more.

The reason for the delay was simple: Sallee had a newfound celebrity on his team who was busy addressing the masses.

Junior forward Maggie Kloak was missing.

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FOOTBALL | ALUMNUS UPDATE

Rucker signs contract with Giants

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Micah Rucker is going to get another chance.

The former Eastern All-American wide receiver signed a free-agent contract with the New York Giants on Friday.

Rucker was originally signed to the Giants' practice squad on Dec. 3 after spending time at the Kansas City Chiefs' practice squad. He also spent the beginning of the NFL season as a free agent with the

Pittsburgh Steelers.

Rucker spoke at lengths with Giants' wide receiver coach Mike Sullivan toward the end of the season, but said he was still surprised.

"I didn't know what was going to happen," he said.

He wants to focus on the playbook as much as possible during the offseason, and is preparing for training camp in March.

"I have to just focus myself," Rucker said.

He also said he does not know if all the coaches will be there for the

next season.

Rucker also knows that his free-agent contract is not necessarily a guarantee.

"Anybody can be released and cut at any time," he said.

Rucker will rely on his experience the second time around.

He was cut from the Steelers after being signed on May 1. He played in Pittsburgh's preseason games and was waived on Aug. 31 and signed to the Steelers' practice squad two days later.

Pittsburgh terminated his con-

tract on Sept. 8. Rucker was on the Kansas City Chiefs' practice squad from Sept. 23-30.

"That experience got me ready for everything," Rucker said. "I just wasn't ready. Camp was so long and so grueling. I just broke down."

He is currently living with an uncle in New Jersey who is a professor at a local college.

Rucker is about 10 minutes from the Giants' practice facility.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN ILLINOIS 70, MOREHEAD STATE 52

Post dominates Eagles

Win sets up first-place showdown Thursday

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Maggie Kloak could not be stopped.

The junior forward scored 18 of her 20 points in the first half, including 14 in a five-minute span, to lead the Panthers to a 70-52 victory against Morehead State Saturday in Lantz Arena.

The win, coupled with a victory by Murray State on Saturday, sets up a first-place showdown on Thursday in Murray, Ky., as both teams will enter the game in first place with a 6-1 record in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Kloak and senior forward Rachel Galligan spent the game going against Eagles' 6-foot-3 junior center Brittany Pittman.

Pittman entered Saturday's game averaging a double-double with 10.4 points per game and 10 rebounds per game. Additionally, her 114 blocks on the season are 91 more than anyone in the OVC.

However, Kloak and Galligan played aggressively against Pittman throughout the game, getting her into early foul trouble.

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ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior forward Maggie Kloak stretches out to grab a tipped pass during Saturday afternoon's 70-52 victory against Morehead State in Lantz Arena. Kloak finished the game with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN ILLINOIS 67, MOREHEAD STATE 61

Laser lights-out in victory

Sophomore guard hits four second-half three-pointers to lead team

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Sophomore guard Tyler Laser was held scoreless in the first half of Eastern's game.

But he found his mark in the second half Saturday against Morehead State, and scored a team-high 18 points to lead the Panthers to a 67-61 win at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers' (8-9, 5-2 Ohio Valley Conference) win maintains their hold on third place in the league behind Morehead State (9-10, 6-

2 OVC) and Austin Peay (10-7, 6-1 OVC).

Eastern trailed 56-55 with 4 minutes, 22 seconds remaining, but Laser hit one of his four second half 3-pointers to give the Panthers the lead, which they never relinquished.

Laser hit another huge shot with 1:24 left in the game as the Panthers were clinging to a three-point lead. As the shot clock was winding down, Laser hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key, icing the contest for the Panthers.

He was also perfect from the line down the stretch, going 4-for-4 as Eastern won its fifth OVC game.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said Laser was unable to get open in the first half, but in the second half

he found pockets and took advantage by knocking down jump shots.

"He wanted the ball and was able to score which boosted the tempo," Miller said. "He got going at the right time and his scoring was very timely."

Eastern trailed by as many as eight in the first half, and by as many as seven in the second half, but both times were able to battle back. The game was tied at 33-33 at halftime.

Down low it was a battle between Eastern junior center Ousmane Cisse and Morehead sophomore center Kenneth Faried. Faried bested Cisse with 16 rebounds to Cisse's 11, but Cisse won the battle in points 15-9.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Trial begins for recruit

Eastern recruit and Oak Lawn Richards senior forward Shaun Pratl begins court today.

Pratl, who signed a basketball scholarship with Eastern back in November, is at the Cook County Circuit Court in Bridgeview.

According to *The Chicago Tribune*, Pratl was allegedly involved in an altercation on Nov. 26 outside a house party where alcohol was being served that resulted in a battery charge on Dec. 2.

Another Richards' student was also charged with battery.

Eastern sports information director Rich Moser said at this time his scholarship is not being affected.

Pratl served a one-game suspension and had to perform 25 hours of community service along with two other student-athletes.

He helped lead Richards to the Class 4A title last season. Pratl, 6-foot-8, 210 pounds, was named a South Suburban All-Conference selection as a junior and was an honorable mention All-State selection.

He received basketball scholarship offers from Boston College and Saint Louis.

Swimming sweeps dual meet

The Eastern men's and women's swimming teams defeated Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis on Saturday at Padovan Pool.

The men won 176-86 and the women won 166-87.

Both squads head to Decatur next Saturday for a 1 p.m. dual meet against Millikin.

Women's tennis loses pair of matches to open season

The Eastern women's tennis team lost both matches on Sunday to start the spring season.

The Panthers lost on Sunday in Bloomington, Ind., to No. 54 Western Michigan 7-0. They also fell to Mid-American Conference preseason favorites Miami (Ohio) 7-0.

The Panthers (0-2) will continue their road stretch against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Edwardsville.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday at Murray State |
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MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday at Murray State |
7:30 p.m. - Murray, Ky.

SWIMMING
Saturday at Millikin |
1 p.m. - Decatur

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday at UT Martin |
4 p.m. - Martin, Tenn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday at UT Martin |
6 p.m. - Martin, Tenn.