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Members of Alpha Phi tug against Sigma Sigma Sigma during the championship tug Saturday afternoon. Alpha Phi won with a time of 1 minute, 2 seconds.

## Final tug pulls three teams to victory

Alpha Phi, Sigma Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha each win a division

BY STACY SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

After months of preparation for the event, Greek organizations and fans came out to watch the final tugs competition Saturday afternoon.

Three divisions of tugs took place, and two fraternities and one sorority came out on top. The winner of the little men's division was Sigma Pi, who defeated Sigma Chi in 34 seconds. Lambda Chi Alpha won the big men's division after tugging against

**"When we're not tugging, we are doing everything together. We can just feel it as a team."**

LIZ WILLIAMS,  
ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA TUGGER

Sigma Chi for 39 seconds.

"Compared to yesterday, we didn't quit," said Ryan Sparks, senior marketing major and Sigma Pi tugger. "We have seven seniors on the rope. It was our last tug and we wanted to go out in style."

Alpha Phi came out on top in the sorority division, defeating Sigma Sigma Sigma in

1 minute, 2 seconds.

Before Saturday's competition took place, tugs semi-finals were held on Friday afternoon to determine the match-ups for finals.

"It's a good way for (the organizations) to come out and support each other," said Ceci Brinker, director of student life.

More people came out to watch tugs on Saturday than any other competition, said Stephanie Habenicht, freshman psychology major and member of Kappa Delta sorority.

"There is a good turnout," Habenicht said. "Everyone wants to see the finals."

Three judges on each side of the lake made sure the competitors followed the guidelines.

In the little men's division, Sigma Chi got

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## Eastern orders a Miller

Ex-KSU assistant to be named men's basketball head coach

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Mike Miller will be announced as the new men's basketball head coach at a 1 p.m. press conference, a source close to the program said.



MIKE MILLER

Miller, formerly the associate head coach at Kansas State, will replace Rick Samuels, who coached the Panthers for 25 seasons before not receiving a contract renewal.

This will be Miller's second head-coaching position at the Division I level, as he spent six seasons leading Texas State (formerly Southwest Texas) as its head coach. During that span, the Bobcats advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1997 after receiving the Southland Conference's automatic bid.

Miller interviewed for the Eastern job Friday. During the previous two days, the Panthers interviewed Wisconsin assistant Gary Close and Creighton associate head coach Greg Gensing.

Close withdrew his name from consideration said search committee member and Panther Club president Gary Kling.

Miller, a native of Monmouth, met with Eastern's players during his daylong interview Friday. Junior guard Josh Gomes said Miller made a quick impression with the team.

"It's hard to connect with a guy after 30 or 45 minutes," Gomes said. "When he talked, I

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## More math to be factored into high schoolers' future

Gov. Blagojevich proposes measures to increase high school standards

BY HOLLY MOHR  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed a plan last week that aims to increase high school standards to better prepare students for college and the workforce.

The governor's plan would

require students to complete at least two years of science, three years of math, at least two years of writing-intensive courses and English courses in every year of high school.

Eastern President Lou Hencken said some students don't take the courses they need to be prepared for college or the workforce.

Some of the proposed requirements for math courses will include algebra and geometry.

"It's for the good of the country,"



GOV. ROD  
BLAGOJEVICH

don't count towards graduation credit.

"By strengthening high school requirements, students will reduce their need for remedial education,"

said Peter Andrews, department chair of math. "The more math the better."

Eastern offers many remedial courses, including three to four sections in math.

Remedial courses

said Don Sevens, Illinois State Board of Education spokesman.

Sevens said less remedial courses would save colleges and students a lot of money and time.

About 100 students take remedial math courses at Eastern.

It's more than you'd like to have, Andrews said.

Eastern's admission department agrees with the governor's proposal.

"Our admission standards seek to ensure that admitted students are ready to succeed at Eastern, but the reality is that student preparation

levels across their college-prep coursework is somewhat mixed,"

said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The proposed standards would be one step in addressing this."

The admission requirements won't be affected by the plan.

Brenda Ross, director of admissions, said the plan will likely cause an increase of higher profile students.

She said the students being better

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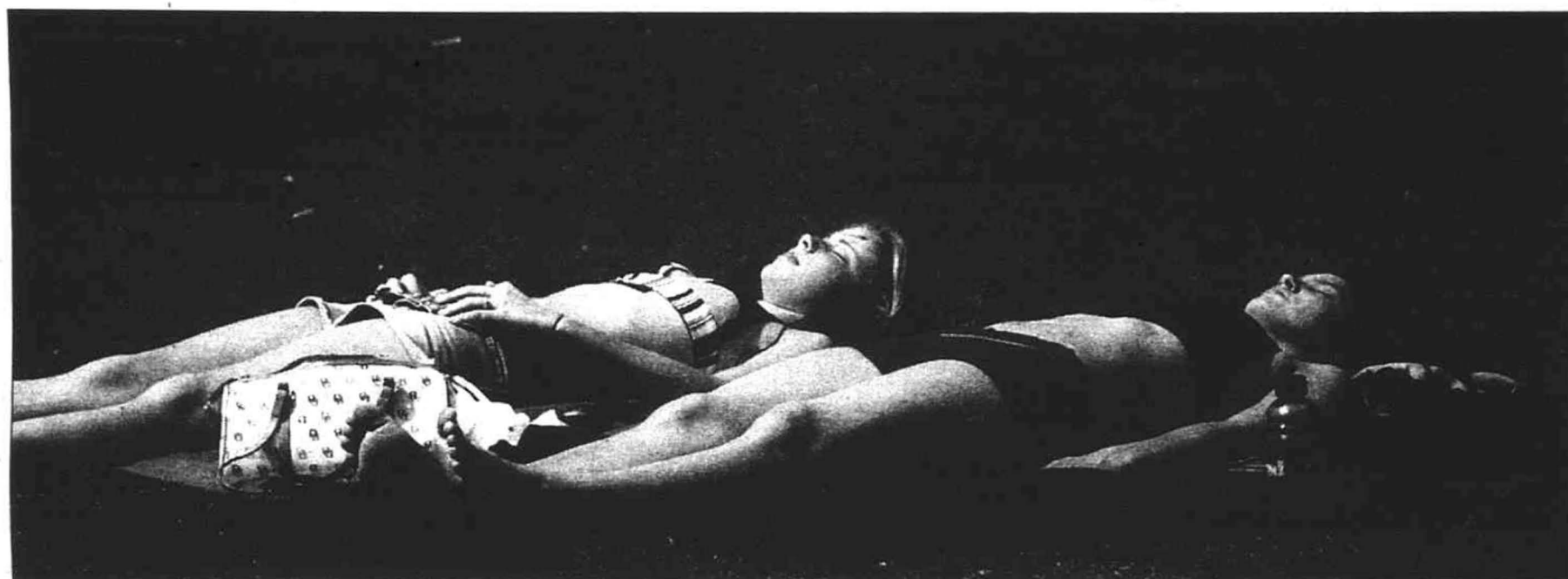
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## SOAKIN' UP THE SUN



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kaithyn Reid, a freshman communication disorders major, and Karin Lark, a freshman elementary education major, lay out in the Quad listening to music Sunday afternoon.

## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA 'Drunk' show dumped

By DAVID COHEN

INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — University of Florida administration has dumped the keg of Gainesville's airwaves.

Broadcasts of the Cox Radio segment "Drunk Bitch Friday," an offshoot of the popular Lex and Terry program, have been suspended by UF officials in connection with the university's plan to discourage student alcohol abuse.

Also stated as a reason for the suspension is the possibility of indecency violations for the Friday program under Federal Communications Commission guidelines.

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY Gel grows blood vessels

By ELIZABETH SABRIO

DAILY NORTHWESTERN

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — With new nanotechnology developed by a Northwestern University research team, blood vessels could be created to heal tears or blockage with a simple injection.

The team of doctors and students have discovered a way to grow blood vessels through the injection of nanofibers and proteins. The nanotechnology works by "self-assembly," meaning the liquid becomes a gel-like solid on its own.

"This gel would jumpstart recovery," said Samuel Stupp, Board of Trustees professor of material science, chemistry and medicine.

When people have heart attacks the remedy is usually invasive surgery.

## WTF?

### Dancers suspended

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — San Jose State has suspended its dance team after a sexy routine at a basketball game triggered a confrontation involving an elderly alumnus and a 20-year-old dancer.

The team is suspended until it develops guidelines to represent the university "at the highest possible standard," the division of intercollegiate athletics decided last week.

The confrontation, captured on videotape by a parent, erupted after a dance during a March 5 home game to the raunchy lyrics of "Move Somethin'" by LL Cool J.

"It was vulgar," said Ray Silva, 74, a San Jose businessman and major university booster. "It was like a burlesque, with bumps and grinds. I just came unglued."

Silva said he shouted at the dancers: "Trash, that's trash. Get off the court."

Dancer Tarah DiNardo confronted Silva at the end of the game, gesturing emphatically as the two shouted at one another. John Glass, an associate athletic director, stepped between them and grabbed DiNardo's arm, apparently bruising it.

The dancer filed a complaint with police, but authorities declined to prosecute. Her angry father has hired an attorney.

"I don't want people to lay hands on my daughter," said businessman and ex-Marine Joey DiNardo.

## PEOPLE

### Charles honeymoons

CRATHIE, Scotland (AP) — On the first day of their Scottish honeymoon, Prince Charles sported a tartan kilt and his new bride wore a fuchsia coat and matching feathered tam when they wheeled up to the local parish church on Sunday.

The gray Audi, with Charles at the wheel, was met by a couple hundred villagers standing in blustery weather to wish the newlyweds well. Dozens of reporters stretched for a view.

"She's just right for Prince Charles," said one onlooker. "We're all very happy."

Charles and Camilla — officially the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay when they are in Scotland — are staying at Birkhall, a hunting lodge on the Balmoral estate he inherited from his grandmother. The prince and Camilla are expected to stay about 10 days.

If the opinions of the well-wishers were a bellwether of British public opinion, some of the antipathy for Camilla and her 30-plus-year relationship with Charles seemed to have dissolved, easing years of criticism and claims she was behind the failure his marriage to Diana.

"I think she's lovely," said Lynn Hutchings, 56, a nurse who was visiting her sister in the Scottish highlands. "I didn't think he should marry her, but I've changed my opinion."

Ella Innes, 73, remembered seeing Diana at a similar service at the church 20 years ago.

## ONLINE POLL

Will the new city council extend bar hours?

A) Yes. A change in member composition will provide an opportunity for a change in overall opinion.

B) No way. It will never happen.

C) Maybe. It depends on whether or not students get their after-hour behavior cleaned up.

D) Unsure. We have to see if the new council really cares about what students want.

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Day until student government elections

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bluegrass (n.)

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# Chili Jam mixes music, food and fundraising at VFW

Campaign for Better Health hosts event for charitable causes

By BRIAN GARTLAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Coles Campaign for Better Health Care hosted the second annual Chili Jam Sunday afternoon at Charleston's Veterans of Foreign Wars building 1592.

**"Dedication and passion is more important than numbers."**

CRISelda RUIZ, DIRECTOR OF CCBHC

The Chili Jam consisted of Charleston's "best" local bands and three types of chili, vegetarian, turkey and regular chili, provided by Mike Knoop from Roc's Black Front.

"We know a variety of music," said a Jubilee Jam Band member, one of the six bands that played at the event. "Tell us what you want; we'll try to make you happy."

The Jubilee Jam Band, Reverend Robert and the Miscellaneous, Motherlode, the Airtight String Band, John Elder and Rockford Barnes were all slated to perform at the event.

Most of the bands at the event played bluegrass music. Last year's event hosted more bands, but the number was cut down this year because people at last year's Jam kept demanding encores from each band, said Bethany McNutt, director of last year's event.

"(Last year's) event ended up lasting way longer than we expected because (people) were having so much fun," she said. "This year we cut down on the number of bands so they could play longer."

The Jubilee Jam Band, a collaboration of four men that originated after the Sept. 11



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Local band, Motherlode, plays their original folk music at the second annual Chili Jam at the Charleston VFW, on 20th Street, on Sunday night. The Chili Jam was put on to raise money for Coles Campaign for Better Health Care.

attacks and two of which have been playing together since high school, performed two Eric Clapton songs and a handful of others.

The Chili Jam, a fund-raiser for the campaign for better health care, included a silent auction, bake sale and multiple raffle opportunities.

Different local businesses donated gift certificates for bowling, pizza from Papa John's and bank savings bonds from First Neighbor Bank, while the silent auction had items that local artists donated to the event.

Baskets, lanterns, Starbucks coffee, wine, a ceramic box and a wooden box were some items available at the auction.

Last year about 300 people attended the event at Roc's Blackfront, and raised about \$4,000, said Criselda Ruiz, director of CCBHC.

"The weather is working against us (today)," she said in regard to the significantly smaller crowd, which made CCBHC's goal of raising \$5,000 a stretch.

John "Doc" Holiday, an organizer of the event, advised everyone to "chow down" and asked everyone to pray for rain to bring more people to the Chili Jam.

The CCBHC is a coalition of 300 organizations across the state and it affects thousands of people and is searching for systematic changes in Illinois.

"We believe that health care is a right, not a privilege," Ruiz said. "Everyone should have access (to health care)."

CCBHC's local organization is a small but diverse group of residents in the Charleston and Mattoon area dedicated to making a change for everyone, Ruiz said.

"Permanent change is slow," she said. "Dedication and passion is more important than numbers."

The CCBHC meets locally at Jackson Avenue Coffee on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Ruiz said she hopes to continue the Chili Jam fund-raiser in upcoming years.

## University Board announces new leadership positions

Stanfield named chair, Miller named co-chair

By APRIL McLAREN  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The leadership positions of the University Board were announced last week for next year.

Chris Stanfield, a junior communication studies major and JC Miller,

sophomore political science internal studies major, went through an extensive application process with an interview and presentation to the board before they received the positions as chair and co-chair of the UB.

Stanfield, the new UB chair said he felt like he was the most experienced out of the candidates since he has been involved in the UB for the past three years and held the positions of movie and comedy coordinators.

"I thought it was a good time to step up," he said.

Stanfield's new position entails running meetings, presenting items to the apportionment board and advising other committees.

During his time as UB chair, Stanfield said he wants to increase recruiting for committees, have a greater frequency of events and have more shows. But overall, he said he wants to raise awareness of the board.

While Stanfield said there are people leaving the UB, there will be new board members with potential.

"Our board is going to be pretty new, but they are new with experience," he said.

Miller, who is currently the cultural arts coordinator and has been involved with the board for two years, will take over as co-chair next year.

"I knew I wanted to step up," she said. "I want to get involved in all committees."

Even though Miller said she and Stanfield have opposite personalities, she is excited to work with him. She

said she is more detail-orientated and organizes to-do lists, while Stanfield is more laid back.

"It's a nice balance," she said.

Miller said a few of her goals are to increase recruitment and diversity on the board.

But her overall goal for the UB is cost effective programing with other recognized student organizations on campus.

"I just want to make sure the board is running smoothly," she said.

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### COLUMN

## Fighting is more than just fists



MATT WILLIAMS

SENIOR JOURNALISM MAJOR

Williams is the editor in chief for *The Daily Eastern News*.

There is something about a good fight that draws a big attraction even from someone as tranquil as me.

I don't know what is so appealing about two people punching each other in the face and wrestling on the ground, but somehow it had me glued to the television throughout the day on Saturday.

While waiting for the Cubs game to come on, I came across "Ultimate Fighter", a reality show featuring 16 people with a goal to earn a contract to fight for the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

I shamefully admit I was hooked. Yes, a combination of reality TV and fighting had me wondering what was going to happen next.

I began to pick favorites and make predictions on how long a fight would last and who would win. Once again, I am ashamed.

The thing that amazed me, though, was how these men would step into an eight-sided ring and take punches, kicks, elbows and knees to every body part imaginable, and then want to get back up and do it again.

I saw faces get bloodied and men who could barely open their eyes because they were swollen shut. Who would want to do that for a living?

I have never been in a fight, and I can't imagine what it would be like to be punched in the face

once, let alone getting hit repeatedly.

Most people would think it would take an incredibly stupid person to step into that ring time after time and take brutal blows to their body and face – a type of person who has nothing else to lose.

But it was the smarter fighters who I saw lasting into the later rounds of the tournament and not the fiercest competitors.

It took more than a hard right hook to win a match. Fighters needed a strong mind and an

understanding of an opponent to survive. A good fighter showed not only how to hurt his opponent, but he showed how not to get himself hurt.

One fighter, who specialized in wrestling, changed his style to better match his opponent; an opponent who had ended both of his previous matches with quick submissions.

Another fighter carried his emotions in the ring and was sent home because of it. He was more experienced, but was emotionally unstable against another fighter he had a grudge against.

These fighters also had to live inside a house with each other without TV, magazines or newspapers for entertainment. They had to talk to the people they were going to be facing inside the "octagon."

They essentially had to have the mentality of wanting to tear apart someone they had trained with and made friendships with while living in such close quarters.

Imagine having to live with your current roommates, knowing you may have to knock them out at any given time.

I can't believe I fell into a reality TV hole, but it was definitely more than just a couple of guys trying to destroy each other. It was more than just two sets of fists, and I look at fighting in a whole new perspective.

I see myself as a pretty smart guy who can keep his cool so maybe I should sign up for the next season of "Ultimate Fighter." But then again, I'm not that stupid.

**"It took more than a hard right hook to win a match. Fighters needed a strong mind and an understanding of an opponent to survive."**

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY MICHAEL ABERNATHY



### EDITORIAL

## More bureaucratic shuffle

The Illinois General Assembly is considering creating a position to oversee corruption, fraud and waste in the state's higher education, and to add another ring of bureaucracy.

While there is no denying that corruption, fraud and waste – the latter being the most prevalent – needs to be ended, this is not the manner in which Illinois should achieve this.

The position, inspector general for higher education, would report to the state executive inspector general who currently oversees ethics in all of the state's offices.

If unethical behavior were found at Eastern, Eastern's ethics training administrator would have to report to the inspector general for higher education who would report to the state executive inspector general who would then report to the General Assembly and the Governor's office. This is a significant amount of red tape.

There could be ethical issues at Eastern and other state schools, which is why the ethics training administrator and the state executive inspector general is a good position.

However, another position and office for the reports of corruption, fraud and waste to go through will be detrimental to the process.

The area that needs the most attention would be that of

#### At issue

The possible creation of the inspector general for higher education to oversee corruption, fraud and waste in the Illinois' higher education.

#### Our stance

This is unnecessary, adding an additional desk for the state's paper work to have to go through.

waste. Any bureaucracy will find waste, even if it is accidental.

This position would be causing more of this waste of which the position is trying to prevent. With the state having such fiscally trying times, much of which is being taken out on education funding, paying for another office and the support staff that would be needed is not fiscally wise.

The reason for the position, according to Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter, is that Gov. Rod Blagojevich requested the new position in part because the faculty had not taken enough time with the online ethics training test.

The average time taken on the test was 8-10 minutes. Because faculty didn't take a long time on this less than difficult test does the Governor think there is rampant unethical behavior through the state's universities?

While there probably is some unethical behavior at state universities, this by no means suggests that there is any more than any other branch of the state government. Therefore the state's education system should not have its own inspector general.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RESERVED PARKING WAS NOT A FAIR PROPOSAL

I would like to thank the Student Senate for listening to Pemberton residents and other students for voting against the "Reserved Parking" resolution.

I know that there is a severe parking problem here on campus, but

that was a bad idea. Fee increases are unavoidable, but tripling the price is too extreme.

Forcing students to pay three times more to park at their residence hall discriminates against poorer students. It is also unfair to single out Carman and Pemberton while the other residence halls have nearby parking.

I believe that, if the administration and students work together, and compromises are made we will find a solution to the parking situation.

But let's try not to single out anybody this time.

SERENA HEATH  
 SOPHOMORE ENGLISH MAJOR

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# Booth ready to participate in National Library Week

## Tuesday booksale to highlight the week's celebration

By LAURA GRIFFITH  
ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

Booth Library is gearing up for several events that will take place during the next few days to celebrate National Library Week April 10-16.

Tuesday, there will be a book sale on the Library Quad, which is the big event for the week, said David Bell, reference librarian.

The library will sell donated hardcover books, softcover books, magazines and more that it has received during the year, at the book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the sale, on average between \$800 to \$1,200, will be used to buy more books to enhance Booth's collection, Bell said.

"People should come early for the selection because they do tend to go fast," Bell said.

Also on Tuesday, a film on the Holocaust will be shown as part of the Booth Library Film Series at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Booth Library Room

3202. The film, "A Painful Reminder," will include actual footage of the Nazi concentration camps being liberated by the allied forces, Bell said.

Wednesday, Thomas Woodall, professor emeritus in exercise science, will present a history of barbershop quartets at 3 p.m. in Booth Library Room 3202.

Thursday, a librarian will provide tips on how to use the library and will give some pointers on how to research information during a "Find Information Fast" session at 3 p.m. in the Booth Library e-classroom. These sessions are scheduled periodically, and

people should call 581-6061 to register before noon on Thursday, Bell said.

All week, an exhibit on the preservation of library materials will be on display in the walkway of the 3000 level of the library, he said. The display, which will portray examples of the mishandling of library materials from books to other media formats, was put up for National Library Week but will remain in the library for some time after as well, Bell said.

National Library Week was first celebrated in 1958, and is observed in all types of libraries across the nation, Bell said.

"I think it's important to celebrate," said Margaret Bookie, junior special education major. "Libraries are such a huge thing in education."

Bookie remembers her high school library putting out extra information for National Library Week, but she doesn't remember anything significant. She does think it is an important week, especially for students who rely on Booth Library.

"I think National Library Week is just a good time for us to highlight the services that the library has to offer," Bell said. "We just kind of celebrate our presence in the university community."

# Court sides with governor in firing dozens of state employees

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO - A state appeals court has ruled Gov. Rod Blagojevich had the right to fire dozens of last-minute appointees by outgoing Gov. George Ryan.

Friday's ruling reversed the state's Civil Service Commission and the Cook County Circuit Court, which reinstated the employees after Blagojevich fired them in January

2003. One judge on the three-judge panel dissented.

"The court's decision ensures that these important civil service positions are filled by the most qualified people, not the most well-connected," Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said.

In the waning days of his Republican administration, Ryan gave 60 friends and political allies state jobs, then changed the rules so that they

would have only 60 days probation instead of the usual four to six months.

The appointments came 61 days before Ryan turned the office over to Blagojevich, making it much harder for the new Democratic governor to fire them.

The court ruled Ryan's move was illegal because the four-year appointments were made without following guidelines for eligibility and veterans' preferences.

"When the defendant employees were discharged, they were within the probationary period in effect previously, which was either four months or six months," Justice Michael Gallagher wrote.

An attorney for the 16 employees who remain on the state payroll said they will try to appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court before the administration evicts them from their offices. The employees also have a federal lawsuit pending in Springfield.

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second place, and Sigma Phi Epsilon came in third, tugging Lambda Chi Alpha in 2 minutes, 44 seconds. Sigma Chi came in second for the big men's division, and Pi Kappa Alpha beat Delta Tau Delta for third place in 1 minute, 13 seconds.

Tri Sigma got second place in the sorority division, and Alpha Gamma Delta tugged Alpha Sigma Alpha in 1 minute, 25 seconds for third place.

Liz Williams, a junior finance major and Alpha Sigma Alpha tugger, said her sorority worked really hard and the women were disappointed about losing the competition.

"When we're not tugging, we are doing everything together," Williams said. "We can just feel it as a team."

Jon Paszt, a senior family and con-

sumer sciences major, participated in the Lambda Chi Alpha win.

"The competitions were really good this year," Paszt said. "There was a lot of hard work with everyone."

As spectators watched the competition from the bleachers, too many people standing on them caused one of the bleachers to tip over. Some people received bruises and cuts, but no one was severely injured.

At the end of the competition, some spectators began wrestling and fell into the lake.

Kevin Garvin, a junior geology major, worked with others from Thomas Dining Center to cook food for the event. People could pay \$4 or a meal swipe and choose from about 400 hamburgers, at least 240



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Members of the Sigma Chi Big Men tugs team face Lambda Chi Alpha Saturday afternoon for the championship. Lambda Chi Alpha won with a time of 30 seconds.

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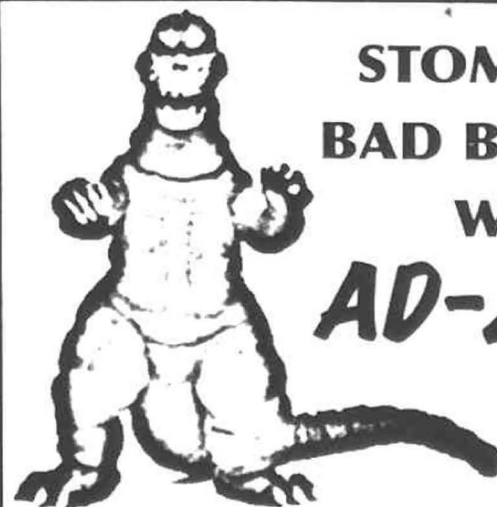
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# Student Elections

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Kevin Atkins speaks during the student government debate Thursday evening in Buzzard Auditorium. Atkins, along with the rest of the Executive Board candidates, spoke about what they would try to incorporate if elected to office. Student Government elections will be held Tuesday and Wednesday.



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## Debating the issues

### Executive Board candidates talk office intentions

BY AMY SIMPSON  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Few students know they are offering to pay the tuition for whomever they elect for Student Government Executive Board at the polls Tuesday and Wednesday.

Each of the five members of the executive board receive \$1,531 per semester in tuition, the equivalent of 12 credit hours, from the Student Activity Fee.

The tuition waiver, however, was hardly the topic of discussion at Thursday's debate in Buzzard Auditorium.

The 16 executive board candidates answered questions regarding their intentions for office in the company of enthused Eastern students who filled the floor of the auditorium and overflowed into the balcony.

Jeff Collier said Student Government needs to express student concerns directly to

the administration, while Andrew Gahan said his goal is to give back to Eastern by bringing Student Government back to the students.

Ryan Berger said he would make an effort to get out in the Eastern community to connect more directly with students and local residents, and Dave Jones had a plan to "re-energize" Student Government, saying it is "not an elite club on campus" but represents of all students.

Making Eastern's RSOs more appealing to students was a main point for all candidates for vice president for student affairs.

Kendall Patterson expressed a need to "break down barriers between RSOs" while Christopher Hightower emphasized the lack of awareness of various RSOs.

When asked how to better represent RSOs in office, Keila Lacy suggested Student Government should attend more RSO meetings and volunteer to show representation on campus. Tabitha Swain wanted to incorporate community members as RSO advisers to improve Eastern's relationship with Charleston.

Harold "Skyler" King and Jillian Ruddy

expressed interest in keeping fees as reasonable as possible.

Both Stephanie Gwillim and Chelsea Frederick were concerned about increasing student involvement and conveying the opinion of students to Faculty Senate.

Frederick pointed out the joint experience of her party and challenged audience members to imagine themselves as CEOs of a large company and consider whether they would want to "hire an employee with leadership and experience or just leadership?"

Candidates for student executive vice president discussed the Student Action Team and its role in speaking for Eastern in lobbying efforts.

Kevin Atkins said he would keep the best interest of the student body in mind as well as continuing the Faces Not Figures project and letter writing campaign to assist the team.

Shermann Thomas spoke on gaining the public's trust by attending Charleston events.

Andrew Berger and Daniel Scheck addressed the responsibility of representing students at the Board of Trustees meetings and on campus, respectively.

### Where and when to vote

Place	Time
♦ Tuesday	
Coleman Hall	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Carman Hall	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Martin Luther	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
King Jr University	
Union	
Student	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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♦ Wednesday	
Coleman Hall	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Carman Hall	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Martin Luther	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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### Student government senate candidates

Candidate	Party Affiliation
♦ On-campus senator candidates	
Fern Delima	United Campus Party
Kiley O'Brien	United Campus Party
Cailey Swartz	United Campus Party
Cena Wilson	Student Interaction Party
Justin Doty	Student Interaction Party
JC Miller	Student Interaction Party
Chiquitta Allen	Campus Reform Party
♦ At-large senator candidates	
Angela Zartuche	Student Interaction Party
Levi Bulgar	Student Interaction Party
Maurice Tracy	Student Interaction Party
Shane Cameron	United Campus Party
Heather Janik	Student Interaction Party
Kenny Kozik	Student Interaction Party
Kara Shively	United Campus Party
Dirk Muffler	United Campus Party
Kraig Koch	United Campus Party
Jean O'Russa	United Campus Party
Kristen Field	United Campus Party

### ♦ Off-campus candidates

Jil Renee David	Student Interaction Party
Jesse Wu	Student Interaction Party
Erin Morettes	Student Interaction Party
Adam Howell	Student Interaction Party
Myla Bradford	Student Interaction Party
Tracie Bearden	United Campus Party
Lauren Foster	United Campus Party
Benjamin Jay	Student Interaction Party
Marcy	
Jason Zientarski	United Campus Party

## Getty ready to give up the reins

### Student body president proud of accomplishments, ready to move on

BY PAUL KOMES  
STAFF WRITER

Christopher Getty, a senior corporate communications major and current student body president, is about to hand over his position to the new student body president after a year of service.

During his year in the position, Getty and the Eastern's

Student Senate have accomplished many things.

"I was able to properly represent the Student Senate by keeping the student body in mind at all times," Getty said. "This position is a tremendous learning experience that somebody else should take on."

Members of the executive board were pleased by other members' actions in the Student Government.

"We got a lot of new members this year that brought many good and different ideas to the table," said Adam Howell, the executive vice president of the

Student Government.

Along with the senate, Getty pushed the importance of voting in the November presidential elections across the campus, having the highest voter registration and voter turnout ever, Howell said.

"My goal for the organization this year was to work to better the Student Government and get it known on campus," Getty said.

Not all projects get off the ground, though.

Winter Wonderland, which would have included an ice rink for students and the community

to skate in last winter, for example, did not occur.

Getty will host Panther Service Day on April 16, where volunteers will go around cleaning yards, picking up parks and painting houses for the elderly, disabled and those with financial need, Getty said.

"Our goal for this year is to surpass the number of volunteers we had last year, which was around 300," Howell said.

Anybody is able to have a position on Student Government and Getty said he encourages people to share their voice around campus.

-compiled by Amy Simpson

# Meet the Student Government Executive Board candidates

## Presidential candidates

### DAVE JONES

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for student body president with the Campus Orientation Party. I am running

mainly because I love Eastern Illinois University, and I would love for the chance to represent the students of Eastern. I want to become student body president so that I can make students aware of just how important our Student Government is. It seems to me that in the past few years there has been a lack of interest in Student Government. I am running and advocating people to vote so they can start to get an understanding of what Student Government does and how it helps out every student here at Eastern. I feel Eastern is one of the top institutions in the state, and we need to have a more active Student Government on our campus. I want the opportunity to work with anyone and

**"I feel that one of the important issues in this year's election is the lack of voters in the past and students' lack of interest in Student Government."**

everyone to make Eastern a better place for the students.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

One of the events Student Government has put on over the past few years has been Panther Service Day. Before it was Panther Service Day, it was Bucket Brigade. I believe this is one of the best things that Student Government does for the community of Charleston. However, it disappoints me that this is the only main service project Student Government does for the community. I would like to implement more service projects that would benefit the surrounding community. Also, one of the things I want to do

next year is build a better relationship with the city council board. I feel this is going to be an extreme importance for Eastern's Student Government and the city council board to get off on the right foot and work together to help students improve the city of Charleston.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

I feel that one of the important issues in this year's election is the lack of voters in the past and students' lack of interest in Student Government. One of my goals for this election is to try and get at least 2,500 students to get out and vote. That is still a small number compared to the total student population at Eastern. However, in

the past, there have only been around 1,500 students who would vote in the elections. Another issue I believe needs to be fixed soon is the lack of interest in Student Government by the students and the lack of knowledge they have about Student Government. One of the main things I want to do next year is head up the executive council. Working with the executive council will give me an opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the students' needs and wants. Also to make sure that people are interested and knowledgeable about Student Government, I plan to go out to all the hall councils and other organizations so Student Government can play a larger part on campus next year. I feel getting out to organizations' meetings will show those organizations that Student Government supports them, and it will also allow Student Government to be more knowledgeable about what is going on around campus within those organizations.

### RYAN BERGER

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for student body president because, for the past three years, the organization has been my life and my passion. I have dedicated myself to the student body by serving as a student senate member for three years and being the speaker of senate for the past year. After campaigning at approximately 28 recognized student organizations during the past month with the Student Interaction Party, I have discovered that no one really knows who the student body president is or even what the position means. That is why I am running. My goal is to start interacting with the students and jumpstart Student Government.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

Panther Service Day is a community service project cre-

**"The future of Student Government is the most important issue in this year's election."**

ated by the student body president two years ago. First, more students need to know about it. I would also like to incorporate high school participants and Charleston residents in the project. While painting a house with other Panthers encourages Eastern unity, painting a house with community residents builds strong relationships between students and the community.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

The future of Student Government is the most important issue in this year's election. In the past, inexperienced students have won the election, and the organization has been

hurt. The Student Interaction Party is resolving this problem by running an executive board whose members have already been chairs of important Student Government committees. The Student Interaction Party has a total of eight years of Student Government experience. That is more than all the other parties running combined.

The United Campus Party has only one person running on its executive board that has Student Government experience out of five. Similarly, the Campus Orientation Party has no executive board member candidates who have been on Student Government before. Finally, the Campus Reform Party only has one candidate that has been on Student Government.

Student Government is a serious organization that desperately needs leaders who know the organization. The Student Interaction Party are these leaders. In order to have strong vision for the future, you must know the past.

### JEFF COLLIER

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for Student Body President. I'm running for student body president because I know in my heart I am the best person for this job. I have shown during the past three years that I can represent students in large numbers; last year I was the only senator to vote no on a tuition increase. I can also represent students as small as one; Dr. MLK tribute was brought about because I decided to meet the concerns of a particular student who voiced his concerns.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

I plan to continue the work that I've done with the Black Student Union in our efforts to strengthen our relationship with the community of Charleston. A goal of mine is to create a community service committee through the president's office. Community service allows us to give back to

**"I plan to continue the work that I've done with the Black Student Union in our efforts to strengthen our relationship with the community of Charleston."**

the city of Charleston, which will bridge the gap, which will lead to constructive dialog when negotiating issues that face the campus and the city of Charleston.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

An important issue in this year's election is "Meal Plan Reform." When asking students how many times they have been upset when Dining Service refuses to allow a student to use his/her meal swipes whenever they please, the answer is every single time. I plan to face these concerns to the administration until there is some type of change. And I won't rest until it is done.

### ANDREW GAHAN

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for student body president with the United Campus Party. I am running because I care very much for Eastern and its community of parents, alumni, faculty and Charleston residents. Eastern has truly become my home away from home. Furthermore, it takes me longer to go to class now than it did as an incoming freshman because of all the friends I see on the way. I believe I have the leadership and commitment to bring Student Government back to the students. As a member of Lambda Chi Alpha

**"I will work to have increased use of the student liaison position on the city council."**

International Fraternity, I have demonstrated my leadership qualities. This past year, I have served as the undergraduate president of the Eastern chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity Council of Presidents, which includes more than 200,000 members at more than 300 universities. Moreover, I have been involved with Eastern's Junior Greek Council and Eastern's IFC as vice president internal. My past experiences include Zion Lutheran Church Board of Trustees, Natural Ties Liaison for IFC and Junior Greek Council

vice president of administrative affairs.

I am running for student body president because I care about this school that has given me so much. I have the dedication, motivation and leadership experience to bring Student Government back to the students.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

The relation between Eastern students and the Charleston community has bettered in the past year. However, I feel that there is room for improvements. I will work to have increased use of the student liaison position on the city council. Moreover, I will work cosponsor events with the city council that will benefit the students and the community.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

Student Government is not accessible enough to the student body. It is my goal to bring Student Government back to the students. I have developed a specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic and timely plan to do just that.

I plan to completely redesign the Student Government Web site to include weekly student surveys, BLOGS and a message board. I plan to form a freshman leadership council. I also want to host a weekly WEIU channel 6 broadcast. I would work with the DEN to create a permanent Student Government column dedicated to student surveys.

We will hold monthly forums and construct a House of Representatives as a form of restructuring Student Government.

## Executive Vice President



**ANDREW  
BERGER**

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for the position of executive vice president on the Student Interaction Party because state and local politics have always been an interest of mine. My skills I have acquired through my two years on Student Government have prepared me to be the best qualified person to represent the students as their voting member of the Board of Trustees and to be the head public affairs officer to the student body. I have been preparing myself to take this office for more than a year by serving on the Student Action Team, working with the administration and the current executive vice president and being the chair of the external relations committee.

**What do you plan to do to help the**

**"The major issue facing students this election is the lack of state funding for higher education."**

**relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

I would like to foster a feeling of citizenry among the students to make them feel like a part of the Charleston community. Many students don't feel like Charleston is their home, although they live here the majority of the year. I would work toward building a community relationship between the students and the full-time residents by encouraging community service whenever possible and inviting the mayor and members of the city council to speak to the students in a forum held near the beginning of the year to introduce the students to their community.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

The major issue facing students this election is the lack of state funding for

higher education. One of the sources of this issue is the lack of political participation from the students to voice their concerns about rising tuition costs to our state legislators. To help remedy this problem, I plan to establish a time for students to register to vote during freshman and transfer orientation and also have voter registration forms offered in the welcoming packages students receive when they check into the residence halls. Also, I would like to continue Student Action Team's effort to establish satellite lobbying organizations in other universities across the state. Currently, Eastern is the only state university with a student-run lobby organization. Coordinating our lobby efforts with other schools through the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee will aid in our state-wide lobby efforts for higher education funding.



**KEVIN  
ATKINS**

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running the executive vice president position. After having worked in student recruitment for the past year and a half, I feel a responsibility to represent the student body. I have helped to bring and orient new students to our campus. I feel I am highly qualified for the position and would represent my fellow students well.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

I've been a full-time resident of Charleston for the past three years and have worked for the city as an intern at the Charleston Water Treatment Plant. As such, I have a strong attachment to the city of Charleston. I also have a good understanding of how the city works. I'd like to see the student body get off on the right foot with the newly elected City Government. It is important to show them that students really do

**"I feel strongly that Student Government must be actively involved in lobbying the state legislature."**

want to be strong citizens of the community by becoming more involved in local community projects.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

I feel strongly that Student Government must be actively involved in lobbying the state legislature. The role of the Student Action Team is critical in this activity. It is important that legislators see face-to-face how their decisions are impacting our education and the future of the state. Therefore, the Student Action Team has a responsibility to actively recruit students from across campus to participate in its activities. The current letter-writing campaign and the "Faces Not Figures" project are strong activities which I would continue.



**SHERMAN  
THOMAS**

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for executive vice president because I represent the average student here at Eastern. By average, I mean that I am not a straight-A student (though I try to be), and I have a diverse set of friends involved in a number of things. I am a single parent, and I work. I am from Chicago, but I have made Charleston my home. If elected, I would be able to represent individuals who belong to RSOs and those who do not. I would be able to represent students who have children and students who do not. I would be able to represent students who are from big cities and students who are from small towns. I want to get the everyday student involved in campus-changing decisions and assist the members of the Student Senate in removing the sense of apathy that exists on this campus. I

**"If elected, I will work hard on creating programs and events that benefit the Charleston community."**

will make time for the students, not find it.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

If elected, I will work hard on creating programs and events that benefit the Charleston community. I will build a bridge between the Student Government and the Charleston area schools. I plan on creating a mentoring program for Charleston High School students because they are the future leaders of this community. I feel that building a working relationship with the youth of the community will not only make the bond between Eastern and Charleston stronger, but it will also ensure that the relationship will remain strong and become stronger.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

There are a number of very important issues in this year's election. I plan to create a resolution that increases the amount of input Student Senate has on my vote as the student representative of the Board of Trustees. The executive vice president's vote should represent the students, not the individual. Another important issue is the lack of parking for students and faculty due to the new construction. The education of the students is effected when they are constantly late for class due to lack of parking. As a member of the Student Action Team, I would lobby in Springfield and here at the university for funding to extend both the Fourth and Ninth Street parking lots. Also, I would like to increase the number of members of the Student Action Team.



**DANIEL J.  
SCHECK**

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for executive vice president

to effectively represent the student body as a member of the Board of Trustees.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

I want to make a conscious effort to create a strong relationship with new Charleston City Council members and the mayor to ensure the relationship between our university and the city of Charleston remain strong and grow stronger.

**"I want to get more students involved in the Student Government elections to guarantee the right positions are held to lead the student body into the future."**

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## Vice President for Academic Affairs



**CHELSEA  
FREDERICK**

**What position are you running for and why?**

The position I am running for is student body vice president for academic affairs. The reasoning behind my decision lies upon my passion and pride for Student Government, this great institution and my fellow students. As

an experienced senator, past Student Relations chair and the current academic student relations chair, I have decided to take my dedication and experience to the next level. Student Government needs direction, a vision and unity. With the time I have served actively, I have witnessed first hand what works and what doesn't within this organization. I know where to find the answers to change, and I understand the needs and wants of the student body.

**What do you plan to do to help the**

**relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

Although the relationship between Eastern and Charleston is entitled to the student body executive vice president, there are ideas and areas the vice president of academic affairs can address. The first is to support the development and usage of the new Charleston Public Library. The second idea is the design of selective free nightly community classes/workshops programmed and provided by EIU stu-

dents and faculty. These classes will be forums, publicized on the community calendar and open to the public.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

According to the most recent statistics offered by the residents office, 78.3 percent of students graduate in a six-year period. On average it is taking students 4.6 years to graduate. (Office of Financial Aid) It is my first goal to restructure and unify academ-

ic advising. Presently this project is in phase one, which suggests to faculty and administration that once a student transfers from Ninth Street Academic Advising Hall, the student and their assigned advisor will compile and complete a seven-semester plan written program outlining a student's class agenda. This resolution has been fully supported by Student Government and is planned to be presented to faculty at the end of April.



**STEPHANIE  
GWILLIM**

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for vice president for academic affairs. The reason I chose to run is because I have a great deal of leadership experience in a variety of areas on campus. EIU Homecoming Committee, Panhellenic Council, Delta Zeta, Women's Empowerment

and Association of Honors Students are a few organizations I have been a part of that have given me the leadership experience necessary to competently represent Eastern's campus. I have been regularly meeting with Student Body President Chris Getty and Dirk Muffler, the vice president for academic affairs, and attending Student Senate meetings to ensure I am up to date on campus issues. If elected, I will be a strong voice for Eastern students to make sure their voices are heard and their ideas acted upon.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

As we all know, there could be an improvement in the relationships between the Eastern and Charleston communities. Thus far, Panther Service Day has been implemented to get students involved in maintaining the community in which they live August through May and bring them together through community service. I hope to implement more campus and community-wide service events that bring

Charleston residents, Eastern students, faculty and staff together for a common cause.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

Currently, important issues under the vice president for academic affairs position range from the proposed campus day care to implementing an Academic Enhancement Day. Another sometimes overlooked concern is the need for more student involvement

in Eastern's Student Government. This is an important issue right now because so many students have fabulous ideas that could dramatically change the face of Eastern's campus but have yet to be heard. To promote more student involvement, I am going to be constantly visible on campus and hold office hours in areas of high student traffic to gain student input. I will also make a designated area where students can put suggestions for improvements on student issues.

# Vice President for Student Affairs



## CHRISTOPHER HIGHTOWER

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for vice president of student affairs. My purpose for running is

simply to make a difference on this campus and to represent every student, not just a specific group of students. I have been a member of the Residence Hall Association and the Black Student Union and from that, I have many close friends and associates.

I personally feel that the everyday student is not represented in the Student Senate. I have been involved with the everyday Eastern student, and I feel that I can help bond those two groups together to give the everyday student a vote and a voice as well as those students that are involved in various RSOs and other on-campus organizations.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

The relationship between the school and the city has been a difficult one at times, but I feel it has improved over the past few years. I feel that I can continue that improvement.

First, I feel that Student Senate and other organizations on campus can do more for the city's schools. We are here to educate ourselves, and I feel that if we show the youth of this community that, it will have a positive effect on not only the youth, but the individuals who participate as well.

Secondly, we need to have more forums for the students to speak with the city council and opportunities for the students to learn how important they truly are to the community. City council elections just passed, and the student turnout was sub par, to say the least. The reason for that is lack of information. If students were truly given the chance to learn about the city council and the mayor's office and how they work in conjunction with Eastern, I guarantee more students would vote and become involved in these matters.

Finally, I feel that the town and the students need more cross-promotion. The many RSOs on this campus have numerous events that we as students do not show up to and the town hosts events that people do not show up to. I feel that to build a bond between the city and the university we could invite members of the community to more of our events. Once we

have made that step, I feel that the city will make the step to invite and to ask for more student participation at its events. Then, not only would we have a healthy relationship with the town, we would have the groundwork layed for a long and healthy relationship with the city of Charleston.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

Of the many issues that candidates discuss, I feel that the one issue that never gets mentioned is the most important. That, in my opinion, is the relationship between the Student Senate executive board and students of this campus. After speaking with some of my fellow students, I found the number who can name every member of the executive board isn't very high.

Students who are not in a fraternity or sorority or who do not want to be a senate or RHA member deserve to be represented just as much as everyone else. They deserve to have their voice heard and be informed about what is being done with their tuition money just as much as the next student.

I plan to keep the students informed about the actions that are taken by the Student Senate and take their opinions and ideas is to

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CHRISTOPHER HIGHTOWER, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS CANDIDATE

account before I offer any form of legislation to the senate.

I will make myself visible to the student body - and not just visible, more importantly, available. One of my greatest attributes is my candid and open attitude. I am comfortable speaking with every student regardless of race, gender, lifestyle or organizational affiliations. That is because, regardless of all that, we still have one very important thing in common, and that is that we are all students of this university. If I can make an improvement for you, the student, I am making an improvement for myself as well.



## TABITHA SWAIN

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for (Vice President of Student Affairs) because I feel as if I have many great ideas and aspirations for this position.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

**"I also want to incorporate a list serve so we can communicate with any problems that arise."**

TABITHA SWAIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS CANDIDATE

**Pick an important issue in this year's election, and tell what you plan to do about it.**

Getting the RSOs to communicate better with each other so we can help the community. I want to have a round table once a month with representatives from each RSO. I also want to incorporate a list serve so we can communicate with any problems that arise. I want to be the best resource for anyone to come to.



## KEILA LACY

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for vice president for student affairs because I am dedicated and committed to addressing the needs of students.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

**"Many schools around the nation have systems for RSO funding and have seen the benefits of the system I hope to incorporate."**

KEILA LACY, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS CANDIDATE

I vow to incorporate the Charleston community in events that occur at Eastern. I will talk to local business owners and residents about events occurring on campus in hopes of getting co-sponsorships and community involvement. **Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.** RSO funding has been an issue in this year's election and in elections of the past. I will continue to research funding for RSOs in hopes of implementing a system here at Eastern. Currently, many schools around the nation have systems for RSO funding and have seen the benefits of the system that I hope to incorporate. This system will allow RSOs to come before a board where they present about receiving funds for specific reasons. Obviously, a complex program like this will not be implemented overnight. However, if elected, I will continue research and work with administration on finding funding for Recognized Student Organizations.



## KENDALL PATTERSON

**What position are you running for and why?**

I am running for vice president of student affairs under the Campus Orientation Party. I feel that this is a very important role in Student Government because it deals with all the RSOs on campus and allows those groups to be heard.

I also feel that, with my experience in the Greek community as a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Chi and as an orientation leader for the upcoming summer, I have the qualities and experiences to perform well in this position.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

With some of the newly elected officials in the city council, I hope that the new Student Government executive board can start off on the right foot and only go from there, making progress to become one unified city rather than a city and a university that just happens to be here as well.

I hope, in my particular position,

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KENDALL PATTERSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS CANDIDATE

to get more RSOs involved with community service projects. The current Panther Service Day does a wonderful job of that, but it is only once a year. I plan on not only starting at least one more campus-wide service project, but also working with RSOs to do more of them on their own right here in the town of Charleston.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

I think the main issue of this election is just bringing Student Government back to the students; making sure that all of the students around campus feel like they have a say in our Student Government and what they do, not just those who are Student Senate members or other people that are involved.

# Vice President for Financial Affairs



## JILLIAN RUDDY

**What position are you running for and why?**

My name is Jillian Ruddy and I am running for student vice president of business affairs. I am running for this position because I have a passion for Student Government and for the students at this university. I want to make sure the students get the most they can with their money.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

I will fully support anything the Student Government will do to create a connection with the Charleston Community.

**Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

I want to show the students their money. I want to start a marketing campaign that would focus on the student fees individually so that the students will know where their money goes. I would also try to get students more involved in student government so that no fees will be increased without the student's knowledge.

**"... I have a passion for student government and for the students at this university. I want to make sure students get the most they can with their money."**

JILLIAN RUDDY, VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS CANDIDATE

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## HAROLD KING

**What position are you running for and why?**

Vice president for business affairs, after three semesters on Student Senate including two on the Tuition and Fee Committee and one as its chair I feel it is my time to step up after establishing relationships that are necessary to be successful in my position.

**What do you plan to do to help the relationship between the Eastern and Charleston communities?**

The Charleston community needs to realize that we are more than 11,000 disturbances that invade each year for nine months. Panther Service Day is an excellent venue for this purpose. All student leaders must unite to find a proper avenue to reach out to the community whether it is community service or a philanthropy event. So I would help organize this coming

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together. **Pick an important issue in this year's election and tell what you plan to do about it.**

The issue of no new fee or tuition increases has been presented leading up to this election. This is an unrealistic solution to an annual problem. It would be an injustice to younger students who would feel greater penalty down the road. My pledge to the students is that no unnecessary raises in fees will be made.

# New York GOP mounts national 'STOP HILLARY' effort

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — Claiming Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is running for the White House, New York's GOP chairman has kicked off a national "STOP HILLARY NOW!" fund-raising effort to thwart her 2006 Senate re-election bid.

"Stopping Hillary Rodham Clinton is the most important thing you and I can do as Republicans in the next two years," says the fund-raising appeal sent out by Stephen Minarik. "You could say it's our

duty as Republicans."

Minarik's fund-raising letter, dated Friday, promises a Republican "truth squad" that will "monitor Hillary's appearances and expose her lies."

While Minarik has sent out similar missives to New York Republicans, Friday's appeal, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, is his first to the potentially more lucrative national anti-Clinton audience.

Clinton, who has said she is not looking beyond her Senate re-election effort, has countered with

fund-raising appeals of her own, including a March 31 e-mail warning supporters she is "the No. 1 target for the right-wing attack machine."

Spokeswoman Ann Lewis said Sunday that the Clinton campaign was "not surprised that the Republican Party has chosen to wage a personally negative campaign. They don't want to talk about Hillary's record of working for New Yorkers, throughout the state and in the Senate."

In his four-page letter, Minarik refers to Clinton six times as a "rad-

ical liberal" or "ultraliberal," and says she is the "darling of the wealthy liberal left — especially the Hollywood left" and has a "vast network of far-left contributors."

Complicating Minarik's anti-Clinton effort is the fact that the state party has yet to come up with a big-name challenger to take her on in 2006. Minarik's mentor, Gov. George Pataki, has said he has no interest in being a senator and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's top political aide said Giuliani is too busy with business interests to run for office

next year. Both men are considered potential 2008 presidential candidates.

On Saturday, Clinton was in Minnesota, raising money for her re-election campaign at a \$1,000-a-person private event and headlining a \$100-a-person dinner for Minnesota's Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.

Many attending the dinner said they wanted the former first lady to run for president in 2008.

"I like her. I am absolutely for her," said Minnesota state Attorney General Mike Hatch.

## MILLER:

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could tell the team liked what he had to say.

"He seemed easy to relate to."

Gomes said Miller comes with high recommendations from ex-Panther assistant coach Steve Weemer.

Eastern traveled to Kansas State Dec. 30 and lost 81-63.

Gomes said the game gave Miller a chance to see the Panthers in person, as well as on tape beforehand.

"He said he's going to tailor things to our style," Gomes said.

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prepared will "keep students from dropping out."

The plan would also expand course offerings in agriculture education, music, art and foreign languages.

Sevener said the IBHE knows about two-thirds of high school students go on to college and less than half of them have taken the curriculum that will prepare them.

The governor wants to increase graduation credits from 16 to 18.

Ross said a large number of incoming freshman already have 18 or more credits coming into Eastern this year.

## DEMOCRATS SAY CONFIRMING BOLTON WOULD BE A MISTAKE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ahead of a contentious confirmation hearing, Democrats on Sunday sharpened their criticism of President Bush's nominee to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, saying John Bolton has a poor record as a policy-maker and little regard for the world body.

But the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said Bolton was the president's "instrument of reform" for the United Nations and his bluntness should not disqualify him from serving.

Lugar said he would vote to confirm Bolton, but committee Democrats who appeared on the Sunday talk shows said they expected to go against the president.

## BLIZZARD HAMMERS COLORADO, CANCELS FLIGHTS

DENVER (AP) — Hundreds of travelers were stranded at the Denver airport and along highways Sunday as a blizzard blew across eastern Colorado with wet, heavy snow.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS



Almost a foot of snow fell in Denver and 2 feet in Greenland, about 20 miles north of Colorado Springs, the National Weather Service said. Heavy snow was still coming down Sunday evening but was expected to fade overnight.

"I can see just across the street and that's it," Heather Vansickler said at the Country Store in Palm Lake, 45 miles south of Denver.

## FOUR KILLED WHEN TRAIN CRASHES INTO MINIVAN

COLUMBUS, Wis. (AP) — A freight train smashed into a minivan Sunday at a crossing that lacked lights or gates, killing all four people in the vehicle, authorities said.

The minivan's driver was apparently trying to cut through a highway construction area to get to Columbus when the vehicle was hit by the train and pushed about a mile down the tracks, authorities said. The train was traveling about 60 mph.

The four victims, two women and two men, were believed to be from southeastern Wisconsin, police said. Their identities were not immediately released.

The 39-car Canadian Pacific Railway freight train was traveling from Chicago to St. Paul, Minn., with consumer goods on board when the accident occurred, CPR spokeswoman Laura Baenen said. Two crew members were not injured, she said.

## GOP CONGRESSMAN SAYS DELAY SHOULD STEP DOWN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Private GOP tensions over Tom DeLay's ethics controversy spilled into public Sunday, as a Senate leader called on DeLay to explain his actions and one House Republican demanded the majority leader's resignation.

"Tom's conduct is hurting the Republican Party, is hurting this Republican majority and it's hurting any Republican who is up for re-election," Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn., told The Associated Press in an interview, calling for DeLay to step down as majority leader.

DeLay, R-Texas, who was admonished

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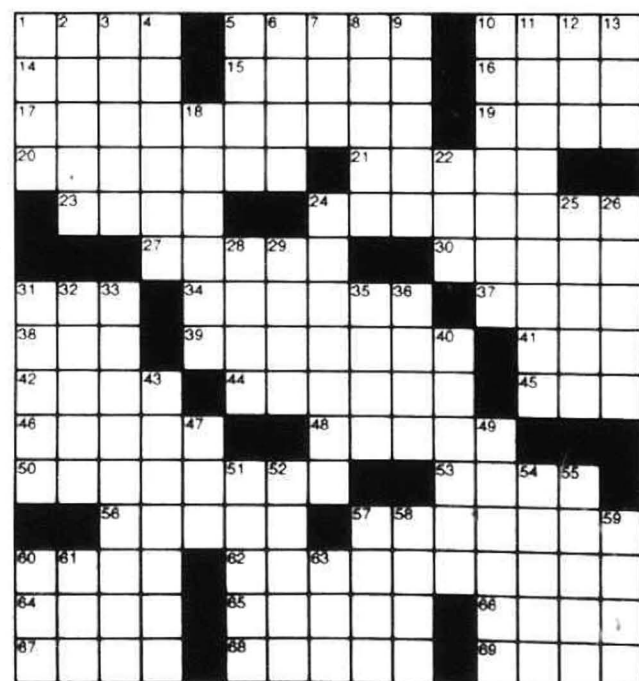
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Puzzle by Marjorie Berg

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NATIONAL BRIEFS



Kerry says  
trickery kept  
people from  
polls

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Many voters in last year's presidential election were denied access to the polls through trickery and intimidation, former Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry told a voters' group Sunday.

"Last year too many people were denied their right to vote, too many who tried to vote were intimidated," the Massachusetts senator said at an event sponsored by the state League of Women Voters.

"There is no magic wand. No one person is going to stand up and suddenly say it's going to change tomorrow. You have to do that," he said.

JACKSON'S MOTHER SAYS  
SHE WAS IN RESTROOM

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson's mother said Sunday that she briefly left the courtroom during her son's child molestation trial last week to use the rest room, not to avoid hearing graphic testimony.

Katherine Jackson, who has attended every day of the trial, said through

a spokeswoman that many media outlets misinterpreted her brief absence from the courtroom on Thursday.

"Accusing me of leaving due to graphic testimony when I simply went to the rest room is not fair, not accurate," she said in a written statement.

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COLUMBUS, Wis. — A freight train smashed into a minivan Sunday at a crossing that lacked lights or gates, killing all four people in the vehicle, authorities said.

The minivan's driver was apparently trying to cut through a highway construction area to get to Columbus when the vehicle was hit by the train and pushed about a mile down the tracks, authorities said.

National Institutes of  
Health discuss AIDS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Women at the National Institutes of Health faced sexual intimidation and repeated disregard of their concerns for the welfare of patients in AIDS experiments, according to testimony by two senior female officers and documents gathered by investigators.

One longtime medical officer at the government's premier medical research agency alleges that the harassment and disregard for federal safety regulations are

so widespread that employees are now afraid to hold up experiments even if they see a safety problem.

Her sworn testimony and other documents were obtained by The Associated Press from a variety of sources inside and outside NIH.

"It can be fairly uncomfortable," NIH medical officer Betsy Smith testified in a recent civil case deposition that has been turned over to federal and Senate investigators. "There are a number of things that you really don't talk about."

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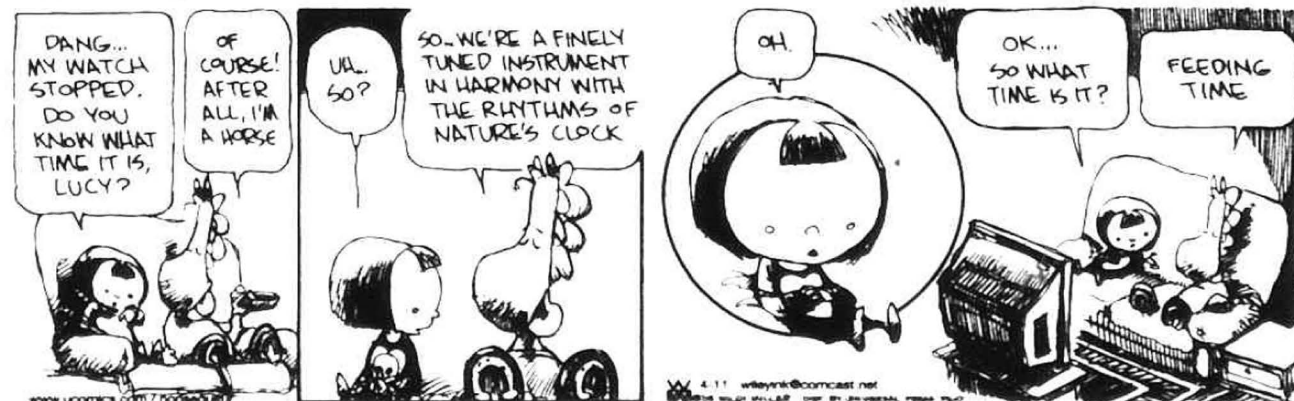
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## TENNIS

# Women's team qualifies for OVC Tourney

By Matt Daniels  
Staff Writer

This past weekend was a make or break weekend for Eastern tennis. The women's team did not break, winning a key conference match; while the men fell and, in the process, ended their season.

"It was a near miss from a perfect weekend," Eastern head coach Brian Holzgrafe said.

The women's team picked up a conference win Friday over Southeast Missouri State, 5-2, earning them the fourth seed in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

The women, 5-11 overall on the year and 3-5 in the OVC, will face top-seeded Tennessee-Martin on Monday in Nashville, Tenn. UTM and Eastern faced off against each other two weeks ago, with UTM picking up a 6-0 win.

"We're going to go and try and make history this weekend," Holzgrafe said.

The No. 1 doubles team of Sandra Sasidharan and Madina Mimbetova had another successful weekend, picking up an 8-

**"We're going to go and try and make history."**

Brian Holzgrafe, Tennis Head Coach

4 win Friday against SEMO and another 9-7 win Saturday against IPFW.

"I wish we had felt it out earlier," Holzgrafe said in regards to the duo.

Sasidharan rallied from a first set loss on Friday to rally to win at No. 1 singles 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

The key component in Friday's match was the ability to pick up the doubles point.

Having to default the No. 3 doubles match because of a lack of a sixth player, the No. 2 doubles team of sophomore Jill Wirtz and senior Sarah Freeman won a close 9-7 match.

"Picking up the doubles point was huge," Holzgrafe said. "Freeman was especially phenomenal."

The whole weekend, and season, for the men rested on Sunday's match against Murray State.

The men were able to win the doubles

point, but key losses by sophomores Chuck LeVaque and Ryan Blankenbaker resulted in a 4-3 loss to Murray State.

"Blankenbaker was exhausted by the third set," Holzgrafe said.

The men finished their season at 3-14 overall, (1-6 in the OVC) a dramatic shift from last season's 11-10 overall record and third-place finish at the OVC Tournament.

The men did not qualify for the conference tournament this year. They graduate only senior Eric Stuerz, with the top three singles players coming back as well as the top two doubles teams.

The focus for the rest of the season will be this weekend's OVC Tournament for the women.

"We have a very good shot because the conference is very evenly keeled," Holzgrafe said.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman Sandra Sasidharan returns a serve April 3 at Barling Courts. Sasidharan picked up a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 win at No. 1 singles Friday against SEMO.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Woods outduels DiMarco in one-hole playoff to win Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Surely one of these days Chris DiMarco will be leading a major when it counts.

But give him his due this time: He stared down Tiger Woods in one of the greatest duels in Masters history.

Matching Woods almost shot for shot in an epic showdown, DiMarco overcame a two-stroke deficit in the final two holes Sunday, nearly holing out a chip at No. 18 that would have claimed his first major championship.

In the end, it wasn't quite enough. DiMarco forced a playoff but could only make par on the first extra hole. Then he could only watch as Woods rolled in a 15-foot birdie to win his fourth Masters and ninth major overall.

DiMarco keeps contending in the biggest tournaments — especially at Augusta. He's led at the end of a round

five times in five years, including both the 18- and 36-hole marks of this one.

For the second year in a row, he played in the final group at the Masters. For the second straight major, he was involved in a playoff.

"This was a good gut check for me," DiMarco said. "I felt like I proved a lot to myself."

Leonard and Vijay Singh in a three-hole playoff at the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits.

DiMarco put up an even lower score Sunday, finishing with a 4-under-par 68 that had him pumping his fist, dropping to his knees and thoroughly enjoying the moment.

This was just the sort of chance that someone with DiMarco's combative, gritty, emotional personality lives for.

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"I told my caddie walking down 18, 'If you're not having fun doing this, there's something wrong with you,'" DiMarco said. "Sure, my stomach was churning. But it's nice to know when you're stomach's going crazy and you're going crazy, you can still perform."

"If I can do it in this atmosphere, I can do it anywhere."

Woods was certainly impressed.

"He never gives up," Woods said. "He never backs off."

DiMarco is the first golfer to lose a playoff in consecutive majors since Tom Watson at the 1978 PGA and '79 Masters. In fact, DiMarco is the first since then even to make back-to-

back playoffs.

### ARENA LEAGUE PLAYER DIES FROM ON-FIELD HIT

LOS ANGELES — Former NFL defensive lineman Al Lucas died Sunday from a presumed spinal cord injury sustained while trying to make a tackle for the Los Angeles Avengers during an Arena Football League game, the team said.

Lucas was pronounced dead at California Hospital after attempts to revive him were unsuccessful, team physician Dr. Luga Podesta said in a statement.

"It is with great sadness that we confirm the passing of Al Lucas. At this time, the thoughts and prayers of the entire Avenger organization are with

his wife and family," team owner and chief executive officer Casey Wasserman said in a statement.

The 26-year-old Lucas was injured during a first-quarter kickoff return against the New York Dragons.

Television replays showed Lucas bending down to make a tackle. The Dragons' ball carrier and a blocker tumbled over his head and back, with the blocker's leg appearing to hit Lucas in the head. Lucas did not move after falling to the ground.

"There's nothing you can say about what happened," Avengers lineman Sean McNamara was quoted as telling the Los Angeles Daily News. "It never entered our minds as a possibility. You think about his family and his daughter and hope they'll be all right."

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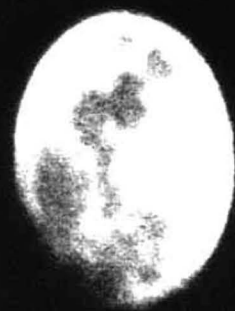
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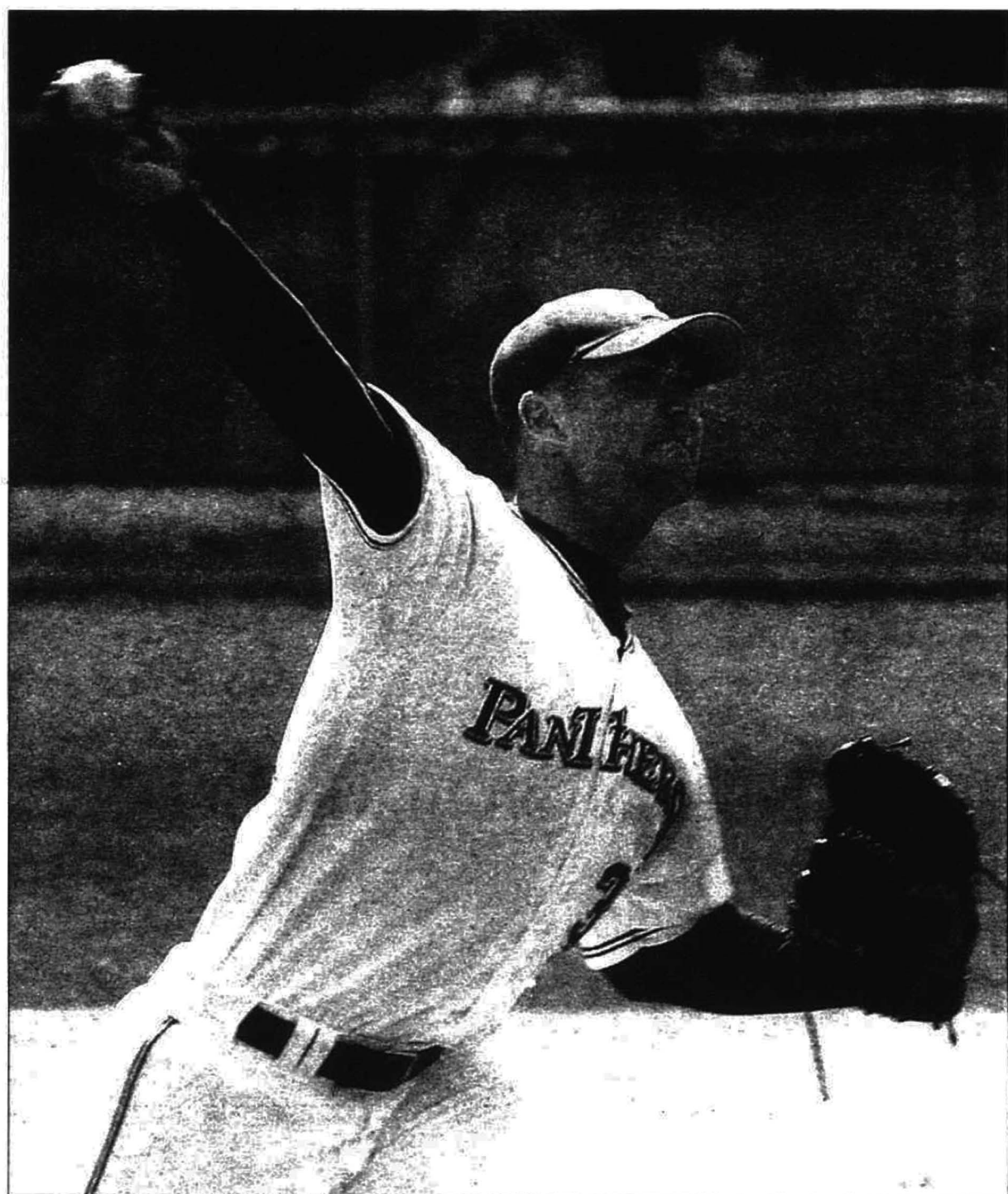


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BASEBALL

# Panthers battle to steal OVC series from Jacksonville State



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Senior pitcher Kyle Widegren throws against Murray State April 2 at Coaches Stadium. Widegren gave up five runs on 11 hits while striking out three in 5 1/3 innings in the first game of a doubleheader at Jacksonville State Saturday.

BY DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern had an answer for nearly every Jacksonville State rally this weekend, as the Panthers took two out of three from the Gamecocks.

"The whole weekend was back and forth," Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz said. "We just kept coming back."

Senior pitcher Kyle Widegren got his first win in the Ohio Valley Conference in game one of the series. Widegren pitched five and one-third innings allowing five runs and 11 hits.

Eastern trailed 3-1 early in the game but a three-run third inning gave the Panthers a lead they would hold for the rest of the game. The Gamecocks would pull within one run of the Panthers twice but each time Eastern would respond in the next inning with a run.

Eastern showed a balanced offense in the win with four different players driving in two or more runs. Eastern also had three hit performances out of sophomore right fielder Mark Chagnon, sophomore third baseman Ryan Campbell and sophomore centerfielder Eric Huber. Huber also led the Panthers with three RBIs.

"We talked this week about two out rallies," Schmitz said. "It doesn't matter if you have 12 hits if you only score four runs."

Junior pitcher Kenny Firlit relieved one and two-thirds inning, allowing one run and sophomore Chris Vaculik picked up the save with two innings of scoreless relief.

"Kenny Firlit got us through the middle innings and was able to set it up for Chris (Vaculik) to come in," Schmitz said.

**"It doesn't matter if you have 12 hits if you only score four runs."**

JIMMY SCHMITZ, HEAD COACH

Eastern won the game 9-6 collecting 14 hits.

In the second game, Jacksonville State jumped on Eastern pitcher Ted Juske early, scoring four runs in Juske's three innings.

"Ted is coming off an injury and it's hard to go from no live pitching straight to a game," Schmitz said.

Eastern trailed by five before they could put their first run on the board in the fifth but Jacksonville State responded with two runs and closed the game with a 7-2 win.

Sophomore Jason Cobb had four hits and three RBIs on Saturday and had a career long 10-game hitting streak before going hitless Sunday.

In the rubber match of the series, Cobb drove in the first run for the Panthers with a sacrifice fly in the first and would hold the one-run lead until the Gamecocks would tie the game in the fifth.

Eastern and Jacksonville would each put a run in the fifth and remain tied until the Panthers broke open the game with a four run, four-hit eighth inning. Jacksonville would add another run in the ninth to put the final at 6-3.

Vaculik picked up the win for Eastern allowing three hits and two runs in two and two-thirds innings of relief.

"We are starting to get things rolling," Schmitz said. "Our middle relief has started answering the call."

## HELM:

By Dan Renick

tape on the Panthers as his Wildcats defeated Eastern 81-63 on Dec. 30.

"I was very impressed with players like Josh (Bobby) Catchings and George Landis are very solid players," Miller said.

Miller stressed the importance of recruiting in the state of Illinois in order to revive the Panther program that has failed to finish above .500 in its last three seasons.

"I think Illinois has the best high school basketball in the country; there's no doubt in my mind about that," Miller said.

Kansas State has had three straight Top 25 recruiting classes including the number one rated class in 2002.

Miller directed Texas state to the 1997 NCAA tournament a time Southland coach at the time, George Landis, coached the Panthers to the championship.

The 1997 and 1998 seasons Southland Conference regular season championships and the 1997 and 1998 seasons Southland Conference regular season championships.

second most in the school's NCAA Division I history, and ranked third in the nation in field goal percentage defense (37.3%).

"I came to a school that hadn't had a good season in school history and rebuilt that into a promising program, and that is a challenge I see here now," Miller said.

Texas State ranked as the No. 1 defense team in the Southland Conference last season.

I think the key to success is to have a strong defense and a strong offense.

selves a chance to win every time out."

The most poignant thing Miller stated was his intention to incorporate the past in order to bring excitement back to the program and have the tradition be a selling point to Eastern basketball.

We need to move the former players' photos and put them in the gymnasium. Miller said. We need to have a banner that says "Miller's Legacy" and have it in the gymnasium. We need to have a banner that says "Miller's Legacy" and have it in the gymnasium.

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# SPORTS

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	BASEBALL VS. ST. XAVIER	3 p.m.
FRIDAY	WOMEN'S TENNIS AT OVC CHAMPIONSHIPS	through Sunday
SATURDAY	BASEBALL VS. SAMFORD (2)	1 p.m.

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## TWO-POINT CONVERSION

DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

## QB too soon to tell?

It's not even two weeks into spring football practice and some Eastern fans may already be scratching their heads about the 2005 team.

After Florida quarterback Justin Midgett transferred to Eastern in the winter, most fans thought Eastern immediately solved the problem of replacing last year's surprise quarterback Matt Schabert. Schabert is also the only starter not returning from last year's offense and left big shoes to fill for whoever gets the job.

And most expected Midgett, a sophomore, to be the first man to try and put those shoes on but Eastern head coach Bob Spoo has decided to go with sophomore Mike Donato as No. 1 on his depth chart in spring ball. Spoo also said that senior Mical Keeling, a junior college transfer, is also in the mix for the top of the chart. Midgett has sat out for early spring practices because of academic concerns but is expected to rejoin the team before the spring is finished.

But anyone who thinks it's absurd that Spoo doesn't have Midgett, a highly touted pro-style quarterback, needs to think again. Not because of anything that Midgett has or hasn't done, but because it's so early in the season.

None of the five quarterbacks on Eastern's roster has significant experience in the system. Donato, who redshirted his freshman season, has been in the program for the longest and have been the only quarterback to even take a snap in a game for Eastern — one series with no pass attempts.

So basically every one of these quarterbacks is on the same playing field when it comes to real time experience.

Also as last year was evidence of, things can change in a hurry. Andrew Harris was the No. 1 quarterback going into the season opener and only a week later, when Schabert nearly led Eastern to an upset over Illinois State, Harris had already lost his job.

So no matter who is taking snaps with the first team they'll have to be sure not to let up for a second because there is bound to be a boatload of changes before the season opener.

Dan Renick is a junior journalism major. If you want to e-mail him ndures88@hotmail.com, he'll be surprised.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACHING SEARCH

# Miller makes claim to take the helm

BY MATTHEW STEVENS  
STAFF WRITER

Maybe Mike Miller was destined to return to Charleston.

The Kansas State associate head coach was the last to interview for the Panthers' head coaching vacancy Friday. The Monmouth native attended the Eastern basketball camp

instructed by former Panther coach Don Eddy and was hoping to be recruited by the recently dismissed Rick Samuels.

"I've always said coach Samuels has an eye for talent because he didn't offer me a scholarship," Miller said.

Miller was the only candidate brought to campus with prior head-coaching experience. At 29 years old,

he became the second youngest head coach in the country when he took the helm at Texas State.

"Being offered the job at Southwest Texas (now called Texas State), was not the path I figured I'd be on," Miller said. "I believe it gave me what I needed to be ready for this challenge."

After extensively reviewing film of

the Panthers, which he said he does to almost a fault with the Wildcats, he mentioned his confidence in Eastern's current roster.

"I think you have a core of players here to be successful right away," Miller said.

Miller didn't have to go far to find

SEE HELM PAGE 11

## SOFTBALL

# Panthers take two of three in weekend series

BY ANDREW HANSEN  
STAFF WRITER

After losing the first game of a three game series against Tennessee State, Eastern came back to win the final two games of the conference matchup.

The Panthers (9-18, 6-6 OVC) lost to the Tigers (6-24, 2-10 OVC) in an Ohio Valley Conference series in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday 7-3. The Tigers broke the lead open with a three-run fifth inning, and ended up out-hitting the Panthers 13-4.

The Panthers rebounded and won the second game 7-2. Eastern softball coach Lloydene Searle credits the win to clutch hitting and an improved defense. Eastern was down 2-0 in the fourth inning when the Panthers scored three runs, two of them off a wild pitch, and continued to score four more runs over the next two innings. Senior pitcher Heather Hoeschen picked up the win, improving her record 3-8.

Hoeschen also went on to win the single game on Sunday by pitching a one-hitter, her second win of the weekend. The Panthers defeated the Tigers 9-1. Because of injuries to starting pitcher Andrea Darnell, Searle had to pitch either Hoeschen or freshman pitcher Karyn Mackie. Searle decided to have Hoeschen pitch on Sunday.

"It was a tough decision," Searle said. "Both have earned it, but Heather had the best outing. She came off a good performance to a great performance."

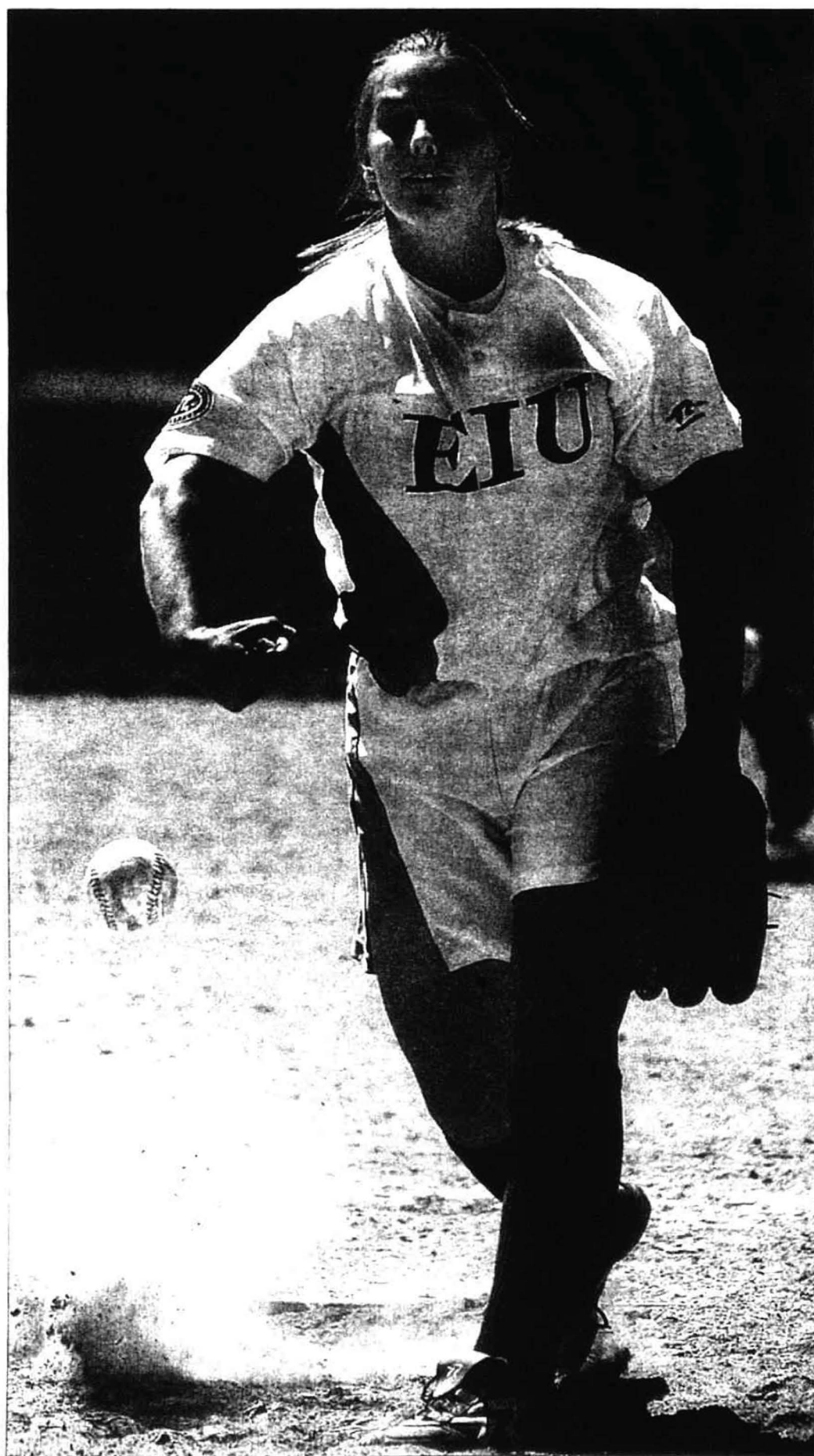
Chelsea Adams and Jessica Irps both had home runs on Sunday to blow open the lead. Adams came in the fifth inning and it was her third home run of the season. Irps came in the sixth and it was her second of the season.

Searle thinks Sunday's win is an important win for the team and for the rest of the season.

"We had people who were frustrated with hitting and pitching," Searle said, "and today, they turned that around. The team works hard so it's nice for them to have a game like today [Sunday]."

The Panthers have a doubleheader at home on Wednesday against non-conference opponent Saint Louis starting at 2 p.m. They then travel to Tennessee Tech to play a three-game series against the OVC opponent.

"We showed what we could do hitting, pitching, and defensively," Searle said. "We need to take all that and build on it."



LAURA MILEN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman pitcher Karyn Mackie pitches against Tennessee State Saturday afternoon at Williams Field. Eastern took two of three, improving its record to 6-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference.