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Stuck in a rut

The men's Panther baseball team is looking to break its losing streak Friday after being defeated by Ole Miss Monday.

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STEPHEN HAAS

A cavalcade of businesses have posted signs in front of their respective facilities welcoming the Indianapolis Colts to Charleston today.



NFL team galloping into town

By Tim Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

Lincoln Avenue businesses are ready to welcome the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, as the team descends upon Charleston today.

Business sign marquee along the street exclaim words such as "Welcome Colts" and "You're in Indianapolis Colts Country."

The Indianapolis Colts will be sending representatives via helicopter at around 11 a.m. today to land at O'Brien Stadium's center field.

Eastern is a nominee to be the home of the Colts' training camp, and the representatives are here to get a first-hand view of the facilities Eastern has to offer.

Larry Rennels, owner of Rennels Appliance located at 211 Lincoln Ave., said the Colts' decision would benefit the city in a variety of aspects.

"There will be a significant advantage to restaurants, motels and gas stations with having a professional sports team practicing at Eastern, especially with the amount of fans that follow NFL teams," he said.

Rennels said he hopes the Colts will choose Eastern after their visit.

Joe DeGeorge, a sophomore speech communication major, said "It could be a great thing for the university and especially a great thing for the city of Charleston."

Students agreed on the possible advantages for the university and city.

But some Bears fans seem sketchy.

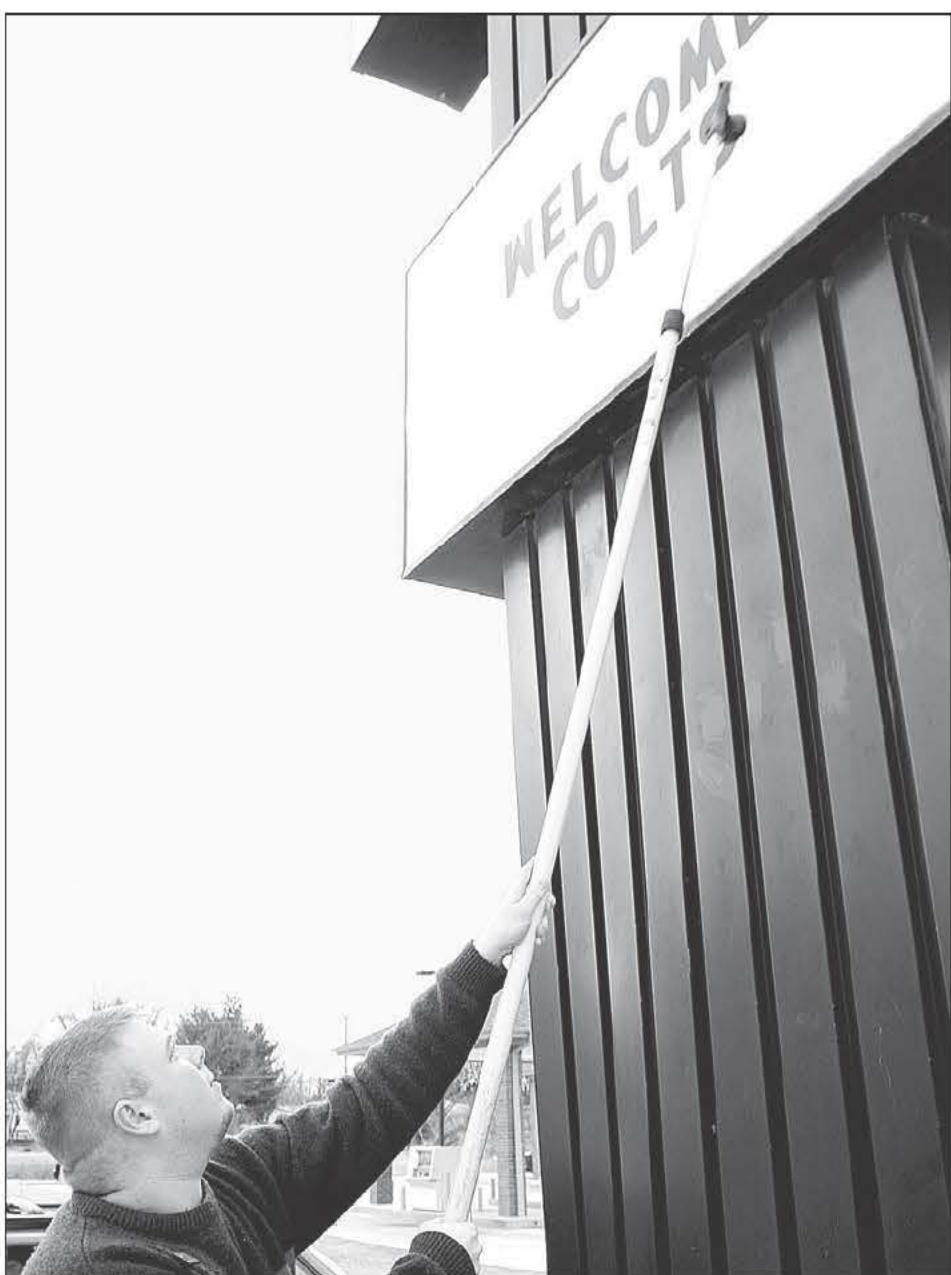
"I know it will benefit Eastern and everything, but I don't know what Bears fans like myself are going to think if they actually decide to come here," said sophomore undecided major Ryan Brady.

"We don't like them Colts, but it should be good I guess."

The representatives traveling to campus include head coach Tony Dungy, Steve Champlain, director of player development and general manager Bill Polian.

"It could be a great thing for the university and especially the city of Charleston."

—Joe DeGeorge, sophomore speech communication major



K.C. Harding, manager of the Days Inn of Charleston, 810 W. Lincoln Ave., changes the marquee outside of the hotel Monday afternoon to say 'WELCOME COLTS.'

Sponsor shelves state bill

Commission would establish tenure criteria for professors

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

A state commission that would have the power to grant or deny public university professors tenure and prevent minority discrimination has been tabled by its sponsor until next year.

Rep. Monique Davis, D-Chicago, said the bill would create a higher education commission act and would establish criteria for the tenure of public university professors that would be used in all of the state's public universities.

The synopsis of the bill says it "creates the higher education commission to establish criteria for the tenure of public university professors, to be submitted to each university for use in making tenure decisions. Requires each university to submit all decisions to grant or deny tenure to the commission for approval."

The act is an attempt to give tenure to more black instructors, as well as other minorities, Davis said.

"They don't give African Americans tenure at our state universities and that's the problem this bill will address," Davis said.

This lack of tenure drives minority professors away from Illinois, who then find employment in other states, she said.

"We shouldn't have the best and brightest leaving our state," Davis said. "I have too many cases where professors were denied tenure in Illinois but got it elsewhere," and then continued to work for a higher rate of pay in some cases.

"The world we live in is diverse. It's not all male and it's not all Caucasian," Davis said. "In order to provide students with the best education possible, you must have a diverse faculty."

Julia Abell, director of planning and institutional studies, said as of Oct. 1, 2003, there were 33 minority faculty members with tenure at Eastern, 293 white faculty members with tenure and seven tenured faculty members who did not report their ethnicity.

As of the same date, the total

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Governor's office: Applications for BOT positions pouring in

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The replacement of three Board of Trustees members is entering its final stages as the background checks of many candidates takes place.

Rebecca Rausch, spokeswoman for Gov. Rod Blagojevich, said there are several steps in appointing members to the board, and background checks are second to last.

Rausch also said there have been many applications for the three

open positions on Eastern's BOT but would not release an exact number.

"I guess a good thing for Eastern is there is a lot of interest in the board," she said. "There are a lot of candidates."

Although the governor's office is not working on a specific deadline to fill the positions, Rausch said it

is a top priority for the governor.

"It's one of those things we want to do as quickly as we can but we also want to do it right," Rausch said. "We want to make sure we get the right people on the board."

The first step in appointing board members is receiving applications and resumes, she said. The governor's office of Boards and Commissions then evaluates the applications. After the evaluations, background checks of candidates take place.

"The candidates we are serious about, we do background checks



Rod Blagojevich



Nate Anderson

April 26 and will hold its annual elections in which the positions of chair, vice chair, treasurer and one at-large member will be selected,

on," Rausch said. "Then there is more discussion, weighing the different candidates. Then the governor makes his selection."

The BOT will meet again on

said BOT Chair Nate Anderson.

If the replacements are not found before the meeting, the elections and other business will be held as usual.

"We have enough members to fill all the offices. We work short-handed overall but we have enough members to fill the offices," Anderson said.

Eastern President Lou Hencken said he hoped the governor would have the three new members in place before the April meeting

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Today
Sunny



42° 27°
HIGH LOW

Wednesday
Mostly sunny



50° 35°
HIGH LOW

Thursday
Partly cloudy



43° 25°
HIGH LOW

Friday
Sunny



48° 34°
HIGH LOW

Saturday
Partly cloudy



53° 39°
HIGH LOW

Sunday
Showers



43° 30°
HIGH LOW

Monday
Snow



42° 36°
HIGH LOW



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Air walking

Adam Dupuis, sophomore fine arts major, and friends (not pictured) skateboard outside of Thomas Hall before their classes Monday afternoon.

Hawaiian Artist Speaking at Tarble

By Megan Jurinek
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

She has traveled all over the country presenting her paintings and art to various spectators, and Tuesday she will be at Eastern.

Sally French, an artist from Hawaii, will be presenting her art work at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the newly re-opened portion of the Tarble Arts Center.

"The artist deals with contemporary issues in a contemporary style," said Michael Watts, director of Tarble Arts Center.

"French says that her art, 'is about the psychic state of change, the netherworld, the space in-between motivation and hesitation where imbalance forces the old to roll over into the new,'" Watts said.

"(French's work is) about the perils and confusion of modern society: children with guns, people with too much money, rampant consumerism that values only the new," art critic Virginia Wageman said.

French's art incorporates imagery and styles from many sources including Pop art and Postmodern narrative, but predominantly from comics and cartoons, a press release said.

The release also said that although there is an element of

humor in her work, it is a dark humor, which is satirical rather than cute.

Not only does French design her work around controversial topics, she does this by using unique paints, painting tools and objects during construction.

French creates her various styles of art by using successive layers of alkyd (a shiny synthetic resin), photocopy transfers, words and drawings in pencil and oil stick, beeswax, latex and spray paints and even small objects like postage stamps and plastic toys, the press release said.

"These multiple layers - with scraping, scratching and dripping - pile up meanings, very often obscuring the idea so that we have to search hard for it," Wageman said.

French has not only traveled, she has also studied at a variety of schools, which include: the San Francisco Academy of Art, University of Hawaii, Penland School of Craft and Pilchuck Glass school.

Admission is free to the public and visitors should plan on using the building's south entrance because the new entrance on Ninth Street is still under construction.

Sorority will discuss information on auction

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will hold an informational meeting about an upcoming date auction at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the Taylor Hall Lobby.

Zeta Phi Beta member and junior pre-medicine major Jory McMillian said that all students, male and female, are invited to the informational meeting.

"We will ask them what they want to wear, what music they want to come on to the stage to and we'll ask them questions about themselves," McMillian said.

Rhonda Sykes, senior speech communication major and member of Zeta Phi Beta, said students will fill out information sheets at the meeting and will have two or three choices of what type of clothes contestants would like to wear during the competition.

"One kind of outfit is casual wear, and the other is a 'going

out, club-type' outfit," she said.

McMillian said the auction will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, March 26 in the auditorium of Lumpkin Hall.

"The bidding will start at \$2 a person and students will raise their hands to bid higher from there," McMillian said.

She said Zeta Phi Beta hopes to raise a minimum of \$200.

"Some students will come out on stage and just stand, some will do things like sing and dance to get themselves to look good," McMillian said.

Sykes said the money raised from the auction will go toward a dinner the sorority will sponsor Sun., March 28. The dinner is for the couples from the auction.

"It is a date but in a group-type setting, there will be chicken, macaroni and cheese and we will have (a) nice table and music playing for them," Sykes said.

McMillian said the money left over after the dinner will go toward the sorority's service projects and foundations.

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Upscale apartment complex currently under construction

◆ *New Campus Pointe complex to feature many amenities, vast array of housing options*

By Nora Maberry
STAFF WRITER

Eastern students will have a new place to live starting in August. Bostic Development Co., based in Greensboro, N.C., has started construction on a Campus Pointe housing complex near Wal-Mart that could house a potential 336 students.

Campus Pointe is the name Bostic Development has given to apartment complexes being built in university communities. Campus Pointe has 10 complexes currently being built and four complexes are already complete and open, said Susan Anadale, spokeswoman for Campus Pointe.

The Charleston complex is currently under construction and will be open in the fall, Anadale said.

The apartment complex will include a clubhouse with a fitness center offering cardio and weight equipment, TV lounge and study

Perks are Aplenty

- ◆ clubhouse with fitness center
- ◆ TV lounge and game room
- ◆ computer and study rooms
- ◆ beach volleyball court
- ◆ full-sized basketball court

room, game room with pool tables, air hockey and foosball, a computer room with Internet access and printers, a beach volleyball court and a full-sized basketball court, Anadale said.

The apartments come with two or three bedrooms and can be rented as furnished or unfurnished, Anadale said. The apartments have private bedrooms and bathrooms. Bedrooms are separated by a common room or a bathroom so students can listen to music and not bother each other, Anadale said.

The apartments come with a washer and a dryer, even if rented unfurnished, Anadale said. All major appliances are included with the apartment.

A two-bedroom apartment is 981 sq. ft. and rent starts at \$445 per person each month, Anadale said.

A three-bedroom apartment is 1188 sq. ft. and rent starts at \$395 per month, per person.

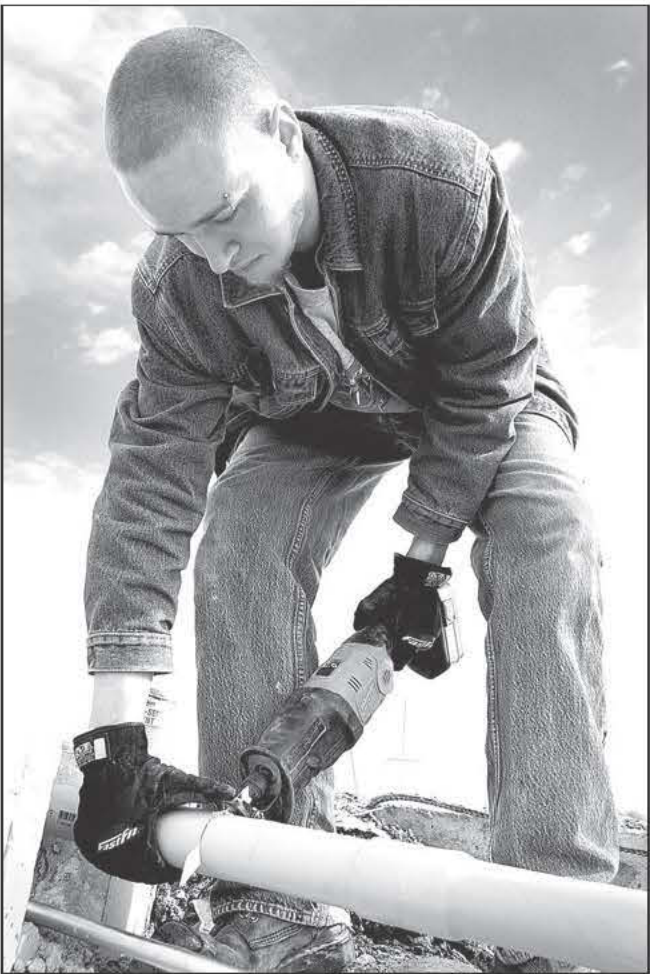
The complex is currently leasing, Anadale said. Campus Pointe has been a little bit slower to market the Eastern complex than its other complexes in the east, Anadale said. However, there has been much interest from students who have called or filled out the applications for the complex.

The interest in the complex is because it is close to Eastern, yet still off campus, Anadale said. The complex is close enough to campus so students still feel involved, but they get to live independently.

"The complex is not restricted by some of the rules the university has for its on campus housing," Anadale said.

A Campus Pointe complex is marketed toward college students, but is open to anyone in the community.

"The complex is geared to Eastern students, but anyone who qualifies can live there," Anadale said. "We're not restrictive in that way."



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Matt Howie, of Quality Electric, cuts a piece of electrical conduit Monday afternoon while doing the rough-in electrical work in the concrete slabs for the new Campus Pointe Apartments just east of Wal-Mart.

Students will keep cool with upgraded air conditioners

◆ *Eastern to utilize state funds to improve, replace several of the campus cooling systems*

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

While subzero temperatures are already becoming a distant memory for Eastern students, workers in the environmental control department are hard at work preparing the campus for temperatures that rise as spring progresses.

Jim Nantz, business manager for facilities, planning and management, said residential and administrative buildings around campus are cooled by different types of air conditioners with few exceptions, such as Pemberton Hall.

"We cool buildings with many different systems ranging from room air conditioners to cooling an entire building with chilled water," Nantz said. "The bigger systems that chill the water utilize cooling towers often located on building roofs."

Freezing Midwestern temperatures are partially responsible for complicating this process. Nantz said the larger water cooling systems must be drained completely each fall to prevent damage caused by ice forming from leftover water.

In spring, when heating is no longer needed, Eastern's switch to the cooling process involves more than just pressing a button or flipping a switch.

Nantz said the process of "energizing" the cooling systems can take more than a week

to complete for the entire campus.

While maintaining and operating these cooling systems remain costly, Nantz said the installation of a loop of underground pipes over the last few years, called the "chilled water loop," has "greatly reduced the cost of cooling buildings served by that loop."

Nantz said the most costly cooling systems are the individual room air conditioners.

In addition to the chilled water loop, Eastern's cooling systems are scheduled for several upgrades that will take place in the coming months.

According to a construction update on the facilities, planning and management's Web site, the chiller in McAfee Gymnasium will be upgraded with funds recently released by the Capital Development Board, a state board that appropriates funds throughout the state for public works projects that serve communities.

The chiller in the 1972 addition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial University Union, cooling towers on the roofs of Carman and Stevenson halls and the air conditioning system in Weller Hall will all be replaced or upgraded in the coming year according to the construction update.

But, just how hot do temperatures get on campus? Dalias Price, retired Eastern professor and local weather observer, said the average high temperatures for Charleston are 71 during the first week of May and 85 during the last week of August, when classes are typically in session.

Eastern's room and board fee will likely receive hike

By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

After a month of discussion, the University Revenue Bond Committee and Mark Hudson, housing and dining director, have reached an agreement on a rate increase for room and board, which will go into effect next year.

Though the committee and Hudson have a meeting on Wednesday for final discussion, a 7 percent increase is likely in the works for next year's room and board fees.

The committee is made of six students, three nominated by the Residence Hall Association president and three nominated by the student body president.

After his overview of what has been spent and where in the Office of Housing and Dining, the committee works together to form a reasonable increase to generate money for things they expect to be more expensive the following year, Hudson said.

In order to cumulate a reasonable increase, Andrew Berger, member of the Revenue Bond Committee, said the committee is made of a wide demographic from all over campus.

"The students go over matters they think or know will increase next year," Hudson said. "For example, minimum wage; it's going up a whole dollar. We have a lot of student workers in this department, and that is obviously a lot of extra dollars to come up with."

The minimum wage increase for student workers, the increase in salary for administrative workers, the 3 percent to 5 percent

increase in the cost of food and the recent increase for Eastern's coal supply are all taken into consideration with Housing and Dining's 4 percent "inflationary" rate, Hudson said.

He said the remaining 3 percent of the potential 7 percent room and board rate increase is dedicated to capital improvements.

These improvements include projects such as installation of sprinklers, bathroom renovations, window replacements and installation of elevators in all residence halls.

The installation of sprinklers alone, Hudson said, will cost \$10 million.

The 3 percent room and board increase dedicated for this type of project, Hudson said, will generate about \$500,000.

"Our goal is to dedicate the 3 percent every year for capital expenditures," Hudson said. "So, each year we will continue to raise the room and board rate by 3 percent to continue raising revenue for these capital improvements."

A recent "capital improvement" project funded from this year's room and board increase is the new stackable furniture in Thomas Hall and part of Carman Hall, soon to be in the rest of Carman and Taylor halls.

At Wednesday's meeting, the committee will finalize the suggestion of the 7 percent room and board increase and will then send it to vice president of student affairs for approval. Then it will be sent to President Lou Hencken for approval and finally to the Board of Trustees, who ultimately puts the increase into action.

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EDITORIAL

Department of Education not a solution

Gov. Rod Blagojevich is continuing misplaced attempts at taking control of the state's educational system. Last week, Blagojevich spoke in a Senate Committee of the Whole, addressing the changes he plans to revamp education.

With Senate Bill 3000, Blagojevich wants to be more accountable for problems in education by getting rid of the Illinois State Board of Education. He is proposing the board be converted into a Department of Education for Kindergarten through 12th grade.

That would eliminate the nine long-time educators who now sit on the board.

Blagojevich is correct when saying students in the third grade should read at a third grade level and that eighth graders should be able to write at an eighth grade level. The system needs some overhaul, and there is no debate over that.

But how is taking control away from real educators in the state going to put education in Illinois at a higher level?

A group of lawmakers led by the governor could not offer the same

insight the highest educators in the state can.

The governor may really be sincere about ridding the state of its education woes, but he offered little input on how to make corrections while citing statistics last week about how poor students are scoring on reading and comprehension tests.

But the issue remains whether a new department will help or further hurt the educational problems facing the state.

Sen. Miguel del Valle, a Chicago Democrat, expressed concerns that a Department of Education would add political pressure to "put the best possible face on the status of education in the state of Illinois," the *Peoria Journal Star* reported last week.

Blagojevich said he wants to hear suggestions from school officials, but how is that different than the Illinois State Board of Education taking those same suggestions and working with the governor to implement them?

We suggest when this bill reaches the House and Senate because it is creating a new department when all that is needed is to help make the current board better.

Blagojevich should keep listening to suggestions while continuing to make the current system beneficial to Illinois' students.

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

OPINION

College expectations turned out myths



Carly Mullady

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I'm almost three-fourths done with my junior year, and I am proud to think I have finally uncovered many of the myths of university life.

First of all, whether a teacher's assistant or a professor, those who teach us who we once believed to be omniscient are really just people too.

Teachers really don't know everything. Some are actually pretty oblivious to a lot of things. For example, I have come across a fair share of professors who pride themselves on rarely handing out As or even Bs.

Little do they know, handing out grades like that isn't a sign of brilliance in the profession, but of actually being an incredibly poor teacher. Having classes that leave students unable to understand the material is nothing more than a sign that the teacher actually just isn't doing his or her job.

Professors aren't hired to impress students with their scholarly accolades and jargon. Their paychecks are based around an ability to purvey information to pupils so these students can understand it and leave confidently knowing more subject matter than when they started.

If they were chefs, they'd be cooking amazing four-course meals and only letting paying customers smell them instead of sharing the flavor and nutrients those restaurant-goers are paying for.

Food for thought.

Those people who sit in front

"I'll admit, I enjoy the occasional class clown, but I've encountered far too many potential 'life clowns' to satisfy my thirst for shared wisdom."

of the class who hold so very much power over us, are just that — people. They have good days and bad days. They shop at Wal-Mart and have families. They get colds and headaches. They, I'm sure, get frustrated with us. They (brace yourself) make mistakes.

Another urban myth I believed so confidently in is that I would attend a university and be surrounded by brilliant minds and intellectual conversation.

No offense to Eastern's staff or students, but I did find something close to that in my semester at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana. However, in my past two years here, those intellectual conversations have been few and far between.

I am certain there is more to my fellow students than they exude, but apparently they still haven't grown beyond the "dumb is cool" image from their sophomore years of high school. I'll admit, I enjoy the occasional class clown, but I've encoun-

tered far too many potential "life clowns" to satisfy my thirst for shared wisdom.

I also naively believed I'd go to school and be surrounded by smart, dark and handsome scholars (being 5'2", I don't exactly need the tall aspect) who would catch my eye, and we'd share our hopes and dreams over romantic dinners and foreign films.

So, while there's quite a bit of handsome around the best I've managed to find in are lame pickup lines offering dirty expletives I won't mention, (and am strangely curious if they're even physically possible) complete with the promise of McDonald's breakfast in the morning.

I'll pass on that one.

Last, but definitely not least, I believed college would be way beyond stereotyping, prejudice and desperate attempts to attract the opposite sex.

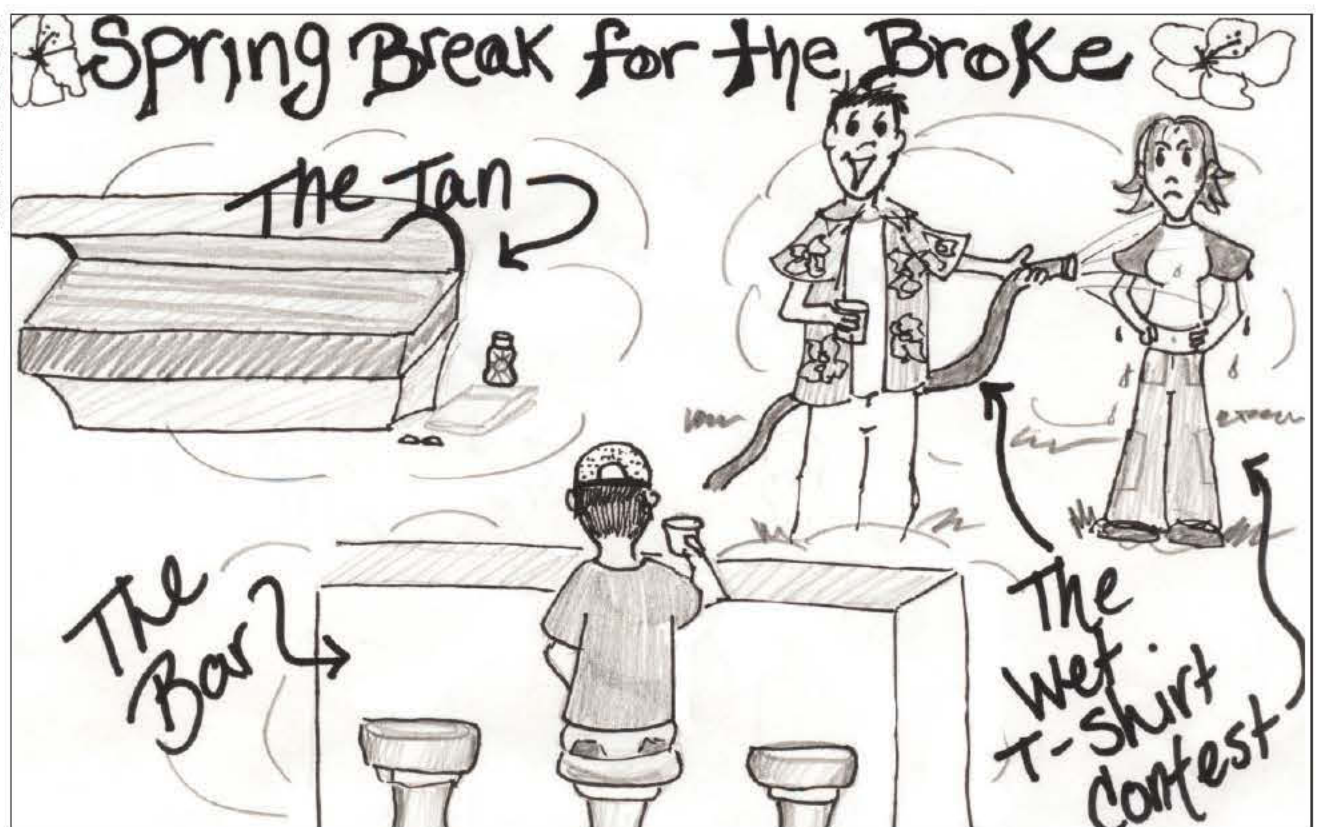
However, the number of times I've heard gossip in the ladies room or heard ignorant comments from people of one race about another outnumber the number of random acts of kindness or multicultural

events I've witnessed.

It's also more common than not to see my fellow gender parading around in sequins and lace, making out with whomever will get them more attention rather than carrying themselves with an ounce of dignity.

I'm not a cynic. I'm just using the power I have with this edit

Cartoon by Gia Hyos



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moral decline not added by gay unions

In the Monday March 1 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Mr. Ralph Rounds shadowboxed over the issue of same sex unions, presenting his "facts" against homosexuality legally, biblically and scientifically and claimed that this societal change will lead to "moral decline and confusion."

This phrase would indicate that there exists some semblance of a moral higher ground currently upon which our society stands, and that is obviously not true given that there are numerous moral transgres-

sions in our society, especially among heterosexuals.

No institution of marriage exists in a society where around 50 percent of all first marriages end in divorce, but we want to persecute those that want to rebuild this institution through their faithful love for each other.

I would also be interested to know when vows to have children existed outside of a religious ceremony.

There are heterosexual married couples that choose not to have children but because they have the abili-

ty, their marriage is more valid?

Also, according to Webster's New World Dictionary, marriage is defined as "the states of being married; a wedding; a close union." There exists no mention of any gender ... at all.

I deny no one the right to hold an opinion on an issue,

but to attack those of us that disagree as being "Christphobic" is childish. I do not fear Christ, I fear those that speak on his behalf. Leave judgment to the ultimate judge, otherwise, live and let live.

Allison West,
junior political science major

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Grade appeal committees to gain student members

◆ *Student representation is needed, now required for Eastern's grade appeals process*

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Amanda Sartore, Student Senate vice president for academic affairs, is recruiting senate members to join grade appeal committees because of the increasing amount of recent grade appeals.

Sartore said last year a change to the appeals committee's rules required students to serve as voting members.

"I have asked the student senators to let me know if they would be willing to serve on one of these committees," she said.

An interested student must be suggested by Sartore to the chair of the department the appeal is coming from and the department chair chooses to approve or not.

To avoid any conflicts of interests, the students are usually from a different department, Sartore said.

"I want to get a good number of student senators to volunteer to serve on these committees for the sheer idea that not everyone's schedule works and I have to have a student for each appeal," she said.

Sartore said she also needs volunteers to fill in for students who cannot make it to the

appeal session.

"I also need a back-up student in case the first chosen cannot make it for some reason," she said.

There are four reasons a student can appeal a grade, Sartore said.

Those reasons are: obvious errors in the calculation of grades, students being assigned work at more demanding standards, students receiving grades on a basis other than class performance and the change of information previously announced.

"You have to have proof that you fall under one of the four reasons," Sartore said.

In each appeal meeting, the student, the professor, the appropriate department's appeals committee and Sartore or the approved student representative.

Sartore said most of the information involved in grade appeals is classified.

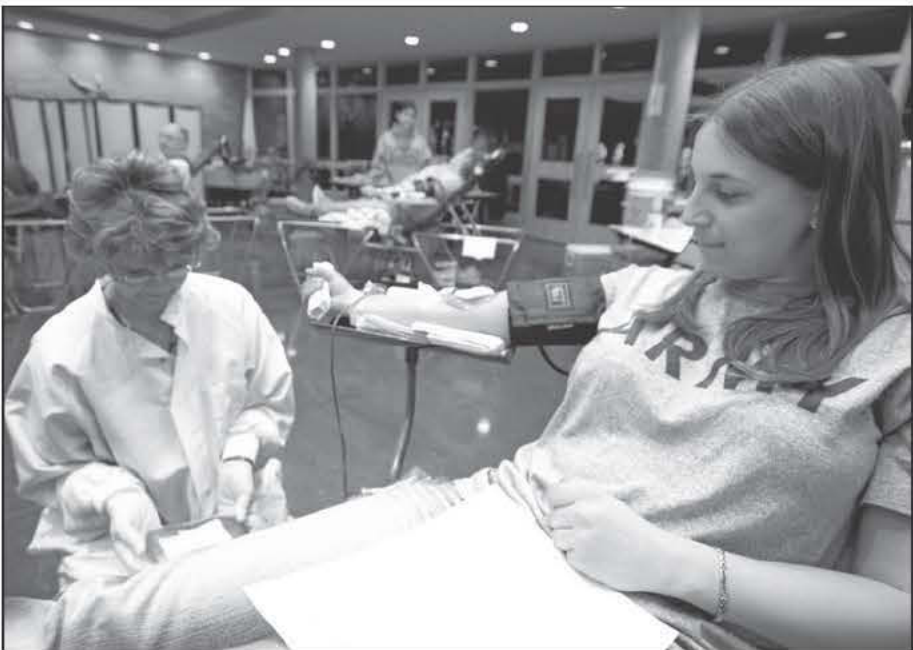
"Everything is confidential," she said.

"After the meeting, the teacher and the student leave and then the committee discusses what they heard."

The committee makes a decision and recommends to the professor if a change should be made or not, Sartore said.

"It's always up to the instructor whether the grade changes or not," Sartore said.

The professor then makes a decision and the chair of the department makes the final decision, she said.



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Being a lifesaver

Jamie McGhe, a junior math education major at the University of Illinois, gives blood Monday afternoon at the Newman Catholic Center. McGhe and her roommate are transferring to Eastern next year.

FACULTY SENATE

Senate to name recipient of Distinguished Faculty Award

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The winner of this year's Distinguished Faculty Award will be announced Tuesday after nearly a month of searching.

The announcement will be made to the Faculty Senate by senate member Steve Scher, who served as chair of the Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee this year.

Scher said the committee, which was composed of three Faculty Senate members, one faculty member, one graduate student, one undergraduate student and one alumni, had a hard time choosing a winner.

"We had a lot of really, really excellent candidates," Scher said. "(The decision) was as difficult as we could remember."

The names of nominees are submitted to the committee that then chooses the candidate it thinks is most deserving of the award.

This year the committee reviewed 11 applications for the award. Some were applications that were submitted last year but were not selected as winners.

"If (an application) is not chosen as a winner it's held until next year," Scher said and added the award has been given out every

year since 1979.

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said, "It's a tremendously important award for an outstanding faculty member."

The senate will vote to change its bylaws and create a faculty forum committee that would be in charge of generating discussion topics for the senate's annual faculty forum.

In the past, ad hoc committees have been formed to handle the task but creating a permanent, standing committee will free up time for more senate members, Carpenter said.

"The preference is to have all senators present when we vote to change the bylaws," Carpenter said.

The vote was postponed from last week's meeting. The senate will also discuss its self study that will be turned into the North Central Association's steering committee. The senate is scheduled to approve its self study Tuesday.

During last week's meeting the study was discussed but several senate members suggested more detail be added to it before it was sent on.

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

STUDENT SENATE

Task force aims to alleviate campus parking problems

◆ *Student committee looks to other universities for solutions to Eastern's parking shortage*

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association/Student Senate parking task force is currently in the process of creating a formal report for a presentation to the University Parking Committee.

Task Force Chair Adam Howell said the group is working on a survey and other plans to put the report together.

"We will come up with some sort of plan to explain our stance on freshman parking," he said.

During the last few meetings, the task force has discussed the benefits of limiting the amount of freshman parking areas because such an action could relieve the situation.

"There would be wide benefits," Howell said. "It would just relieve a lot of parking stress."

Howell said there was talk of eliminating freshman parking altogether, but he thinks it would be better to leave some space for freshmen.

"There will still be freshmen with cars," he said. "There isn't a reason to eliminate freshman parking as a whole."

Howell said the task force has not met in two weeks, making it difficult to get work done.

"Things have been kind of busy lately,"

Howell said. "We need to keep on pushing forward."

The task force members have been working on getting information on other schools close to Eastern's size.

Becca Finks, RHA parking representative, said the force needs to find out how other schools solve their parking problems.

"If we need to go out of the state to get a school that's similar to our size, then we've got to go there," Finks said.

Kyle Donash, senate parking representative, said he doesn't think Eastern gets enrollment just because of freshman parking.

"Find me a student to tell you that it was their soul deciding factor to come to Eastern because of freshmen parking," Donash said.

Howell said the task force was started to form a report for the University Parking Committee.

"Until we get our information together we won't have a report," he said.

Howell said the group isn't as far along in the process as he would prefer.

"We haven't gotten as much done as I'd like, but we're going to keep on moving," he said.

At a past meeting, the group discussed the possibility of reservation parking service for faculty.

"To us it sounds like a good idea, but for parking services it's a nightmare," Finks said.

Howell said faculty parking is an issue the task force will no longer discuss.

"We have no control over faculty parking," he said.

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because several important topics will be addressed during the meeting including tuition and fee increases, the election, purchase approvals and granting or denying tenure to faculty members.

Both Hencken and Anderson hope the positions are filled with people who have a desire to help Eastern.

"The first quality is a concern for Eastern. Be knowledgeable of the university and the service it provides," are some of the things Anderson hopes to see in the replacements.

"Once they serve on the board, Eastern comes first."

Hencken said he would like to see "someone who cares about Eastern Illinois University and wants to devote the time necessary to do a good job."

The positions were left open after two members resigned from the board because an ethics law banned registered lobbyists from serving on boards and commissions in Illinois and one resignation for personal reasons.



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Martha Stewart thanks supporters

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart thanked viewers of her television shows and readers of her magazines and Web sites for their support Monday, making her first public remarks since being convicted of lying about a stock sale.

"I just want to thank everyone for their support," Stewart said, just before she was driven away from a Manhattan courthouse where she met with a probation officer for about an hour.

Stewart stepped out of a sport utility vehicle just before 11 a.m. at the courthouse in lower Manhattan. Stewart, accompanied by her lawyers, did not speak to reporters. She left about an hour later, making brief remarks.

Her meeting with a probation officer came on the same day as stock in her namesake empire continued to slide and the board of her company was gathering to discuss life without the domestic diva.

The board of directors of Stewart's company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., was to meet Monday to discuss her fate, according to a source close to the company who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Stewart stepped down from her role as chief executive and chairman of the board in June after being indicted but remains as chief creative officer and a member of the board.

With her conviction, the government will likely press to have Stewart removed from the board, but the big question is how involved in the company she will be.

Stewart's name, now tainted by a conviction, is stamped on a wide variety of products, from TV shows to magazines and merchandise.

Investors continued to drive the shares in the company down; after dropping 23 percent Friday they were down 72 cents or 6.6 percent at \$10.14 in late-morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The stock had traded at about \$19 a share before Stewart's name surfaced in the ImClone investigation. Stewart owns about 30 million shares of the company, an approximate 61 percent stake, meaning she has lost millions as the stock has fallen.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Zimbabwe detains U.S. cargo plane

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Zimbabwean authorities have seized a U.S.-registered cargo plane carrying 64 "suspected mercenaries" and military equipment, the Home Affairs minister said Monday.

The Boeing 727-100 was detained at Harare's main airport late Sunday after its owners allegedly made "a false declaration of its cargo and crew," Home Affairs Minister Kembo Mahadi said at a briefing.

"The plane was actually carrying 64 suspected mercenaries of various nationalities," he said. "Further investigations also revealed that on board was military material."

Mohadi said more details would be released once officials have established "the true identities of the men and their ultimate mission."

The plane was moved to a nearby military base for further investigation, he said.

State-run TV broadcast footage of a white plane, with shots inside the cabin of backpacks, an inflatable raft, paddles and what appeared to be a can of mace. No weapons were shown.

Journalists were not shown the plane and the government's claims could not be independently verified.

U.S. Embassy officials said they had not been informed of the incident and were trying to obtain details from Zimbabwe authorities.

President Robert Mugabe repeatedly has accused the United States and Britain of plotting to overthrow him.

Gay bishop is official head of N.H. diocese

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Seven months after his confirmation rocked the Episcopal community, V. Gene Robinson officially became the ninth Bishop of New Hampshire and the first openly gay bishop in church history.

In his sermon Sunday during the investiture ceremony, Robinson said one definition of leadership is to find a parade and get in front of it. Robinson said he is just trying to stay in front of the parade and not get run over.

"Journeys of faith, you know, are a risky business," he said. "God is always calling us out of our comfort zones."

The investiture ceremony does not carry the same weight as Robinson's consecration last year, but it gave a capacity crowd of more than 700 the chance to welcome the new leader of the Diocese of New Hampshire with whoops, cheers and a standing ovation. Bells rang out from the church tower.

♦ *In just four years, civil unions go from radical to moderate*

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — To Vermont's town clerks and justices of the peace, civil unions have become almost as routine as traditional weddings. And readers of the state's newspapers see civil union announcements alongside wedding notices nearly every week.

Just four years ago, civil unions for gay couples were considered a positively radical idea. Now, they are almost an ordinary event in Vermont.

In fact, in some parts of the country, civil unions have become the moderate fallback position in the nation's growing debate over gay marriage.

Massachusetts politicians, including Republican Gov. Mitt Romney, have searched for a way to institute civil unions and thwart a ruling by the state's highest court granting gay couples the right to marry. Similarly, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry opposes gay marriage but would support civil unions.

Bishop Douglas Theuner, who officially retired Sunday, handed Robinson the ceremonial staff that transferred the diocese into his hands. They had shared power since Robinson was made a bishop.

"May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity and the power of faith that overcomes the world," the Rev. David Jones, rector of St. Paul's Church, said in the ceremony.

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number of minority faculty members at Eastern was 60, while there were 560 total white faculty members, 60 unclassified and two international members, Abell said.

Cynthia Nichols, director of the office of civil rights and diversity, said "the issue is not how many of any one group hold tenure at a particular point in time. Applications for tenure are linked to years of employment. The issue to consider is within each group of faculty members who apply for promotion or tenure,

how many are successful."

Nichols also said the number of black and white tenure decision rates are equal at Eastern.

"A review of tenure and promotion decisions at Eastern suggests that African American faculty members earn both promotions and tenure at rates equal to other faculty members," Nichols said.

Davis said she serves on several committees and boards that deal with education in the state and she is disappointed with the number of black members on those boards.

"The statistics of African Americans that (who) sit on these

commissions is dismal, it's awful," Davis said. "We can no longer tolerate institutional racism. We have to break down that barrier."

Davis added that the problem is not the result of any particular person, but comes from a tradition that has been in place for years.

"It's a club we must disband."

Since legislators can only introduce as many as four bills, Davis said she had to choose which she would pursue and which she would table. She said she plans to bring the bill up again next year.

Currently, instructors are

granted tenure at the university level, and at Eastern the Board of Trustees has the final say in who gets tenure, said Eastern President Lou Hencken.

During the April BOT meeting decisions on granting or denying faculty members will be made, Hencken said.

Instructors at Eastern wait six years to get tenure and each year they are evaluated. On the sixth year, an evaluation committee reviews the instructor and passes its recommendation on to the chair of the instructor's department. The chair then passes on a recommendation to the dean of

the department. The dean then passes on a recommendation and all previous recommendations to the BOT.

If this committee is created, it would take power away from the university, said Gary Alexander, interim deputy director for academic affairs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"We have concerns about its implementation," Alexander said. After hearing a presentation from Davis about the bill, Alexander said, "It was very clear there is a lack of diversity of faculty. This is the wrong way to go but the reasoning behind this makes sense."

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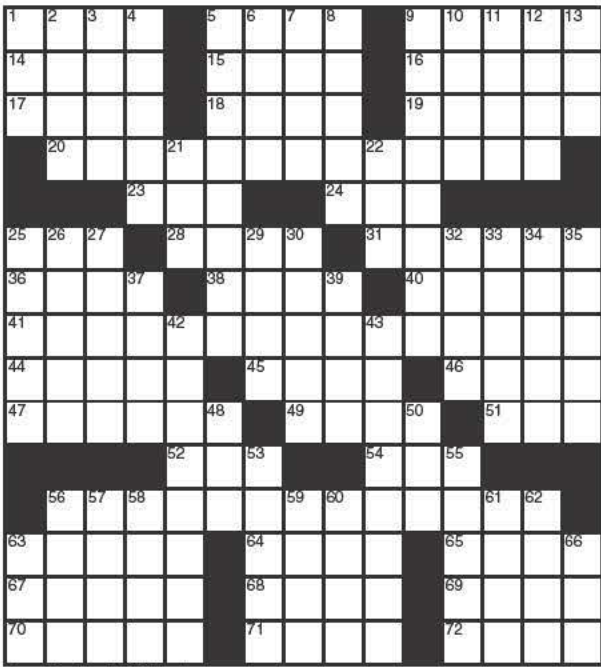
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Research pinpoints genetic cause for repeat miscarriages

CHICAGO (AP) — Women with genetic flaws that make them prone to blood clots are at increased risk of multiple miscarriages, a study suggests.

The researchers recommended that women who have at least two miscarriages be tested for the two flaws, either of which doubles the risk of repeat pregnancy loss.

About 5 percent of U.S. women of childbearing age have two or more miscarriages, and no cause can be found in more than half the

cases. It is unclear how many unexplained cases are due to clotting mutations, but the portion is likely significant, said Dr. George Kovalevsky, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Most carriers of the flaws have no symptoms and would not be tested unless they had a family history of blood clots. Testing is simple but costly, roughly \$200 for each mutation.

Bodies found in East St. Louis

EAST ST. LOUIS (AP) — The uncle of a missing East St. Louis woman says he was acting on an anonymous telephone tip when he found her partly clothed body in a creek Sunday afternoon.

Brandy M. Roby, 26, the mother of a boy and a girl, was last seen leaving a tavern Feb. 18.

An autopsy was scheduled Monday to determine the cause of her death.

Iziasa Robinson, Roby's uncle, said the anonymous tip he

received told him to go to the area where the body was found.

"I got a small search party, and we went there because I felt it was a solid lead based on where it came from and found the body in the creek," Robinson said.

On Saturday afternoon, almost exactly 24 hours before Roby's body was found, a man entering a vacant business discovered the body of Antoninia Drummond, 33, of Cahokia.

OVC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

4 straight for Lady Govs

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◆ *Austin Peay senior forward, Gerlonda Harlin, a forward, captures second-straight MVP award*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

At the beginning of the year, Austin Peay had many hurdles to climb. This past weekend, they broke the tape at the finish line ahead of the rest.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Governors will represent the Ohio Valley Conference in the NCAA Tournament after winning the conference tournament and receiving the automatic bid.

Gerlonda Hardin scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Austin Peay (23-7) to its fourth straight OVC Championship with a 65-51 win over Eastern Kentucky (15-15) in the final.

"I'm really proud of these girls," Austin Peay head coach Andy Blackston said. "They've really been through a lot, including a coaching change and learning a new offensive system. But, they fought hard and will now

represent the OVC in the NCAA Tournament."

Jessica Grayson finished with 11 points along with teammate Kera Bergeron, who broke the OVC single-season record for most 3-pointers made in a single season. The Nashville, Tenn., native finished with 99 treys on the season.

Hardin won her second Most Valuable Player Award, after the senior from Springfield, Tenn., also claimed the honor at the 2002 OVC Championship. Bergeron and Grayson were also named to the All-Tournament squad, with EKU's Katie Kelly and Tennessee Tech's Emily Christian.

Eastern was one of two teams to beat Austin Peay all season long as the Panthers went to Clarksville, Tenn. and defeated the Governors 72-71 on Jan. 22.

The top-seeded Governors defeated Morehead State 73-61 in its final home game during the first round of the tournament. The Governors rolled over Southeast Missouri State 72-61 once they reached Nashville and now the OVC champ will have to wait until Selection Sunday to see who, where and what seed they will get once they play in the NCAA Tournament.

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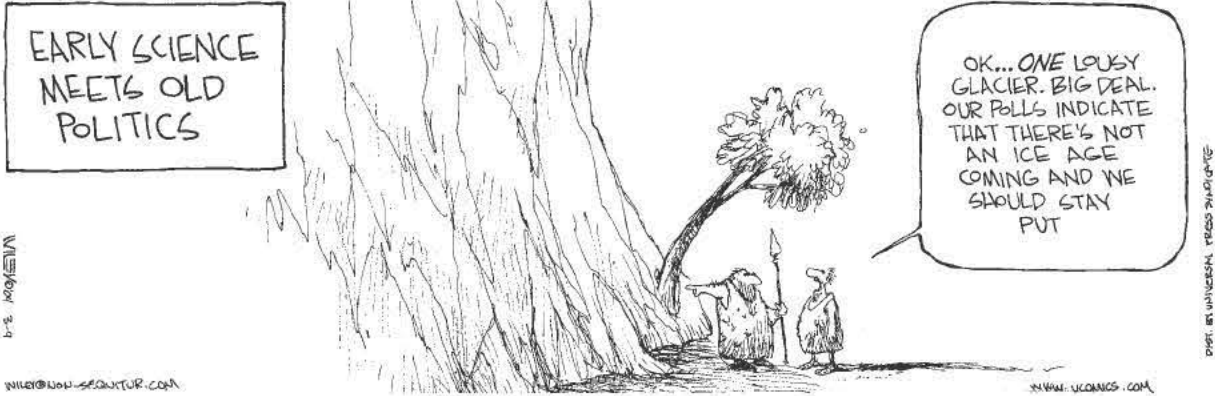
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The team now has 32 players, 17 of which are new to the club this year. The low numbers affected the team because everyone started and guys weren't working for their spot in the lineup.

"If you have enough B-side players it pushes the A-side players harder," McKinney said. "Having competition for starting spots puts pressure on the players that makes them play harder and smarter."

The turn around in numbers has also helped to build tradition in the program.

"Since there's more competition for starting spots it's helped the freshmen to gain respect for the upperclassmen," Crawford said.

They have also found help in the coaching department when Luke Jackson joined the club to help McKinney with coaching duties.

Like the other club teams on campus, the rugby team has had trouble with money since they aren't funded through the school, Crawford said. The players all pay \$60 each season to pay the dues for the Illinois Rugby Union, the Midwest Rugby Union and USA Rugby. But they have gotten help from former players, Crawford said. An alumni donated new uniforms to the team last year that they use every season.

While Rugby is a good opportunity for students to remain active

in college, McKinney doesn't want their careers to end there. He wants rugby to remain a part of the player's lives and hopes it will catch on into the mainstream.

"If everyone I coached just played in college and then quit, it wouldn't be worth it," McKinney said.

McKinney had coached 20 players who are now part of the South Side Irish Rugby club in Chicago and several other players in Chicagoland area clubs.

The rugby club continues to practice and play games in the off-season, mostly against men's club teams. Last weekend the Hornets played the Chicago Blaze and lost in a close 12-10 match, but McKinney isn't disappointed. He doesn't expect them to win against the men's club teams and the fact that it was that close of a game says something for the team, McKinney said.

Looking forward to next Fall the men have high hopes for the season. They are hoping to build on last season's success and McKinney said he wants to beat the four teams in their conference to win their first championship since 2001. They also hope to gain some more recruits in the off-season.

"We want ex-athletes who can't play football anymore or can't wrestle anymore to know there's still something out there to do," Crawford said.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Win streak snapped in 'tough loss'

By Kurtis Allen
STAFF WRITER



The Eastern women's tennis team was defeated by Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis Friday evening 4-3.

The women split the singles matches 3-3 with IUPUI, but lost two of the three doubles matches which gave the doubles point to the Jaguars.

In singles action, Becky Brunner, Jill Wirtz and Constanza Camacho all suffered tough losses, while Sarah Freeman and Madina Mambetova won their singles matches.

IUPUI's Brookley Crews defeated Brunner in straight sets 6-3, 6-3, Alyssa Halcomb defeated Wirtz 6-2, 6-0, and Amanda Valse earned a hard fought victory over Camacho 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Freeman won a marathon battle over the Jaguars Mallory Stemle 7-5, 0-6, 7-5, and Mambetova defeated IUPUI's Emily Dukeman in straight sets 6-3, 6-4.

Amber Lenfert won her singles match and was on the only victorious doubles team. Lenfert defeated Jaguars Michelle Lenfert 5-7, 6-3, 6-2. In doubles action, Lenfert and Wirtz rolled over the IUPUI team of Dukeman and Valse 8-1.

Eastern lost the other two doubles matches. Crews and Holcomb defeated Brunner and Freeman 9-8 (7-4), and the IUPUI team of Cunningham and Stemle defeated the team of Camacho and Mambetova 8-6.

Brunner, who suffered two difficult losses Friday, feels confident that the team will bounce back.

"It was a tough loss," Brunner said. "It was definitely a match we should have won, but I don't think the loss affected us negatively."

Brunner said that the team will begin playing outside soon and that some of the ladies on the team play their best tennis outdoors.

The loss snapped a three-match winning streak the women's team was enjoying. The women's team won't be in action again until March 20, when they take on the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS
Becky Brunner, suffered two defeats against Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis Friday.

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has to be more than pleased with thus far is freshman catcher Sandyn Short.

The Florida native has come to Eastern and gathered plenty of playing time in her true freshman year. She has played in 11 games, starting every game.

But not only has she just been

given playing time, she has earned it. Currently, Short is leading the team in hitting and has provided the middle of the Eastern lineup with an instant run producer.

"I recruit athletes," Searle said. "These are girls who I know can make an impact pretty much as soon as they get here."

"I knew this was going to be a solid recruiting class, and they are really helping to keep this team competitive and solid."

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BASEBALL



Senior Jeff Camman warms up his arm during practice last week on the football field. Camman went 2 for 4 during a doubleheader against Mississippi over the weekend.

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Losing streak at five and counting

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers baseball team lost their final game of a three-game series to Ole Miss 18-10 Sunday.

The loss adds to Eastern's losing streak, which is now at five, but head coach Jim Schmitz said he isn't worried.

Schmitz said some teams look to play weaker competition early in the season to try and get a couple wins under their belts, but that's not what Eastern is all about.

"We play quality schools early in the season to make us better heading into conference play," Schmitz said.

The Panthers found themselves down 14-1 heading into the top of the fourth inning. Being down so big so early, many teams would have thrown in the towel but the Panthers did just the opposite.

They kept their heads in the game and kept swinging the bats to put runs on the board.

"One of the things that excites me about this team is that they have a little fight in them," Schmitz said. "We stayed aggressive offensively. We were tough coming back and hitting."

Ryan Campbell stood out going 4-5 with a run batted in and three runs scored.

Offense was not the problem as the Panthers were able to get 16 hits in the game. The problem came in the form of six errors, which accounted for four unearned runs.

Schmitz said most innings last about seven to eight minutes but on Sunday some of the innings lasted 30 minutes.

"When innings take that long it's easy to lose focus," Schmitz said. "Most of the errors were more mental than physical."

The Panthers pitching was also lacking the necessities to win the last game of the series as Chris Vaculik, Ted Juske, Brian Long and Alex Chapple combined to give up 14 runs to the Rebels.

In his first collegiate start, Vaculik gave up five runs and walked three batters in the first inning. Vaculik was replaced in the second.

"We had to get Vaculik out there," Schmitz said. "It's common to see those kind of freshman jitters."

There was one bright spot in the pitching staff. Andy Kuntz came on and gave the Panthers two scoreless innings, striking out two and walking none.

Stephen Head started the game for the Rebels going four innings with five strikeouts and no walks.

Head not only pitched well enough to earn the win against

the Panthers, he also hit, driving in four runs.

Schmitz said Head was the freshman player of the year last year and said he had his pitchers pitch around him when he could've hurt the Panthers.

"You just kind of watch and appreciate how easy he swings the bat," Schmitz said.

This five game losing streak isn't something the Panthers talk about often. Schmitz stresses to his team only what they can improve on themselves.

The Panthers will try to better their record against Southern Mississippi in a three-game series March 12-14.

Eastern will begin conference play on March 27 and 28 when they play Tennessee Martin in a three game series at Coaches Stadium.

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sial goaltending call he couldn't get back to the "Big Dance."

This past season was marred by a loss to Division II Florida Gulf Coast and two promising young players (Kevin Lowe and Aaron Harrison) leaving the team. It's safe to place some blame on the Panthers "leadership" for the loss to Florida Gulf Coast.

In the same Daily Eastern News article on Wunder's dismissal, McDuffie made it clear he was looking for better conference success.

"I think it's a possible expectation to win conference championships, that's certainly a realistic goal," McDuffie said.

Wunder has not won any OVC crowns in her five seasons at Eastern, but Samuels' record is also less than stellar in conference play. In the eight seasons the men have played in the OVC, Samuels has won just a single title. His resume was slightly better in the Mid-Continent Conference winning two titles in 14 years, but combining time in the MCC and the OVC Samuels still only has one conference championship in the last 12 years.

The Wunder situation became even more intriguing when news broke that McDuffie told her she would not return as coach with still two weeks remaining in the season. This information was not announced publicly, but it was known by the players who at the time were still fighting for an OVC Tournament berth. It must have been extremely hard to expect the Panthers to make a late season run when they knew their coach would be gone at the end of the season.

I don't understand why a decision was made with still two weeks left in the season. Could McDuffie have waited for the year to be over before telling Wunder, thus giving her and the team the benefit of doubt? An assistant coach could have taken on the interim title for a few weeks if it was such a pressing matter to rid Wunder from the program. If McDuffie didn't care to name one of the assistants as coach. I'm sure sophomore guard Megan Sparks could have taken on the role for a couple of games. As this trick would have given Sparks some hands on experience to bring to the search committee looking for a replacement, which she is one of the members.

But in my opinion, I see this move and the timing to dismiss Wunder as nothing more than a cover up for the lackluster men's season. There was talk around the university whether Samuels would be back next season, and after McDuffie announced he would return I can't say the reaction was all favorable. So what better way to end one controversy than to start another.

I'm not trying to say Samuels should be let go and there won't be any FireSamuels.com web sites started by Michael Gilbert anytime soon. However, if McDuffie is going to make a change on the women's side because Wunder failed to reach the accomplishments he stated, McDuffie should also hold Samuels' up to those same standards.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Panthers leave Arizona desert 16 down and parched

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

In Eastern's second meet of the spring season, the Panthers faced a lethal combination.

Eastern ran up against a difficult field and a difficult golf course last weekend in Rio Verde, Ariz.

Head coach Mike Moncel wasn't confident going into the meet with schools like Boston College, Iowa and Illinois entered in the East/West Rio Verde Invitation.

However, it was Kent State that stole the show as the Golden Flashes took the team and individual title back home from the desert.

Gabby Wedding took home medalist honors with an 1-over 145 including the only round under par (71) in the opening round. Wedding cruised with a final round 74 to win by one shot over Arkansas-Little Rock's Linda Svensson.

Eastern was able to finish ahead

of rival Western Illinois but only placed 16th out the 17-team event.

The Panthers were well represented by senior Amanda Minchin who finished with a two-day total of 8-over 152. The Canadian native opened the tournament with an 80 placing her nine strokes behind Wedding after the first day. Minchin rebounded on the second day shooting an even-par 72 which was only the fourth round at par or better all day and nine strokes bet-

ter than the field average. The final 18 comeback allowed Minchin to sneak into the Top 15 and finish seven strokes behind the winner.

The problem for Eastern was the only other player to finish in the top half of the field was Dale Morris who shot 78-81 (+15). Morris tied for 39th in the field of 105 but couldn't have that break out round like Minchin did.

The other Panther finishers were Brooke Pellock posting 80-85

for a tie for 69th, Monica Krauss' 90-89 and finished 95th and Jacky Bodis shooting 91-93 to finish tied for 100th.

Kent State was able to come back as a team from three strokes down after the first day to top Arkansas-Little Rock by four in the second day to take the trophy.

The Panthers will stay in-state to travel to Southern Illinois for the Saluki Invitational at the end of the month.

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Panther sports calendar

TUESDAY	M Tennis vs. Creighton	noon	Indianapolis, Ind.
	Softball at Indiana State	1 p.m.	Terra Haute, Ind.
FRIDAY	Softball (Winthrop Ringor Classic)	11 a.m.	Rock Hill, S.C.
	Baseball at S. Mississippi	3 p.m.	Hattiesburg, Miss.
	M Golf at Bearkat Classic	All day	Huntsville, Texas



TEERING OFF

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Wundering about dismissal

I consider the refusal to renew Eastern's women's basketball coach Linda Wunder's contract as nothing more than a cover up.

Don't get me wrong, a career record of 36-101 in five seasons in Charleston is nothing to write home about, and with an 8-19 finish this season, Wunder won't be in the running for any coaching awards. But if Wunder was let go after an 8-19 season by director of athletics Rich McDuffie, how does the coach she shares practice time at Lantz Arena with get his contract renewed to come back for a 24th year on the bench?

After all, Rick Samuels' program was actually worse than Wunder's, as the men went through a disastrous 6-19 season and were tied with Southeast Missouri State for dead last in the Ohio Valley Conference at 4-10. Not only was this season pathetic, it also lacked any excitement as it was clear since January making the OVC Tournament would take nothing short of a miracle. This lack of hope showed in attendance figures with weekday games hovering around 1,000 fans and about 3,000 supporters heading to Lantz on the weekend.

Maybe McDuffie keeps Samuels in Charleston because of his many years coaching the team. The Eastern athletic web site makes even the casual visitor aware Samuels has the second longest active tenure at one university (behind Syracuse's Jim Boeheim) among Division I-A coaches.

However, Samuel's time at Eastern hasn't resulted in an enormous amount of wins. With 345 victories heading into the 2003-04 season, Samuels sits 34th among active NCAA coaches. Yet this number seems diminished when it's learned Samuels ranks 19th for most seasons behind the bench for an active coach. Furthermore, Samuels' winning percentage of around .500 won't be anywhere near the top of the list.

What's interesting about the dismissal of Wunder is a quote from McDuffie in The Daily Eastern News when it was announced she would not come back next season.

"It was simply disappointing that there was no further development over the past three years," McDuffie said. "I felt we needed new leadership right away."

While one can choose to agree or disagree with this statement by McDuffie, the truth is the same can be said for the men's squad.

After taking Eastern to the NCAA Tournament in 2001 with a 21-10 record, the Panthers have struggled the past three seasons going 15-16, 14-15 and 6-19. The first two years even included "Basketball Jones" Henry Domercant, who proved without Kyle Hill and a contro-

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SOFTBALL

Building on weekend success



Freshman pitcher Brittany Whelan winds up for a pitch against Central Connecticut State Sunday morning during the 2004 Wolfe Sycamore Classic. Eastern won the game 2-1.

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

If their first meeting was any indication, Tuesday's rematch between Eastern and Indiana State will be another tight and even game.

The Panthers just took on the Sycamores on Sunday in the Wolfe Sycamore Classic and were able to defeat Indiana State. The game ended with Eastern ahead 4-2, and in the victory the Panthers were able to defeat the Sycamores' best pitcher Emily Germer.

The Germer experience might not be over for Eastern either as Panther manager Lloydene Searle expects to see the Indiana State ace again on Tuesday.

Germer has pitched in eight Sycamore games as a starter and has gone 5-2 over those starts with a miniscule ERA of 1.99.

She averages nearly three and a half strikeouts per walk, showing that she has excellent command of the strike zone and her abilities on the mound.

In facing Germer previously, Eastern turned to Andrea Darnell but she had to leave the game without making it through the first inning. Darnell has been hampered with a tight forearm that has affected her when she was on the mound.

But Eastern was able to turn to fellow freshmen pitcher, Heather Hoeschen, to finish off the game and hold the Sycamores down during her time in the game.

Hoeschen was able to go 6 and one-third innings and didn't allow a run.

Because of Hoeschen's success against Germer and the Sycamores, the Panthers come into their next match up with the Sycamores on cloud nine.

"When you go up against a really good pitcher, like we did against Indiana State, it boosts us as a team when you can push enough runs across to win," Searle said. "There is no doubt that was a really big win against that pitcher (Germer)."

The Panthers remained fairly even keel throughout the Wolf Sycamore Classic, winning three of the five games they played there.

As Eastern heads into another match up with the Sycamores, their manager is happy that not only are their younger players becoming more consistent but her team is coming together as a whole.

"Right now we are starting to find that balance that teams need," Searle said. "Our younger players are really becoming a force, and the older players we have are really stepping up their game to lead the team."

One of the younger players who Searle

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CLUB RUGBY

Hornets buzzing over revival and past success

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's rugby club offers students a chance to experience camaraderie and competition.

The club was formed in 1984 and for half of its life at Eastern had been coached by Shawn McKinney. McKinney has played rugby since 1970 when he tried out for the St. Louis Cardinals, now the Arizona Cardinals, and needed something to keep him in shape for tryouts. He first fell in love with the game because of the constant action and always being chased or chasing someone.

"After the game we'd go to the bar with the other team and you'd sit down with the guy you've been beating on all afternoon and talk about the game," McKinney said. "It's not a love hate thing. It's about camaraderie."

Junior team captain Ryan Crawford said after games they take their opponents to Jerry's Pub or one of the player's houses after



Eastern's rugby club, the Hornets, in fall 2003 group photo.

games.

"No matter what happens in the game we're all friends at the end of the day," Crawford said.

That brotherhood of rugby has had a place at Eastern since the club was founded in 1984. Originally the rugby club was known as the Panthers, but after an incident in the late '80s they were

forced to change their name. The team was responsible for burning down a house and as punishment they had to change their name and are now known as the Hornets.

When McKinney came here in 1994, he had trouble finding rugby clubs like he did in Southern California, where he hails from. When he found Eastern, the team

had little success and fewer players.

"We barely won the first two years I was here," McKinney said. "We beat Illinois which is about the only rivalry the kids seem to have. Since then, we have finished first or second every year."

The Eastern rugby club won six straight Illinois Rugby Union championships between 1996 and 2001, they were co-champions in 2000. The Illinois Rugby Union also includes Illinois, Western Illinois, Southern Illinois and Illinois State. Those championships have earned them spots in the Midwest Rugby Union and in 1999 they went to the Division II national playoffs held at Ohio State University, where they placed seventh.

But in the last few years, numbers have dwindled to the point where they only had 17 players on the team. Those numbers rebounded this year, as they gained a second-place finish in conference and a playoff berth where they went 1-1.

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