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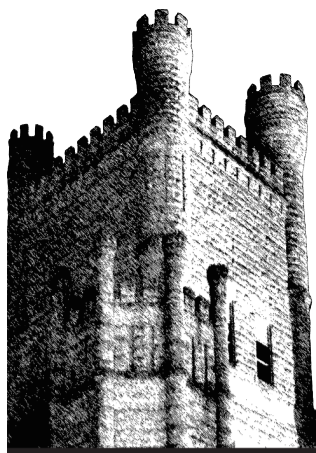
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Candidates debate student issues

Parties outline election platforms

BY ALEX HARRIS
STAFF REPORTER

Snapping, clapping, screaming and flag waving set the tone for last night's debates between candidates running for the Student Government's executive board positions.

The first set of candidates to speak were those running for student vice president for student affairs, Cole Rogers and Austen Williams.

Rogers spoke about the importance of student representation.

"Students need a voice to work with them and for them," Rogers said.

Williams said he believes he is more qualified for the position because he has worked with the current student vice president for student affairs all year and is more aware and better informed of all the tasks that the job contains.



Jillian Ruddy, student vice president for financial affairs, debates against Sean Anderson for the position of student body president in the Coleman auditorium Monday evening.

Levi Bulgar and Kenney Kozik's debate followed. Both are running for the student vice president for business affairs position.

Bulgar said the most important task this position holds is to inform students of how their



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money is being spent.

Kozik recognized that fact and also spoke about how he plans to create more scholarship opportunities, not just for prospective students but current students as well.

Kozik plans on redistributing the percentages of the Grant-in-Aid fee to fund his proposal.

Bulgar plans to support Recognized Student Organizations by tapping into unused resources.

"We can find funds from accounts which have been on reserve and haven't been touched for years," Bulgar said about how he plans to find money for RSO funding.

"Students don't want an increase in their activity fee."

In the debate between candidates running for the student vice president of academic affairs,

Carolyn Beck stressed the issue of students not being aware of opportunities at Eastern.

Dave Keyes brought up a student mentor program as a way of making sure all students are being informed.

Beck said she believes she would be best for the position because of her strong work ethic.

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Student Action Team awaits bill passage

House Bill 4221 would lock interest rates for students with ISAC loans

BY SARAH WHITNEY
MANAGING EDITOR

Andrew Berger, student executive vice president, and the Student Action Team traveled to Springfield last week to find House Bill 4221 still sitting in the Senate's rules committee.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed selling the student loan debt held by the Illinois Student Assistant Commission earlier this year to help fund his proposed College Tuition Tax Credit. In response, the House of Representatives wrote and passed HB 4221 as an amendment to the Higher Education Student Assistance Act that would lock in the interest rates for students who currently hold loans through the commission.

The House of Representatives passed the bill Feb. 21.

"The state senate has failed to act in a timely manner to support the citizens in higher education by allowing this to sit in the rules committee and not let this be released for an up or down vote," said Berger.

The bill would ensure that in the event of the sale of the student loan debt, students' interest rates would not increase and the same fee reduction plans would be allowed.

Sen. Dale Righter thinks the reason the bill has been locked up in the committee for so long has to do with partisan politics and money.

"The governor wants to get the most money out of the sale, so the Democrats are blocking the bill."

The bill would place legal restrictions on any buyer, and the Democrats don't want any limitations on the sale, he said.

Becky Carroll, spokeswoman for the gover-

nor's Office of Management and Budget said that the facts have been distorted.

"People are running on assumptions," she said. "Once everyone understand exactly what ISAC intends to do, I think a lot more folks will be at ease."

One major concern for Berger is that students will not be directly benefited by the sale, which could generate nearly \$4 billion.

"The students are only going to see - if they're lucky - \$100 million dollars from this loan sale," Berger said.

While in Springfield last week, Berger said that legislators told him the sale would generate any where from \$300 to \$400 million.

"So this extra \$300 million is going to be put back into other governmental programs that students will never see," he said.

Carroll said the reason why the commission supports the sale of the loan debt is because the majority of their loans are distributed to out-of-state students. Only 28 percent of loans go to Illinois students, she said.

"Nearly three-fourths of their business is with students outside of Illinois, which is one of the main reasons ISAC believes that it's better to place this program into the hands of a private sector company who operates these loans on a daily basis where its their main job, as opposed to ISAC where it's not their main job," she said.

She said that no services provided to college students by the commission would be lost through the sale of the loan portfolio. This is one of the things the governor's office wants ISAC to ensure before they proceed with the sale, she said.

The other two include ensuring that anyone employed through ISAC either has an opportunity to get a new job through the commission

Student loan debt sale debate

Pro argument:

- ◆ \$100 million of sale would help fund governor's College Tuition Tax Credit proposal.
- ◆ The Governor's office promises no services provided to students would be eliminated.
- ◆ The Governor's office promises the sale would not happen without assurances of interest rates maintaining "competitive rates."
- ◆ Only 28 percent of loan debt is held by Illinois students.

Con argument:

- ◆ \$300 to \$400 million of sale could go toward other programs that students would not benefit from.
- ◆ If HB 4221 is not passed, students would not have adequate protection from increased interest rates.
- ◆ Students will be the ones who pay for the sale.
- ◆ Selling the debt is only a short-term solution to bigger budget problems.

or be hired by the new buyer. The third, the interest rates for students, must remain competitive.

This is not enough for Berger.

"It needs to go beyond assurances," he said.

The students need legislation because right now it is within the buyer's right to do whatever they want with the portfolio, he said.

Sen. Righter agrees.

"I think it's a bad idea," he said. "I think students are the ones who are going to end up being the ones who are going to pay for this. If they are going to sell debt, (HB 4221) is a good thing because it would at least provide some minimal protection for the student buyers."

Professor devotes time to cancer awareness

Survivor raises more than \$3,600 for Relay for Life

BY MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Kathleen O'Rourke made it her goal to raise awareness and money for Relay for Life after her battle with endometrial cancer over a year ago.

"Endometrial cancer is extremely rare in women my age," said O'Rourke, 33, an associate professor for the school of family and consumer sciences.

Endometrial cancer is a gynecological cancer of the uterine lining.

Only eight percent of cases occur in women under the age of 45.

"It came as a huge shock to me and my family and friends," O'Rourke said about her rare diagnosis.

Despite her illness, O'Rourke said the biggest challenge was the fear of the unknown.

"It was almost like... I took on a second full-time job," she said.

It's the uncertainty about cancer that leads to the fear, O'Rourke said, and it is what she would like to shed light on for those still in the dark.

Participating in the Relay for Life event on campus last week was a good way for her to achieve her goal.

O'Rourke personally raised \$3,654 for her team, which raised a total of \$4,474, making Kappa Omicron Nu honors society and the Organization for Peer Education on Nutrition the leading team for the Relay for Life.

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RYAN TERRELL
SENIOR
JOURNALISM MAJOR

“Cubs fans will insist not to get their hopes up, but they are off to an uncharacteristically impressive start.”

What a remarkable three years in a row that would prove to be in Major League Baseball. Think about it. If the Cubs finally brought home a championship this season, that would erase 272 years of curses, scandals and pet goats.



GREG WALKER
SENIOR
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“You are basically paying \$15 to chat away about nothing.”

I just don't get it. Have you ever been to a concert only to have the people next to you chatting away nonstop? What the hell is that?

FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
73	74	78	75	75
60	52	52	54	59
Mostly cloudy	Thunderstorms	Partly cloudy	Thunderstorms	Partly cloudy

WTF?

Pizza delivered by airplanes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NOME, Alaska — Last Christmas, residents of the Yupik Eskimo village of Savoonga added a special dish to their everyday fare of whale, walrus, reindeer and berries — fresh pizza flown in from Nome, 170 miles away.

A tiny delivery joint, Airport Pizza, had opened several months earlier just steps from Nome's busy runways, and many of Savoonga's 700 residents were eager to try more than conventional pepperoni and plain cheese.

Nome's first and only pizza delivery service does a robust business in the western Alaska town of 3,500. But it really stands out for its free deliveries via commuter plane to more than a dozen other remote subarctic villages spread over a region about the size of Washington state.

The village council in Savoonga, on St. Lawrence Island in the icy Bering Sea, wanted a special holiday treat for young families in the village.

It ordered 50 pizzas, half-topped with chicken and ranch dressing and the other half with Canadian bacon and pineapple.

Julia Noongwook, 41, swapped some of her bacon and pineapple for a slice of chicken ranch from a relative.

Noongwook said it was the first time she had tasted the popular chicken ranch pie, which also comes with bacon, red onions, tomatoes and mozzarella and cheddar cheeses.

"It was good," she said. "I like chicken."

Frontier Flying Service, an intrastate airline, volunteered last year to fly the pizzas at no charge to every village on its regular flight schedule out of Nome, a Bering Sea town settled in 1899 during a massive gold rush.

Craig Kenmonth, general manager of Frontier, said the free delivery service helps the carrier market itself in a way that benefits customers in the largely Yupik and Inupiat Eskimo villages.

COUCHES & CAUSES



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Members of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority sit on a couch in the south quad to raise money for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters organization. AST hopes to raise \$4,500 by having members occupy the couches 24 hours a day until 3 p.m. Wednesday.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

French labor law revised

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac on Monday threw out part of a youth labor law that triggered massive protests and strikes, bowing to intense pressure from students and unions and dealing a blow to his loyal premier in a bid to end the crisis.

While some unions celebrated what they called "a great victory," students who had planned more demonstrations appeared more cautious, saying their movement would continue for now.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, who devised the law, had faced down protesters for weeks, insisting that its most divisive provision, a so-called "first job contract," was necessary to reduce high unemployment rates among French youths by making it easier for companies to hire and fire young workers.

Acting on advice from Villepin, Chirac "decided to replace" the provision with one aimed at "youths in difficulty," the president's office said.

Top lawmakers from Chirac's ruling conservative party presented a

new plan to parliament Monday. The proposal emerged after talks the legislators held last week with unions and student groups to find ways of ending the crisis.

A somber Villepin, in a television appearance, explained his original legislation was designed to curb "despair of many youths" and strike a "better balance...between more flexibility for the employer and more security for workers."

"This was not understood by everyone, I'm sorry to say," Villepin said.

The crisis has discredited Chirac and devastated Villepin and his presidential ambitions — and thrown into question the government's ability to push through painful reforms to help France compete in the global economy. The new measures increase the government's role in the workplace instead of decreasing them, as Villepin had sought.

Students and other opponents had feared the previous measure would erode coveted job security.

The labor law "is dead and buried," said Jean-Claude Mailly of the

Workers Force union. "The goal has been achieved."

Alain Olive, secretary-general of the UNSA union, said, "After more than two weeks of intense mobilization, the 12 syndicated groups of workers, university and high school students have won a great victory."

The leader of France's biggest student union, UNEF, adopted more of a wait-and-see attitude.

"We want to see how we can take advantage of this power struggle that is now in our favor to garner new victories," Bruno Julliard told AP Television News.

The new, four-point plan sent to parliament would bolster existing job contracts, rather than enact new ones.

The government would offer more state support for companies that bring on young workers. Other provisions would increase internships in areas where jobs are relatively plentiful or guide jobseekers in their careers.

The "first job contract" would have allowed employers to fire workers aged under 26 at any time during a two-year trial period without giving a reason.



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Journalism professor Peter Voelz speaks with Mary Pierce, the Journalism department's administrative assistant, after a surprise retirement celebration which followed a showing of the movie "Good Night, and Good Luck," in the Buzzard Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

'Good Night, and Good Luck'

Peter Voelz, journalism professor, was honored for 28 years of teaching at a surprise party for his retirement

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Sunday afternoon in Buzzard Auditorium, the Society of Collegiate Journalists surprised Peter Voelz, of the journalism department, when they honored him during what he thought was only a presentation of the film, "Good Night, and Good Luck." Voelz is the only professor in the journalism department to retire this year after 28 years of teaching journalism ethics, history of American journalism, journalism and democracy and various senior seminars.

Cathy Bayer, a sophomore journalism major, is the events coordinator of SCJ and helped plan the event.

"We just got the idea to do this because we all knew Voelz is retiring," Bayer said. "He's an amazing journalism professor we've all had at least once, and he's one of the nicest people you'll ever meet."

The members of SCJ planned to show the film and asked Voelz to present it and field questions afterward.

Bayer said all the journalism professors announced the event to students in their classes, and made sure it was kept a secret.

Ashley Rueff, a sophomore journalism major and secretary of SCJ, said Voelz has earned a lot of respect from students.

"He's really knowledgeable and has a lot of personal experience to share," Rueff said. "We knew he would be able to give a lot of input in presenting this film."

Voelz said he thinks it is important for journalism students to know the history of their field, and a lot of his senior students had not seen the film because a lot of people did not live during that era, so it may not be as appealing.

Sally Turner, a journalism professor and faculty advisor for SCJ, helped the students plan the event.

"It seemed to go to beautifully together," Turner said. "The way he could share his unique understanding of the issues of that film with all students."

"Good Night, and Good Luck" is a

film about CBS broadcaster Edward R. Murrow, who spoke out against Wisconsin Sen. Andrew McCarthy, who took extensive protections against communism in the 1950s and invaded people's privacy rights.

Voelz's wife was in on the secret, too.

"She said she was going on a shopping trip, but she'd stay for a little bit of the film," Voelz said. "I was totally surprised."

Voelz grew up in Wisconsin and Iowa. He received his bachelor's degree in history from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, his master's degree in journalism and doctorate in history at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Voelz said in his 28 years of teaching, he has "learned to be kind." "I just try to do the best job I can," Voelz said. "Someone once said a teacher never knows how much influence they have because you teach students and then they're gone."

In his retirement, Voelz said he plans to write a few history and journalism books and travel with his wife.

"I'll miss his humor," Bayer said.

BIGGEST LOSER

Cardio vs. weights: the better workout

Sassy 6 vary their routines

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

The Sassy 6 continue to lead in all categories of the Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Challenge. Their biggest lead is in the activities category, with a total of 5,897 points, which is 1,604 points ahead of the second place Wanna Bees.

With the nice weather, Sassy 6 team member Carol Roberts has been walking outside more.

"Yesterday afternoon, my husband and I went to Fox Ridge and walked almost three and a half miles," Roberts said.

Roberts, who enjoys the outdoors, said she and her husband used to walk almost five miles every day while they lived in the city of Charleston. However, after moving to the country their walking decreased.

"The program has helped me by making me more aware that I really have to take care of myself and what I can do to get back to walking five miles every day," Roberts said.

The program not only tallies points for general exercise but also for steps walked throughout the day. But which is a better workout, cardiovascular or weight training?

Dr. Kimberley Hollender, Sassy 6 captain and doctor at Health Service, believes there is a need for both.

"If you do just cardio you are not building up muscle strength and are more

prone to injury," Hollender said. "But, by doing just weight training then you are not getting any of the cardio benefits."

Besides weight loss, cardio can also cause the lungs to process more oxygen with less effort and the heart to pump more blood with fewer beats. A person can also increase his or her stamina and decrease the possibility of developing certain health conditions, such as heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes.

Cardio workouts include biking, swimming, walking or running, and are included in many sports activities, such as basketball or baseball. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends that cardio activities be done three to five times per week for 30 to 45 minutes. However, beginners should start at 20 minutes and work their way up to 30 minutes.

According to Greg Shealey, a health educator, in an article entitled "Cardio v. Weight Training," weight training can help in "the development of self-confidence and body satisfaction by increasing strength, toning muscles and increasing muscular endurance." It also helps with balance and coordination, along with preventing injury due to weak muscles.

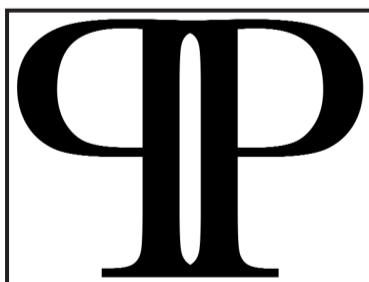
Weight training does not mean just pumping iron, according to Hollender. Programs like Pilates or Tae Bo also help with toning and strengthening muscles.

When trying to figure out which workout would be most beneficial, the best idea may be a combination of both since cardio and weight training accomplish different things.



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The "Sassy 6" continue to lead in all of their categories of the Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Challenge.



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COMMENTARY



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THIS PRESIDENCY'S NEWEST PROBLEM

Just when the Democrats up at Capitol Hill could no longer roast the Republicans on issues surrounding former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, up stepped President Bush, providing more wood and gasoline for their fire.

DeLay resigned from office and said goodbye to Congress and all the power that he had worked so long to receive. The Democrats, as a whole, could no longer use DeLay as their whipping boy when speaking about Republican actions being underhanded and misguided.

But instead of allowing the calm to settle, a new controversy stemming from the very top was put out to the public. The gist that has yet to be proven yet entails President Bush giving orders to former aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby, who worked for

Vice President Dick Cheney, regarding the release of classified information to twist the public's knowledge about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

This leak was unnerving for a couple of reasons.

Firstly, it contained information that

"The word that needs to be thrown around is impeachment, because that is the punishment this sort of mistake could result in."

had once been classified regarding the weapons programs in Iraq. We all know how shaky the U.S. intelligence regarding the Iraq weapons program has been.

Secondly, if it is true that President Bush gave the orders to release classified information, then any stable ground he may have been standing on should be shaken until it is broken apart. The scope of this controversy is larger and contains more blatant dishonesty than anything that has come from this administration as of yet.

If true, the American public should understand that this is an issue that needs to be taken seriously. The word that needs to be thrown around is impeachment, because that is the punishment this sort of mistake could result in.

While this does not seem to quite reach the level of former President Nixon's mistakes during Watergate, this really isn't that far off. Making this even more troubling is the fact that President Bush has denounced the use of leaking information as a political tool ever since Libby was caught leaking information about undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame.

Libby resigned shortly after the leak was made public, and Bush vowed to fire anybody who leaked classified information. One has to wonder if Bush ever included himself in that statement.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan has defended the president by saying the information was not classified and was deemed by the president to be of the public's interest.

However, that has yet to be proven, and even if the information was deemed ready for the public that still does not account for its legitimacy.

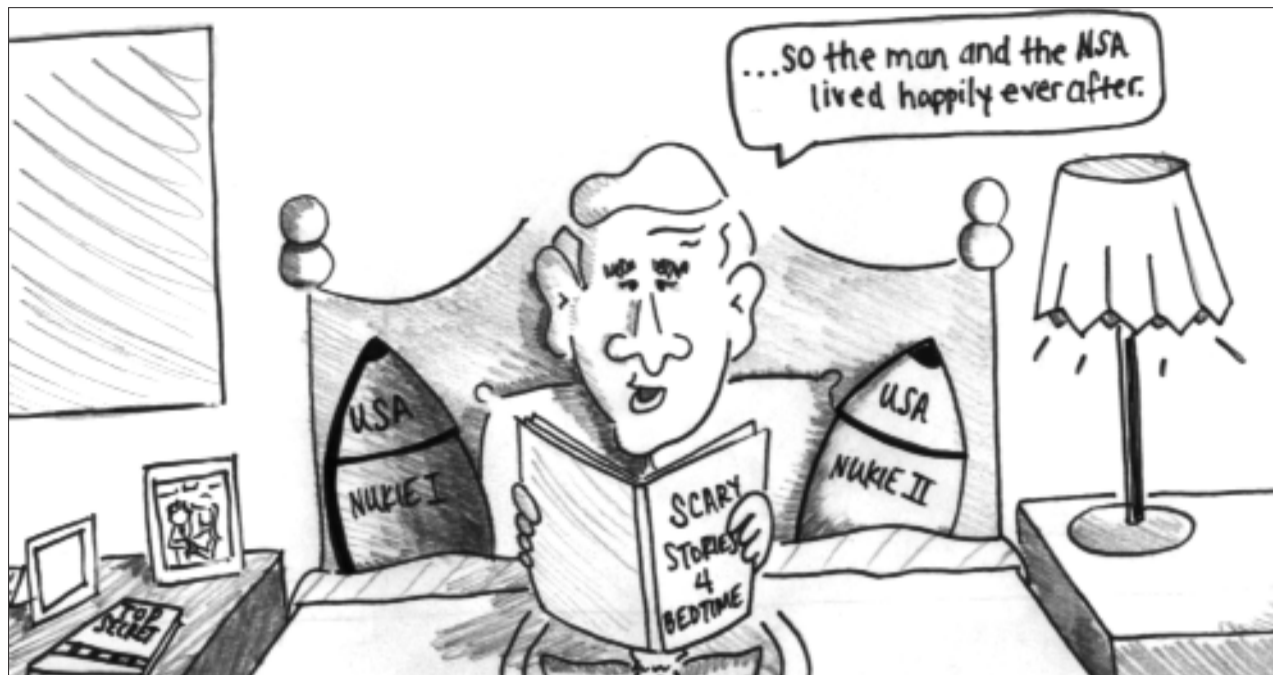
Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. said that this is a troubling matter for the current president in an interview with *Voice of America*.

"For a president who has denounced leaking, and promised to find out who in his administration did it and fire them, now to be shown to have approved selective use of classified information is to open him up to — appropriately — charges of political expediency. It is a serious political problem for him," he said.

Misleading the American public by ordering the release of private, secure information is a serious mistake from the leader of the country. For the first time, I believe that handling this problem includes a look at impeaching this president.

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EDITORIAL

Senate should bring bill to vote

On Feb. 21 the Illinois House of Representatives passed House Bill 4221, which aims to keep interest rates on student loans the same for holders of current loans.

This bill now sits in the State Senate.

This is a bill that needs to be voted on before the student loan debt is sold because it would be highly beneficial to students and alumni if their rates were protected.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich plans to sell the student loan debt to an outside agency some time in the next few months.

The bill was created because many members of the state government are afraid the company that buys the loans could raise the interest rates.

In section 5 of the bill it states that the buyer of the student loans would not be allowed to raise the interest rates.

"... if any student loan held by the Commission is sold or transferred to a private entity, then the private entity holding the loan must offer an interest rate on the loan that is the same as or lower than the Commission offered at the time of sale or transfer," the bill says.

The bill is currently in the rules committee of the

At issue

The selling of the student loan debt and House Bill 4221.

Our stance

It would be beneficial for the student loan holders if the State Senate would vote on, and pass, House Bill 4221 as soon as possible. The bill will protect the student loan interest rates from increasing after the student loan debt is sold.

State Senate and has been there since Feb. 22. The bill will need to pass through that committee before it can be voted on.

The bill was filed on Dec. 5, 2005 and has been discussed at several House and Senate meetings since.

The sooner the Senate can put the bill to a vote, the better.

"I really think this is a last resort because the budget is scheduled to be finalized by (Thursday)," said Berger.

The debt is slated to sell sometime this summer. This means that the bill must come before the Senate before it adjourns—which is April 12—for it to have any impact.

House Bill 4221 is an important part of the student loan debt's almost certain sale.

The Senate needs to realize how important this bill is and allow it to go up for vote before it is too late. And when they do, hopefully they will support it and choose to protect the student loan interest rates from increasing.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLUMNIST MISSES THE POINT ABOUT IMMIGRATION

This letter is in regards to Matt Poli's column in Thursday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*. Poli, it's very interesting how your grandfather is from Cuba and you are still in the United States. I guess it's okay because he was looking for a better life.

It's sad to think that you are going to have trouble getting hired at a hotel or restaurant when you are competing with uneducated illegal aliens. That doesn't say much for you. It's easy to blame Mexicans for you not getting hired, but you should

probably blame capitalism. Screwing the little guy or the guy with a four year education is what capitalism is all about. Look how successful Wal-Mart has been. I think Cuba is communist, so you might get hired there. I agree illegal immigrants probably do not give the IRS a dime, but what about every other thing they buy that gets taxed, like cars, clothes and homes?

My problem with illegal aliens is that just about everyone in this country is a foreigner. It's okay for Olympic athletes to become American citizens right before the Olympics, that does not say much about

our concerns of illegal immigrants.

When the United States stops imposing their will on Latin American countries, including Mexico, then they will have a right to close their borders. The United States has done a number of atrocities in Latin America and around the world that have put those countries under economic disadvantages. When the United States stops interfering with Latin America, they'll have a right to close their borders.

JULIAN LAGUNAS

GRADUATE STUDENT IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

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O'ROURKE:

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Her involvement in this event came from her own inquisitive nature. She learned about Eastern's Relay for Life event from flyers posted on campus as well as from students who informed her about the event, which is expected to raise over \$200 million this year for cancer research, education, prevention and advocacy services, according to www.cancer.org.

This year's effort was a 12-hour event that began at 6 p.m. and lasted until 6 a.m. Students and community members stayed up through the night to promote the idea that cancer never sleeps.

"I can't say enough about the students. They worked so hard throughout the year," O'Rourke said, regarding the coordination of the event.

She said she enjoys spending her time outdoors when she isn't teaching or raising money for cancer.

"I was really thankful when I was able to play softball last year," she said.

Her ambition for outdoor adventure stems from the positive attitude she had during her illness.

"Before my experience with cancer, I really prided myself on my independence, and what I learned after being diagnosed with cancer is that independence doesn't mean you always have to do everything by yourself," she said.

O'Rourke also added that it is important for people to keep themselves informed about cancer and take advantage of the resources available, such as the numerous books and Web sites.

"Knowledge is power," she added. "The more I learned, the more confident I felt."



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KATHLEEN O'ROURKE

Members of the Kappa Omicron Nu/OPEN Team: Jennifer Wayer, Susie Kretch, Kathleen O'Rourke, Adrienne Zumwalt, and Lindsey Wilson, stand together during the Relay for Life fundraiser March 31-April 1 at the Campus Pond.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Award-winning architect comes to Eastern

STAFF REPORT

Antoine Predock, the architect who designed the renovation to the Doudna Fine Arts Center, will be on campus to talk about the project.

Predock won the 2006 American Institute of Architects Gold Medal for career achievement, an award given out only 62 times in the last 150 years.

Chicago artist comes to Tarble

Visiting artist Jim Lutes will visit the Tarble Arts Center today at 7 p.m. Lutes, of Chicago, will be on hand to talk about his painting.

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Duke lacrosse lawyer cites lack of DNA evidence in alleged rape case

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper, attorneys for the athletes said Monday.

Citing DNA test results delivered by the state crime lab to police and prosecutors a few hours earlier, the attorneys said the test results prove their clients did not sexually assault and beat a stripper hired to perform at a March 13 team party.

No charges have been filed in the case. "No DNA material from any young man was present on the body of this complaining woman," said defense attorney Wade Smith.

The alleged victim, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she and another woman were hired to dance at the party. The woman told police that three men at the party dragged her into a bathroom, choked her, raped her and sodomized her.

Authorities ordered 46 of the 47 players on Duke's lacrosse team to submit DNA samples to investigators. Because the woman said her

attackers were white, the team's sole black player was not tested.

District Attorney Mike Nifong stopped speaking with reporters last week after initially talking openly about the case, including stating publicly that he was confident a crime occurred. He went on to say he would have other evidence to make his case should the DNA analysis prove inconclusive or fail to match a member of the team.

Smith said Nifong now has the evidence needed to change his mind.

"He doesn't have to do it," Smith said of filing charges. "He is a man with discretion. He doesn't have to do it, and we hope that he won't."

Nifong's assistant said earlier Monday the prosecutor would not comment on the findings. North Carolina Central University, where the alleged victim is a student, said after the results were released that the prosecutor would appear at a campus forum on Tuesday to discuss the case.

Attorney Joe Cheshire, who represents one of the team's captains, said the report indicated authorities took DNA samples from all over the

"Isn't the absence of DNA evidence, given the way the victim has described the crime, in and of itself almost enough to raise a reasonable doubt?"

STAN GOLDMAN, CRIMINAL LAW, EVIDENCE AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTOR AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES

alleged victim's body, including under her fingernails, and from her possessions, such as her cell phone and her clothes.

"They swabbed about every place they could possibly swab from her, in which there could be any DNA," he said.

Cheshire said even if the alleged attackers used a condom, it's likely there would have been some DNA evidence found suggesting an assault took place.

He said in this case, the report states there was no DNA on her to indicate that she had sex of any type recently.

"The experts will tell you that if there was a condom used they would still be able to pick up DNA, latex, lubricant and all other types of things to show that — and that's not here," Cheshire said.

Stan Goldman, who teaches criminal law, evidence and criminal procedure at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said the DNA results don't mean that Nifong can't go forward with the case — but the test results make a successful prosecution much harder.

"Isn't the absence of DNA evidence, given the way the victim has described the crime, in and of itself almost enough to raise a reasonable doubt?" he said. "That's all the defense has to do."

Robert Archer, whose son, Breck, is a member of the lacrosse team, said the test results only confirmed for parents what they already knew.

"I know the kids on the team and I know they're innocent," said Archer, of East Quogue, N.Y.

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DEBATE:

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"I would attend every meeting and be a voice for all of the students at Eastern," Beck said.

Current executive vice president Andrew Berger is running for re-election against Amanda Raz.

Berger believes the major issue involving his position is dealing with funding for students of the higher education program, and that it needs to be a priority in the state of Illinois.

Raz disagreed and said she believes the biggest issue is parking on campus.

"Parking is an issue that has to be addressed," Raz said. "Students should not have to worry about finding a parking place and being late for class."

"We have a vision for this campus, and with our experience, we have the power to make this vision become a reality."

JILLIAN RUDDY, UNITED UNIVERSITY PARTY

The evening concluded with the debate for the presidential candidates.

Sean Anderson and Jillian Ruddy had differing views regarding their two political parties.

"If you are happy with the way things are right now, vote for the United University party," Anderson said. "My

party (the Student United Party) plans on making changes to improve the quality of our school."

Ruddy disagreed, saying that she plans to make changes.

"We have the experience and ideas that are tangible that can be achieved when we get elected to office," Ruddy said about her views regarding her political party, United University. "We have a vision for this campus, and with our experience we have the power to make this vision become a reality."

The two did agree on at least two topics: that the Student Government must be unified in order to be more active on campus and that Student Government needs to promote a positive image by keeping communications open with *The Daily Eastern News*.

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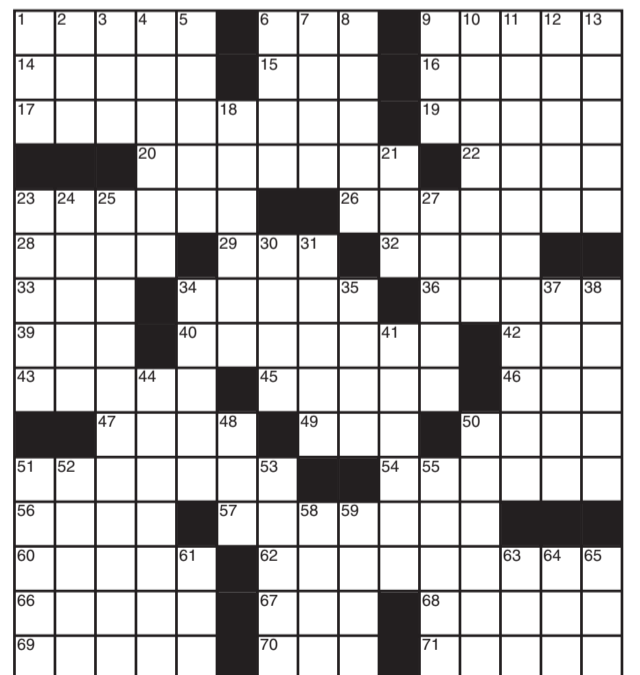
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 - 19 Frequency unit
 - 20 Find out about
 - 22 Pop singer Sands
 - 23 Brawls
 - 26 Not as well-rinsed, perhaps
 - 28 Important periods
 - 29 Not voting the party line: Abbr.
 - 32 Before: Abbr.
 - 33 Salon job
 - 34 "Understand now?"
 - 36 It may leave its mark on the road
 - 39 Play a part
 - 40 Push-ups exercise them
 - 42 Add years to one's life
 - 43 Subway entrance
 - 45 Artist Neiman
 - 46 Arrester
 - 47 Place for an arrestee
 - 49 Mouth, slangily
 - 50 Prefix with -gramme
 - 51 Foreshadow
 - 54 Targets, as with a gun
 - 56 Sanyo competitor
 - 57 Bush attorney general Gonzales
 - 60 Pigs
 - 62 Face-off spot in hockey (and a hint to 17- and 40-Across and 11-, 25- and 31-Down)
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 - 67 "___ be my pleasure!"
 - 68 Sir's counterpart
 - 69 Crooked
 - 70 Putin's yeses
 - 71 Casino game, informally
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 - 2 E.T.A. part: Abbr.
 - 3 Envy, e.g.
 - 4 What a photographer usually wants
 - 5 Host
 - 6 N.H.L. All-Star Jaromir
 - 7 "The Afternoon of a ___" (Nijinsky ballet)
 - 8 Renders senseless
 - 9 "That's nice!"
 - 10 Rip Van Winkle, notably
 - 11 They're nonreturnable
 - 12 Clarinetist Shaw
 - 13 Napper
 - 18 Not so tough
 - 21 Dandy
 - 23 Western plateaus
 - 24 Build
 - 25 Trellis feature
 - 27 Pretentious
 - 30 Diamond who sang "America"
 - 31 Uncertain
 - 34 Inscribed pillar
 - 35 Trillion: Prefix
 - 37 Greek marketplace
 - 38 Train stop
 - 41 Andy Warhol's works
 - 44 Fancy Buick
 - 48 N.Y. C. airport
 - 50 Unprincipled
 - 51 Macaroni, e.g.
 - 52 Gets to
 - 53 1961 Charlton Heston title role
 - 55 Stuff
 - 58 Phi ___ Kappa
 - 59 Extremities
 - 61 Work with a Singer
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Jim Hyres

TENNIS

STRUGGLING TO BOUNCE BACK

Eastern's tennis team tries to make the best of the end to a tough season

BY ISRAEL CARRILLO
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers are coming off a tough weekend. They were beaten by Jacksonville State 5-2 and shut out by both Murray State and Samford.

They will try to get over it today in a non-conference match against Chicago State and finish the season strong at Darling Courts.

"We're hoping to end this week and the rest of the season on a high note," said head coach John Blackburn.

With the losses last weekend, the Panthers were officially eliminated from postseason play.

With only two matches remaining for the Panthers, they are three games out of the final playoff spot. The top six teams make the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

The team, however, is still optimistic on winning the rest of their matches.

"We're gonna give our best, and go after every match," Sandra Sasidharan said about the importance of the final three matches of the season.

Sasidharan owns the team's best overall singles record at 13-5.

Last weekend, she pulled out a fairly easy win against Michelle Dushner of Jacksonville State at No. 1 singles, 6-3, 6-4.

The poor outing has not lowered

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JOHN BLACKBURN, HEAD TENNIS COACH

the team's spirit.

Madina Mambetova said she had a fun weekend, and the team competed well during last weekend's disappointing showing.

"We played really tough, even though the scores didn't show it," said Mambetova.

Mambetova said her success comes from a competitive drive and a confident attitude.

She is second to Sasidharan, with an overall singles record of 10-8.

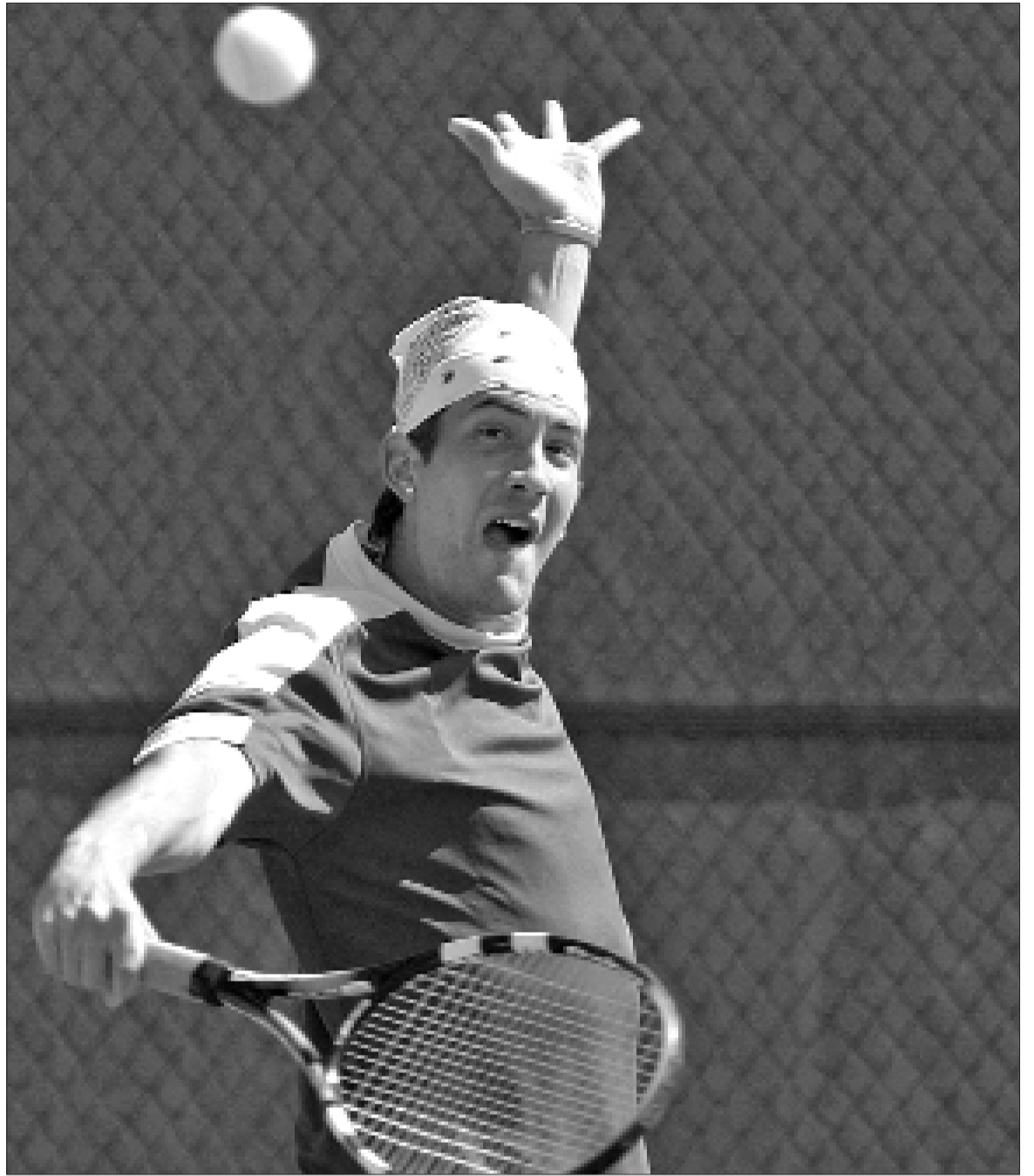
No matter what the deficit, Mambetova believes one of her strengths is that she can always come back and win.

"My only weakness is I get down on myself," she said.

Eastern is hoping that the mid-week match gives them a lift heading into the final conference weekend.

Chicago State is winless in its 14 matches this season.

The Panthers will then travel to Southeast Missouri Friday before ending their season at Darling Courts against Tennessee State.



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Freshman Vuk Milicevic returns a shot against Austin Peay during a match April 4 at Darling Courts. The Panthers will host Chicago State today at 3 p.m. at Darling Courts.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers will rely on youth

By **MATTHEW STEVENS**
STAFF REPORTER

The Panther men's basketball team will have more new players (eight) than last year's win total (six).

"We will be moving into next year without a senior on the roster," Mike Miller said.

Miller, the Panthers' head coach, will announce the late results of his recruiting class late this week, and said that he was very excited to officially get the signatures on the National Letter of Intents. Due to NCAA restrictions of the recruiting "dead" period that started Monday morning, Miller was unable to talk about the specific individuals the Panthers had been recruiting.

"The kind of guys we're bringing in, it's important to realize that they have been winners before they got here," Miller said. "We need to bring that type of environment here."

Miller said this recruiting class, which already includes 6-foot-2 Chicago guard Kijaune Leach, 6-foot-8 forward Justin Brock from Liberty and 6-foot-8 Indiana prospect Bobby Jolliff will be the measuring stick of what he's trying to build at Eastern.

"This is the most important group that we're bringing in," Miller said.

After a 6-21 debut season with the Panthers, Miller said the strength and conditioning sessions this spring would be "the most important phase of the development process" for this roster



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Coach Mike Miller watches the action during a game against Samford Feb. 25. Miller said he hopes to have as many as five new recruits signed by the end of this week.

of young players.

Strength and conditioning coach Matt Turner has been leading the daily sessions, which have included four daily weight room routines along with two hours of instruction per week.

"Those guys are aware they need to improve to play physical Division I basketball," Turner said. "We are trying to create an attitude and expectations in this group."

Mike Robinson and George Tandy have been doing well in the weight room according to Turner.

Tandy, the 6-foot-8 forward, has had a problem gaining strength and weight to his 195-pound frame.

"George doesn't realize how good and strong he could be," Turner said. "I think when he sees the training numbers he puts up before he leaves

this semester, he'll have so much confidence. The problem with him is his fast metabolism so it'll be hard for him to gain five pounds this semester."

Robinson has apparently taken confidence from his OVC Freshman of the Year award and worked in the off-season in order to avoid regressing in a sophomore jinx situation next season.

"Mike is already a ball of muscle and he's added to what he already had when he came here," Turner said.

Three players from this past year's Eastern team will not be returning to Lantz Arena for the upcoming season. Sophomore center Wes Wilkin, sophomore forward Bil Duany and freshman guard Kyree Brown will not be on the team next year.

Wilkin, the Michigan native, will remain at Eastern but due to consistent back injuries has

decided to leave the team. Duany and Brown are transferring in hope of getting more playing time.

"We wish these guys nothing but the best and it's unfortunate that it didn't work out for them here," Miller said. "Hopefully, Bil and Kyree will get an opportunity to play somewhere else."

The final issue Miller addressed was how he and his staff are working to give this young team confidence early in the season. Part of their plan, Miller said, is to play more early home games at Lantz Arena. With a guaranteed game already scheduled at DePaul and two Bracket Buster games in place for the Panthers, Miller is left with a handful of open games.

"We need to play more games here early," Miller said. "That schedule last year was not balanced and, in fact, I challenge that nobody had an opening 10 games like we did."



SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	OVC	OVERALL
Tennessee Tech	13-1	33-9
Southeast Missouri	11-1	24-10
Jacksonville State	10-3	30-10
Eastern Kentucky	8-5	22-17
Eastern Illinois	7-5	24-15
UT Martin	7-7	24-19
Austin Peay	5-9	13-21
Samford	3-10	13-32
Tennessee State	1-12	14-23
Morehead State	1-13	10-28

SWEEPING:

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"We really needed three wins," said Chelsea Adams, the junior shortstop who made the sweep possible with her walk-off double in Sunday's deciding game.

"That was our goal to sweep them and we did it and we're on a high now. Sweeping a team is hard to do and we came out and did it."

Schuette said the team usually does not look ahead but going into the series against Samford, the goal was to earn the sweep.

"Hopefully those wins will help us bump up in the conference," said the Panthers first-year head coach.

What the Panthers (24-15-1, 7-5) also did is create separation from the rest of the conference teams vying for the sixth and final spot in the postseason conference tournament.

"If they can go on a run here, they can upset some people down the road," Samford head coach Beanie Ketcham said.

Ketcham also praised the job Schuette has done in having the Panthers in a position to qualify for the conference tournament, something Eastern has not done the last two seasons.

"I know that she's going to help them to keep getting better," Ketcham said.

Had Eastern not pulled off the sweep of Samford or won the series, the team would have been right in the "dogfight," as Schuette described the teams fighting for the final four spots in the tournament.

Tennessee Tech (33-9, 13-1) and Southeast Missouri (24-10, 11-1) have separated themselves from the rest of the conference as well.

"I think we're ready and rearing to go to beat everyone else in conference right now," Jacoby said.

"We had a few mishaps but we're alright."

The Panthers, along with second-place Southeast Missouri, have only played 12 conference games, the fewest of any other team in the OVC.

Every other team in the conference has played 13 or 14 league games up to this point.

"We've been watching the standings but you really can't do much about everyone else," Schuette said.



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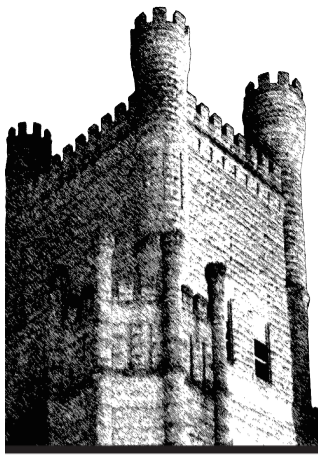
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TUESDAY	MEN'S TENNIS VS. CHICAGO STATE	3 p.m.
	WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. CHICAGO STATE	3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	BASEBALL VS. INDIANA STATE	3 p.m.
	SOFTBALL VS. BRADLEY UNIVERSITY	4 p.m.
THURSDAY	WOMEN'S GOLF AT ILLINI SPRING CLASSIC	All Day

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**FROM LEFT
FIELD**
DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

Fantasy ball opens fans' eyes

Barry Bonds steps up to the plate wearing a jersey you've never seen. He's playing for a team you've never heard of, and if the San Francisco Giants win, it doesn't matter to Bonds' other managers.

It's fantasy baseball — a time when numbers geeks unite to celebrate all that is statistical.

Fantasy baseball is a sport (not really) where regular people get to fulfill their fantasies with major league baseball players.

In this case, the fantasies involve benching players, trading them, looking for favorable match-ups and other managerial situations (not the juiciest of fantasies, I know).

But is this a good thing for sports?

It's a good thing for a few reasons, and it's a bad thing for a few other reasons.

Fantasy baseball does give baseball fans access to boatloads of information about players on each team.

Without fantasy baseball, would knowing the closer for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays be important? (It's Dan Miceli, for now.)

Instead of letting our hometown feelings blind us from common sense, fantasy players see the league on more of a whole.

Because of the reliance on single player statistics, fantasy baseball takes some of the luster off of the game. Positional players are judged mainly by their prowess at the plate.

There's not much emphasis on smart base running, stellar defense and other intangibles that don't show up in a box score.

That being said, fantasy baseball places extra value on players who excel at multiple aspects of the game.

A player who can hit for power and average and steal bases is key to a successful fantasy team, and these versatile players are baseball's gems.

But ultimately, the biggest flaw with fantasy baseball, and almost all fantasy sports, is what it does to the people who play.

A lot of fantasy nuts love talking about their team to people, whether these people care or not.

And even worse, sometimes people cheer more for their fantasy team than they do for their favorite team.

It's vital to remember that it is fantasy, and watching your favorite team succeed in reality is still much sweeter.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Eastern holds its own at Big Blue

Men's team finishes second out of eight; women's team finishes fourth

By DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF REPORTER

For the first time this season, the Panthers' track and field teams were able to compete at O'Brien Stadium with the Big Blue Classic.

The men's team finished second in an eight-team field while the women finished fourth out of nine teams.

"I think we've progressed pretty well," sophomore Brad Butler said. "Last week we got beat by Illinois State and this week we beat them so I think we're moving in the right direction."

The Panther men finished with 160 points, just ahead of Illinois State, who had 137, and way behind Indiana State, who finished with 299 points.

The events began on Thursday with the heptathlon and decathlon.

Eastern's Denise Jones was the lone Panther representative on the day and finished third in the heptathlon. She finished second in the high jump portion of the seven-part event and first in the javelin portion of the event.

Eastern's women finished fourth overall with a total of 132 points, right behind Marquette University, who finished with 137. Illinois State and Indiana State finished in the top two positions.

Although the Panthers fell short of an overall win, a few individuals were able to walk away victorious.

Jones won the women's javelin competition, while Austin Hogue and Kyle Ellis finished in the top three of the men's javelin.

Senior Dan Strackeljahn won the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:56.49.

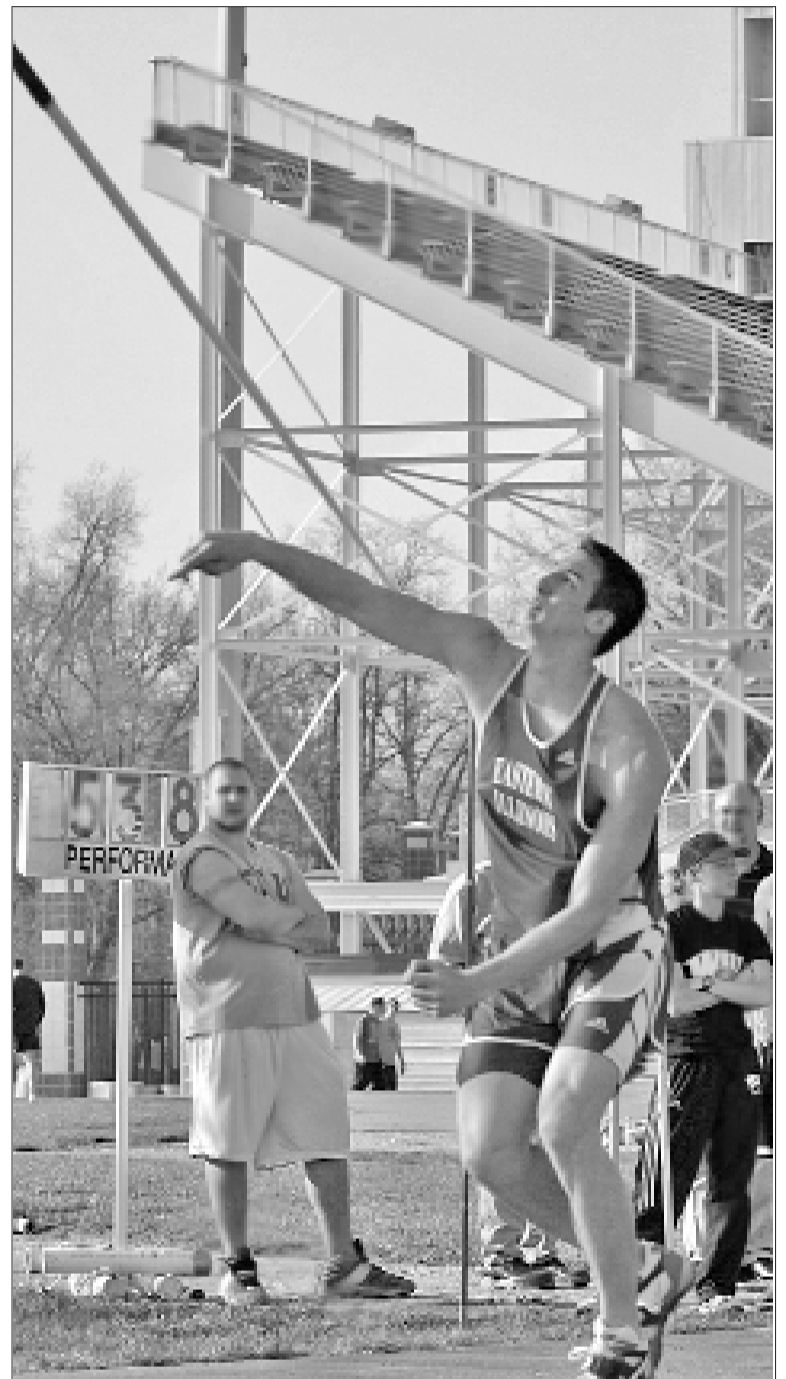
"I wanted to go a little faster, but it was pretty windy outside," he said.

Although Strackeljahn's performance measured up to his expectations other Panthers fell short of where they wanted to be.

Butler pointed out that many Panthers' performances were affected by high winds Saturday, but he took it in stride.

"I placed about where I thought I would," he said. "I didn't run as good as I thought I would. (But) considering the conditions, it wasn't bad."

Obe Eruteya and Ellis also won events over the weekend. Eruteya won the triple jump and Ellis won the pole vault.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior thrower Austin Hogue launches his javelin during the Big Blue Classic this past weekend at O'Brien Stadium. Hogue placed second in the event with a distance of 192 feet 11 inches.



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Coach Kim Schuette gives instructions to senior shortstop Rachel Karos during the final game of the weekend series against Samford.

SOFTBALL

SWEEPING ASIDE THE OVC

Panthers leap to fifth in conference after taking three from Samford

By MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After getting swept by Jacksonville State on April 2, Eastern repaid the favor to the other Alabama team in the Ohio Valley Conference—Samford.

"We got beat by Jacksonville State. There's no other way around it," said Panther head coach Kim Schuette. "But otherwise, we've been in every game and somehow we're in sixth."

Actually, Eastern climbed into fifth place in the OVC, thanks to a sweep Tennessee Tech had against Tennessee-Martin last weekend. The three straight losses by the Skyhawks dropped them to sixth place, two games behind Eastern.

The Panthers are currently a game back from fourth place Eastern Kentucky (22-17, 8-5 OVC) in the conference standings.

Sophomore pitcher Karyn Mackie said after Saturday's two wins that Eastern is sitting in a better position after losing three to the Gamecocks two weekends ago.

"(The wins) are really important in getting us up there instead of in sixth place, which is a little too close to not making it to conference," she said.

Strong pitching from Kathleen Jacoby and Mackie also benefited the Panthers this weekend as they begin the stretch run of conference play.