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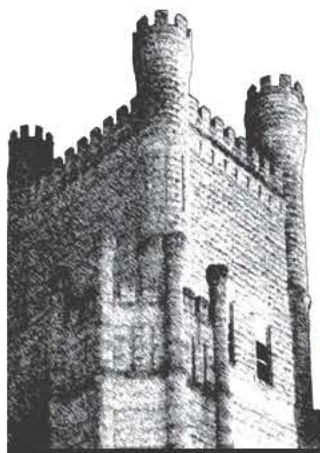
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The end of an era

Athletic department announces it will not renew Rick Samuels' contract after 25 seasons

BY DAN WOIKE
SPORTS EDITOR

Rick Samuels will not be on the sidelines for his 26th season as the Eastern men's basketball head coach since the athletic department announced Friday they would not renew Samuels' contract. "I thoroughly enjoyed my 25 years of coaching young men at Eastern," Samuels said. "I'm privileged to have been part of this for three decades."

But Samuels also made it clear that he was not ready to leave the school yet.

"I did not want to leave Eastern," he said.

Samuels' 25-year run as Eastern head coach was the second longest any active coach had been at a Division I school behind Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim's 29 years.

Senior forward Andy Gobjczynski said Samuels was asked to resign, but he would not.

The Panthers finished the season 12-16, losing 72-68 to Tennessee Tech on Tuesday in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

"I also understand today's coaching profession," Samuels said. "Final judgment is wins and losses."

Samuels' career record at Eastern was 360-360, and the team's last NCAA Tournament appearance came in the 2000-01 season.

Samuels and his three assistants will

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RICK SAMUELS, FORMER MEN'S BASKETBALL
HEAD COACH

not be retained in a coaching capacity.

Rich McDuffie, Eastern director of athletics, said deciding not to renew Samuels' contract wasn't an easy decision, but the team hadn't been competitive enough.

"The one thing I always say is that Rick Samuels won't embarrass you," McDuffie said. "He didn't; he managed the basketball program the way you want it managed."

Despite McDuffie's thoughts on Samuels as a person, there were expectations of winning that weren't met, he said.

McDuffie watched Tuesday night's loss to Tennessee Tech.

Eastern President Lou Hencken said after watching the team play this season, he knew the importance of the team's success.

"I sat through those games, and I just rooted harder than most of those people because I knew what was at stake," Hencken said. "When balls bounced off the rim, I think I cringed about as much as he did."



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern head basketball coach Rick Samuels hangs his head after his team's loss to Southeast Missouri State University Feb. 8 at Lantz Arena. Eastern announced it would not renew Samuels' contract, ending his 25 years at the helm of the program.

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Opportunity Returns program looks to create jobs

BY TIM DILSAVER
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has announced the spending of \$2.8 million to go toward the newest project in his Opportunity Returns program.

The funding will support a new facility in Edwardsville that will create 280 new jobs for the state. The facility belongs to the USF Corporation, a group of regional carriers, and is mov-

"The number one goal of the Opportunity Returns program is to create and retain more jobs for the state of Illinois. The governor is investing in companies that invest in Illinois."

ANDREW ROSSX, SPOKESMAN FOR THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ing it to Illinois to replace the older building located in the St. Louis proper area.

"The number-one goal of the

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Tarble Arts Center offers classes to form 'new skills'

BY CRYSTAL REED
STAFF WRITER

Students who have an interest in art and would like to improve their skills have an opportunity to do so by attending classes at the Tarble Arts Center.

Some of the classes that are being offered at Tarble include glass bead making, colored pencil basics and burnishing techniques with colored pencils.

"Tarble offers these classes to encourage creative thinking and problem solving, allowing partici-

pants the opportunity to acquire new skills in a variety of art media," said Kit Morice, curator of education at Tarble Arts Center.

The courses are taught by local and regional artists, art professors and area art teachers.

One of the classes offered is titled "Different Subjects in Watercolor" instructed by Jamie Willis. Willis teaches art at Carl Sandburg Elementary School and in Lerna, Ill., for grades K-3 in addition to this class. Willis focuses her teaching on

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
50
34
Partly cloudy

SATURDAY
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29
Mostly cloudy

SUNDAY
51
41
Mostly sunny

MONDAY
45
30
Showers/Wind

TUESDAY
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34
Partly cloudy

CAMPUS BRIEFS

All day- Class registration

8 a.m. Summer and fall class registration appointments- 9th Street Hall- Students assigned to an academic adviser at the Academic Advising Center should come to 9th Street Hall to schedule an advising appointment.

9 a.m. Hearing Evaluations- Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic- If you are concerned you might have a hearing problem, the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic will be offering hearing evaluations for students, faculty, staff and area residents. Free for students; all others cost \$25.

9 a.m. Videoconferencing (Sony)- CATS Training Lab, McAfee 1214

This workshop demonstrates the use of the Sony PCS 1 videoconferencing system and how it can be used to teach at two sites at the same time. Topics to be covered: demonstrate the use of the videoconferencing equipment, how to connect to a remote site and how to transmit materials using the data solution box by connecting it to your computer. To register, go online to <http://cats.eiu.edu/training/registration/workshops.asp>.

10 a.m. Find Information Fast at Booth Library- Booth Library e-Classroom

A free tutorial session providing tips on how to use library materials to find information.

2 p.m. The Re-Genderization of the Accounting Workforce in the United States- Lumpkin Hall Room 2020- The presentation will be given by Barbara Kemmerer, associate management and marketing professor, and Bill Wootton, professor of accountancy and finance.

8 p.m. Joni Laurence Concert- Jackson Avenue Coffee, 708 Jackson Avenue- A folk music singer and songwriter from Champaign who has been described as having "a unique, soul-stirring talent for translating the human experience into insightful lyrics and unforgettable music."

8 p.m. Starrunner- 7th Street Underground- A unique jam-funk band from Chicago is coming to the underground to rock. They have played at venues all over the country.

10 p.m.- 11:30 p.m. University Ballroom- National PanHellenic Council will be teaching and performing "party strolls" with Alpha Sigma Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha. Party strolls are similar to line dances, only in circles. Each organization will have a dance specific to them. The event, which is open to everyone, will be \$4 per person to raise money for the Nate Anderson and Johnetta Jones scholarships. They have already raised \$750 but hope to raise a total of \$1,000.

2 p.m. Saturday- Campus-wide dodgeball game at the Student Recreation Center, hosted by the Douglas Hall Council.

WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A worker from Grunloh Construction lowers building materials from the roof of Blair Hall on Thursday afternoon. Workers and students will be able to take advantage of today's high, which is expected to reach 50 degrees.

WTF?

125-year-old woman may be oldest in the world

SAO PAULO, Brazil- An elderly woman living in a small, wooden shack in rural southern Brazil could be the world's oldest living woman, according to a Brazilian record-keeping organization.

Maria Olivia da Silva, who recently celebrated her 125th birthday, "is definitely the oldest living woman in Brazil and possibly in the entire world," said Iolete Cadari, administrative director of RankBrasil, the country's equivalent to the Guinness World Records.

Da Silva's birth certificate shows that she was born Feb. 28, 1880 in the city of Itapetininga, Sao Paulo state, Cadari said by telephone.

Laura McTurk, a spokeswoman for Guinness World Records in London said by e-mail that the organization was researching its records for any information on da Silva. She said Guinness may have an official statement on Friday.

According to the Guinness World Records Web site, the world's oldest woman is 113-year-old Hendrikje Van Andel-Schipper, who was born June 29, 1890.

Da Silva, whom Cadari described as "mentally sound and rational," was married twice and has outlived all but three of her 14 children - four of them adopted.

PEOPLE

"Napolean Dynamite" creates hysteria for small town

PRESTON, Idaho- Talk to a Preston resident for any length of time and you're likely to hear the town's new mantra. "There's a little bit of Napoleon in all of us," says lifelong resident Thedora Petterborg.

And now, based on the following the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" has earned, the tiny city of Preston has gained a following all its own.

The movie, written and directed by first-time filmmaker Jared Hess and set in his hometown, has been a surprise indie hit. That success has brought fans from as far away as Germany to Preston, buying thousands of dollars' worth of souvenir shirts, tetherballs and the ever-popular boondoggle key chain.

"I think it's totally remarkable," said Petterborg, who played the school secretary in the movie. "The llama, Tina, lives right across the street from us. People come by and take pictures - they go out of their way to see Napoleon's town."

Pennie Christensen, executive director of Preston's Chamber of Commerce, hopes the town can keep the attention coming. She's planning a Napoleon Dynamite Fest in June, complete with tetherball tournaments, a disco dance-off and a look-alike contest.

ONLINE POLL

What do you think should have won the Oscar for Best Picture?

- A) The Aviator 21%
- B) Finding Neverland 13%
- C) Million Dollar Baby 27%
- D) Sideways 6%

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COUNTING DOWN

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Days until opening day of baseball season.

WORD DU JOUR

sadism

1. sexual gratification gained through causing pain or degradation to others
2. any enjoyment in being cruel

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New Music Department Chair looks to the future



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W. Parker Melvin, who recently took over as chair of the department of music, stands in front of an artist's rendition of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Thursday afternoon.

BY LAUREN KRULL
STAFF WRITER

W. Parker Melvin juggles many roles in his life considering he is both a husband and a father, but one role that benefits Eastern's community is his position as chair of the department of music. Melvin has been a trumpet professor at Eastern since 1991 and recently took

over the position of acting chair for Roger Stoner. Stoner left to take on another position at Southwest Missouri State. "This is an institution that I'm very proud to be associated with in any capacity," Melvin said. "It's such a great atmosphere for teaching and learning." Though Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the college of arts and humanities, has never observed Melvin in

trumpet classes because they are held in private studios, he said his general education courses are popular, and the students enjoy him. "Parker is very smart and talented and a great chair," Lynch said. Among his many duties as chair, Melvin has had the opportunity of seeing the funding for Doudna Fine Arts Center finally come together. "To know that the project is moving forward at this stage is very exciting because this facility is going to be an absolute state-of-the-art showcase for fine arts on this campus, in this community and in the entire state," Melvin said. Lynch expressed his confidence that Melvin could get the job done. "(He) came into it late, and Roger laid down all the ground work, but Parker is smart and we brought him up to speed," Lynch said. "He is now in full swing, and he knows where every electrical outlet is." Melvin would also like to see a summer-only graduate program in music education to be established, which would benefit music teachers because of the time that it is offered.

Positions may change, but services stay the same

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Health Services department has weathered many personnel changes this semester, and there are still more to come. Eric Davidson, assistant director for health education and promotion, has been performing an administrative role with the department since Feb. 1. "We've hired two new nurses and a new nurse practitioner," Davidson said. "Also, Dr. Joseph Wall retired as medical director, and he was replaced by Sheila Baker at the beginning of the semester." Wall retired last fall, and then administrative director Lynette Drake was named acting vice president for Student Affairs by President Lou Hencken. "The entire staff at (Health Services) has been wonderful to work with as we have transitioned," Baker said. "Everyone has been helpful and willing to work and even make changes." The changes have left Health Services in the awkward position of dealing with the loss of both its medical and administrative direc-

tors, although Drake still performs some of her duties. "She's not able to do both jobs completely," Davidson said. "I've stepped up and done what I could." Davidson said it has been tough to balance his two roles. "I'm doing a majority of the administrative work," Davidson said. "When I'm working with Health Services, I'm usually handling withdrawal paperwork, networking with other departments on campus and handling the recruitment of another physician." Davidson said Lynette Drake will likely resume her duties as administrative director when the search for a new vice president for Student Affairs is complete, but he does not know when that will be. A search committee of faculty, staff and administrators has been formed to fill the position with a new vice president expected to be in place by August.



LYNETTE DRAKE
ACTING VICE
PRESIDENT FOR
STUDENT AFFAIRS

Women in the media honored

Women's History Awareness Month honors women in the media

BY SANDRA JAKOB
STAFF WRITER

March is Women's History Awareness Month, and this year's theme is "Women in the Media." A diverse, month-long program is offered to faculty and students, where lectures, films and discussions are a way to highlight this year's theme. This year's Women's History Awareness Month is more diverse than ever, said Diana Slaviero, coordinator for the women's studies program. Slaviero is a part of a committee of six people who picked this year's theme and prepared the program. "Earlier, the focus was on lectures that were informative and academic," Slaviero said. "We're keeping that alive but bringing in more entertainment."

The keynote speaker for the month is Gail Dines, sociology professor and women's studies professor at Wheelock College, who will be talking about pornography and the media on Monday. "She shows pictures from magazines like Hustler and Playboy and compares them to pictures from Cosmopolitan and things we see in the media every day," said Connie Eldridge, office manager at the Women's Resource Center. The only part of the program that is not going to be held on campus is a concert with Joni Laurence, a folk musician, singer and songwriter. Laurence's concert will be 8 p.m. tonight at the Jackson Avenue Coffee House, 708 Jackson Ave., in Charleston.

There are also two movies that will be presented and followed by discussions. One of the movies is the original version of "The Stepford Wives." "I've heard that the original one is more critical of the perfectionist role that housewives are expected to fulfill," Eldridge said. Lindsay Embree, a senior sociology major with a minor in women's studies, has been working as a volunteer in the Women's Resource Center for a couple of years. She is also a part of the committee that has been working with this year's women's history month. "It is important to celebrate Women's History Awareness Month because we have a lot of women in history that are important but not that famous," Embree said. She is looking forward to listening to Gail Dines' lecture and said she has spread the word among her friends about the program.

Calendar of Events for Women's History Awareness Month

- ◆ March 4: "The Re Genderization of the Accounting Workforce in the United States" 2 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall, Room 2020
- ◆ Joni Laurence Concert 8 p.m. at Jackson Avenue Coffee
- ◆ March 5 "The Stepford Wives", Original Version in the Booth Library Conference Room, Room 4440
- ◆ March 6 "Living History Public Performance," 2p.m., Coleman Auditorium
- ◆ March 7 "Pornography and the Media: Images of Violence Against Women," 7 p.m. in the Robeson Auditorium, Lumpkin

- Hall, Room 2030. No one under 18 years of age is permitted
- ◆ March 8 "A Jury of Her Peers," 7 p.m. in the Robeson Auditorium, Lumpkin Hall, Room 2030
 - ◆ March 25 "Women in the World of Japanese Comics," 5 p.m. in Martinsville Room, Martin Luther King University Union
 - ◆ March 28 "Moral Values and Family Values in America: Panel Discussion" 7 p.m. in the Greenup Room, Martin Luther King University Union
 - ◆ March 29 "Women in Business Presentation, Grace Blair Lecture Series" 7 p.m. in Robeson Auditorium, Lumpkin Hall Room 2030

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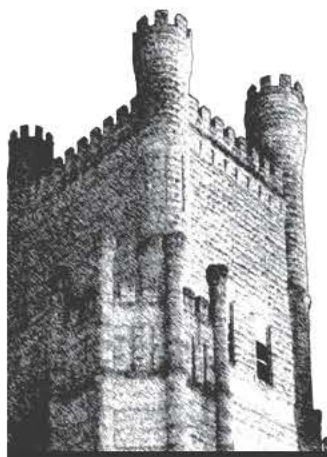
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COLUMN

Stint as a Spaniard enhances global view



HOLLY HENSCHEN
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**Henschen is
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monthly
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The Daily Eastern
News.**

I pretended to be Spanish and argued international affairs for the better part of last week.

It was like Dungeons and Dragons for political science junkies, or a Civil War re-enactment for international affairs enthusiasts.

After spending two months studying the characteristics of one country, 11 Eastern students representing delegates of Spain and Malaysia attended the 45th Midwest Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis. We were joined by students from more than 50 colleges represented 80 nations.

Eastern delegates participated in committees including the UN Security Council, Economic and Social Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Delegates spent 13 hours one day building consensus and aligning with nations that have similar interests. They consolidated their ideas into resolutions, which were presented to the committee and debated by the sponsors.

I participated in First Committee, which focused on its Topic B, the prevention of access of nuclear arms to terrorists. I sponsored a with Belgium, Canada and France to allocate money from an already existing fund to increase security in buildings that hold nuclear material in countries that can't afford to do it themselves. It passed the General Assembly with 47-6 with seven abstentions.

Throughout caucusing (like lobbying other nations, in this case) I had to forget my views, look past the U.S. foreign policy and become Spain. Delegates referred to themselves and each other by country. I got so into it that for days afterward, instead of thinking "I," I referred to myself in my head as "the honorable delegate of Spain."

The rules of diplomatic behavior involve very personal interactions that must occur in the real international organization.

Though each delegate represented a country, their presence as a person counted just as much as the symbolic presence of their nation. For instance, everyone was annoyed by Iran's constant ranting. Delegates were instructed to stay in character, but by the General Assembly session, the DRC began referring to itself as "the all-knowing Democratic Republic of Congo." People began to take on the qualities of their countries unknowingly, as I exercised my Spanish skills with international students and I saw some pretty intoxicated "Germans."

It was also very satisfying and encouraging to be surrounded by so many who are passionate about international relations. It was the only time in my life I've heard the names of foreign countries pronounced correctly by so many people.

Conference Secretary General Maggie Brown addressed the groups on the "the challenge to see and obtain the global education necessary to succeed."

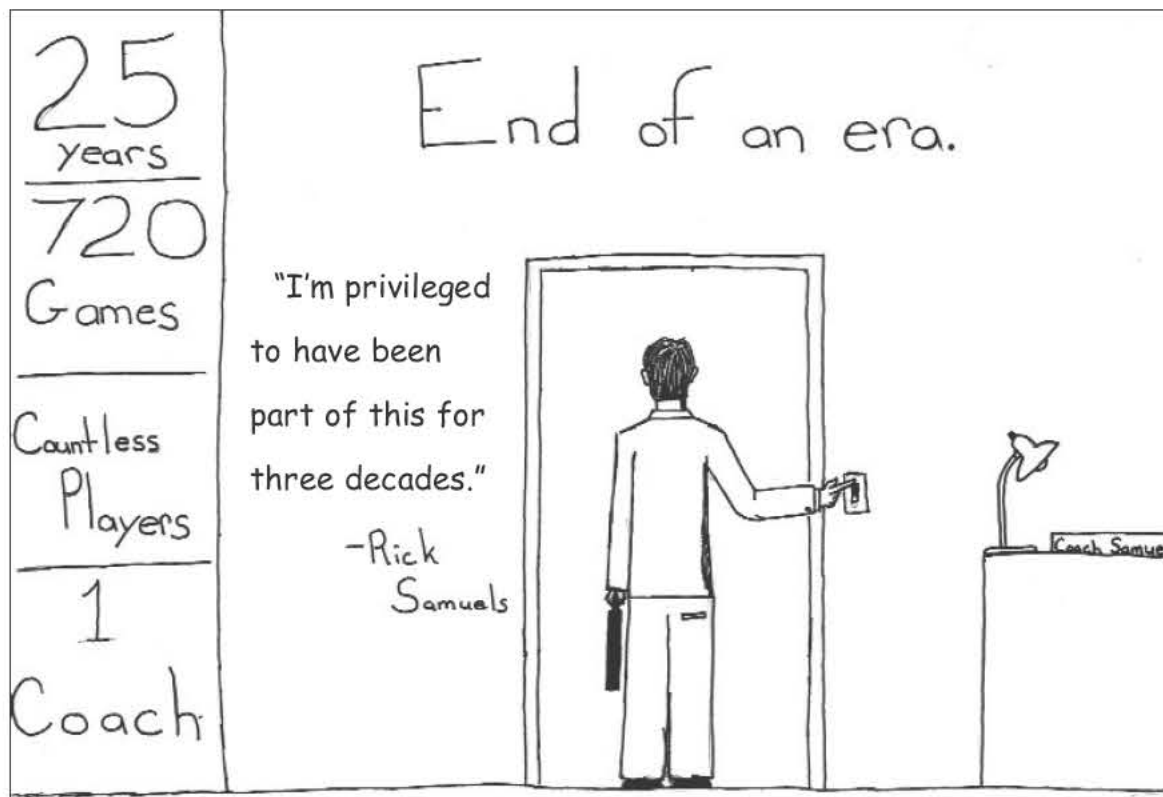
The focus of Model UN is on building consensus, said Andrew Kapral, president of the Conference General Assembly.

No matter who we are or who we were pretending to be, the delegates were young people interested in working toward something better and open to change and compromise. That gives me hope for our generation, which within the next decade will build political power.

In closing, I'd like to make a friendly amendment to the general perception that people my age are politically apathetic.

We won't take observer status in this argument and will never move to close debate on the topic area. We appeal the mindset of older generations that ours is apathetic. This notion clearly fails.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



EDITORIAL

Tanning ban may be right step

It's nearing the end of winter. The sun hasn't been seen for three days.

But teenagers walk around school with nice tans, making it seem like it is the middle of June instead of the beginning of March.

To keep their summer tans looking fresh, many teenagers rely on tanning beds.

This all may change soon if some state lawmakers get their way. Rep. Kevin Joyce (D-Chicago) wants to prevent anyone under the age of 18 from entering a tanning booth.

Joyce said using tanning beds regularly can increase the risk of skin cancer later in life.

His proposal just may be right on track.

Other than how it looks, which can look bad at times because of the fake coloration, there is not much benefit to tanning booths, especially at a young age.

Though people like to use tanning booths as a way to relax and get rid of stress, not many teenagers are so

At issue

Placing an age restriction on people who may use tanning booths

Our stance

With skin cancer becoming a bigger problem, it may be a good idea

stressed out they need 20 minutes under artificial ultraviolet rays.

According to the National Cancer Institute, about 1 million people are diagnosed with skin cancer each year.

Who knows how much that rate will rise when the teenagers of today become adults?

With tanning becoming popular during most of our early teen years, many Eastern students who have tanned for a long period of time may someday be a part of that avoidable statistic.

Also, younger people could be spending their money in a better place. Aren't most teenagers supposed to be saving their money to go to college or buy a car when they get a license?

If young people want to tan, make them wait until the summer months with the use of protective lotion.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PARKING: A LONG-STANDING PROBLEM AT EASTERN

Although the campus Parking Services thinks students are lazy and don't want to walk that far, it is obvious to everyone else there has been a long-standing parking problem at Eastern.

There are several solutions to this problem. First, cut the amount of staff parking spots by about 25 percent since they're not being used anyway.

Second, send visitors to the stadium lot since they're only here for a short time. Third, ticket those without stickers and issue tow warnings to those who receive three tickets in one year.

Finally, it wouldn't hurt to build one more lot around here, considering there has been an increase in enrollment, by oh, 1,000 PEOPLE!

Students at this university should have at least a reasonable, available spot to park in, so they won't be late to

classes that their parents or themselves pay good money for.

The funny thing is, Parking Services calls us lazy but they're not walking from home or even the stadium to get to work. Their parking lot is 10 feet from the door.

NATHAN CASH
SENIOR HISTORY MAJOR

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‘Romeo and Juliet's’ new facelift to be revealed

New version features rap and dancing

By SCOTT BANOVIC
STAFF WRITER

When thinking of “Romeo and Juliet,” rap music and dancing are not the first things that come to mind. But that may change for people who plan to see the re-staging of Duke Bagger’s take on the Shakespearian play “Romeo and Juliet.”

“This is not your mother’s ‘Romeo and Juliet,’” said Bagger, the writer and director of the play. “The play does follow Shakespeare’s version scene by scene; however there are some serious changes throughout.”

Bagger’s version of the play has been renamed “Rom & Julie.”

The play is deeply rooted in the Eastern community. Mario Podeschi, who plays Rom, is a junior English major at Eastern. Duke and Linda Bagger, who perform in the play, are Eastern alumni as is Tony Cox, the musical director. Even the writer’s adaptation of the play evolved at Eastern.

“I was taking a class where we were often assigned to create five-minute, one-act plays, and after reading “Romeo and Juliet” numerous times, I realized how funny many of the aspects of the play were,” Bagger said. “Mercutio (a character in the play) always is saying comedic lines and cannot even die without a joke. I realized that this would be perfect for the assignment.”

While working on his master’s degree, Bagger completed the two hour and 15 minute play that would become “Rom & Julie.”

This performance is a restaging.

“When we did it before, we played for audiences made up mostly of family and friends. We wanted to see if it would play in an unbiased audience,” Bagger said.

Energy in rehearsal is high, Podeschi said.

“Over the six weeks of preparation, (the cast and crew) have become like a community,” he said. “I have never done a home-made musical before. It’s very fun knowing the creator and helping him fulfill his vision.”

Rom & Julie is being performed at the Charleston Alley Theatre at 8 p.m. March 4-5 and 14 and at 2 p.m. March 6 and 13.

The Charleston Alley Theatre is located at 718 Monroe, across the street and down the alley from the Will Rogers movie theatre.

The play is also going to be performed in the Shilling Auditorium in Decatur at 8 p.m. March 11-12.

The cost to see the performance at the Charleston Alley Theatre is \$8 for general

“This is not your mother’s ‘Romeo and Juliet’. The play does follow Shakespeare’s version scene by scene; however, there are some serious changes throughout .”

Duke Bagger,
DIRECTOR OF ROMEO AND JULIET

admission, \$6 for students and seniors and \$5 per person for groups of at least 10 people.

Ticket information for the performance at the Shilling Auditorium should be directed to the Shilling Auditorium, Richland Community College in Decatur.

RHA association announces dates for this year’s elections

Hall council executives race for positions in two-week process

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORTER

The Residence Hall Association announced dates for the elections of hall council executives last night.

RHA elections are a two-week process. They will start with nominations on March 10. Nominations, bid speeches and voting will be held on March 24.

The nominated individuals will be allowed to give a one-minute speech followed by two minutes for questioning, said RHA President Lindsay DiPietro.

“If a nominee is a spur-of-the-moment nomination on the day of (the speeches), they will be allowed two minutes for speeches and three to four minutes for questioning due

to the fact that they will not have a prepared bid sheet to present their ideas,” DiPietro said.

RHA voters who represent each hall will vote for the new executives.

Jim Schmitz, Eastern’s baseball manager, was a guest speaker at yesterday’s RHA meeting. Schmitz spoke about his plan to put fans in the stands during the baseball games. The team, which is winless in five games thus far, could use some support, he said.

RHA will host events at the games April 16 and 17 including a student to throw out the first pitch, a dash for cash, dizzy bat contest, baseball bingo and a ball brigade.

Schmitz explained that a ball brigade is where tennis balls are

purchased for 50 cents and thrown into hula hoops on the field. If a ball lands in the hula hoop the student who threw it is a winner. The proceeds from the balls will be divided among the winners, he said.

Mocktails will be served at RHA’s meeting March 10 to promote spring break safety.

RHA will hold “Pie Your Executive Board” on April 7 following its meeting.

“Kidnap Your Executive Board” will be held in April on a date to be announced. The underwear auction planned by RHA was canceled due to complications.

Upcoming hall programs include rape prevention at 7 p.m. March 9 at Stevenson Hall, a Lucky Charms Eating Contest at 8:30 p.m. on March 8 in Ford Hall and an all-campus dodgeball contest at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Student

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LINDSAY DIPETRO, RHA PRESIDENT

Recreation Center hosted by Douglas Hall.

Douglas is also holding a Gold Fish Survivor Program. The goal of the contest is to see who can keep a goldfish alive the longest. Goldfish and food will be provided.

RHA meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays in the Andrews Hall Basement.

Residence Hall Council Executive Board Election

- ◆ Thomas March 22
- ◆ Douglas March 23 and 30
- ◆ NRHH March 25
- ◆ Weller March 28
- ◆ Taylor March 28
- ◆ Pemberton March 29
- ◆ Ford March 29
- ◆ Lawson March 30
- ◆ Lincoln April 4
- ◆ Carman - April 5
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4:40 7:20 10:10

SAT SUN MON MAT 1:10

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG 13) 5:15 8:15

SAT SUN MON MAT 2:15

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10:05 SAT SUN MON MAT 2:00

CURSED (PG 13) 5:45 8:00 10:20

SAT SUN MON MAT 3:00

CONSTANTINE (R) 5:30 8:30

SAT SUN MON MAT 2:45

BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE (PG) 3:45 6:30

9:00 SAT SUN MON MAT 1:00

HITCH (PG 13) 4:15 7:00 10:00

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SAT SUN MON MAT 2:30

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Women in the workplace: Persistent Issues

Women’s studies teaches students about problems women face working

By YOUNGCHI CHANG
STAFF WRITER

Women face issues in the workplace every day, and Eastern is helping students better understand some of them in the field of accounting.

The women’s studies program will hold a research colloquium series named “The Re-Genderization of the Accounting Workforce in the United States” in conjunction with the school of business department at 2 p.m. today in Lumpkin Hall.

The topic of “Re-Genderization of the Accounting Workforce” will examine the change in the composition of the accounting workforce from being nearly an entirely male profession to one in which the majority of the workforce are

now women, said Bill Wootton, professor in the school of business department.

“I feel that women are still oppressed in our society on many levels,” said Connie Eldridge, coordinator of women’s studies. “As part of the events to celebrate this month, the presentation will be important because it will address issues in the workforce that women face every day to Eastern students.”

As an annual national celebration that recognizes women’s accomplishments in American history, Women’s History and Awareness Month was launched in March 1987 by The National Women’s History Association.

It is important to have a celebration of Women’s History and Awareness Month so current issues that affect women can be exposed and discussed, Eldridge said.

Wootton, a speaker at the presentation, will examine the nearly 100 years of economic, social, demographic and educational forces that contributed to the separation of accounting from bookkeeping and the resulting genderization of each area.

“The people who might have the most interest

“I feel that women are still oppressed in our society on many levels.”

CONNIE ELDRIDGE,
COORDINATOR OF WOMEN’S STUDIES

in the topic probably are people in the accounting area or who have an interest in gender studies,” Wootton said.

The knowledge of the historical change in one profession, like an accounting area, in regard to the change in the workforce can provide a basis for examining the change, or potential change, in other professions such as engineering, Wootton said.

“Through the presentation people who are interested in this area might become better aware of the economic and social changes that have to be present for a re-genderization to occur within a profession,” he said.



Three murdered near St. Louis

BELLEVILLE— Authorities have questioned at least one person in the stabbing deaths of three people found inside a beauty salon, while investigators Thursday combed over a victim’s car found abandoned in nearby St. Louis.

Still, police have no suspects in the slaying, Belleville police spokesman Lt. William Sax said. The killer or killers may have known one of the victims, salon owner Michael Cooney, Sax said, but he would not provide details.

The bodies of Cooney, 62, and two customers, sisters Dorothy Bone, 82, and 79-year-old Doris Fischer, both of Belleville, were discovered Wednesday by a customer who arrived for an appointment around 11 a.m. Cooney also lived in the brick home that housed the salon.

St. Louis police said they found Cooney’s 2000 Nissan Pathfinder in a north St. Louis neighborhood early Thursday. Forensic teams were examining the vehicle for fingerprints and other evidence on Thursday, Sax said.

Police issued a bulletin for the Pathfinder Wednesday, believing the suspect or suspects fled in the vehicle.

Investigators in Belleville and St. Louis are working the case and much of the investigation was focused in St. Louis, Sax said.

St. Louis Police spokesman Richard Wilkes said Belleville police are handling the investigation and said he had no information about the case.

Bone’s body was found in a hallway, and Fischer and Cooney were found in a room where Cooney washed customers’ hair, police said. They were killed before the bodies were discovered, authorities said.

A Feminine Blast from the Past: History comes alive

Six women to portray historical figures

By JACLYN GORSKI
STAFF WRITER

Six female Eastern students will portray six women from history and give a first-person presentation in costume during the 17th annual living history public performance Sunday for Women’s History Month.

Some women who have been portrayed in past years include Abigail Adams and Madame C. J. Walker.

Each student researches the woman she will portray and the era she lived in, said Gail Mason, professor of communication studies.

“It gives insight to women that played important roles in our history,” said Connie Eldridge, office manager of the Women’s Resource Center.

During the presentations the students may

use terms that need to be further explained for the audience. For example, if the student talks about plantations, she may stop to explain what a plantation was and who owned plantations.

“We tried to make the presentation interactive,” Mason said.

This year the six women will do 120 performances throughout the month of March, including shows at five elementary schools.

With the exception of last year, 120 performances is more than the program has done in past years, Mason said.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity for the community at large to see what we do in the school system,” Mason said.

The community really doesn’t get to see what Eastern students do and learn while they are here, she said.

“One (benefit) is to find out the contributions of women who are well-known and sometimes not well-known,” Mason said. “And the other is

“It gives insight to women that played important roles in our history.”

CONNIE ELDRIDGE, COORDINATOR OF WOMEN’S STUDIES
POSITION

to see the wonderfully creative students we have.”

The living history public performance is a non-audition performance.

“It’s a self-selection process in a way,” Mason said.

Students have to be really interested in it and cannot be shy talking in front of people, otherwise they will have a hard time talking in front of 30 or 40 elementary school children, she said.

The living history public performance, which will be at 2 p.m. in the Coleman Auditorium, is open to all and is free to the public.

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Opportunity Returns program is to create and retain more jobs for the state of Illinois,” said Andrew Ross, the spokesman for the Illinois Department of Commerce. “The governor is investing in companies that invest in Illinois.”

Local businesses are hoping the Opportunity Returns plan works well and contributes to the local community.

“It’s always good to add more business,” said Frank Perry, the manager of County Office Products located on Sixth Street in Charleston. “Every business owner would want more jobs if they could have them.”

Brandon Amos, a freshman business major, agrees with the ideas the Opportunity Returns program is trying to incorporate.

“A town like Charleston or Mattoon could greatly benefit from a program like this one, especially economically,” Amos said. “It would be great if more businesses came into this area. It’s a win-win situation for both owners and workers.”

The program, which was created shortly after the governor entered office in 2003, is Blagojevich’s comprehensive plan to create more jobs and encourage development in Illinois. The purchasing of the Edwardsville facility is the latest project for the Opportunity Returns program.

The program created more than

Ins and Outs of the Opportunity Returns program

- #1 Created 50,000 new jobs last year, the most since 1999.
- #2 The program is broken down into 10 different regions to better regulate the program.
- #3 The number one goal of the program is to create and retain jobs for Illinois.
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50,000 jobs last year alone, and, according to Ross, that is the biggest job increase in the state since 1999.

There are 10 different geographical regions the state is divided into, and people who provide feedback are being placed on the “front lines” of each area, which allows the leaders to see the overall progress of the individual programs, Ross said.

The governor’s plans for the southeast region include attracting new businesses and companies that are willing to invest in the area. Blagojevich’s goal for all the sections is to make sure each area is as economically stable as possible.

More information can be found on the Web site: www.commerce.state.il.us/regional_plans.html

TARBLE:

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watercolors, weaving, quilting and fiber arts.

“I love watercolors; I love what they do because they are truly a challenge,” Willis said.

Willis added that she enjoys art because it is a mental challenge.

A student in the watercolor class spoke about the importance of the classes.

“These classes are a wonderful opportunity, and you can be at any level and learn something new,” said Bonnie Woodyard, a student in the watercolor class.

Woodyard said she has had a life-long interest in art and feels this class will refresh her skills in watercolors.

“The class and (the) workshop program are important because they enrich the cultural life of the community and offer participants the chance to work with the artists in a hands-on setting,” Morice said.

To learn more about the classes, faculty and students can contact the Tarble Arts Center at 581-2787 to pick up a registration form. watercolors, weaving, quilting and fiber arts.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Carolyn Lewis, of Charleston, uses watercolors to recreate a picture from a magazine during the watercolor class at Tarble Arts Center on Wednesday evening.

Title	Registration Deadline	Class Meeting
Art Cars!	March 20	Wednesday, March 23 April 23, 4 5:15 p.m.
Raku Workshop	April 5	Saturday April 9 and 16, 1 5 p.m.
Glass Bead Making	March 29	Friday April 1, 6 9 p.m., and Saturday, April 2, 9 4 p.m.
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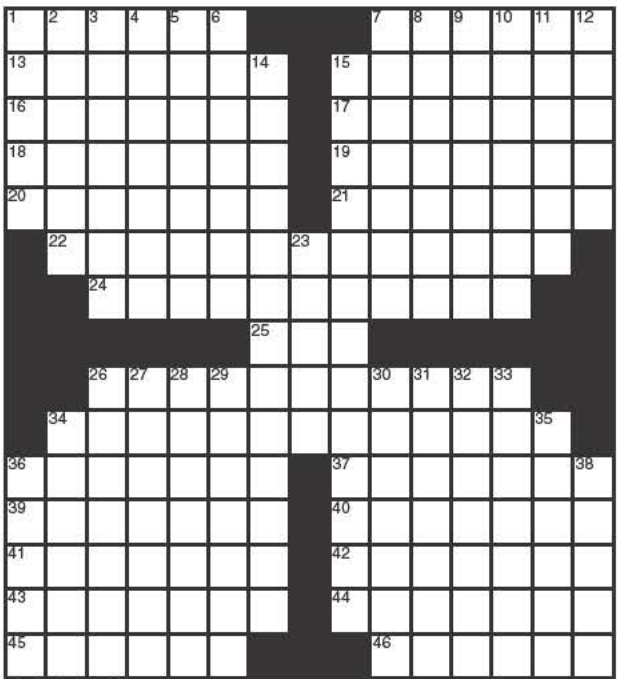
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DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Head basketball coach Rick Samuels calls out plays from the bench Tuesday evening in Cookeville, Tenn., his last game as coach for the Panthers.

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because I saw college coaches that didn't care about you, just your performance on the floor. Samuels was different," Catchings said as he collected himself. "He was my parent out here."

The common emotions initially on the team were shock and surprise. "It was a big shock to everybody because we just assumed that he'd be here," Duany said.

Freshman center George Tandy would not completely rule out the

possibility of transferring now that the coaching situation has abruptly changed.

"I would have to sit down with the new coach, and if I don't like what he's saying, I would think about leaving," Tandy said.

The players were allowed to ask Samuels any questions in the team meeting. One topic was the unknown future of their now former coach.

"It was asked and basically became a dodged question," Gobczynski said.

Tandy vented his frustration with the decision made by the university.

Samuels by the numbers

- ◆ 360 360 overall
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 - ◆ 235 102 Home
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"It was a little disappointing because I don't think they should've done it," Tandy said. "We had a solid future here, and to fire or lay him off is wrong."

The 6-foot-8-inch center from Cleveland was not confident in a new coach turning this team into a winner instantly.

"You never know what might happen," Tandy said. "Maybe a new coach would come in here and mess things up."

The players left the locker room feeling at least partly responsible for Samuels' dismissal.

"You're always going to have those thoughts like if we would've done this or that, things would be different," Catchings said. "I'll tell you the two games that pop into my mind are not getting a rebound against DePaul and the late basket at (Eastern Kentucky)."

Catchings and Duany said they are completely committed to the Eastern program for the duration of their eligibility, but they would like the players to have input in the hiring process.

"I would like to have a hand in the process, and hopefully they will look to the players for advice," Duany said.

The most notable feature that was mentioned by players was the class and excitement they felt Samuels exhibited throughout his 25-year tenure.

"He told us to keep working hard and not to give up on what we came here to do," Catchings said. "With all that has happened to him [including] his dad dying, he handled everything like a man."

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coach, Davis threw out Bobby Knight's son, Patrick, as a possible candidate.

Patrick Knight is currently assisting his father at Texas Tech, but his experience goes beyond the shadow of Bobby.

Patrick Knight was a member of the Phoenix Suns' staff in 1997 and was named head coach of the International Basketball Association Wisconsin Blast in 1998.

Davis said if Texas isn't suitable, a good place for Eastern to look would be its own backyard — the Midwest.

Davis said Michigan State assistant coach Doug Wojcik might be interested in the job.

Doug Wojcik is in his second season as an assistant coach at Michigan State having spent the previous three seasons as an assistant coach at North Carolina.

Michigan State is currently ranked in the top 25 and will most likely qualify for the NCAA tour-

namment. Wojcik has had a hand in the Spartans' success this season.

Davis also said another Midwesterner that may be interested is Kansas head coach Bill Self's assistant, Tim Jankovich.

Jankovich is in his second season on the University of Kansas coaching staff and came to Kansas from Illinois, where he served under Self.

Kansas has been ranked in the top 10 throughout the season, and Eastern would welcome Jankovich's big game experience.

Davis said the Eastern job might entice Illinois assistant coach Wayne McClain.

McClain is in his fourth season as Illinois assistant coach after leaving a dynasty in Peoria Manual where he led the Rams to three straight AA titles in his first three years as head coach.

The last person Davis named was Cincinnati associate head coach, Andy Kennedy. He is in his fourth season as Cincinnati's associate head coach and has nine years of coaching experience.

ERA:

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The Panthers started the OVC schedule with four straight road losses before rebounding to finish 7-9 in the league — good enough for the eighth seed in the conference tournament.

Samuels said he thought the Panthers showed over the last months of the season that they will be a tough team next year.

"I believe we have several outstanding young players who will return next year," he said.

"These kids are going to be good next year."

The Panthers have lost four seniors to graduation with the conclusion of the season— Gobczynski, guard Emanuel Dildy, forward Aaron Patterson and guard Jason Wright.

McDuffie said there wasn't a set amount of wins that would have kept Samuels on the sidelines —

even if the Panthers had won the OVC Tournament and earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"Guessing what could've happened won't get you anywhere," McDuffie said.

Samuels said he's proud of the way his time at Eastern was spent.


"I'm not leaving in a cloud of controversy," he said. "I'm not embarrassed by anything right now; I'm proud of what I've accomplished in over 25 years here."

Samuels said he's enjoyed his time in Charleston.

"Charleston has been a great place to raise a family," Samuels said. "My wife and daughters count it a blessing to have been a part of this community for 25 years."

Now that he won't be coaching the Panthers, Samuels said he's unsure what the future will hold.

"I'll take a little time here to see what may develop," he said. "I'm excited about what opportunities are next."



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BASEBALL

Not for the cold

By JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

It's cold outside, and because it is, the baseball team's scheduled double-header against Olivet Nazarene this Saturday is in limbo.

"Baseball is a warm-weather sport, but sometimes we're forced to play in the cold," Olivet Nazarene head coach Elliot Johnson said.

Eastern was supposed to be going down to Oklahoma this weekend where the temperature is currently about 60 degrees, as opposed to Feb 19-21, but Oklahoma bumped Eastern up on its schedule, and that gave Eastern an open date.

"We have never opened up this soon," Panther head coach Jimmy Schmitz said. "The last few years we have opened up around March 20."

Eastern's next home game will be on March 22 against Chicago State. It still has a chance of being the first home game of the season for the Panthers.

Schmitz said he has to evaluate the condition of the field and see how the weather is going to be this weekend. He said if it's too cold, the Panthers will not play.

But if the Panthers do play this weekend, senior Kyle Widegren and sophomore Mike Budde will start

games one and two, respectively. At Oklahoma, Widegren had a rough first outing in his only appearance of the year. He gave up four runs on six hits and walked four batters in 4.2 innings, setting his ERA at 7.71.

Last year Widegren went 8-4 with a 6.50 ERA, starting 11 games.

Schmitz said he hopes Widegren can go about five innings, then during spring break increase to seven and be ready to go as long as possible when the conference season starts.

Olivet will counter Widegren with senior Rick Weber.

Weber was 12-0 last season in 17 appearances, 12 of which were starts. He threw 11 complete games and five complete-game shutouts.

Budde started game three against Oklahoma and pitched four innings while only giving up one unearned run. But that one unearned run was enough for him to take the loss for the Panthers. Olivet will counter Budde with junior Jay Sayes.

Sayes started 10 games and won seven for Nazarene last season. He had seven complete games and two shutouts. Sayes and Weber are from Louisiana and Arkansas, respectively. Of the 26 players on Olivet's roster, only eight of them are from Illinois.

"We recruit wherever we find players we want to sign," Johnson said.

SOFTBALL



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Junior infielder Rachel Karos throws to first after scooping up a ground ball in practice on Williams Field Friday afternoon. Eastern hosts North Dakota State for a doubleheader today at 3 p.m. and travels to Terre Haute, Ind., tomorrow and Sunday for the Woffle Sycamore Classic.

A seven-game start to the season

By MARCUS JACKSON
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite only practicing on its home field three times this spring, the Eastern Illinois softball team will play seven games this weekend to open the season.

The Panthers open today with a 3 p.m. double-header against the North Dakota State Bison at Williams Field.

Head coach Lloydene Searle said the Panthers have benefited from practicing on the field the past couple of days but need to play to get into a rhythm.

"We need games," she said. "Just being able to go through games and get their mindset right and keep emotions in check is going to be important."

The Bison (2-3) will have a bit of an advantage over the Panthers in that they have played five games already, but that has also given Searle and her coaching staff a chance to get a scouting report to find out their tendencies.

"In the past they were a big power team," she said. "But I understand now they like to slap the ball around and put it in play, so it'll be a good defensive test for us."

"We want our defense to get some reps and our pitchers to locate their

pitches and just get us some game action to get ready for the five games we have the rest of the weekend."

North Dakota State is led by senior infielder Heather Hyatt and a two-way threat in freshman Allison Bakke.

Hyatt leads the Bison in hitting coming into today's game with a .526 batting average, as well as being perfect in four stolen base attempts. Bakke is the team's top pitcher as well as its second leading hitter.

In four appearances this season, she is 2-2 with a 1.69 ERA. She has struck out 27 batters in 29.1 innings pitched. At the plate she is hitting .333 and is tied for the team lead with two runs batted in.

"They are a young team with a lot of freshmen and sophomores," Searle said. "Their key player is Bakke, and she is someone our pitchers are going to have to contend with and keep down."

Senior Heather Hoeschen will be called upon to take the ball in game one against the Bison. Hoeschen led the Panther pitchers with 55 strikeouts last season in 131.1 innings pitched. She also tied for the team lead with sophomore Andrea Darnell picking up eight wins.

FOOTBALL

Panther quarterbacks get personal coach

By MATTHEW STEVENS
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern returns 10 starters on offense except for the quarterback, and that's why the Panthers are getting a specific instructor for that position.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo announced the hiring of Steve Brickey as its quarterback's coach Tuesday on his coach's show.

Spoo also stated the Panthers' offensive coordinator position is still vacant.

Brickey has been an assistant at Division I-A schools including Iowa State, Texas Christian and Texas.

"I just can't say enough about his experience at high-profile schools," Spoo said. "To bring somebody like that in there gives us another capable guy that we have so much confidence in."

Brickey, who was offensive coordinator at Indiana State last year, replaces offensive coordinator Jon Carr, who accepted an assistant coaching position at Toledo.

"When John Carr had left it just worked out for me to move into this spot," Brickey said. "I'm just so proud to joining an outstanding I-AA program and to be going to work

for a guy like Bob Spoo."

Brickey was an assistant at Iowa State from 2000-2003 and served as offensive coordinator the final two years.

He was instrumental in working with the Cyclones' dual-threat quarterback, Seneca Wallace, who was voted Big 12 Conference Newcomer of the Year in 2001.

Brickey is confident that he is able to work with a traditional drop-back passer in the Panthers' offensive scheme.

"That's the ironic thing about it because Seneca was really a drop-back passer first that simply had other skills," Brickey said. "I worked

with those type of players like (former Iowa State quarterback and current Miami Dolphins quarterback) Sage Rosenfels, and it really shouldn't be a problem."

After being a college football assistant coach for 27 years and at seven different schools, Brickey is looking to possibly settle down and find a place to end his coaching journey.

"That would be fine and dandy if I could retire in a nice place like Charleston," Brickey said. "That was the idea when I came back to Indiana State, but it just didn't work there."

With four quarterbacks entering

"Right now all I'm concentrating on is meeting all the young men and evaluating them when the NCAA rules allow us to do so."

JUSTIN MIDGETT, QUARTERBACK

the spring competing for the starting job, most notably Florida transfer Justin Midgett, Brickey is ready to see all of them in action.

"Right now all I'm concentrating on is meeting all the young men and evaluating them when the NCAA rules allow us to do so," he said.

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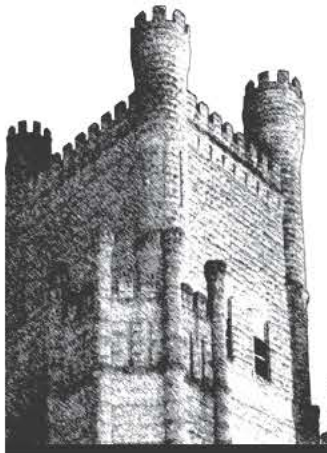
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"The one thing I always say is that Rick Samuels won't embarrass you. He didn't; he managed the basketball program the way you want it managed."



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"Coach Samuels did everything the right way. The word I will always think with Rick is 'class,' and he'll be missed."



ANDY GOBCZYNSKI, SENIOR FORWARD

"When he told us, I felt like someone punched me in the stomach."

MEN'S BASKETBALL



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern Illinois University men's basketball Coach Rick Samuels talks with the team during a timeout against Sanford Thursday, Jan. 27 at Lantz Arena. Eastern announced they would not renew Samuels' contract, ending his 25 years at the helm of the program.

Say it ain't so, coach

Players react differently to the news that their leader has been dismissed

BY MATTHEW STEVENS
SPORTS REPORTER

At 3 p.m. Thursday in the Panther locker room, the bomb was dropped on the 15 players that they were currently without a coach.

"I think 'deflation' is the word that comes to mind when he told us," senior forward Andy Gobjczynski said. "I thought somebody punched me in the stomach."

The room suddenly became as silent as a funeral home with players immediately dropping their heads and searching for answers.

"Everybody got quiet immediately and had that feeling like somebody had died," redshirt freshman guard Bobby Catchings said. "I don't know how I'm going to deal with it."

By 4 p.m., Samuels and his assistants had cleared out of their offices with their doors locked, lights off and supplies cleaned out.

"College basketball is a win-only business and you never want to see a guy go through this," freshman Bil Duany said. "He made sure to say that he would stay in contact with us."

To many of the younger players, Samuels was more to them than a coach, and they really felt the blow of not having anybody to currently lead them.

"The reason I came here was coach Samuels

SEE COACH PAGE 10

The search is now on to replace Samuels

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

After the sudden release of Eastern head basketball coach Rick Samuels, Eastern must now begin the hunt for a new head coach.

"The situation in the world of college coaching is wacky and unfortunate," ESPN/ABC college basketball analyst Dick Vitale said. "You have a year (2000-01) when they make the big dance, and people think you're a hero, and the next year they want to get rid of you."

"We have to change the way we look at things."

At the same time Eastern has made its decision, and it must move forward in its search for a new head basketball coach.

Since Eastern is a small mid-major university, it is not going to

lure a big name coach like Texas Tech head coach Bobby Knight or Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski. So where should Eastern look to find a new head basketball coach?

CBS/ CNNI.com college basketball analyst Seth Davis said Eastern needs to discover fresh talent.

"There are some very bright young men who would want that job," Davis said. "Even coach (Krzyzewski) started off at Army."

"Go find the next coach (Krzyzewski)."

Davis said he isn't sure who is currently in the running with for the job, but he did give some possible candidates.

Although Eastern most likely won't get a Bobby Knight caliber

Assistants also let go



MIKE CHURCH

Mike Church, an associate professor in the department of physical education, was an assistant under Samuels for 21 years. Prior to coming to Eastern, Church was the head coach at Oakland High School from 1975-84 and at Metamora High School in 1974-75. His '84 Oakland team was a 26-2 Class A sectional finalist. He was chosen the IBCA District 'Coach of the Year'.



STEVE WEEMER

Steve Weemer served as an Eastern assistant for seven years. He competed for the Panthers for two years after transferring from Eureka College. He competed there from 1989-91. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1994 and a master's from Eastern in 2001.



BARRY STEVENS

Stevens finished his second season as an assistant coach. He played and coached professionally for 17 years. He finished his four year career with 2,190 points (18.7 career ppg) and 544 rebounds (4.6 rpg), currently second and 21st, respectively, among the ISU all time leaders. Stevens was a second round draft pick by the Denver Nuggets in the '85 NBA draft.

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