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Getting burned

Eastern men's soccer forward gets drafted by the Dallas Burn.

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Jury selection for Mertz trial set to begin on Monday

♦ *Final motions heard in Coles County Circuit Court Tuesday*

By Shauna Gustafson and Carly Mullady
STAFF WRITERS

The murder trial of Anthony B. Mertz is on track to begin in early February, with jury selection beginning Monday.

Final motions were heard from both the state and Mertz's defense Tuesday by Coles County Circuit Court Judge Dale Cini.

Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters said he expects the jury selection process to last four or five days. The trial is set to begin Feb. 3.

Mertz, 26, is accused of breaking into the Fourth Street residence of fellow Eastern student Shannon McNamara on June 12, 2001. McNamara was strangled to death, then stabbed and sexually assaulted post mortem, police reports stated.



Anthony Mertz

Deters and State's Attorney Steve Ferguson asked Cini to bar the testimony of Dr. Mark Cunningham, a forensic psychologist, claiming it was a "tactical advantage attempt" made by the defense. Cunningham's testimony will replace that of Dr. Ruth Kunzel, another psychologist, for whom the defense asked for a continuance in order to wait for her findings.

Defense attorney Paula Phillips said using Cunningham instead of Kunzel was nothing more than a way to save time and money by using an expert witness with a broader band of knowledge.

"He (Cunningham) can testify to everything she (Kunzel) can testify to," Phillips said.

Cini sided with the defense, citing a case in which a similar circumstance led to the judge granting a continuance to the defense.

"That is a road down which this court will not travel," Cini said.

The use of photographs of McNamara before her death was questioned by the defense, and it was agreed upon that only a portrait of McNamara will be used during the trial, although other photos may be used if the trial reaches sentencing.

Cini also agreed to allow a DNA expert and the defense's investigator to sit with or near the defense during the trial to provide expert advice during cross examination. Phillips explained this request by saying she did not feel comfortable that she knew enough about DNA evidence to adequately cross-examine a DNA expert.

"One of the key pieces of evidence is DNA," she said.

The state did object to a DNA expert sitting with the defense — however, Cini sided with Phillips' request.



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

During the Charleston City Council Meeting at City Hall on Tuesday night, Mayor Dan Cougill shows frustration with a debate regarding a lawsuit filed against the city by two council members.

Council divided on lawyer bill

♦ *No agreement reached regarding city payment to law firm defending Charleston in lawsuit*

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Tuesday night's Charleston City Council meeting lacked the unity common to most meetings.

The tension sparked from hesitance to authorize paying the Chicago Law Firm Ancel, Glink, Bush, DiCinni & Rolek that is representing the City of Charleston in its case against council members Lorelei Sims and Marge Knoop.

Other subject matter covered at the meeting was the proposed sales tax increase, authorization for the Woodyard Memorial Conservation Area Land and Water Reserve Agreement, authorization of lease agreements with the Special Olympics and Consolidated

Services, and authorization of the transfer of the Charleston Police Department's former K-9, Rex, to his trainer John Bennett.

Lorelei Sims and Marge Knoop opposed authorizing the \$180 check that would pay for the City of Charleston's legal counsel thus far. They did not want to authorize paying the Chicago firm because of beliefs that a less expensive alternative could have been chosen.

"I just don't understand why a firm so far away was chosen. They've never even heard of Charleston," Knoop said.

Due to an overlook of the city manager form of government's laws, Knoop and Sims are being forced out of the four-year terms they were given the impression to be elected for.

In order to follow the city manager form which staggers terms, the two council members who were elected with the least number of votes must give up their seats two

years prematurely.

This statute went unnoticed, so in the April 2001 election, Knoop and Sims believed they were elected for four years. Under this belief the two are seeking declaratory judgement to determine whether their positions can be saved.

Their lawsuit against the City of Charleston lists Mayor Dan Cougill, City Manager Alan Probst and City Attorney Brian Bower. Since Bower has been listed he cannot defend the city, so the Chicago firm was hired.

This firm helped develop Illinois' city manager code and the cost is still comparable to the price of Coles County or neighboring counties' attorneys, Bower said.

Council member Larry Rennels, who voted in favor of paying the firm's bill, was disappointed that no one objected to the Chicago firm when it was mentioned during an executive session prior to hiring but that objections are

"I just don't understand why a firm so far away was chosen. They've never even heard of Charleston."

—Marge Knoop

being made now that the bill has arrived.

"I think to not pay it would be setting a terrible precedence," Rennels said.

Mayor Cougill also voted in favor of paying the bill. He was appalled by the conflict among the Council. "The City of Charleston has had a lawsuit filed against it," he said, "Should it not hire a competent attorney to defend it?"

Council member John Winnett abstained from the

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Eastern grad has tough task ahead in state cabinet

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Former Illinois State Representative Julie Curry, who attended Eastern with a cross country and track scholarship, is now taking strides to help solve the state budget puzzle.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed Curry as the deputy chief of staff for economy and labor Thursday, after calling the state budget the worst crisis Illinois has ever experienced.

Curry, who resigned as representative from the 101st District in Central Illinois last week, said her appointment represents

Blagojevich's interest in downstate or small communities.

"(Blagojevich) is very interested in furthering the development and economic growth of smaller communities in this state," she said. "Their potential has been ignored."

Curry, of Mount Zion, has served in the House since 1995. She said her and others will now start to eliminate unnecessary expenses by asking governmental agencies for descriptions of spending.

"We want justification in everything we do," she said. "It's certainly a challenge. I don't think we'll be able to come up with a lot of solutions over night."

Blagojevich also appointed three

members and two co-chairs to the Council of Economic Advisors, who will be assigned to the task of reviewing the budget "line by line," finding unnecessary state government positions or areas that can be consolidated or done away with and identifying wasteful spending.

This month Blagojevich announced the removal of 35 appointees from the past administration and a hiring freeze in state agencies.

"Sitting on my desk are stacks of last-minute agency hirings," she said. "(Taxpayers) want a state government they can trust. They want a state government that lives

within their means. For too long this state has been spending and spending."

Curry said last year was the worst of eight she served in the General Assembly in regards to the state budget.

Thursday, Blagojevich said he views the budget's shortfall as "an unprecedented moment to thoroughly and fundamentally review our approach, reprioritize and re-think the way government works."

There is a projected shortfall of \$1.2 billion for the current 2003 fiscal year and a \$3.6 billion deficit for fiscal year 2004.

Curry said education is now a priority for the current adminis-

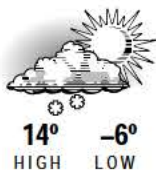
tration, and past budgets have not always reflected money going directly to students or into the classroom.

Curry attended Eastern in the 1980s where she received her bachelor of arts and a master's degree in political science.

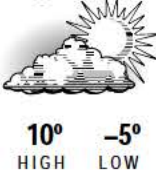
"My time at Eastern was one of the best times of my life," she said. "Eastern's one of those schools where it's not too big or not too small."

Blagojevich also announced last week the creation of a Council on Economic Advisors to focus on economic growth. The council will help improve job and economic development.

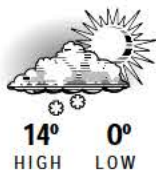
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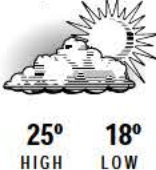
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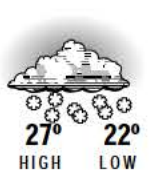
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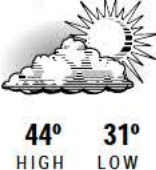
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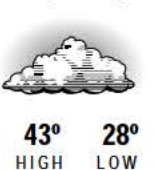
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Tuesday
Mostly cloudy



Workshop to teach time management

By Nikki Paden
STAFF WRITER

Students needing more time to accomplish their daily tasks can attend a workshop about time management Wednesday night.

The workshop, sponsored by the EIU Counseling Center, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Counseling Center, which circulated a student need survey to a variety of students in the past, determined the two most pressing issues of college students are a lack of financial resources and procrastination.

"The workshop will discuss the ways in which students manage, or fail to manage their time," said David Onestak, director of the Counseling Center.

Bridget Busse, a counselor at the center, will advise students in managing their time effectively to get more of their tasks accomplished.

During the presentation, the reason why time management is an issue as well as suggestions

for utilizing time wisely will be provided. More and more students are having problems with time management because of work, said Onestak. "Students now are trying to fit school into full-time jobs, instead of fitting work into full-time school," he said.

Onestak said workshops such as this have been offered in residence halls and by the request of faculty and staff, but this is a way for the information to reach any student interested.

Onestak offered a preview of suggestions that will be discussed during the workshop.

"Students sometimes don't realize that they can use the hour or hours between their classes to get some of their work accomplished," he said. "Instead of wasting that time, students could be getting their tasks done and moving on to other work."

When studying for multiple tests, Onestak also provided some advice.

"Study for your least favorite class first," he said. "That way, you'll still be interested when it comes time to study for your favorite class."

Hearings rescheduled in sexual assault case

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Former Eastern student Condric A. Sanders' criminal sexual assault hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday was rescheduled to 1 p.m. March 5.

According to Defense Attorney Carol Dison of Beckett and Webber P.C. in Urbana, there is no new trial date set for Sanders' case.

Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters filed a motion for continuance Jan. 7 because he was scheduled for another trial at the same time as the originally scheduled Jan. 14 trial.

The motion for continuance

was granted and signed Jan. 13 and a hearing was rescheduled for Tuesday.

Defendant Condric A. Sanders, 34, was excused from Tuesday's hearing. He has been free on bond since his May 24, 2002 Coles County grand jury indictment.

Sanders is accused of forcing intercourse with a woman who was unable to consent Feb. 17, 2002.

A criminal sexual assault conviction could entitle a four- to 15-year imprisonment sentence.

Sanders is one of three former Eastern students facing rape charges. All three were indicted last May.

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Broadening your horizons

Allison Witt, Coordinator for the Study Abroad program, gives information to accounting majors Janie Davis and Ann Schwingel during an open house in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday afternoon.

Application deadline nearing for prestigious scholarship

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

Applications are being sought for one of Eastern's most prestigious scholarships.

The Livingston C. Lord Scholarship, one of Eastern's scholarships exclusive to education majors entering their senior year, has a deadline of 4 p.m. Jan. 31 at the alumni services office.

Christy Kilgore-Hadley, assistant director of EIU Alumni Services, said the scholarship, established by the Alumni Association in 1934, holds significant monetary award.

"The average recipient receives around \$5,000," she said. "The number of recipients depends on the year, but last year we gave out

five."

Kilgore-Hadley said the Lord Scholarship was named after Eastern's first president.

To become eligible for the scholarship, the elementary or secondary teaching major must be nominated by a college dean or a department chair.

"They can be nominated by their dean, but most times they don't even know who the students are," Kilgore-Hadley said. "So most of the nominations come from professors, but there is nothing said that students can't bring up names and tell them to department chairs."

The student must be junior status with at least 30 credit hours earned at Eastern, have at least 24 credit hours left to take in the fall

of 2003, and have a minimum GPA of 3.6.

Award winners will be determined by a selection committee comprised of alumni in respective colleges or retired teachers from different areas.

Receiving the scholarship will not only pad recipients' bank accounts, but their resumes.

"It'll look good if you are known as a good teacher in a teaching school," Kilgore-Hadley said. "That reflects well upon you."

Kilgore-Hadley said she thought the Lord scholarship holds such high prestige because of Eastern's reputation as a teaching school.

"I encourage students, professors or chairs to get in the selection process," she said.

RSO holding party to promote group

By Matthew Kent
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

The Asian American Association will sponsor a social "Banana and Coconuts Party," from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Wednesday at the 7th Street Underground.

The event is open to all students and is free.

"We invite anyone to come out and join us," AAA president Krishna Ignalaga said. Music will be provided with the opportunity to meet new people.

Ignalaga said she also hopes for a good turnout.

"We've been doing a lot of

advertising for it," Ignalaga said.

The AAA is a new Recognized Student Organization on campus that invites everyone to join.

"AAA just started last semester and this is our way to say that we want to work with other Recognized Student Organizations on campus," she said.

Several goals AAA hopes to achieve this semester include to be more visible on campus and to increase membership.

Currently, the organization has 17 listed members, but only six to eight are fully active. "We have a small following of members who

are very enthusiastic," Ignalaga said. "We're headed in the right direction," Ignalaga said. "We'd like to see people join who are dedicated and enthusiastic about what we're doing."

The AAA is currently working on several activities later this year. It will be celebrating Chinese New Year next month along with Asian-American Week to be held later this year.

Meetings held for the Asian American Association are Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Casey Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and everyone is invited.

CORRECTION

Quotes attributed to David Radavich in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* should have been attributed to David Carpenter. The News regrets the error.



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Ron Kraft, master control operator at WEIU-TV, watches monitors and makes adjustments in the control room on Tuesday afternoon. Eastern's cable channels are now able to receive digital transmissions, but cannot send them to campus housing.

Students affected by altered cable

◆ *Mixed feelings about the new television line-up surface around campus*

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

The faces of television watchers became even more dazed on Dec. 18 after the university cable channel list was altered.

"I was like 'What the hell?'" said Tom Baro, a freshman finance major, who lives in Carman Hall. "I sat there for a good half hour trying to find all the channels."

The channel lists were altered because of equipment remodeling at WEIU-TV, the base receiver of the telecasts from Mediacom and the extra channels came at no additional cost.

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining, said 11 new channels were added to bring the total number to 63.

The new channels are PAXNet, Oxygen, TV Guide, UPN, Trinity Broadcast Channel, CNN Headline News, TVLand, Hallmark Channel, Outdoor Network and the Inspirational Channel.

Student reaction has been mixed so far.

"I haven't really noticed (the additional channels) that much," said Andy Jackson, a freshman music education major and resident of Weller Hall. "All my favorite channels are still all there; I just flip through the channels and punch in numbers."

Other students welcome the fact channel surfing has never taken so long.

"I think it's a lot better. There's more variety and more channels," Baro said.

Hudson said the change came when Mediacom finally fulfilled an obligation from a contract signed two years ago to replace a coaxial head end with a digital one. The change will deliver a better quality signal.

"We had to run fiber optic lines into Buzzard," Hudson said. "I'm sure you saw all the trenching that was going on around here."

Although the new head end can receive digital transmission, it can only send out the standard optical picture to the residence halls and University Court apartments.

"We converted what we do internally to the digital format," said Rick Sailors, director of the radio-tv center. "In the spring we will be able to broadcast digitally, but students will only be able to pick it up if they have a digital receiver."

Distribution Technology Specialist Kevin Armstrong pointed out the new equipment, which includes a video server that can store video like a hard drive, and distribution equipment that can convert digital signals to analog and vice versa.

If and when the university can offer digital cable, students are indecisive on whether or not they would pay extra to have it.

"I'm so busy down here, I really only watch four or five channels," said Andy Thompson, a freshman recreation administrative major, and a resident of Thomas Hall. "I don't need 120 channels."

Greg Gelo, a freshman undecided major from Carman Hall, said he thought he would not shell out the extra money because he is content with the cable.

Sailors said the university won't switch over to digital cable until it becomes the

"I'm so busy down here, I really only watch four or five channels. I don't need 120 channels."

—Andy Thompson, freshman recreation major

standard.

"As long as digital cable is an added value, it won't be in the dorms," he said. "There is a possibility that some students who are willing to pay extra could subscribe, but there would be technical problems."

Hudson said providing digital cable is not a top priority.

"It's not on the top of the list of issues," he said.

But the lack of action may not disturb students as much as one may think.

"It took a while to program in every channel, but just as long as I have ESPN and SportsCenter, I'll be just fine," said Jason Wolfe, a sophomore family consumer sciences major and a resident of Taylor Hall.

Hudson said Eastern's channel list is comparable to any other state university and is much better than university channels offered at his former school of employment, the University of North Dakota.

"I just hope students see this as a good benefit," he said. "I've got lots of positive feedback so far ... students say they like what they see in the new line-up."

Proposed policy receives campus support

◆ *Student execs applaud grade appeal reform*

By Brad Tammaro
STAFF WRITER

Members of Student Government expressed an overwhelming positive response to the Council on Academic Affairs' approval allowing students a vote in the grade appeals process.

Ronnie Deedrick, student vice president for academic affairs, came up with the idea and pushed the proposal forward for a student selected by the student vice president for academic affairs and the department chair involved in the appeal to serve on the Department on Grade Appeals Committee.

"It will help speaking to a peer, rather than a committee made entirely of faculty. Intimidation might play a critical role," said freshman elementary education major Kelly Kauzlarich.

Mike Sprague, a sophomore marketing major, said, "Not just any student should be allowed on the committee. There should be standards such as grade point average and campus involvement."

Deedrick is hopeful that the proposal will be approved by the President's Council later in the semester.

"Something was missing to the process," Deedrick said. "I saw this as part of my job and as a matter of fairness."

A similar motion was approved Tuesday by the Faculty Senate. It will now move to the President's Council, where if it is approved, will become internal governing policy and be made mandatory.

Deedrick said only about 2 percent of the grade appeals actually get filed. It will only be brought to the departmental grade appeals committee if the faculty chair believes the appeal has strong merit.

Despite the efforts of Deedrick, and its approval by the CAA, some departments on campus believe that students are incompetent to serve on grade appeal committees.

"Students have done something right to be at a university. I think that argument is off base," Deedrick said.

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EDITORIAL

Shuttle buses not overly used

The numbers do not lie. Seventy-six percent of the 504 students surveyed by the Student Government last semester said they do not use the Panther Express.

While a large number of students surveyed do not use the Panther Express, those who do, use it often.

While this may look like a good thing, the fact that many art and theater students need to take the bus to get to class at the temporary class locations, makes these students regulars on the Panther Express. If this were not the situation, perhaps even fewer students would use the bus.

The Student Government continually works to improve the shuttle bus service, but the adding more stops should not be the sole work accomplished. It is time to change the shuttle bus route to one that is more efficient and used by more students.

Most of this campus is contained within three blocks. The longest walk is only about 15 minutes from one end of campus to the other. This campus does not need a bus to drive students from their residence halls to classes. It needs a bus to get students without cars to places around town, such as Wal-Mart, the Square, the Showplace 8 movie theater and other various places.

Of the two buses used for the Panther Express, the one used more often is the one that charts students to locations off campus, while the bus strictly circling the campus is typically not as occupied.

The recent efforts to add bus service to Showplace 8 and the continuous talk of adding service to Champaign is a good start. However, more needs to be done to make the bus more efficient and student-fee-worthy, if you will.

Since each student pays \$10.80 per semester for the Panther Express, it is up to those in charge of the service to make it worth the money.

Two years ago, the future of the shuttle bus was in jeopardy as H&H Transportation revealed it could not provide the service at the bid it was contracted for. After much debate, a new three-year contract was signed, raising the fee each student had to pay.

Even if one of the buses is nearly empty, it is a waste of student fees.

Either create a service students will use or pare that service, so students save money and the bus that is not being used isn't wasted.

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

OPINION

Where's the grub on holidays?



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Here is a situation that most students on campus found themselves this past Monday morning or afternoon (whenever they woke up): they woke up craving sustenance and started to make their way to Carman, Taylor, Thomas and Stevenson Halls only to find out when they got there they were closed for the holiday.

But wait, doesn't Eastern have another dining alternative.

Hurrah for the food court. Oh damn — it's not open until 4 p.m.

What options do the students have after dining halls and the food court? The solution is simple. It also is a solution that made Charleston's several fine carry-out restaurants' cash register ring with joy.

Little Caesars, Papa John's, Boxa, Jimmy John's, etc., must have been happy that Eastern's dining options all were closed until 4 p.m. Monday. After the food court did open Monday, it was mobbed with starving students whipping out their Panther Cards to make the simple electronic exchange for the goods of the food court.

Other than the obvious reason of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, why were all of the on campus dining options closed? Did the housing and dining office assume every student who lives in the residence halls went to their respective homes for the three-day weekend?

"The dining hall directors had to know students were on campus last weekend."

There is an old saying about when you assume things — 'you make an a** of u and me.'

In past instances, dining halls have surveyed students to see if they would be staying on campus during a three-day weekend; however, last week dining hall patrons were not surveyed, at least in my observation.

The dining hall directors had to know students were on campus last weekend. Taylor Hall dining was crowded on Saturday and Sunday for their always scrumptious brunch (insert heavy sarcasm here).

So why keep the dining halls closed Monday?

Did University Housing and Dining Services consider students on restricted budgets? Can they afford to order take-out for an entire day? If they can't, are they just supposed to sit in their residence hall and not eat for the day? It's not healthy to go an entire day without food. Can you do it? Yes, but should you? No.

Understandably, the dining

hall employees deserve a day off, but when students pay for room and board each semester, food is included right? Last time I checked, the world doesn't shut down for Martin Luther King's birthday.

Most people in the country still had to work, so why did the dining hall employees get the day off? They probably would not mind making a few extra bucks while providing the students with something to quiet their growling stomachs.

The students paid for their meal plans, which guarantee them five, 10, 12, or 15 meals a week, but since the dining halls were closed Monday, they can splurge on an extra couple of nights of midnight pizza in Thomas Hall dining. What kind of rubbery, greasy, sauce-less pizza would you like?

Dining services were like a bad episode of Seinfeld Monday. "You want bread? Two dollars extra — no soup for you!"

Next time Eastern has a three-day weekend (Feb. 14, 15, 16) University Housing and Dining Services should strongly consider staying open so students can, you know, eat.

But if the dining halls are closed yet again, on-campus students should consider making a trip to Wal-Mart in advance and getting some rations for the weekend.

Cartoon by Jennifer Chiariello



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Column shed negative light on UPD

I am responding to the column "Petty crimes focus of UPD" printed in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. It disheartens and saddens me to realize there are individuals on this campus who believe the University Police Department is not here to assist them.

In all aspects of life, something always will be missing. Society is often more of a critic than a fan.

UPD may have aspects of its position you wish it could improve, but doesn't everyone have something they can

do better? UPD offers more assistance than one may realize.

In addition to maintaining a secure campus and enforcing university policies, the department also is available any time of the day or night. It is available for crises, emergencies, programming and assistance with anything and everything you can imagine.

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Howard Black, professor of organic and medicinal chemistry, watches as Andrea Mitchell, senior chemistry major, works on creating new organic reactions in the Physical Sciences Building chemistry lab Tuesday afternoon. Black has received a \$100,000 grant to continue his research in the field of chemistry.

Chemistry professor not taken for granted

◆ Dr. T. Howard Black receives a \$100,000 grant for research

By Mary Carnevale
STAFF WRITER

A grant of \$100,000 was awarded to a professor in the chemistry department from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation.

Dr. T. Howard Black, a professor of organic/medicinal chemistry, received the prestigious grant to continue research in the organic chemistry field and to give one post-doctorate student an excellent learning opportunity.

According to the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation's Web site, the grant's purpose is to advance the science of chemistry, chemical engineering and related sciences as a means of improving human relations and circumstances around the world.

Black said the money he was granted will partially go to the \$35,000 post-doctorate student's salary. The rest will go toward research materials such as supplies or research-oriented travel expenses.

The post-doctorate student, who has not been chosen yet, Black assured, will be very good.

The requirements are to own a doctorate and be a good researcher. They must also want to pursue a career of teaching at a school that does undergraduate

research.

"To get the opportunity to help manage an undergraduate research group is a huge benefit for the post-doctorate," Black said.

"This person will be learning about teaching and researching, sitting in on my classes and being mentored for teaching."

The grant money will also be used for research in organic chemistry.

The research will be conducted independently from the university and deals with inventing new organic reactions, Black explained.

Black and his student aide will work with nature compounds that have been screened and shown to be beneficial toward diseases, such as cancer. Black said they are researching how to make the substance synthetically to preserve the nature that they take the compounds from.

This is not the first time that the chemistry department has been granted money for their research.

Black said between 1993 to 1995, both Richard Keiter, a professor of inorganic chemistry, and he were awarded \$60,000.

Keiter received another grant a few years later, giving the men a total of four grants between the two of them after Black's most recent grant.

Students becoming more involved in grade appeals

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate passed a motion Tuesday to suggest further student involvement in grade appeals procedures.

The senate passed the motion that recommends a student sit on the Department of Grade Appeals Committee as a voting member after the student is selected by the student vice president of academic affairs and the chair of the department involved in the grade appeal.

The grade appeals committee is the last step in a dispute over a grade that can not initially be solved at a level between student and instructor.

"I think it's wrong not to include

a student in a grade appeals matter. It's about fairness of treatment," said psychology professor Steve Scher. "Not having a student's perception — seems inappropriate philosophically."

Adding one student voting member will not dramatically change a voting committee of four or five, said accounting and finance professor Matthew Monippallil.

Sociology professor Reed Benedict said a student voting member in appeals adds to the process.

"The grade appeals process is a fact-finding mission," Benedict said. "I believe the one student vote simply validates the process. It adds weight and validity to that entire process."

"I believe the one student vote simply validates the process."

—Sociology professor Reed Benedict

The Council on Academic Affairs unanimously approved a similar proposal last week. It will now be considered by the President's Council.

The Faculty Senate finalized planning for a January Faculty Forum. Forums are typically held once a semester and the topic this month is academic freedom.

Four discussion groups will focus on the separate topics of freedom in research, the freedom of communication and ensuring computer privacy, freedom in the classroom and freedom and shared governance.

The topic of freedom and shared governance will discuss access to truthful information and input in university policy and in evaluating administrators.

Provost Blair Lord spoke to the senate regarding admission numbers and the "right size for Eastern."

Lord said the university has been researching the comfortable level of students that can fit in a classroom setting.

He said the number of campus

students that should be attending Eastern is between 10,400 and 10,700.

The number of current applicants to Eastern is considerably higher than this time last year, especially in applications to the College of Education and Professional Studies, he said.

The fall freshman class will likely be 1,815 and the number of outgoing students will be smaller.

"It will be a relatively smaller senior class that is going to graduate," Lord said.

The Faculty Forum will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 28 in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The forum will be held during the Tuesday Faculty Senate meeting.

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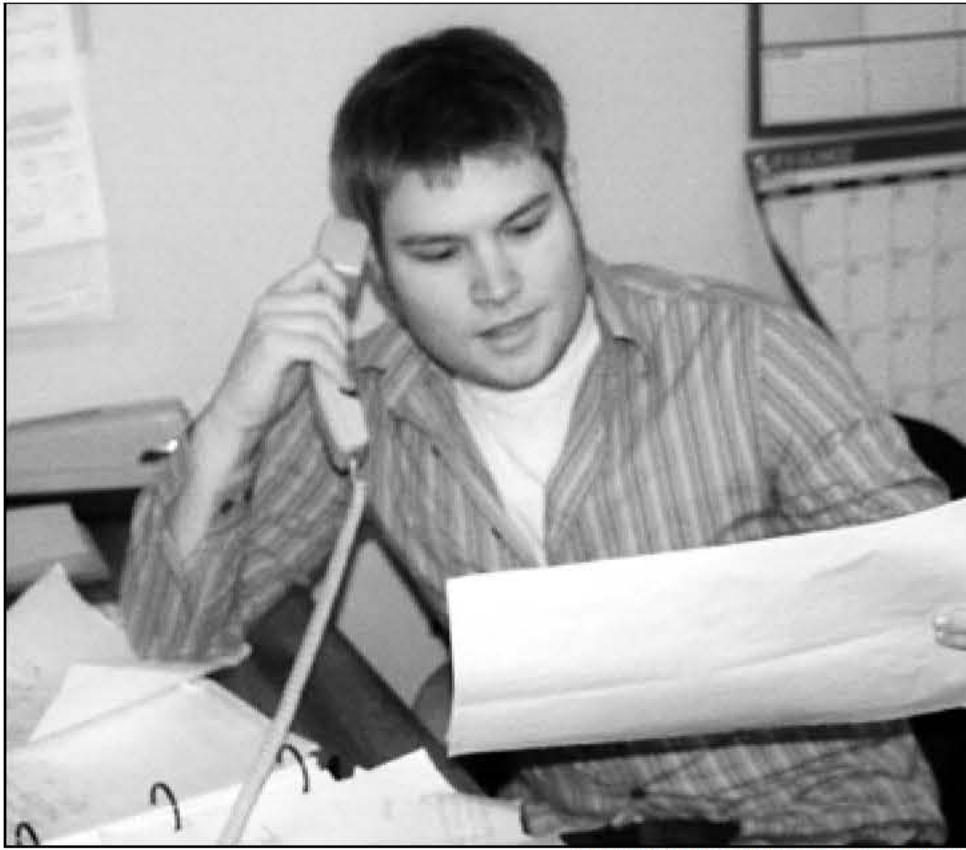
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New Student Senate members hope to bring fresh ideas



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Brian Scios, sophomore political science major and newly elected student senate member, answers telephone calls in the student government office on the second floor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Tuesday afternoon. Student senate members are required to complete weekly office hours.

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate, which serves as the voice for the student body to faculty, administration and legislators in Springfield, has many working behind the scenes.

Here is a look at a few of the new Student Senate members.

Eastern sophomore psychology major Lindsey Baum is a second-generation student senate member at Eastern.

Baum had always heard stories from her father about his involvement with student government at Eastern and decided to get involved last year in the second semester of her freshman year.

"I picked up an application, went for an interview and was appointed the next day," said Baum.

Baum, who served on the Diversity Action Team last spring, now is the chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee. She worked with the Tuition and Fees Committee as a voting member and worked with the Student Action Committee this past semester. Baum is up for an appointment as the chair of the Student Relations Committee.

Baum's goals involve bringing the student government back to the students.

"They vote us in, but a lot of students don't know what goes on in Student Government.

Hopefully we can change that," Baum said.

An advocate of student government since high school, freshman special education major Nancy Zegler felt getting involved with student government in college was the natural

"I couldn't believe Student Senate had trouble getting people to apply at a school of about 10,000 people."

—William O'Connor, junior sociology major

progression.

"I have two big issues I want to take care of. One issue is making all dorms non-smoking," Zegler said. "The other is to make sure that freshman not be allowed to bring cars to campus, it would just benefit the community by creating more parking space."

Eastern junior sociology major William O'Connor learned from the *Daily Eastern News* Student Senate was in need of members.

"I couldn't believe Student Senate had trouble getting people to apply at a school of about 10,000 people, so I decided to join up," O'Connor said. "The people there are very knowledgeable and passionate about government. My goal for the semester is to do the best that I can and learn from the older senators."

Jessica Horwitz, a freshman radiation physics and geology major, wanted to get involved and see how Student Government worked firsthand.

"I didn't know what to expect, but so far it's about what I thought it would be," Horwitz said.

Student Senate will appoint four new senate members

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will focus Wednesday's meeting on the the appointment of committee chairs, and four new senate members to fill vacant slots.

The Student Senate members up for committee chair appointments include Amanda Sartore as chair

of the Academic Affairs committee, Kyle Donash as chair of the External Relations Committee, Jenn Anderson as chair of the Housing Committee, Lindsey Baum as chair of the Student Senate Relations Committee, Bryce Donnelly as chair of the Tuition and Fee Committee and Ryan Herdes as chair of the University Development and

"Since there was not enough competition for those positions we will restart the process."

—Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson

Recycling Committee.

Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson said three committees were left unfilled, including the Shuttle Bus Committee, Internal Affairs and Diversity.

"We did not receive enough applications to fill those positions. Since there was not enough competition for those positions we will re-start the process," Davidson

said.

Davidson expects to complete the interviews for new senate member applicants by late Wednesday in time for the Senate meeting. The application deadline expired at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The Student Senate meeting will be in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King University Union at 7 p.m.

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Stacie Frank, a sophomore recreational theory major, takes advantage of the resources in the ITC Lab in Buzzard Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Frank was cutting out letters to make a poster.

Wife’s benefactor got Bush campaign contract

CHICAGO (AP) — The head of President Bush’s Illinois campaign testified Tuesday that after his wife got a no-work job from a direct mail consultant the consultant was assigned to a presidential campaign project.

Richard Juliano also said he provided information to prosecutors with information about Gov. George Ryan’s campaign for months without mentioning that his wife had received two, no-work jobs from Ryan friends.

Juliano, once one of Ryan’s closest

alides, spent a fourth day on the stand as the government’s leadoff witness in the trial of Ryan’s one-time chief of staff, Scott Fawell, and the Citizens for Ryan committee.

Fawell, 45, and the committee are charged with a pattern of racketeering that included extortion, bribery, obstruction of justice and fraud going back a decade. They are accused of using state resources and state employees to do campaign work for Ryan and his political allies.

Council: Sales tax proposal was approved for April ballot

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vote because he could not remember the information being presented at a prior executive session.

The proposal for a referendum to raise Charleston sales tax by 0.5 percent was unanimously approved by the Council. The Council itself is not proposing the increase, but is giving residents the opportunity to vote on a proposal initiated by the state of Illinois.

General: Pilots showed ‘reckless disregard’ for orders

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — Two U.S. pilots charged with involuntary manslaughter in the accidental bombing of Canadian troops showed a “reckless disregard” for standing orders by attacking ground fire instead of continuing on their course, an Air Force general testified Tuesday.

Brig. Gen. Stephen T. Sargeant, who headed the investigation into the bombing in southern Afghanistan, said in a military hearing that the pilots failed to follow procedure by not communicating about gunfire on the ground. At an altitude of more than 15,000 feet, the pilots were not in range of fire from the ground, he said.

“At that point it would have been possible to continue on,” he said.

Maj. Harry Schmidt, who dropped the bomb, and Maj. William Umbach, the mission’s commander, were charged after an investigation headed by Sargeant concluded the Illinois National Guard pilots had acted

rashly by attacking ground fire rather than evading it.

Sargeant testified the airmen should have reported the ground fire to flight controllers but should have stayed their course. Instead, Schmidt slowed down and dropped in altitude, violating standing orders to keep himself out of danger, the general said.

As a pilot, “you are not to put yourself in harm’s way,” Sargeant said.

The ground fire came from Canadian troops conducting live-ammunition exercises at Tarnak Farms, a firing range near Kandahar. Four Canadians were killed and four were injured. The deaths were the first combat fatalities for the country since the Korean War.

The hearing, akin to a civilian grand jury, will determine whether the case against the pilots should proceed to a court-martial. If convicted on all charges, which include aggravated assault and dereliction of duty, Schmidt and Umbach face up to 64 years in prison.



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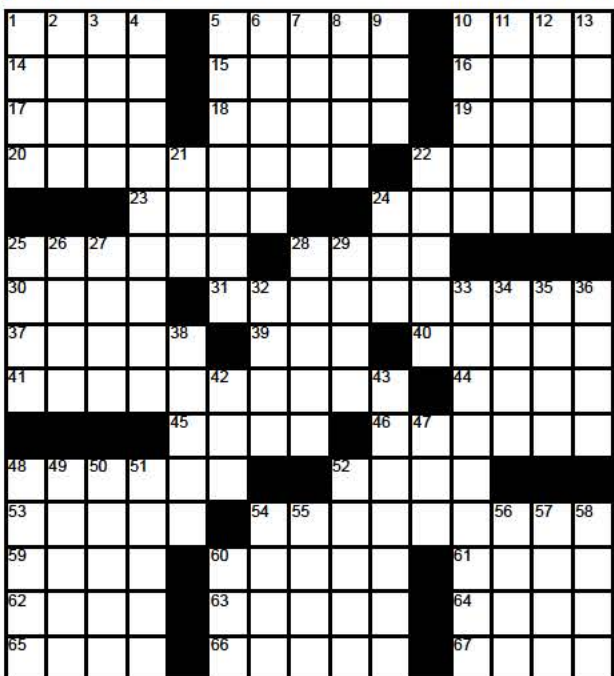
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Twins' study bolsters 'gateway' drug theory

CHICAGO (AP) — A study of Australian twins and marijuana bolsters the fiercely debated "gateway theory" that pot can lead to harder drugs.

The researchers located 311 sets of same-sex twins in which only one twin had smoked marijuana before age 17. Early marijuana smokers were found to be up to five times more likely than their twins to move on to harder drugs.

They were about twice as like-

ly to use opiates, which include heroin, and five times more likely to use hallucinogens, which include LSD.

Earlier studies on whether marijuana is a gateway drug reached conflicting conclusions. The impasse has complicated the debate over medical marijuana and decriminalization of pot.

Because this study involved twins, the findings would suggest that genetics play a subordinate role in drug use.

AROUND THE STATE

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association and was funded in part by the National Institutes of Health.

It does not answer how marijuana, or cannabis, might lead to harder drugs.

"It is often implicitly assumed that using cannabis changes

your brain or makes you crave other drugs," said lead researcher Michael Lynskey, "but there are a number of other potential mechanisms, including access to drugs, willingness to break the law and likelihood of engaging in risk-taking behavior."

Lynskey is a senior research fellow at Queensland Institute of Medical Research in Brisbane and a visiting assistant psychiatry professor at Washington

University in St. Louis, where some of the research was done.

Lynskey and colleagues acknowledged the study has several limitations, including relying on participants' reporting of their own experiences.

In an accompanying editorial, Denise Kandel of Columbia University's psychiatry department said the study does not explain "whether or not a true causal link exists" between marijuana and hard drugs.

Marijuana columnist goes on trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An author of how-to books and columns on growing marijuana and getting away with it went on trial Tuesday on federal charges of illegally cultivating pot.

The case against Ed Rosenthal represents the latest clash between federal agents and state and local authorities over the medical use of marijuana.

Rosenthal, a former columnist for the pro-marijuana magazine High Times, has said he was growing pot to help the sick, which is legal under California law. But

AROUND THE NATION

marijuana is still illegal under federal law.

Prosecutor George Bevan told the jury that agents seized some 3,000 plants growing in Rosenthal's warehouse in Oakland.

"It's a federal offense," Bevan said.

Rosenthal, 58, could receive a life sentence if convicted.

California and seven other states — Alaska, Arizona,

Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Oregon and Washington — allow the sick to receive, possess, grow or smoke marijuana for medical purposes without fear of state prosecution.

Nearly two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court said it was a violation of federal drug laws for medical marijuana clubs to dispense pot.

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Cat cloned, but not really

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Rainbow the cat is a typical calico with splotches of brown, tan and gold on white. Cc, her clone, has a striped gray coat over white.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big hurt in the middle

◆ Senior center returns to practice from separated left shoulder

By Aaron Seidlitz
STAFF WRITER

A bit of good news is in line for the Panthers as the nearly 7-foot center Jan Thompson will be set to return to action against Aurora University on Saturday. The recovery process for Thompson has been a lengthy one after he dislocated his left shoulder.

Thompson will practice for the first time on Wednesday, although it will be a non-contact practice for the recovering center. He will also shoot around with the team before the Panthers' next game as they travel to Austin Peay on Thursday. He will then practice with the team again on Friday and should finally be able play Saturday for his first game since the injury.

"I'm sure the role for me will be limited when I come back," Thompson said. "I've been out for six weeks, and my conditioning will be a little poor. I can ride a bike the entire time I'm out, but that still doesn't mean I'm in playing condition."

The absence of Thompson's big body has hampered the Panthers' defensive and rebounding efforts lately. This was most apparent in Eastern's loss to the Racers of Murray State. The Panthers allowed 13 first-half offensive rebounds to the Racers and could not recover from the first-half deficit.

Perhaps what the team misses the most with Thompson out are the simple fundamentals of the game that a center understands as his role. Without the largest player on the team, the Panthers struggled to rebound the ball consistently



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR
Senior center Jan Thompson returns to practice today and will see play Saturday in his first game since injuring his shoulder.

and set screens on offense.

"I will be able to come back when I know I can actively be able to set screens, box out and rebound," Thompson said.

Coach Samuels has been watching his big man progress since he injured the shoulder, but he understands it will still take some time.

"The timetable we set at the beginning of the week would let Jan return to action on Saturday," Samuels said. "I've seen that he has better mobility with that shoulder now, but it is not as strong as

it could be."

Nevertheless, the Panthers would benefit from the return of their center just to receive consistent effort from a post player. Without Thompson, Eastern has been unable to consistently put forth a good effort with their interior defense and rebounding.

"Adding him back to our lineup does three things," said Samuels. "First, he can set screens, second he can defend big in the post, and third he can box out. When he does these three things he makes our team better."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Governors are not lame ducks

◆ Austin Peay has played to the level of its competition this year

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

The only comparison that could be used to describe the 2002-03 Austin Peay men's basketball team would be a teetertooter.

In the Governors' opening game they accomplished a task that schools like Mississippi, Villanova and Illinois couldn't do. Austin Peay defeated John Calipari's Memphis Tigers in overtime at the Pyramid.

However, Austin Peay has proved they play down to lower competition by losing to Evansville, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and Tennessee Tech all away from Clarksville, Tenn.

On the other hand, the Governors' currently hold a perfect (5-0) record on their home floor, but only two of those games included I-A opponents (Middle Tennessee State and Belmont) and therefore, Eastern may arguably be its toughest home foe when the Panthers come to the Dunn Center Thursday night.

"We have great respect for their team and coach Samuels," Governors head coach Dave Loos said.

Austin Peay has been rendered ineffective on the offensive end by being held to less than 50 points in three games this season for the first time since 1951-52. The Governors currently rank last in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring and are coming off a 47-point performance Thursday at Tennessee Tech.

"We didn't shoot the ball well, but part of that was because of Tech's defense," Loos said. "I thought that they got after us pretty well."

Along with poor shooting, the Governors also aren't getting many-second chance opportunities by being eighth in the OVC in offensive rebounding.

The one Austin Peay starter that is struggling the most could be leading scorer Adrian Henning. In the last two OVC losses, Henning has scored a total of 18 points while shooting eight-of-24 from the floor with 11 turnovers.

"That's been our Achilles heel this year,"

Conference standings

| | OVC | OVERALL |
|------------------|-----|---------|
| Morehead State | 6-0 | 11-5 |
| Tennessee-Martin | 3-2 | 10-6 |
| Tennessee Tech | 3-2 | 10-8 |
| Murray State | 2-2 | 9-6 |
| Eastern Kentucky | 2-3 | 7-8 |
| Austin Peay | 1-2 | 8-6 |
| SEMO | 2-3 | 7-9 |
| Eastern Illinois | 2-3 | 6-10 |
| Tennessee State | 0-4 | 2-12 |

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

| | TIME |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Thursday | |
| Eastern Illinois vs. Austin Peay | 7 p.m. |
| Morehead State vs. Murray State | 7 p.m. |
| Morris Brown vs. Tennessee State | 7 p.m. |
| UT-Martin vs. Eastern Kentucky | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday | |
| Aurora vs. Eastern Illinois | 7:10 p.m. |
| SEMO vs. Austin Peay | 1 p.m. |
| Morehead State vs. UT-Martin | 6 p.m. |
| Tennessee State vs. Tennessee Tech | 7:30 p.m. |
| Eastern Kentucky vs. Murray State | 7:30 p.m. |

Loos said. "When one guy goes south, it seems like the other guy goes south too."

Another problem that might haunt them against the Panthers will be Austin Peay's ability to defend from beyond the arc.

Currently, the Governors are surviving the battle on the perimeter by making up for their title as the OVC worst three-point defense with the conferences best three-point attack, averaging at least seven per game.

"What we have been doing is going to those perimeter shots first, but we prefer to play inside-out," Loos said.


Austin Peay is also concerned with its long layoff. The team has been between games because of a weather postponement of its game at Tennessee State. The Governors have not seen game action since Jan. 16.

"It was disappointing, but that was the hand we were dealt with the weather and there isn't much you can do about it," Loos said.

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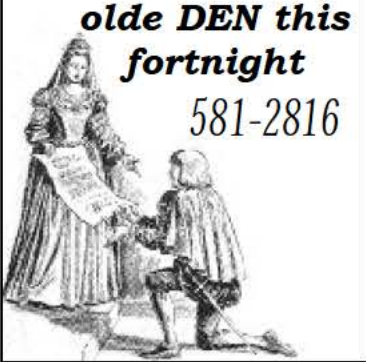
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Thompson

Eastern forward returns to Texas with Dallas

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"It's exciting, especially with him going back in his hometown," Eastern head coach Adam Howarth said. "I know his family is pretty excited about it."

Burns head coach Mike Jeffries agrees Thompson is a good fit with his team.

"We have experienced players for him to learn from," Jeffries said. "Its a good fit for us and him as well."

The Burn was looking to add some youth to their team in this year's draft.

"We felt like we wanted one more young fellow on our team," Jeffries said.

"And two, we wanted to make our team better by getting the best player available."

As a Project-40 (a program for high school and college soccer players) draft pick, the Burn views Thompson as a developing talent.

"He is a Project-40 player," Jeffries said. "That makes him a developmental guy, so we will let him take his time and develop a little bit."

However, Howarth believes Thompson could see some time in his first year in the MLS.

"If he works hard, and I know he will, he will have a good shot at getting some playing time," Howarth said.

Thompson will have familiar faces on the team. The Burn also



Mike Jeffries

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Dallas Burn Draft Picks

| PLAYER | ROUND/OVERALL |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Shavar Thomas | 1st/10th |
| Jason Thompson | 2nd/15th |
| David Comfort | 3rd/21st |
| Mike Tranchilla | 4th/34th |
| Michael Mariscalco | 5th/45 |
| Andy Rosenband | 6th/52 |

drafted Thompson's Missouri Valley Conference opponent Creighton forward Mike Tranchilla. Tranchilla was selected 34th overall by the Burn.

Dallas will not try to move Thompson from his forward position.

"He has a great work attitude and is very active at freeing himself up for the ball," Jeffries said.

Thompson ends his three-year career at Eastern with 40 goals and 16 assists. He made an immediate impact on the team his freshman year with 21 goals (1.11 per game) and 49 points (2.58 per game).

Among the several honors Thompson received during his collegiate career are Second Team All-America selection by College Soccer Online and Soccer America's Freshman All-America squad in his freshman year.

He was also named three-time All-MVC performer Honorable Mention All-America by the College Soccer News and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America selected him First Team All-Midwest region.

Thompson is currently in Portugal competing with the Under-23 U.S. National team and was unavailable for comment.

Top Cat:

Gossett take leadership role for Panthers

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Besides leading the Panthers in rebounds, Gossett has the highest shooting percentage on the team. The 6-foot-2-inch forward/center has hit on 63 of her 108 shots this season. Her 58 percent from the field is 10 percentage points higher than her closest teammate, junior center Allison Collins.

"It (high shooting percentage) is really a combination of Brooke being an excellent shooter and her ability to get good looks at the basket," Wunder said. "She is a consistent shooter and she is always in good position."

Gossett has continued to put up strong numbers even though the Panthers are missing last year's leading scorer Pam O'Connor. O'Connor recently announced Saturday she will red-shirt because of a torn anterior cruciate ligament and a fractured patella suffered during the summer. The absence of O'Connor has forced Gossett to alter her game.

"Brooke has changed her game a little bit with Pam out," Wunder said. "She realizes that she has to step up now and she has become more focused."

Gossett is one of the Panthers most versatile players. She plays both forward and center, depending on the situation.

"She is really interchangeable at either forward or center," Wunder said. "When we go to a smaller lineup she'll play center, if we go with a big lineup Allison (Collins) will play center and Brooke will move to forward."

Whether Gossett plays the four or five she continually has big offensive showings. To date, she is the only Panther to record a double-double this season when

Conference standings

| | OVC | OVER |
|------------------|-----|------|
| ALL | | |
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| Austin Peay | 3-0 | 10-3 |
| SEMO | 4-1 | 10-5 |
| Morehead State | 4-2 | 11-6 |
| Tennessee-Martin | 2-3 | 5-11 |
| Eastern Illinois | 2-3 | 3-12 |
| Tennessee Tech | 1-4 | 6-9 |
| Murray State | 0-4 | 4-11 |
| Tennessee State | 0-4 | 2-11 |

she scored 20 and grabbed 10 rebounds against IUPUI-Indianapolis back on Nov. 26. She nearly matched the feat against Loyola-Chicago and Southern Illinois, falling one rebound short each time.

However, personal accomplishments are not the main concern for the Panthers. The team is trying to rebound from a poor start and recently the Panthers have done just that.

With two consecutive wins against Ohio Valley Conference foes and the impressive play from Gossett the Panthers, currently sixth in the conference, could be back in the OVC race in the upcoming weeks.

"It feels good to get some wins," Wunder said. "It still remains to be seen if we can compete with all of the OVC teams but we'll have our shot coming up."

With Gossett on the court, the Panthers have one bullet ready to shoot down the rest of the OVC.

Pujols honored as

St. Louis baseball man of year

ST. LOUIS (AP) – Even after putting together the best two-season debut in major history and finishing second to Barry Bonds in the MVP balloting, Albert Pujols knows he can do better.

The St. Louis Cardinals' cleanup hitter was honored Tuesday as the Baseball Man of the Year by the city's chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America. But like a lot of his teammates, Pujols' bat went silent in the playoffs as the Cardinals were eliminated by the Giants in a five-game National League championship series, so there's a bit of a sour after-taste.

"I think if we would have hit a little better, including myself, I think we would have had a better chance," said Pujols, who was 5-for-19 with two RBIs. "I had a lot of opportunities to drive some runs in with men on third base with no outs and I didn't do my job."

"That's how it is. That's the game."

To manager Tony La Russa, that attitude is another indication of how far Pujols has come in such a short time.

"I'm glad to hear that," La Russa said. "I think that's really healthy, instead of just turning the page and saying everything's OK."

There also was room for improvement in the regular season. Pujols believes he got off to a bit of a slow start because he was pulling the ball too much.

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| | Wrestling at SIU Edwardsville | 6 p.m. |
| SATURDAY | M Basketball vs. Aurora | 7:10 p.m. Lantz Arena |
| | Swimming vs. Valparaiso | 1 p.m. |
| | M/W Track EIU Triangular | 11 a.m. Lantz Fieldhouse |

OVERTIME



Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Two Panthers
helping team
rise up lately

The Eastern men's basketball team is on the rise.

As of 11:02 left in the second half of their 68-60 victory over Tennessee-Martin, the Panthers had new life brought to them by what coaches saw as their "only hope."

When everything seemed to be going downhill, senior guard Ramon Taylor, one of my two favorite players on the team, ignited a 24-6 run to salvage an important Ohio Valley Conference victory.

Head coach Rick Samuels looked down his bench for someone who wasn't suffering from a separated shoulder, and made the decision to throw Taylor into the game to rescue his uninspired teammates.

Soon after, the confused looks the Panthers had on their faces were replaced by visions of yet another comeback in Lantz Arena. Players believed Taylor was the answer to all their problems and now I am even beginning to think so too.

It is too bad that Taylor's success had to come at the expense of Jason Wright's shoulder injury, which will keep him sidelined for an indefinite time, but that is just how things work out sometimes. Kurt Warner knows what I mean.

I believe that both Taylor's and the team's success can continue with proper usage of his skills. I am not saying that Taylor should be slotted in to the starting lineup because of one game, but if Saturday night's comeback wasn't proof enough that Taylor should see some extra minutes, then I don't know what is.

His pressure defense forces opposing teams out of a rhythm and creates turnovers resulting in easy fast-break points.

Taylor is not the only factor that could prove to be beneficial to Eastern in the second half of the season.

Part two of the Panthers' revival lies in my other favorite player. It isn't because he pours in double-digit numbers in points or makes electrifying passes. It is because he plays an important leadership role and consistently gets other people open for easy looks.

I am talking about senior center Jan Thompson. With his big 6-foot-11 body back in the lineup, it will leave more and better open looks for Henry Domercant and J.R. Reynolds other players could not offer in his absence.

I not only like what the Panthers' gentle giant does on the court, but his senior leadership shows when he is in the lineup. He is the first one to congratulate a guy for doing something well and also the first to calm someone down after a mistake.

Thompson feeling the Burn

♦ Junior forward selected 15th overall in MLS draft by Dallas Burn

By Matt Meinheit
SPORTS EDITOR

With the 15th overall selection in the 2002 Major League Soccer Super Draft, the Dallas Burn selected Eastern forward Jason Thompson Friday, making him the first player in school history drafted by the league.

Thompson is guaranteed a roster spot with the Burn as part of his Project-40 contract. He will join a Dallas team that came within one game of semifinals last year and finished the season 12-9-7, the third-best record in the MLS.

Thompson was the Burn's second selection in the draft. The Burn entered the draft with three of the top 15 selections. They traded the fourth overall pick to the New Jersey MetroStars for Rookie of the Year finalist midfielder Brad Davis.

Dallas used the 10th overall pick to select University of Connecticut defender Shavar Thomas in the first round, then selected Thompson in the second round with the 15th overall pick.

Dallas should make a good fit for the Garland, Texas native.



FILE PHOTO
Eastern forward Jason Thompson was drafted in the second round of the MLS Super Draft Friday. He was selected 15th overall by the Dallas Burn. This year, Thompson scored 14 goals for the Panthers.

TOP CAT

"She has really picked up her game" — head coach Linda Wunder

A deadly shot

♦ Senior Gossett leads the team in field-goal percentage, made 8-10 in Panthers first OVC win of the season

♦ Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selections are made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.

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Seventeen points, four rebounds, two assists, one block and a steal is a good week for most basketball players, but for Eastern's Brooke Gossett, it was her box score last Saturday in the Panthers' victory against Tennessee-Martin.

Gossett, a fifth-year senior from West Frankfort, is the Panthers' second leading scorer on the season. She averages 9.9 points a game and pulls down 5.6 boards.

For her efforts last week, Gossett is this week's Top Cat.

More important than her solid numbers on a nightly basis is Gossett's role as a team leader. Head coach Linda Wunder speaks highly about Gossett's role both on and off the court.

"Brooke is a quiet leader," Wunder said. "She is very encouraging to her teammates. She helps on the court and also off the court. Brooke understands the game and our system so she helps her teammates to understand."

Despite the Panthers' slow start (3-12, 2-3 OVC) Gossett has been on fire. She is enjoying her finest season in Panther blue and white.

"Brooke has been excellent this year," Wunder said. "She has really picked up her game."

While Gossett may have just recently begun to turn the heads of Panther fans with her numbers, Wunder says she knew Gossett was a talent when the coach took the reins 4 years ago.

"I didn't recruit Brooke to Eastern but I did inherit her as a red-shirt freshman," Wunder said. "I have coached all four years that she has played and I knew that she had a lot of talent as a freshman."



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Senior forward/center Brooke Gossett made 13 of 16 shots from the field in two games last week against Morehead State and Tennessee-Martin. She leads the team with 58-percent shooting from the field.