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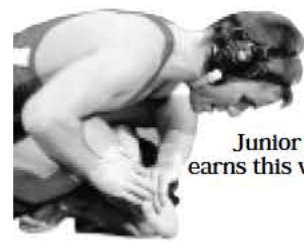
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No Dowty about it

Junior 133-pounder Pat Dowty
earns this week's "Top Cat" honors

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COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Lori Casey, a specialist with the Radio-TV Program Center Operations, lifts weights Tuesday afternoon in the Student Recreation Center. Casey is one of many people on the wellness program through the rec.

Staff members participating in new wellness pilot program

By Steve Cook
STAFF WRITER

Staff members were greeted with a new health program intended to improve the physical fitness and emotional wellness of Eastern faculty.

"This program kind of got its start from (Interim President) Lou Hencken's on-campus efficiency plan," said Linda Kingery, programs/operations coordinator of WEIU and current participant of the wellness program. "He said to be more efficient. It helps to be more physically fit—we just kind of ran with that idea."

Kingery is one of 25 members

who volunteered for the wellness pilot program in the fall.

"The wellness pilot program is really a worthwhile program and it has been effective, especially for the ones who have stuck with it and follow the program's schedule," said Julia Abell, director of planning and institutional studies.

The program's schedule uses a two-pronged approach, combining a personalized physical fitness regimen with monthly luncheons featuring guest speakers.

Jill Owens, director of the wellness pilot program, heads the physical fitness segment and oversees several graduate assistants who organize and maintain

the program's schedule.

"First, I go out and talk to possible participants and encourage them to consider joining the program. Then, when the people who were interested come in to join, we run a fitness test to update them on their current physical status," Owens said.

The fitness test consists of standard blood pressure, cholesterol and body fat tests, and is conducted by graduate assistants in the exercise science department.

"Once the test results are in we analyze the results and contact each individual to set up a

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Board OKs UPI contract

♦ Three other union contracts also were approved on Tuesday

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

It's over.

Eastern's Board of Trustees Tuesday approved the faculty union contract settled after 11 months of negotiations with a threat of a strike.

Three other contracts were also approved.

The board's decision approves the first four-year contract the union has had with the university, interim President Lou Hencken said.

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois traditionally has a three-year contract, but with an upcoming presidential search in a few years, the extended agreement will ensure the new president is not confronted with negotiations, union president David Radavich said.

"The university administration decided they were willing to offer something worth our while for another year," associate math professor Charles Delman said. Delman was lead negotiator during talks for the contract.

The contract also provides language to issues such as distance education, academic freedom and grant specifics for the first time, Radavich said.

He said a large majority of faculty are happy with the contract, evident by a contract ratification vote of more than 90 percent.

A tentative agreement representing about 600 faculty was reached Feb. 5.

The settlement includes a one-time bonus this year equal to a 1.5 percent salary increase if there is no rescission by May.

Hencken said that bonus is not likely.

"It does appear we are going to have a call back," he said.

However salary increases will be 2, 2.5 and 3 percent above state appropriations in the second, third and fourth years of the contract.

The third-year increase will be an estimated cost of more than \$970,000 to the university.

The other contracts are one wage opener and two full three-year contracts.

The wage opener was for the last

Artificial turf endorsed, Tarble contractor selected

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Some grass on campus will smell different this summer.

In fact, it won't smell at all.

Eastern's Board of Trustees approved the concept of artificial turf Tuesday to be installed at O'Brien Stadium between June and August.

The estimated cost for the project is \$750,000, but students will not be paying for it.

Instead of funds through student fees or appropriated funds, the turf will be paid for with outside sources. About \$600,000 has already been raised, said director of athletics Richard McDuffie.

The field will be made of granulated rubber and plastic-like strands. The change is necessary because of the maintenance needed on the current grass field, the likelihood it will reduce injuries and the expected low maintenance needed on the new grass.

The current grass has an upkeep price of \$27,000, said interim President Lou Hencken.

"This is more than just a football field," Hencken said of the turf, which can be used for team sports such as football, intramural sports, and by classes.

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year of a three-year agreement with clerical workers represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The union, representing about 200 employees, agreed to a lump sum among other financial specifics, costing the university an estimated \$91,000.

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Charleston commerce saw drop off during spring break

♦ Decrease in business was less severe than in previous years

By Meagan Brusnighan
STAFF WRITER

Charleston stores and restaurants suffered a large business drop off because of students who left for spring break.

Although some places missed the students more than others, Eastern students account for over half of Charleston's total

population.

Cory Hay, a manager at Charleston's Pizza Hut, said the restaurant usually sees quite a large drop in business while the students are away on spring break. This year was no different.

"We see about a 25 to 30 percent decline during that time of year," Hay said.

Other area businesses experienced a slightly less severe difference in the number of customers, most noting only a moderate change.

Workers at Papa John's said they

usually see a significant decrease in sales, but was pleasantly surprised this year when there was very little difference in the restaurant's usual amount of sales during the spring break week.

Charleston's Jimmy John's also experienced less of a loss this year than usual.

Tracy Cole, Jimmy John's manager, attributes the fair spring break business to their efforts to reach out to the permanent local residents.

"We've been doing a lot of sampling, going out to businesses with

"We see about a 25 to 30 percent decline during that time of year."

—Cory Hay

free samples and coupons, just getting our name out there," Cole said.


Charleston's Family Video and China 88 both said they saw only a


slight decrease.


"College kids are in late, so when they're here we're busier from nine to midnight, and when they're gone we're busier from about four to eight," said Tanya Maxwell of Family Video.


Traci Boksa, a manager at Charleston's Boxa said the restaurant saw a slight decrease in late-night deliveries, but little change elsewhere.


"We mostly have faculty and local people for lunch, and the lunch time is half our business," Boksa said.


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Partly cloudy

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Tuesday
Mostly cloudy

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TONIGHT'S BEST BETS

Healthy body image subject of workshop

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The Counseling Center hopes to make students healthy, wealthy and wise after a workshop Wednesday. Well, maybe just healthy and wise.

The workshop, titled "Food, Body Image and Healthy Living, A Psychological Perspective", will address the dynamics of health as well as how problems arise.

The workshop will be presented by Mark Kiel of the Counseling Center.

"It's in conjunction with National Nutrition Month and in part with the workshops the Counseling Center gives on health, mental health, relationships, time management and ethnic cultural issues," Kiel said.

"The presentation is what not to do regarding food and body image," Kiel said. "We hear a lot about pathology information with eating disorders and such and wanted to do a little bit of the opposite. Not how to treat the issues, but focus more on what to eat, how to have a healthy body

"The presentation is what not to do regarding food and body image."

—Mark Kiel

image and healthy self-esteem."

Kiel said he would touch on the physiological aspect, but stretch the psychological dimensions and perspective of these issues.

"It will be a very student-initiated presentation. I want to know what they want to know," he said.

The presentation will not be like a classroom lecture, Kiel said.

"It's trying to be more focused on the students needs and what they want to know, coming from the questions and interests of the audience."

The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Lecture will discuss pop-influenced art

By Samantha Rapp
STAFF WRITER

For those interested in pop-influenced art, the Tarble Arts Center is the place to be Wednesday.

Chicago painter Scott Anderson, will come to Eastern at 7 p.m. for a lecture in the Tarble Arts Center main gallery.

The lecture will exhibit slides of his paintings. Anderson should also talk to students about their artwork and he will visit classrooms.

The lecture is free of charge and is open to all students interested.

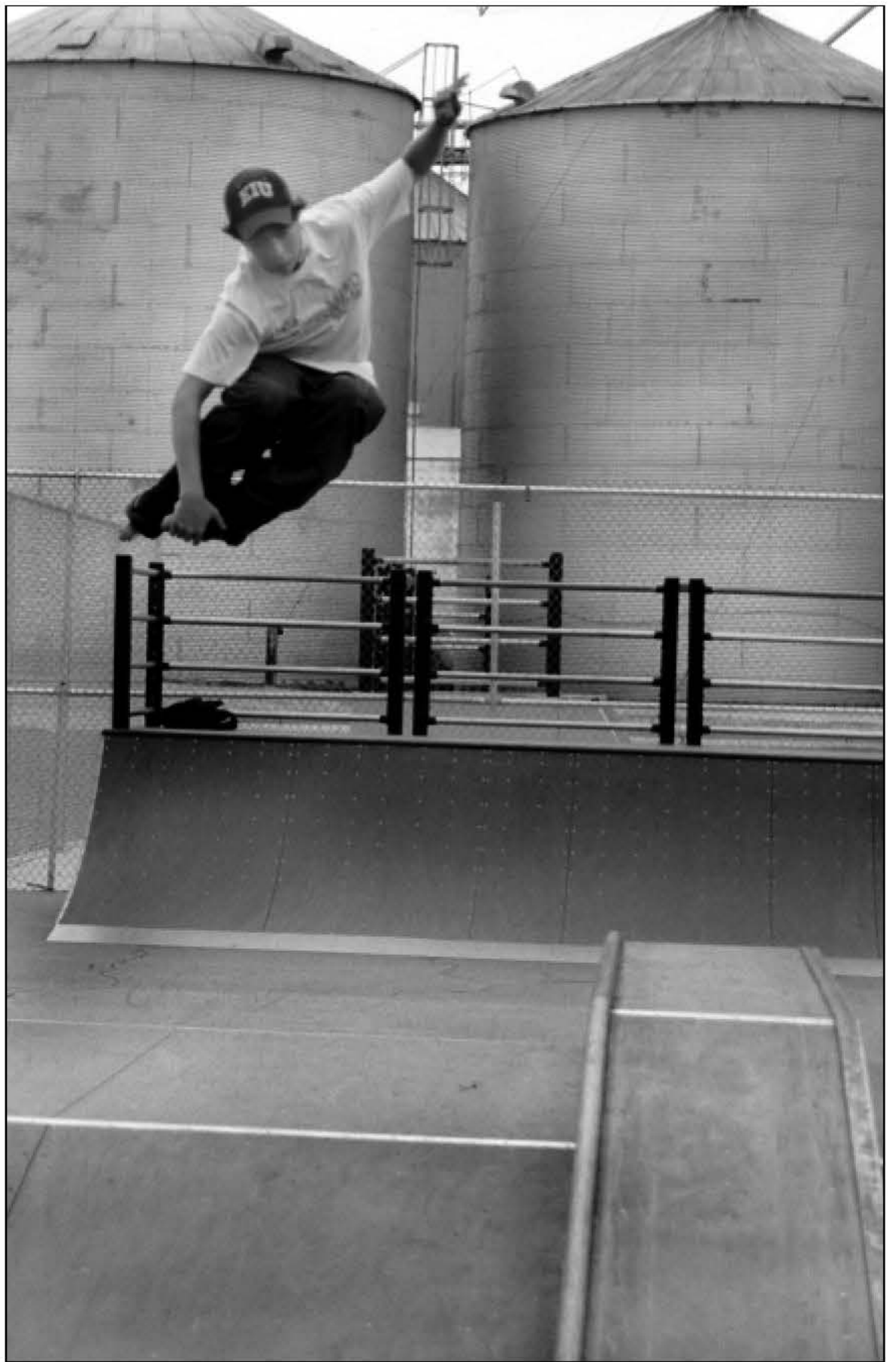
Artwork by Anderson is shown at the Peter Miller Gallery and he

has an exhibition at the Contemporary Museum of Art in Chicago.

"Anderson draws his influence from natural and man-made landscapes," said Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center.

Anderson also draws his artwork from modern art, Hollywood movies, science fiction illustrations and design and architecture, Watts said. These influences categorize him in pop art.

Watts said Anderson received his Master's in Science in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and now lives in Chicago where he continues his work.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Twist and turn

Darel Flynn, a freshman undeclared major, takes advantage of the warm weather Tuesday afternoon at the Charleston Skate Park.

Senate to discuss schedule conflicts

◆ *Proposed bylaw change will create system for dealing with committee meeting attendance*

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will look at resolving scheduling conflicts among its members with a proposed bylaw change Tuesday.

The proposal comes in response to concern over possible dismissal from Student Senate over three missed committee meetings. A recent change was made to stiffen the penalty for missed committee meetings, citing three committee meeting absences as grounds for dismissal from Student Government.

The proposed bylaw change states if a conflict arises between a committee chair and a senate member that cannot be resolved between the two parties, based on

meeting attendance, then the dispute shall be taken to the speaker of the senate, who shall act as an arbitrator and will work with the two parties in effect, to reach a plausible solution.

The rationale for the bylaw change is to settle any confrontation between a committee chair and a senate member over meeting attendance.

Senate Speaker Bill Davidson said that the bylaw change proposal is in response to senate members' concerns.

"The concern is that scheduling conflicts could lead to an unfair dismissal from senate; this bylaw will clear some of that up," Davidson said.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, will give a presentation to Student Senate.

"I will be sharing the work of the Bond Revenue Committee on room and board fees," Hudson said. "We've been meeting for a month, and I wanted to share with the

"The concern is that scheduling conflicts will lead to an unfair dismissal from senate; this bylaw will clear some of that up."

—Bill Davidson

Student Government where we are in the process."

An allocation request for an upcoming Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting will also be discussed.

The request is for \$142.95 to pay for a hotel room and a rental car.

In consent agenda, Matt Johnson and Dave Hanley will go up for approval to the Shuttle Bus Committee. Blake Donahue is seeking approval to the Student Relations Committee.

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Joyce Baugh, professor of political science at Central Michigan University, talks to students and faculty Tuesday evening in the Roberson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall. Baugh spoke on the legal implications of the 2000 presidential election.

Speaker says 2000 election set trends

By Jennifer Stoops
STAFF WRITER

The Supreme Court helped fix a confused system: the polls.

Guest Speaker Joyce Baugh cited four cases brought to court in response to the Bush vs. Gore Supreme Court case that grew from the 2000 presidential election.

Braugh, who has taught political science at Central Michigan University since 1988, said the suits were filed mainly on the basis of violating the equal protection clause. The clause, part of the 14th Amendment, gives individuals equal protection through laws and prohibits depriving individuals from their rights to vote, Braugh said.

In each of the four cases Braugh cited, plaintiffs felt that the equal protection clause was

violated during the vote.

Braugh said the cases appeared in Georgia, Florida, Illinois and California courts.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union and individuals in each state, said the rights of minority voters were violated by using the punch card method. The groups cited statistics showing punch card ballots used primarily in areas with minority voters. The punch card method was more likely to produce mistakes than the optical scan method, used predominantly in white voting areas.

Braugh said in all states except Illinois, the equal protection clause was quickly removed from each case on grounds that the clause did not apply to the cases. "Judges do not want to

have a record of ignoring precedence of higher courts," she said.

The judge presiding over the Bush vs. Gore findings to the Black vs. McGuffage and Del Valle vs. McGuffage cases by saying that the equal protection clause was violated by use of the punch card system.

In all the cases in Georgia, Florida and California, the punch card method of voting has been decertified and a state-wide method has been adopted, Braugh said.

The cases in Illinois have not closed, but have the possibility of being settled outside of court.

Baugh said she hopes the cases will go to court so the state can further develop the connections between these cases and Bush vs. Gore.

Faculty Senate discuss technology committee

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate discussed academic and administrative support and shared governance in technology Tuesday, without proposing specifics for a new committee.

However, senate members did agree on creating the university committee, which has not yet been named.

The Academic Technology Advisory Committee and Computer Technology Planning Committee composed of faculty, student and staff representation are the two existing groups on technology.

Mike Hoadley and Mihir Chatterji, assistant vice presidents for Information Technology Services, spoke to the senate on technology, following up from information presented in November.

Most senate concern surrounded the idea of a committee membership and technology grants.

Chatterji, who assumed his position last semester, said changes have progressed optimistically in technology.

"We have a somewhat steady network now ... at least the network is staying up," he said.

The computer help desk has moved to the Gregg Triad with longer night hours and speedier response times for computer assistance, he said.

More bandwidth has been added to handle network traffic. Less complaints have been heard from an academic perspective but response has not been as positive with student housing.

"It is due to a lot of abuse of the network," he said. Chatterji said technical problems still exist with the Web CT.

Hoadley said April 29 will be considered Technology Recognition Day to show more exposure of technology.

"We have a somewhat steady network now. . . at least the network is staying up."

—Mihir Chatterji

The main need with a third committee is faculty representation, especially with deciding money distribution on faculty grants.

Journalism professor James Tidwell proposed three committees in place of one of the existing technology committees, one to focus on the distribution of funds from student fees.

Eastern's Board of Trustees approved a contract for Eastern's faculty University Professional of Illinois labor union Tuesday. The contract gave provisions to a computer privacy policy.

The senate formed a subcommittee to focus on the same issue, which reported Tuesday the policy outlined in the contract supersedes any recommendation the committee would have formed, said Barbara Lawrence, associate chemistry professor and senate member.

Faculty now have the "strongest protection" for research and information stored on university computers, Lawrence said. The policy states the university can intervene in such cases as viruses and technical problems, she said.

The senate approved two faculty members for the Distinguished Faculty Award, established in 1979.

Psychology professor William Kirk and foreign languages professor Luis Clay Mendez were named.

The senate also nominated associate political science professor David Carwell to a search committee for the chief of police at the University Police Department. The committee is still forming.

City council committee created to manage credit hours

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

The city council announced its scholarship committee Tuesday to determine recipients of Eastern credit hours.

In January, Eastern traded 4,444 tuition credit hours to the city of Charleston to acquire the portion of Seventh Street from Lincoln to Hayes avenues. In place of the \$480,000 cost, the city agreed to accept credit hours to be distributed at its own preference.

During the council meeting, Mayor Dan Cougill announced the eight-person committee which will meet at 4 p.m. April 2 in the council chambers to determine distribution of the credit hours.

The council approved a \$50,000 loan to Scholastic Recognition, Inc., a local company that makes graduation stationery for universities. "Scholastic Recognition started here making announcements, diplomas and other graduation goods and now as expanded to over 160 universities," Cougill said.

An ordinance outlining the costs of ambulance service to the city and residents was tabled until the next meeting because of discrepancies.

"You need to look at the cost of the city to provide the service, what portion of the cost should be subsidized to city and property taxes and what is left for citizens to pay, either personally or through insurance and Medicare," City Attorney

Brian Bower said.

The ordinance was placed on file for public inspection at the prior meeting.

The lack of public comment gave council the impression citizens either favored the ordinance or did not inspect the file.

Council unanimously passed the Board of Zoning and Appeals Unified Development Code's amended version.

"The staff and (the board of zoning and appeals) have been doing some looking at the Unified Development Code and making amendments," Cougill said. "The plan has had several upgrades and fixes in some places."

Reggie Phillips of Unique Properties apartments said the

code will prevent local developers from competing with Eastern.

"As demand outreaches supply, Eastern has a chance to grow and we won't as a standpoint locally," he said. "It will literally kill our developments."

Phillips said building density stipulations will cause development costs to nearly triple.

"The desire was to reduce the density," council member Larry Rennels said about the code's original and current intent.

A lease agreement to expand city parking was placed on file for public inspection in order to form a plan fitting to the newly-adopted Unified Development Code.

"The lots are going to be made out of six inches of gravel which is

inconsistent with the code we just passed," council member Larry Rennels said.

Changing the gravel lots to concrete would require adjustment of the lease.

Council also unanimously approved a resolution allowing a land trade to form the Woodyard Memorial Conservation Area.

"We are declaring farm land we bought as surplus land so we can trade it with the Corley property so we can go ahead and use that land for the preservation area," Cougill said.

Changes to City Ordinance Title I which outlines the city attorney's responsibilities under the city manager were placed on file for public inspection.

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EDITORIAL

Broken promise a costly one

Last year the Student Senate executive board members in office were campaigning, they made a number of promises. It is said that promises are like pie crusts: easily made and easily broken, and Eastern students watched a sorry pastry crumble this week.

When Ronnie Deedrick, student vice president for academic affairs, campaigned last year, one of his pet projects was Pick-A-Prof.

The computer program would have allowed students to post comments on classes and read comments posted by other students when deciding which classes to sign up for.

Oh, and it was going to cost \$20,000.

Deedrick picked up the idea at a conference of student governments last year. During his term, he spoke to campus constituents trying to get support for the idea. Faculty Senate had numerous concerns, no widespread support was built and talk of the project slowly faded.

When Deedrick returned from the conference this year, he said he had a change of heart and scrapped the idea.

Although *The Daily Eastern News* has often run editorials calling the project a stupid, impossible idea, it apparently took a trip to Texas paid for by student fees to drive the point home.

A little asking around before campaigning would have been the smart thing to do. Had Deedrick spent some time gauging interest and support and looking at other schools' use of the program before campaigning, he wouldn't have wasted student and faculty time and broken his promise.

Now he's made a fool of himself and risks losing support for re-election, if he decides to seek it, not to mention he's wasted a lot of people's time.

Potential student executives need to research their projects thoroughly before making promises and then stick to them. Campaign promises are important — they define a candidate during the race and set the tone for the year once the new government is in place.

Don't make Eastern a training ground for lying politicians.

Set a good example by listening to constituents, researching project ideas before committing to them and staying upfront and honest. Eastern's students are worth that much effort.

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

At issue

The Pick-A-Prof campaign project

Our stance

The project flopped since it was not thoroughly researched. Potential student execs need to ensure project ideas are legitimate.

OPINION

Punish an absence of knowledge



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Above even the social interaction, the freedom and responsibility of college, each of us is essentially here to learn a thing or two. And contrary to the myriad other reasons Eastern students have left the confines of home for dollar drafts and dorm life, semesterly tuition bills stand as a testament to the ultimate purpose of learning.

Sadly, however, the \$100 per semester hour paid for this precious education often comes across as a bit of a waste to say the least. For every class that molds youths into upstanding citizens or captivates creativity and imagination, there exists classes leaving students simply coming away dumber, angrier and out a little dough.

In these instances, the perennial question often begging to be answered is: why attendance policies seem to permeate college classes, specifically when instructors know attendance is negligible at best.

Simply put, college students pay about a dime a minute to attend the average three semester-hour class for a term. In essence, we're all paying for a service which can either be taken advantage of or simply taken for granted. More often than not, however, this "choice" is eliminated entirely by instructors requiring attendance under penalty of a loss of points, a drop from the class or worse.

Professors have created the idea of mandatory attendance under the auspices that students should be required to come, and never mind the fact many students can often maintain high grades and course comprehen-

"Mandatory attendance to something we're already paying for is the biggest oxymoron since military intelligence."

sion without setting foot in the classroom more than a handful of times. School needn't be treated as a job (in which case an individual is paid for performance.) Rather, in a college setting, we are the ones paying, yet also are required to participate, often to unsatisfactory degrees.

And seemingly, it is never a difficult subject matter with rigid attendance policies but, rather, simple classes in which most students attend simply to avoid strict penalties imposed by professors resting sure in the knowledge that the aforementioned attendance policy is the only thing ensuring any manner of regular participation from students.

With challenging or difficult subject matter, simply missing class, and ultimately missing out on the knowledge imparted during that time, is punishment enough when it is time to take a test. And this simple premise is why calculus of trigonometry classes rarely require strict attendance while underwater basket weaving only allows a single absence before a student's grade falls a letter. Professors need to get past the

idea of punishing absence when what needs to be enforced against is an absence of knowledge.

Mandatory attendance is a deeply ingrained system however. Without it, there would be students learning at their leisure or educating themselves as they see fit for future exams, and we wouldn't want that, would we?

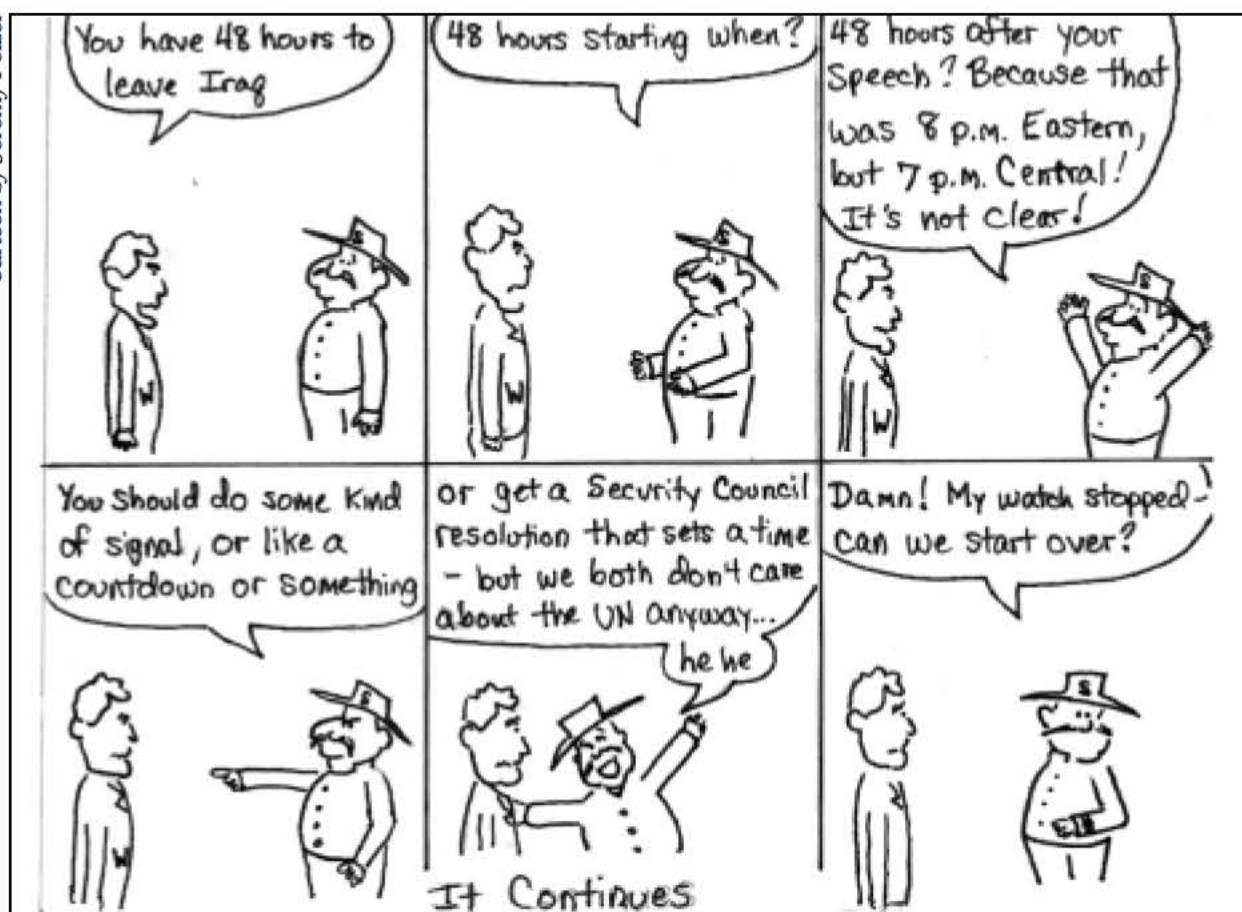
Simply put, mandatory attendance to something we're already paying for is the biggest oxymoron since military intelligence. If students think they can still accumulate the required knowledge a class calls for without regular attendance, who is a professor to stop them? Rather than imposing childish penalties, why not make classes worth attending or at least present pertinent information during sessions that students must attend to procure?

In any case, I only can assume it's much easier to simply punish students for not putting forth the effort of attending class than it would be to put forth the effort to create curriculum students would either enjoy attending or be obliged to attend in order to pass.

It's funny how that double stand works, isn't it?

If a student chooses not to participate to the fullest and attend each class, he or she will almost surely be punished, yet if a professor fails to participate on their end and create a curriculum demanding of student attention, students are left with little recourse other than count the pennies they've lost as wasted minutes tick by.

Cartoon by Jeremy Pelzer



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fitness takes more than abs class

I am writing this letter in response to the many articles regarding abs class at the Student Recreation Center.

As the aerobics coordinator at the rec center, I am, of course, highly supportive of the aerobics program, including the ever-popular abs class. However, I am concerned with the growing impression that students are guaranteed to see a difference in their physique by attending abs class on a regular basis. It takes more.

I was recently quoted

stating that, "Everyone has a six-pack. It's just a matter of removing what is on top of that muscle." Because this quote was taken out of context, I am afraid it left the wrong impression on those who read the article. The point I was trying to make was that people should start balancing the abs workout with cardio and a healthy diet. Many people attend abs class religiously and then walk out the door to skip the cardio and weight training. The majority of these students supplement their

diets with alcohol and fast food.

I do not think it's fair to validate the claims made in previous articles. Everyone is different. Some may benefit from abs class alone, and many will not. It takes a lifestyle adjustment to reap the benefits of good health.

I realize am not fully aware of all students'

lifestyles.

However, I think as aerobics coordinator, I should give fair warning that it takes more than one toning class to get the desired six-pack. If it were only that simple!

Sarah A. Zumbahlen
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Viewpoint

Ways to endure having a friend at war

By David Onestak
DIRECTOR, COUNSELING CENTER

As we approach what seems to be an almost certain conflict with Iraq, an increasing number of students approach me with their concerns about high school and college friends who have been (or may soon be) deployed for military service.

These students, like the young adults of previous war-time generations, express feelings commonly associated with the trauma of military deployment (e.g., fear, anxiety, sadness, anger, etc.), with particular apprehension about what they will experience if actual combat occurs.

These students are describing completely normal responses to an acutely troubling situation. Nevertheless, they face the issue of how best to cope with the deployment and possible combat involvement of their friends. From my perspective, perhaps the single most critical challenge for these students is to sustain a focus not on their fears (no member of Eastern's campus community can alter the path of even one bomb or bullet if fighting ensues) but on what does remain under their control.

To you students, I suggest it is important to take care of yourself and to attempt to go about "business as usual." Some students may mistakenly conclude that, given the risks being faced by their friends in the military, their own personal needs and academic pursuits are insignificant. This is not true. If you allow yourself to decay intellectually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, you will soon

be of no use to yourself or anyone else. In fact, you may actually become a source of concern for others, adding to their existing burden and making it more difficult for them to cope.

It is best to: ♦ Take it day by day. Stick to the academic, work, and social schedules that give structure to your daily life. There is comfort in these routines.

♦ Try to eat well and get enough rest.

♦ Exercise regularly (the spring break rush at the Student Recreation Center is now over!).

♦ Avoid excesses in alcohol and other drugs.

♦ Limit your exposure to the emotionally draining impact of television war coverage. The demands of the twenty-four-hour-a-day news cycle encourage the media to inflate even the most minor events into "breaking news." Is it really going to benefit you to watch the same bomb footage over and over again?

♦ Spend time with people that you care about and do things with them that you enjoy.

♦ Seek support and comfort from spiritual leaders and others in your faith community.

♦ If you are struggling, talk about your feelings and ask for support from friends and family. If things become more overwhelming, contact the Counseling Center and request an appointment to discuss these issues.



David Onestak

While the previously listed suggestions are all important to coping effectively with deployment/combat issues, perhaps the best thing that for yourself is to reach out and find meaningful ways to be helpful to others, especially your friends in the military.

For example, just like freshmen at Eastern, service members are overjoyed to get a letter, card, or package from home.

Consistent efforts to communicate with your friends who have been deployed can do wonders to raise their morale and strengthen them for the challenges they face. In fact, some incredibly moving and courageous compositions have been written between soldiers and their friends and loved ones (If you are interested, do a Google search for the 1861 letter written by Sullivan Ballou to his wife Sarah during the American Civil War).

However, communicating with deployed military personnel can be complicated, especially during times of war, so a couple things you should consider are:

♦ The frequency is probably more important than the length of the communications.

♦ The military services will not provide you with contact information for your friends. Their parents and/or spouses should have the required information.

♦ While all service members will have e-mail accounts, it is unlikely that electronic communications will be "instant." Because of variables such as mission activity and the availability of computers, a soldier's response may be delayed for a week or more.

Technological advancements have led some to speculate that, similar to the old practice of waiting in long lines at a phone booth to call home, soldiers will now be standing in long lines waiting to use computers for e-mail.

♦ Snail-mail letters and cards are still one of the least expensive and most satisfactory ways to stay in touch with military personnel.

Their advantage is that they can be reread during lonely moments or at times when other forms of communication are not available. Military postal systems will be set up near units, and estimates are that delivery times will average about ten days. Letters composed on a computer can be saved and collected in a book to be presented upon your friend's return.

♦ If you are sending a package, check out the United States Postal Service Web site (www.usps.com) for information about what can and cannot be shipped to various locations. Be creative with your packages. Send photos, silly toys, newly released CDs, and interesting home newspaper and *The Daily Eastern News* articles. Make sure any food items are not perishable. Because of the high cost of calling home, phone cards are an especially welcomed and valued gift to include in letters and packages. Be sure to research the rules and restrictions of phone cards before your purchase.

♦ Your friends may not be able to share much information about their location or mission. At the same time, they may talk passionately about their unit and their desire to serve their country. This enthusiasm is essential to your friends' success and safety in

combat, and it is important for you to recognize and honor this part of their experience.

♦ Even if you have feelings to the contrary (e.g., "The French are right; you shouldn't be there anyway"), it is important to keep your communications positive, upbeat, and supportive. Humorous stories about family and/or shared friends can transcend geographical distances and help service members feel close and connected to the important people in their lives.

♦ If you decide you would like to extend your good will efforts beyond your friend, you can inquire if anyone is in his or her unit who is not getting mail and request contact information for that person. The National Military Family Association (www.nmfa.org) can provide additional information about more general efforts to support our service men and women.

While it may seem premature at this point, you should begin to contemplate and prepare for your friend's return to the States.

Friends and loved ones of military service members frequently have fantasies of what the reunion will be like, often harboring a strong desire to return to "the way we were."

However, the passage time and the experience of being deployed, not to mention the potentially life-altering impact of armed combat, can result in dramatic changes both within and between people.

It is important to be willing to spend the time necessary to slowly reacquaint with one another and to re-establish the relationship on both old and new terms.

People need to look at the whole picture when it comes to war

By Kenneth Bauer
STAFF WRITER

This column is in response to all the anti-war protesting, crying, tree-hugging, dolphin-saving, tofu-eating liberals. The anti-war letters, which generally employ very pick-and-choose methods of arguing, generally claim that pro-Iraqi-war individuals are not looking at the whole picture or that we have somehow been duped into our manner of thinking.

The most annoying the arguments expressed have aid that America is engaging in this eminent war at least partially over oil interests. This is a revelation equal to observing that water is wet. Letters to the editor have stated the painfully obvious and the theories have been paraded around so proudly like a little child who has just solved his or her first math problem. The fact that oil-stability happens to be one of our goals in Iraq should not deter out case-in-chief against Saddam.

I certainly agree a lot of other good causes around the world are worth fighting for, but no nation can take on all those tasks at once.

It is only natural that a nation, or individual people for that matter, would prioritize its battles wisely. Of course the United States would take on a cause beneficial to its own interest over one that isn't.

We all do this on a daily basis. No individual stands and argues every single issue they disagree with to death. That would be completely impractical. But the lunacy doesn't stop there, and neither does international criticism over the same weak arguments.

Many of the anti-war-for-oil views in letters are shared by Germany and France. What none of them seem to take into account is Germany and France are viewing all this through colored glasses as much, if not more, than the United States. Germany and France suffered much worse than the United States at the gas pumps during the last Gulf War than we ever did. They have

not nearly the same natural oil resources as our nation and thus affected far greater by rising oil-import prices.

Yes, our international critics most certainly are motivated by oil interests.

Anti-war protesters also allege that more time to disarm would work with Iraq and Mr. Hussein. This is an extremely weak argument not worth much of a response. The man has had 12 years to disarm and these shenanigans of his are nothing new. He has, unfortunately for the Iraqi people, spent his time playing international hide-and-seek. His time has run out.

As for claims from letters that war will cost Iraqi civilian lives, do you recall Sept. 11, 2001? Do you remember what happened that day? No, I'm not referring to the destruction of the World Trade towers. I'm referring to the dancing in the streets of Iraq: all of them, the women, the children, burning U.S. flags and chanting "Death to America!"

I'm sure during this imminent war we will see injured women and children paraded in front of news cameras. We must remain focused though. Plainly put, the Iraqi people have a colossal decision to make once this war starts. Let us hope they make the right decision and help us bring this war to a quick end. Also, do you remember the 9/11 celebrating in Kuwait?

I guess we were convenient for them when it served their purpose and interests, as they should now be for us as we serve our own.

Consider as well that the current leaders of international U.S. criticism are the German and French governments. Both the Germans and the French believe stricter United Nations enforcement would be successful if allowed to continue for another four months. Let me just say the Germans invaded France in World War I.

After France was rescued and Germany defeated, Germany was ordered to disarm. Germany complied at first, and then, like Mr. Hussein,

began building arms once again that violated their international agreement. They predictably crossed borders, conquering neighbors including the brain-child we refer to as "France," which had to be rescued again at a terrible cost of lives to the international community. The rest is history. These individual nations will be the last to advise the United States on what is proper procedure in disarming a nation and when it is appropriate.

The French would be speaking German right now if it were not for us. We saved their self-defenseless butts and have prevented a third invasion of France by giving upon self-disarmament theories and forcing Germany to disarm through measures.

Finally, I point out to you that Hussein has constantly called for the entire Islamic world to engage in an infitada against the United States since the Gulf War.

He has done so very boldly and defiantly. He has both money and the means to make this infitada a stark reality. In 1997 and 1998 he publicly offered to the entire international community the financing of an infitada against the U.S.

On Sept. 11, 2001, America forever changed its policy in the way we deal with individuals who make such blatant terrorist threats against us.

Now, if you as a government make these terrorist threats against us, and you actually have the means to make them a reality, or you knowingly harbor such groups of terrorists, you will lose your power over your nation. This is the example Mr. Hussein will serve for us to the international community.

Perhaps you liberals have hugged one too many trees. Perhaps those people will see a different light; perhaps they won't.

Either way, you will enjoy the more secure world views provided for you once Hussein and others like him are dealt a lethal blow by the type of thinkers that truly look at the whole picture and don't rely on pick-and-choose methods of arguing.

Coping with son in Navy

By Angela Harris
STAFF WRITER

My son is serving our nation as a Navy Firefighter on the USS Juneau LPD 10. He is dedicated and reminds me that he is doing this for our family. He doesn't even have to remind me; I know that in my heart. My son is true to his family and his nation.

I am a very proud mom who also has served in the Illinois National Guard with two honorable discharges. I was never personally deployed to serve outside our United States, but was with the 1544th Transportation Unit, Paris. It has been called to deployment for the previous Desert Storm as well as other deployments. I am proud of those women and men who have served and are serving in my honor.

I have watched the latest updates and also the marches and have one thing to share with everyone about the recent events. Remember, as you have your freedom to share your views and hold up your signs proudly, there are those now and from the beginning who have fought for your right to do so! People like my son who give their service to our nation. He has chosen to serve in the US Navy with pride and works very hard in his profession.

My son is there, while we are here, free to walk about and do whatever we choose today.

I am proud I live in a country that gives us our freedom of speech and opinion. I do not want us to ever forget it. So I will not judge you in your choices of freedom as I do not want you to judge in mine and my son's patriotism.

I pray other countries will soon enjoy the same freedom. We do not ever completely know what one suffers without freedom, whether they are not allowed to speak out, whether they are shot down in the streets playing in their own neighborhood by Saddam's soldiers or live in daily fear. While we have come to fear terrorism right here at home, I will not take it lightly, nor do I wish it upon anyone elsewhere.

I wish a better way existed. A good sniper could take out that Saddam and forget the innocents who will be caught in the middle.

Maybe send a few of us women with PMS and a M-16, and we can clear this up with Saddam quickly!

Remember above all though, "Freedom never comes without those who have paid a price."

You can ask those of our own citizens who had families that paid for civil rights!

God Bless America and power to the people.

A walking problem gets a concrete solution

◆ City decides to widen sidewalks because of citizen request

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

To the city of Charleston, solving citizen complaints is a simple equation: add 18 inches to each side of a square and divide it by \$52,000.

A recently established project involves widening sidewalks around the courthouse square by 18 inches as well as a variety of other improvements around the Square.

Charleston has been planning a list of improvements to improve the downtown area. City Manager Alan Probst said the project includes a series of aesthetic and necessary changes to the Square.

Sidewalk repairs were added to the project as a logical response to public complaints.

"The sidewalk repairs are a sort of 'makes sense' sort of thing," Probst said.

Complaints have been sent to both county and city officials requesting change.

"I received phone calls and one written complaint about the sidewalk, asking the city to do something," Probst said.

Many of the complaints attacked the condition of the walkway, saying the sidewalk was too broken up and cracked.

Other complaints revealed that the narrow sidewalk was not meeting public needs.

"People cannot walk side by side on the sidewalk," Probst said. "A wheelchair would not be able to fit well there."

Under these conditions, the city found it necessary to add sidewalk repairs around the Square to the other aspects of the project.

Beyond walkway enhancements, the courthouse area will be improved in both appearance and convenience.

"The overall look will be like something you would think of for 100 years ago."

—City Manager Alan Probst

The retaining wall will be removed to allow sidewalk widening and then rebuilt 18 inches farther away from the street. The new retaining wall will be constructed with interlocking blocks for a more decorative look.

Steps leading to the courthouse will be resurfaced for durability and practicality for the north and south entrances. The east and west entrances, which are no longer used, will be used primarily as emergency exits.

Benches will be added in the east and west entrances because the area there is so rarely used.

The style of the benches will correlate with the nostalgic look of the retaining wall and the decorative, old-fashioned streetlights to be placed around the Square.

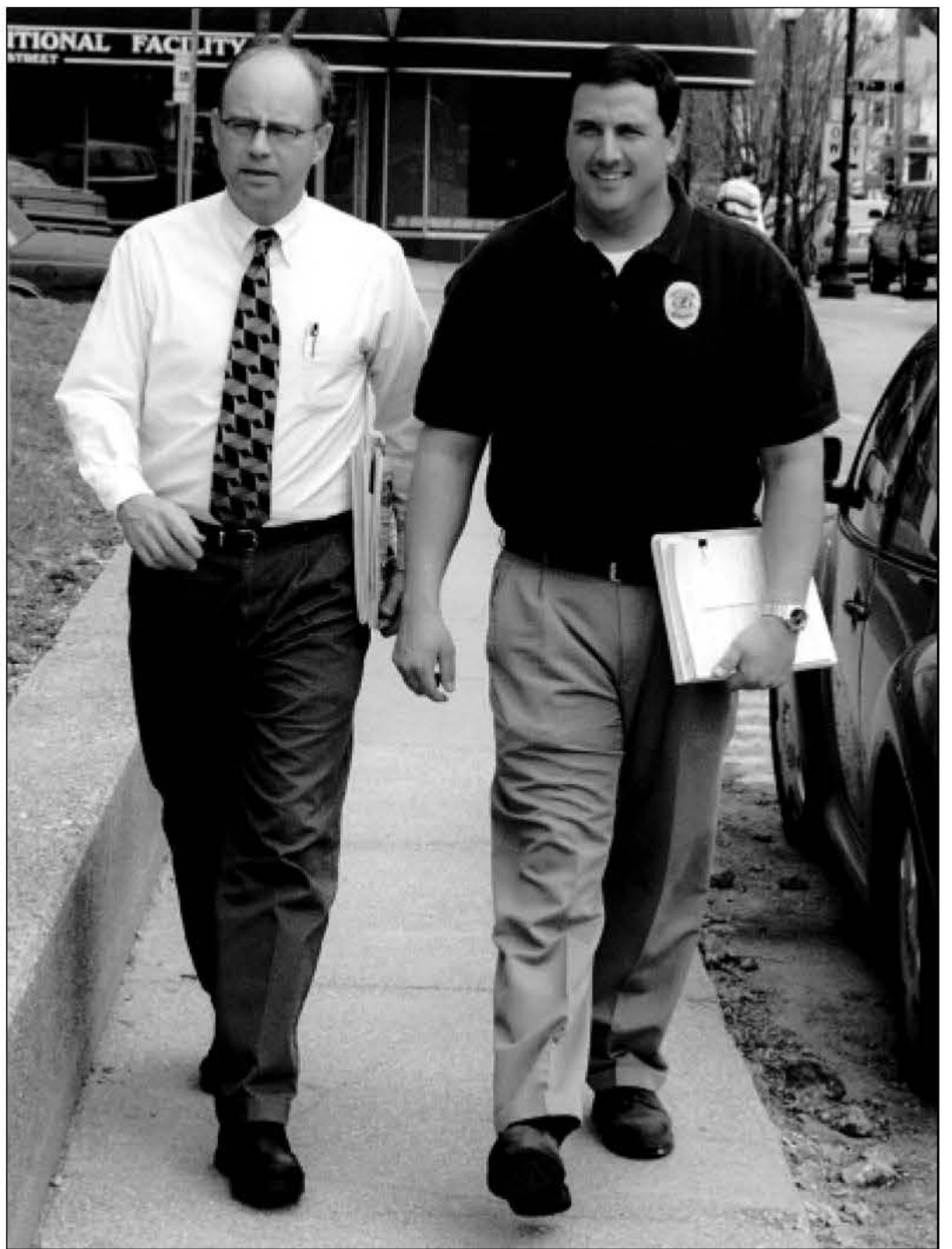
"The overall look will be like something you would think of for 100 years ago," Probst said.

The project will cost the city approximately \$52,000 and another \$20,000, which will hopefully be in county funds, Probst said.

The city costs will come from tax increment financing, a portion of property tax funds and other local tax money.

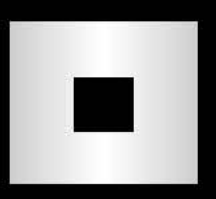
If the county contributes to the project costs, Probst said work should commence by the end of summer.

"It should all be complete by the time snowflakes begin to fall," he said.



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John Longwell, assistant State's Attorney from Effingham, and Jeff Branson of the Mattoon Police Department, walk on the sidewalk outside of the Coles County Courthouse on Tuesday.



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Caught in the rain

Amy Hoffman and Megan Root, both senior elementary education majors, try to keep dry with an umbrella Tuesday afternoon in front of Booth Library. The forecast for the rest of the week calls for chances of rain through Saturday.



Contracts:

Contracts dependent on state call backs

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The cost is also dependent on a state callback. The first full contract is with about 190 food and service workers also represented by AFSCME. The agreement covers such issues as compensation, overtime and shift provisions. The contract is based on a rescission and could cost the university \$74,000 or \$49,000. About 20 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were represented in the last contract. The contract covers wages and contract language. The cost to the university is about \$20,000 for fiscal year 2003 and 2004. The Teamsters Local #26 contract agreement was pulled from the agenda after the union failed to ratify its contract. The group represents about 15 grounds and equipment operators.

Turf:

Bids heard Tuesday for installation, none were selected

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The Illinois Board of Higher Education met Monday with university presidents to review a recommendation from Gov. Rod Blagojevich on reserve funds. "For some reason they brought up cutting grass ... that we should cut money on that. So we're ahead of the game," Hencken said. Tuesday, the university heard bids of companies wanting to

install the turf, but none were selected. The board also approved the lowest bidder in each area of expansion on the Tarble Arts Center. The expansion includes room for a lobby, gallery, meeting room, office space and facilities area at a price of about \$1.9 million. Hannig Construction, Inc., out of Indiana was the contractor selected for general construction. The bid alone is for over \$1 million. A contractor also was approved in the areas of electrical construction, plumbing, heating and ventilation. Construction is set to begin this summer.

Wellness:

Participants find the program beneficial and effective

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personal meeting," Owens said. "The graduate assistants then begin the process of organizing a workout program specifically designed to meet the individual's fitness needs." The graduate assistants also make frequent check-ups on the participants, which provides a fresh and interesting feel to the program. Abell believes the program's appeal and effectiveness is evident and would like to see a similar wellness program implemented on a wider scale. "It's a good program. I'd like Eastern to begin a university-wide program similar to this one," she said. "It's really beneficial to the participants and it has really been a healthy choice for the people in the pilot program right now." As for the results of this wellness pilot program, Kingery was able to share some of her personal findings in connection to the fitness program. Kingery has enjoyed a 20-point reduction in cholesterol, lowered her body fat by five points and lost six pounds since joining the program in the fall.

"My doctor had told me in the past that I needed to get on some type of workout program, but I never had the initiative to do it," Kingery said. "This program was my initiative. I'm glad that I decided to participate and am very pleased with my results, as is my doctor." Abell agreed. "We've been able to alert people of legitimate health concerns such as high blood pressure and cholesterol," she said. "This is a good thing, because sometimes people aren't aware of these problems." Owens said on one occasion the pilot program located a serious health concern in one of its volunteers. "One of the participants who came in for the initial test had complained of chest pains. She underwent a stress test and we told her to consult a physician. She did and her doctor detected some heart blockage which led to bypass surgery," Owens said. "Incidents such as this totally legitimize efforts such as the wellness program," she said. "Anytime we can get people to pay attention to their body and its needs it's worthwhile. I think this program has been very beneficial."

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NCAA will not postpone games

◆ *If war breaks out, basketball will continue as planned*

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA will not postpone or move any men's and women's basketball tournament games or other events if the United States goes to war with Iraq.



"From everything we know right now, it's in the best interests of the country to go forward," NCAA president Myles Brand said Tuesday, a day after telling reporters the NCAA was still exploring options.

The tournament games that begin this week "will go on as scheduled without any changes in time, venue or format," Brand said.

Brand consulted Tuesday with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and members of the NCAA's governing bodies before deciding. "We felt that this was the right

"We are also concerned that life go on as normal."

—NCAA president Michael Brand

decision, and have no hesitation whatsoever having made it," he said.

The NCAA has spent four months reviewing options in case of war. The latest ultimatum President Bush delivered to Saddam Hussein in a television speech Monday night "heightened the urgency of our considerations," Brand said.

"We are also concerned that life go on as normal," Brand added. "We see no reason, after consulting with Secretary Ridge, to make any alterations to our plan."

Brand kept open the possibility of reconsidering if unforeseeable threats emerge in coming days.

Because of the current security climate, the NCAA is taking "extraordinary steps to ensure the safety of the athletes and fans," Brand said.

He said it was up to television networks whether their coverage of the tournaments take second billing to war coverage if a U.S.-led coalition attacks Iraq.

CBS holds the rights to the men's tournament. But the network, which is owned by Viacom, has discussed switching the games to ESPN or other outlets if CBS needs more air time for war coverage.

ESPN and ESPN2 already are scheduled to show the women's tournament.

The first men's game, a play-in contest between North Carolina-Asheville and Texas Southern, was scheduled Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

The rest of the first round begins Thursday, which would be after the 48-hour deadline President Bush set for Hussein to leave Iraq or face war.

Bush reaches out to foreign leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the brink of war with Iraq, President Bush reached out Tuesday to the leaders of Russia and China, two countries that resisted setting an ultimatum for using force against Saddam Hussein. Vladimir Putin and Hu Jintao told Bush they still preferred a U.N.-brokered solution.

Bush called both leaders a day after aborting diplomatic efforts in the United Nations and giving Saddam until 8 p.m. EST Wednesday to surrender power or face a U.S.-led war.

The Russian president "expressed regret in connection with Washington's decision to issue the ultimatum and the fact that intensive diplomatic efforts had failed to produce a mutually acceptable compromise," the Kremlin said.

"The two openly acknowledged that they don't see eye-to-eye on whether or not force should be used to disarm Saddam Hussein," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "They agree about the threats in the region."

Bush also spoke to China's newly installed president, who told Bush that U.N. weapons inspections must continue despite the U.S. ultimatum to Saddam.

Hu told Bush that China hopes for "peace instead of war" and wants a political settlement through the United Nations, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. The White House offered no details on the conversation. Fleischer said that "the presidents shared views on Iraq and North Korea."

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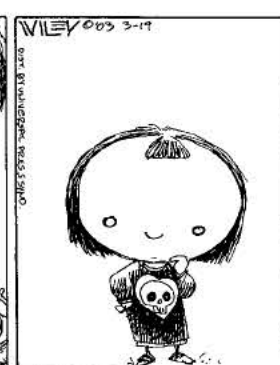
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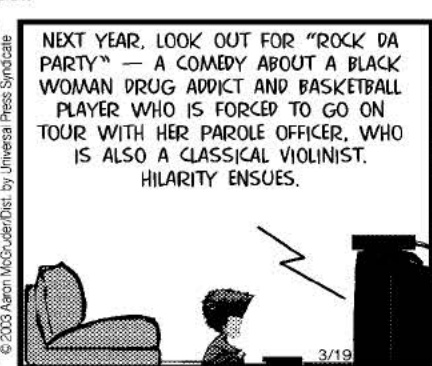
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FOOTBALL

Panthers hire defensive lines coach

◆ Eastern fills open spot with former Army coach Derrick Jackson

By Aaron Seidlitz
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's football program has hired half of the assistant coaches it needs to fill the vacancies left this by coaches who departed this off season.

The second of four open coaching positions was filled Tuesday, when Eastern approved former Army coach Derrick Jackson to be

take over as defensive lines coach. Jackson was a restricted earnings coach at Army, where he trained the defensive ends for the last two years. He replaces Charlie Partridge, who left to coach at Pittsburgh after one season with the Panthers.

Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo felt it was necessary for the next defensive line coach to have Division I-A experience. After interviewing Jackson, Spoo felt he had found the man he needed to tutor the future defensive linemen at Eastern.

"He is a sharp, classy and knowledgeable person," Spoo said. "He can communicate well with his players."

However when dealing with coaches who do not have much experience and have filled various assistant positions, what others have to say has a big impact on whether or not a coach receives a different job.

When coaches do not hold high profile positions Eastern's athletic department was forced to do more research about possible candidates.

"That's how word of mouth works," Spoo said. "You get an idea of a person, and everybody had positive things to say about him when we checked."

Jackson's introduction as the new defensive line coach followed the hiring of new offensive coordinator Jon Carr from Tennessee State. Carr replaces Roy Wittke who left to coach at Arkansas after 13 seasons at Eastern.

Jackson may not have held any high profile positions before coming to Eastern, but he played under Steve Spurrier at Duke. Jackson

was a starting safety for all four years he played with the Blue Demons, when Spurrier was starting his coaching career.

After hiring two new coaches, the Panthers have to find two more to fill voids left by two-year offensive line coach Steve Farmer and two-year defensive secondary coach Edmund Jones.

The large turnover does not surprise Spoo.

"I anticipate coaches leaving every year, but I think (the players) will like (Jackson) and get along," Spoo said.

TURF NEWS

Eastern reviews plans for O'Brien renovation

By Matt Meinheit
SPORTS EDITOR

After the Board of Trustees approved the athletic department's proposal to install an artificial playing surface at O'Brien Stadium, director of athletics Rich McDuffie and the purchasing department, reviewed proposals from companies to install the new surface.

McDuffie said Eastern received proposals from five different companies, but would not release the names of the companies.

The athletic department is not the only department in the university that will review the proposals — the purchasing and facilities department will also have to look at the submitted plans to ensure they are financially and physically feasible.

"There is a lot of technical stuff that I don't understand, like drainage that others need to look at," McDuffie said.

McDuffie also said Eastern will ask an architect

to review the plans.

"We'll all get a chance to review it to make sure it meets the specs," McDuffie said. "But (the proposals) look good."

McDuffie would not disclose how much the proposals would cost the athletic department, which raise about \$600,000 in private gifts for the project, but he did say the cost was within the department's original estimate for the cost of the project of \$750,000.

"The initial (cost) looks good, but we can't analyze it until everything is in there," McDuffie said.

None of the proposals included a logo for the midfield area, but McDuffie said the athletic department might inquire about the possibilities of including one.

"That doesn't mean we might not have it," McDuffie said about a midfield logo not being included in any of the proposals. "If we should have one, we haven't decided yet."

The athletic department controls when the project will begin construction and has a set a target date of June 1.

"We gave a time line for when construction will begin," McDuffie said.



Rich McDuffie

Uprooted:

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This setback for Eastern comes after the Panthers finally started to find some consistency.

After early season losses where the Panthers were defeated by large margins, Eastern has been able to keep most of their games close lately. While they have not been able to finish off most of the games and pile up some victories in the win column, there were good signs as they prepared for Indiana State.

In seven of Eastern's last nine games, the difference between Eastern and their opponents was only one run. In this stretch, the Panthers went 4-5 overall.

These games were all played in various tournaments in southern states, and the Panthers were not greeted well by Indiana State when they started play in the Midwest.

"We cannot harp on not swinging the bats well right now," Schmitz said. "We need to focus on such things as toughening up after an error and we need to just let the offense take care of itself."

Junior Jared Marshall (1-1) started the game for Eastern, and did not have a good showing as he was charged with seven runs, five of them earned, on six hits in 5.1 innings. However, Marshall did show some resiliency when he

bounced back to pitch well after his first-inning struggles.

"I thought Marshall pitched well for us after the first inning home run. He held them off for quite awhile, and he made really good pitches over that stretch," Schmitz said.

Eastern's bullpen did not offer much relief after Marshall exited the game. Freshman Kirk Miller gave up five more runs in 2.2 innings as the game was put away by Indiana State over this stretch.

Indiana State made things worse for Eastern's pitching staff after batting around in two straight innings.

While the Sycamore offense was rolling, the Panthers could not get anything going against Indiana State pitcher Matt Samuels. Samuels pitched six innings and only allowed one run on five hits. He was able to strike out five Panther hitters, while permitting two walks.

Indiana State's bullpen finished off the Panthers by giving up only one run in the three innings they pitched.

Most of Eastern's offense came from the top of the order, as their top three hitters were able to set the table well. But the Panthers did not take advantage of people on base. Only one of the three runs was earned; the other two were results of two Indiana State errors.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

First time fun in NCAA

◆ *Seven teams make first ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 2003*

By Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

When Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis won its conference tournament, head coach Ron Hunter laid on the court thanking the lord for what had just occurred.

The Jaguars beat Valparaiso 66-64 on junior guard Matt Crenshaw's last second shot to win the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament and send them to the NCAA tournament for the first time.

"I have been praying for this for a long time," Hunter said. "God answered my prayers."

The prayers of six other schools were also answered as Troy State, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, North Carolina at Asheville, Wagner, Vermont and Sam Houston State all received first-time bids.

Each team has its own story and history, but most importantly, each believes that it can make an impression in its first appearance.

IUPUI may have the best story of all. They have only been eligible for tournament play for three years, and have received little recognition from being in a state with Big Ten schools Indiana and Purdue.

Hunter said people called him crazy for taking the job nine years ago, and now

is happy he did.

"I'll tell you it is incredible," Hunter said. "We have never gotten this recognition. To get there after three years is amazing."

The most surprising of the bunch to get in was North Carolina-Asheville (14-16). The school came into the Big South Conference Tournament as the No. 5 seed, but came out of the tournament No. 1.

The Bulldogs earned a tourney berth by making two buzzer-beating shots in the first two games and beating Radford in the championship 85-71.

"You have to be good, which we are, you have to be lucky and the last shot has to go in," said Asheville head coach Eddie Beidenbach.

Asheville won the play-in game 92-84 in overtime Tuesday against Texas Southern, earning it the chance to play No. 1 seed Texas Friday.

"We are not afraid to play anybody," Beidenbach said. "There is a big difference in preparation though."

This is the farthest Wisconsin-Milwaukee has reached in its 107-year history. It beat Butler 69-52 for the Horizon League Championship and have drawn a matchup with Notre Dame in the first round Thursday in Indianapolis.

"For us, it's just an honor to be in the NCAA Tournament for the first time," Panthers head coach Bruce Pearl said. "Then to draw a great team like Notre Dame is great. From a standpoint of a memorable and accomplished opponent, it doesn't get much better than that."

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels knows exactly how these teams feel after

coaching 23 years at Eastern and having only two NCAA appearances.

"People don't understand the elation for mid-major teams that qualify for the tournament," Samuels said. "The bigger conferences don't get that same feeling."

So the question to be asked is, how come so many teams are able to make their first appearance in the tournament?

Wagner head coach Derek Whittenburg said the competitiveness in the smaller conferences makes it possible for teams like North Carolina-Asheville to come away with conference tournament championships.

Whittenburg also said with players like Eastern guard Henry Domercant going to smaller schools, it gives those schools a chance to catch up and be competitive.

"I think there is definitely more parity around the country," Whittenburg said. "You could not get a big conference team to come play you at home because they are afraid of losing. Anything is possible now."

The "anything is possible" mentality is exactly what these teams have entering its first games.

"Our kids are going in totally believing they can win," Troy State assistant coach David Felix said. "If we make some shots and keep the game close early, we might be able to do that."

Samuels said the day a No. 16 seed beats a No. 1 seed is getting closer.

"That's going to happen some day," he said. "I think that's what makes the NCAA Tournament such an exciting event."

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that) At age 13, Nolan put the gear on and became a catcher. With his father as a coach, Nolan became a four-year letterman at Lawrenceville High School.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz offered Nolan a scholarship after he impressed the staff at the plate.

"Nolan was just so advanced when it came to hitting and was further along in the game," Schmitz said.

Nolan's parents are at every possible game but Brian simply can't watch his son.

"I'm starting to realize how difficult for my dad to watch me because I can't sit still," Brian Cork said. "I'm constantly pacing back and forth."

Unfortunately, Nolan is only batting .125 with one home run and one run batted in but is fielding .975.

However, Schmitz is convinced that his first baseman will turn it around. "Nolan is one of those upperclass-

men we look for to jump start the offense," Schmitz said.

At a Eastern home game this season, you may be able to see all of the Cork generations at Coaches' Stadium and I have no doubt that Nolan will be pacing back and forth at a ballpark in the future.

If you're lucky enough to talk to Manley, Brian or Nolan, shake their hand because the Cork tradition is exactly what baseball is all about.

Eastern is just lucky enough to be involved with the story.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

Not up to par

◆ *Panthers finish 16th out of 17 at Bearcat Classic in Texas*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern men's golf team wilted in the Texas sun during the first round of the Bearcat Classic Monday.

The Panthers struggled out of the gate finishing 16th out of 17 schools involved during the 36-hole first round of the 54 hole tournament. Eastern finished the day 71 strokes over par and 51 strokes behind leader Oklahoma City University.

The tournament was hosted by Sam Houston State University at the par-71 Waterwood National Golf Course which is rated as one of the toughest in the country.

The course showed its teeth by yielding only three rounds in the 60s, all coming during the morning eighteen holes.

The only Panther to break 80 in the morning session was junior Kyle Averkamp, who put up an 8-over-par 79. The other four Eastern players averaged a morning score of 85.5. Eastern's low total score came from freshman Dustin Sloat. The Charleston native finished tied for 36th after shooting a 14-over-par 156 (81-75).

The most surprisingly disappointing Eastern performance was by senior captain Dave Rella who struggled to finish the day tied for 88th place at 29 strokes over par (88-83-171).

After the morning round, Oklahoma City sophomore Yashin Ali took the clubhouse lead after firing a current tournament low 3-under-par 68. Ali held a one-stroke advantage over teammate junior Tyrone Van Aswegen and Yale junior Neel Williams.

In the afternoon session, the scoring average of the top ten players grew by nearly a stroke per player.

Ali and Vanswegen came back to the field after shooting a 74 and 75. Western Illinois sophomore Sandy McClintock shot consecutive 71's to tie for the first round lead with Ali. The player who made the biggest move up during the afternoon was Oral Roberts junior Lyle Patton. The Swedish-born fired a 1-under-par 70 which raised him into the top 10 after posting a opening 78.

The player who fell the most after lunch was freshman Taylor Palmer, who finished the morning six behind after a 74, but ended the day with a disappointing 83 and topped to a tie for 39th.

Going into the final 18-hole round Tuesday, eight players are within five shots of the lead. However, team event is OCU's to lose by ended Monday with a 20-over-par 588 and hold a five stroke lead over Western whose two strokes ahead of Sam Houston State.

Eastern will look to pull itself farther away from the cellar as the Panthers are five strokes out the tie for 12th place between Oakland University and Army.

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THROWING HEAT



Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Panthers' history is 'Corked'

All right - I'll admit it. I'm biased.

When I go to Coaches' Stadium, I cheer for Nolan Cork and I shouldn't be the only one because Nolan Cork's story is what baseball is all about.

Remember playing catch in the backyard with your father? Baseball is all about tradition and that's what defines Nolan Cork and his family tree.

Cork is a third-generation baseball player from Flatrock, but his name will always be synonymous with my hometown of Danville. If one looks hard enough in the town laws, it probably says that if your last name is Cork, you're forced to play America's pastime. Eastern's first baseman and team captain is keeping the baseball tradition alive.

It began with Nolan's grandfather - Manley Cork who attended Katlin High School but didn't play baseball only because they didn't offer it. Manley Cork started the Danville tradition on the diamond by playing outfield in an American Legion and Danville Twilight League. As he got older, he ended his career on the diamond as a softball pitcher.

"I enjoy watching Nolan play because he loves it and I just try to get him to calm down," Manley Cork said.

Manley Cork's son Brian was groomed for success on the diamond and became a four-year letterman as a starting pitcher at Danville High School.

"There was no pressure from me for him to play," Manley Cork said. "I just wanted him to have fun." With help from current community members and Coaches', Brian Cork got a scholarship to the University of New Orleans and was instrumental in other UNO scouts coming to Danville. Retired major leaguer Gary Gaetti got him to transfer to North West Missouri. Brian Cork played with the former Chicago Cub for the last two years of eligibility. According to Nolan, his father taught him everything he knows and the Panther infielder had a four-game hitting streak at two points during last season. So Brian obviously did something correct.

"My father loved the game and we just simply love the round ball in this family," Brian Cork said.

When Nolan was born he was destined with his middle name to be on the mound with a glove on his left hand because Brian and his wife Pamela named him Nolan Ryan Cork.

"Trust me, his mother named him," Brian Cork said.

However, a problem existed when Nolan loved playing so much wanted to play every day. (How can you not love

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FILE PHOTO

Senior second baseman Aaron Shelbourne went 0-4 against Indiana State Tuesday at Terre Haute, Ind., but recorded three putouts and five assists.

TOP CAT

"He has had a really tough year, but this is one of his goals." - stepfather Dave Smith

Above the rest

♦ Junior Pat Dowty stood out in his family of nine children; now he stands out among the nation's elite

♦ *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.*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern walked into the NCAA Regional Championships at Lantz Arena with 10 wrestlers and one moved on - Pat Dowty.

The junior 133-pound wrestler made it consecutive NCAA appearances after he made it to the championship match of his weight class.

The fourth of nine children began wrestling at sixth grade and found he enjoyed more than basketball.

"We encouraged him to (wrestle) a little bit. Pat has always been athletic, but he was always small and liked basketball, but fell in love with wrestling," Dowty's stepfather Dave Smith said.

Dowty is continuing the family tradition of wrestling with his younger brother Chris wrestling at Lincoln Community College where Pat transferred from. Another younger brother D.J. is seven years old and wrestles at 45 pounds.

"He's seven and a whoppin' 45-pounder, so no worries about cutting weight there," Smith said.

Dowty continually struggles to keep the weight off in the summer months but always seems to lose the weight before returning to campus.

"We've had some concerns



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Junior Pat Dowty pinned down first place in 133-pound weight class at the NCAA West Regional held in Lantz Arena March 8. Dowty will compete in the NCAA Championships later this week.

about injuries over the years, but our main concern was cutting weight and how that might hurt him in the long run," Smith said. "During the summer months he weighs about 160 pounds and he wrestles at 133, so he really struggles with that."

Dowty struggled through a junior season where he's been dealing with several injuries. However,

Dowty managed to put together two competitive matches during regionals.

With his parents in the stands, Dowty received the No. 2 seed and pinned Air Force's Matt Benza to advance to the championship final, where he lost 6-2 in a highly competitive match.

"I was kinda concerned about it. He had had the flu, and turf toe on

top of that and then he hurt his wrist," Smith said. "He has had a really tough year, but this has been one of his goals. (going to nationals) I was very impressed with it and was glad we went."

The Franklin, Ind. native is currently earning his degree in industrial technology and will look to represent Eastern well in the NCAA national championships.

BASEBALL

Panthers uprooted by Sycamores

By Aaron Seidlitz
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's baseball team ran into a buzzsaw Tuesday afternoon upon their return to the Midwest when the Panthers lost to Indiana State.

The Sycamores (9-3) jumped on Eastern (4-9) early with three runs in the first inning, and they didn't let up as the Panthers lost by a score of 13-2. But one thing Eastern doesn't want to do is let this defeat go to their heads.

"Even though it turned into a route we felt good for four or five innings after they got out to that 3-0 lead in the first," head coach Jim Schmitz said. "The home run in the first was on a bad pitch call, but after that we held them off until the sixth inning."

After the Sycamores' first baseman John Purdom hit a three-run home run in the first inning, Eastern gave up only one run in the next four innings. But the problem for the Panthers was during that stretch they did not score a run.

"We do not feel great disappointment from the end result, but we don't feel good about our mental errors and the lack of focus we displayed today," Schmitz said. "When we don't score we get too disappointed and feel like the game is over when we still can get back in it."

This win for Indiana State was their seventh in a row as their bats have caught fire early this season. The Sycamores have combined for 38 runs in their last three games, and did not spare Eastern from their offensive outburst.

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