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Eastern works with community colleges

BY TIEARRA STEELE
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern works cooperatively with community colleges in the state to ensure students from those schools excel when they transfer here.

There is no specific community college that Eastern works with. Instead, it has a relationship with all Illinois community colleges.

Lake Land Community College in Mattoon sends many students to Eastern and works directly with Eastern to developing programs for its transfer students.

"We have a program called, 'Two Plus' Two for students, which is a cooperative program where the students would complete two years here and two years at EIU," said Kelly Allee, director of Public Relations at Lake Land.

Allee also said faculty members at Lake Land work with their counterparts at Eastern to develop programs and departments. For example, an English professor from Lake Land will work with an English professor at Eastern.

Lake Land has counseling services for students in which each counselor is familiar with certain universities.

"If a student wanted to attend Northern Illinois University, then they would go see the counselor whose specialty is Northern," Allee said.

Lake Land also has programs for students who plan to attend other schools.

Transfer Day is when Lake Land invites other universities and four-year colleges to the campus. During this day, students can walk around, talk to recruiters and get information, she said.

Lake Land's largest percent of students progress to Eastern; however, students do attend other schools such as Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, Illinois State University and the University of Illinois, among others.

Of the more than 12,000 students at Eastern, 37 percent are transfer students. Although the statistics are not divided into how many of these transfers are from community colleges, Lake Land provides Eastern with the most transfers, said Rita Pearson, transfer coordinator at Eastern.

"Although Lake Land is our largest feeder school, we also have big percentages of students from other community colleges," she said. "We have students from every community college in the state on this campus."

Eastern has programs for transfers, but no one program is targeted for community-

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Mike Nutt, a junior special education major, and his band Senn and Friends was the first band to perform at the Pi Kappa Alpha Battle of the Bands Wednesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the MLK Union. The Fuz and the one-time Sig Ep Band also performed.

Four bands compete in Pi Kappa Alpha band battle

16 percent of proceeds goes to charity

BY MATT KELLY
STAFF REPORTER

Four bands performed in front of a large crowd at Pi Kappa Alpha's "Battle of the Bands" to benefit the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization Wednesday night.

In the end, The Fuz was voted the best band with Eclectic Theory in a close second place.

The Fuz did not have to ask for audience members to come to the stage while they performed three original songs.

"I got a little cash in my pocket and I got to perform in front of a lot of people," said Dave Campbell, guitarist for The Fuz.

Other bands performed covers.

Senn and Friends commenced the battle ambiguously with a rendition of Van Halen's song, "Jump."

Brigham played with two members of the band who were added at the last minute because of prior engagements.

Eclectic Theory wrapped up the show before the judges made their final decision.

Audience members paid \$5 each to attend. The event raised \$1,100, according to Marc Montagano, Pike member and event organizer, after the fraternity anticipated at least \$500. Big Brothers Big Sisters will receive \$177, or what is left after paying the radio station and the caterers, purchasing prizes and setting money aside to bring an educational speaker to campus, Montagano said.

Sixteen percent of the proceeds went to the charity.

He said the fraternity does most of its philan-

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Men are minority in nursing

Lakeview College has only 3, 4 male nursing majors

BY AMANDA DUGAN
STAFF REPORTER

Brian Andries' initial interest in nursing began in high school, because he liked science and worked as a lifeguard over the summer.

Once he got into the college pre-nursing program, he noticed he was unique within his field.

Andries, a freshman and former pre-nursing major, said there was a definite lack of male students in the program, but that posed no problem for him.

"When I went to meet with the pre-nursing students to schedule classes for next semester, I was the only guy in the room," he said. "I thought it was cool, and I felt like the girls were proud of me."

However, because of the difficulty of classes and the difference between the college program and the one he studied in high school, Andries changed his major to communications.

"Nursing allows you to not only help people, but help them when they're at their worst," said Jackie Rottman, a sophomore pre-nursing major. "As a nurse, you're able spend time and make a connection with both your patients and their families."

Rottman noticed a lack of male students in her classes.

Rottman said the idea that nurses are often viewed by their patients as "motherly figures," has created the stereotype of nurses being women.

"Nurses are not only there to physically help (patients), but emotionally as well," Rottman said. "Which gave rise to the stereotype that nursing is a 'girly' career and better suited for females."

Beginning in the fall of 2000, Eastern established a cooperative degree program for pre-nursing students with Lakeview College of Nursing. As part of the agreement, Eastern would provide general education/pre-nursing courses and advisement for pre-nursing students on campus.

"When I went to meet with the pre-nursing students to schedule classes for next semester, I was the only guy in the room."

BRIAN ANDRIES, FRESHMAN
COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR

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Emily Bock, a sophomore biological sciences major, writes in her notebook while relaxing in between classes in one of the Booth Library lounges.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Wireless Connectivity

3 p.m. | CATS Training Lab, McAfee 1214

Darwin Day Event

4:30 p.m. | "The Ecology and Evolution of Sleep: An Adaptationist Perspective" Presented by Steve Lima, dept. of ecology and organismal biology, Indiana State University. Life Sciences, Room 2080



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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Students can register to win a free ipod by attending events sponsored by the Health Education Resource Center. Today's event will provide students with hints about relationships and smoking titled, "Friend or Foe." The event is at 7 p.m. today in the Charleston/Mattoon room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

POLICE BLOTTER

On Feb. 2, Kimberly Jane Schrombeck, 47, of Charleston, was arrested at 9:42 p.m. at University Drive and Grant Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.

On Feb. 4, Randy Kevin Carpenter, 23, of Brownstown, was arrested at 1:40 a.m. at the 400 block of Lincoln Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.

On Feb. 4, Eric Glenn, 18, of Belleville, was arrested at 10:12 p.m. at Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue on the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Feb. 4, Bryce Henneberg, 18, of Morton, was arrested at 10:12 p.m. at Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue on driving under the influence/drugs.

On Feb. 6, it was reported that a yellow Schwinn bike was stolen from the bike rack on the north side of Booth Library.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Religious values attract youth to GOP

BY TIM SCORDATO

NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB – Popular opinion suggests the effects of emotionally-charged debates over gay rights, gambling and abortion are leading to a more conservatively-minded country. State Rep. Bob Pritchard (R-Hinckley) and others commented on how this development affects the legislative process.

Personal religious beliefs may be what is in the best interest of the people, he said.

For example, the Christian belief of family corresponds with the survival of Illinois, Pritchard said. He feels it's when an individual is raised in a stressful and unbalanced environment, with the lack of a loving unit, that problems occur in society.

Such growing conservative values may scare away important moderate

Republican votes, he said, but he has not noticed any strong changes in moderate voting in the Republican Party.

Aaron Funfsinn, a junior political science major, only sees a win-win situation out of the pairing.

"Any losses the Republicans may have received from their conservative views outweigh the losses the Democrats received for shunning those views," he said.

WTF?

Exploding condoms show up in mail

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON – A former strip club waitress mailed condoms filled with a potentially explosive mixture to a television station, strip clubs and other places, saying she was tired of being mistreated by men, according to court documents.

In FBI documents unsealed

Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Boston, Kimberly Lynn Dasilva, 40, said she "couldn't take it anymore."

None of the condoms exploded. They each contained a mixture of drain-cleaning detergent and gasoline, which could explode when combined, authorities said.

Dasilva told investigators she did not think they would explode.

On Sept. 21, a suspicious package arrived at the Bridgewater State College admissions office, according to two FBI affidavits.

When it was discovered that fluid had leaked from the package, the building was evacuated and the State Police Bomb Squad was called in. A note inside the package said "Boom."



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THE CHANGING FACE OF DIVERSITY

- Every student senator is required to attend at least one event, program, or meeting per semester that promotes diversity on campus. Failure to do so equals one absence in a committee meeting.
- DEN editorial argues against it, saying there is no way to effectively define diversity or promote in a non-diverse university such as Eastern.

Fall 2001

- Nine of 28 senate members fail to complete the requirement.

Fall 2002

- Three senate members fail to complete requirement.

Fall 2003

- Senate defeats proposal to amend requirement to make senate members participate in event rather than simply attend. Fails by 7-19-1 vote.

Spring 2004

- Passed motion to increase the absence to the equivalent of a full senate meeting. Three of these results in removal from the senate.
- Complaints arise that senate members are putting it off until the end of the semester, defeating the purpose of creating diversity discussion in the senate. Only six of 23 ultimately complete the requirement.

Spring 2002

- Senate member Tim Edwards, co-author of the original requirement, calls for improvement in the system despite 28 of 29 members completing a form by the deadline to say they had completed the deadline. Complaints arise that there is no verification of whether events are actually attended.

Spring 2003

- Proposal to make participation instead of activity fails again.

Fall 2004

- Proposal to change the name of the diversity bylaw to "cultural awareness."

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Requirement is topic of long-time debate for the Student Senate

By LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate members voted to fail the bylaw that would change the title of the diversity affairs requirement at Wednesday's meeting. After the bylaw change on the name of the requirement failed, the change for the committee name was sent back to the committee for revisions. Tori Frazier, chair of the committee, said she introduced the possible change, which if passed would have changed the name of the requirement and possibly the committee to "Cultural Awareness," to get rid of the negative connotation associated with

the word "diverse."
"First of all 'diversity' is seen as a bad word, not at all by myself but by certain senators," Frazier said. "Anytime the requirement is brought up, the same senators get very upset and contest that Student Government cannot make them diverse, which they think means being not themselves."
By being culturally aware, Frazier said senate members could no longer look at the requirement in a bad way. "The word diversity means differing from one another," said Keila Lacy, former chair of the committee. "Culture relates to arts and manners that are influenced by ethnic and cultural ties. Awareness is a fact or state of

being aware, conscious or knowledgeable especially of matters that are particularly relevant or topical."
Timothy Shonk, an English professor, said the context in which words are used is a major concern. "Such terms as 'diversity' and 'awareness' are tossed about with some regularity when the users themselves are a bit uncertain about what they mean with the terms," Shonk said. Shonk said the term "diversity" has been looked at negatively when its use is vague, and it is commonly associated with affirmative action. Cultural awareness has a different meaning, Shonk said. "When the term is used, it often suggests that the point is to acquaint

those with limited experience with minority groups to the particular interests, values, heritage, and struggles of those minority groups," Shonk said. He said these ideas were general statements based on his knowledge of the terms. "The problem doesn't lie in the word diversity, it lies within requirement," said senate member Kent Ohms. Problems with the Diversity Affairs Committee and its requirement are nothing new for the Student Government. Since 2001, concerns with all senate members not fulfilling the requirement and enforcing members to participate instead of them just attending the events have come up

every semester. Lacy said the name change would have helped the Student Government understand and be sensitive to groups they are unfamiliar with. "(The change will) reveal a sense of openness and flexibility as it relates to cultural characteristics, history, value and behavior," Lacy said before the bylaw was voted down. "In return, it will help this governing body embrace and enhance our cultural knowledge of the student body as a whole."
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Women's Studies sheds light on sex questions

By GREG WALKER
STAFF REPORTER

Students gathered in a room with no lights to try and get out of the dark on issues concerning sex at "Sex in the Dark," a presentation sponsored by the Women's Studies Club Tuesday night. About 13 students gathered to privately ask their questions to Evelyn

Scott, an adult writer. To keep the anonymity, the room was only lit by Scott's flashlight. Students wrote down their questions on a sheet of paper dealing with why people cheat, why there is abuse and how to make their partners orgasm, among other topics. Questions were put into a basket for Scott to grab from. Students raised questions about

whether foreplay before sex is necessary, which Scott said was up to the individuals. The difference between erotica and porn was brought up, but no consensus was reached. The exact location of the clitoris was also given for those who were curious. Scott's answers were descriptive. Scott then turned the tables and asked the audience questions.

She said she wondered if students thought it was mean for someone to fake an orgasm. Some of the audience members said they thought it was okay, while others disagreed, saying it was giving the other person a false sense of accomplishment. As the lights were turned on and the students were no longer in the dark, at least in one regard, several said they learned from the presentation.

Chris Fedorski, a junior communication major, said he went because he had nothing else to do, but left satisfied after getting his questions answered. Carly Riley, a senior English major, said she thought the discussion was informative as well. "I'm trying to become more involved with the Women's Resource Center," Riley said.

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COMMENTARY



CARISSA HAYDEN
DEN COLUMNIST

THE JOYS OF COMMUTING ... AND PARKING

One of the reasons I chose Eastern, besides, of course, the quality of education at an affordable price, is the short drive. Since I live about 20 miles from campus, I am able to live at home and drive to school without paying extra to live on campus.

Of course, there is always that minor problem with parking.

Though I'm a senior at Eastern, I'm a transfer student and am still getting acquainted with some of the procedures of campus life. To be absolutely certain I would not get a ticket, I parked by Pemberton Hall and walked across campus to 7th Street to buy my Fall 2005 parking permit.

After chatting a little with the woman behind the glass and paying my \$25, I was awarded a beautiful violet permit sticker. I am still conflicted as to which I prefer, last year's blue or this year's purple. I look forward to each new semester just to see which color I'll get next.

My friend and I sometimes carpool to save gas, money and the environment. We both have class at 9 a.m. on Monday so parking is usually not a problem. Parking is usually okay on Tuesday and Wednesday as well.

"The second row was full also, as well as the third, fourth and, yeah, the whole parking lot was full."

There was one week when on Thursday, I decided to get to school at 9 a.m. again, hoping to be assured a great space, and feeling quite smug that I was the only person in the world to have such a wonderful idea (my class started at 11 a.m.). Upon entering the parking lot, however, my face fell when I realized that the first row appeared full.

No problem, I'll just try the second row.

The second row was full also, as well as the third, fourth and, yeah, the whole parking lot was full. There were campus police parked alongside the regularly marked spaces. They were probably there to keep the violence down because the demand for parking spaces happened to be very high that day, but they made it difficult to navigate the lot.

"Oh wait. Someone just backed up out of that ... oh, never mind, someone else beat me to it. But I've been circling around here for 10 minutes already. That guy just got here," were some of my thoughts.

This happened a couple more times and I finally gave up and parked by Lantz. After wasting all that time and gas that I had been trying so hard to save, I made my journey across campus to the library before class.

Needless to say I wasn't as smart as I thought I was.

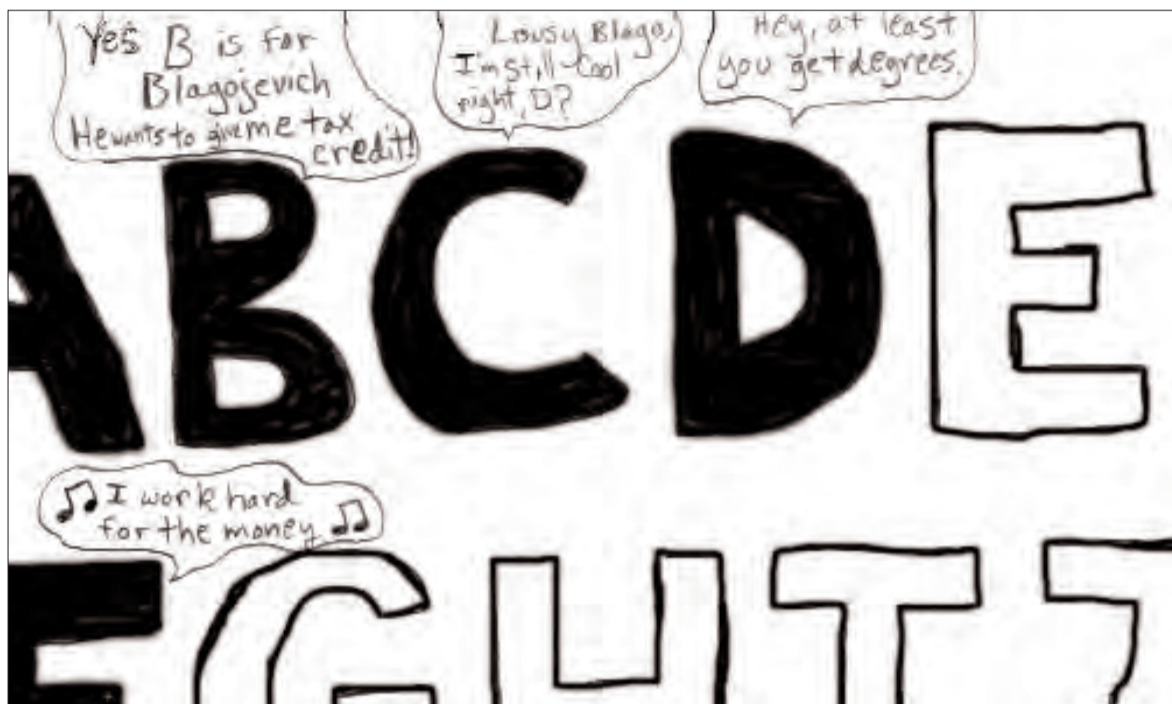
I was still early, but I had officially defeated my own purpose. My friend couldn't ride with me that day because our schedules were a little different, but she had beaten me to school.

"What time did you get here, Carissa?"

I told her that I started getting here around 9 a.m., but spent what seemed like eons trying to find a parking place. Then I made the mistake of asking her the question: "Well, what time did you get here?"

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY BRIAN O'MALLEY



EDITORIAL

Tuition credit adds debt to state

If a freshman or sophomore gets a B average this year, then the governor is going to give their parents \$1,000.

The proposal, which Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced during his State of the State address on Jan. 18, would give Illinois parents a \$1,000 tax credit for each freshman or sophomore student who earns the necessary grades and is enrolled in an Illinois public or private college.

There are several factors that make this proposal sound like a good idea. First, college is getting more expensive. Eastern is no exception to this.

Incoming, in-state students this year experienced a tuition increase of 10.7 percent at Eastern. Freshman and transfer students were the

only students who were affected by the increase. In addition, continuing students paid 9.2 percent more in fees than incoming students: \$735.65 compared to \$667.65. This does not include the fees for campus improvement or textbooks.

The cost of heading the residence halls is also forcing the University Housing and Dining Services to increase the cost of living on campus by 7.5 percent, according to yesterday's "Fees to Increase" article that appeared in *The Daily Eastern News*.

As if this wasn't enough, the federal government, in an effort to manage the national deficit, has proposed to cut federal financial aid by \$13 billion.

Students' and parents' checking accounts are going to take

At issue

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's \$1,000 tuition credit proposal for students with B-average grades.

Our stance

Blagojevich is proposing a tax credit that looks like a good gesture, but it's wasting needed money. Students and their parents will end up paying for the proposal one way or another over the long term.

big hits next year. So, the governor's proposal to return money to the students is a nice gesture. However, students should look past the carrot the governor is dangling in front of them and ask the important question: how is he going to pay for it?

Illinois is digging itself out of a \$1.3 billion deficit, left over from the more than \$5 billion deficit Blagojevich inherited from Gov. George Ryan. The state cannot afford the tax credit. On April 8, when he announces the next fiscal year's budget, the governor will hopefully explain how he's going to fund the tax credit along with the other programs he proposed that night, which will take an estimated \$3.2 billion dollars to implement.

Based on his track record of handling the deficit by putting the state in debt long term by borrowing money from the pension fund, the outlook is not hopeful.

This means that the students and parents will eventually have to pay for this tax credit, just in a different way. For example, by paying the combined tuition and fees increase at Eastern of almost 20 percent, or their grandparents' pension funds will be cut.

Would you be okay taking \$1,000 from the state if it means your grandma wouldn't be able to afford her health care in five years?

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE ARE FRIENDS AGAIN

In the past two weeks, it has come to my attention that Iran and the United States are friends again. No Iran has not given up their nuclear weapons, or decided that democracy is the way to go. Iran has started an initiative in the United Nations that calls to disallow homosexual groups,

or any group that supports homosexual causes to get time to argue for their cause in front of the United Nations. Guess who has signed up with Iran, oh yeah, the United States. The United States has signed on to the Iranian initiative.

So this looks like our beef with Iran is over, and the world can live in hate again. This is exactly the reason why the United Nations looks at us with contempt. We are

willing to support an initiative that brings about discrimination, but refuse to support human rights.

Right now I AM SO PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN. Can you hear the hint of sarcasm?

DAN FREBERG

JUNIOR, HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

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Cole Rogers, a sophomore political science major, hands Illinois state Senator Larry Bomke lobbying materials pertaining to Eastern's budget at his office in the state Capitol in Springfield. The Student Action Team and members of Eastern's football team went to the Capitol to encourage legislators to vote for funding increases for higher education.

**NICOLE MILSTEAD/
THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**



Eastern students lobby at state Capitol

Representatives from various student groups are meant to give legislators a more diverse idea of the university

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD
STAFF REPORTER

The Eastern Student Action Team tried a new approach to lobbying Wednesday by taking students from different groups to give legislators a more diverse view of Eastern.

Students from the Residence Hall Association, Student Senate, Orientation Office and the College Democrats were invited to join the lobbying group by Andrew Berger, SAT chair and Student Executive Vice President.

"We wanted to give them a broader view of EIU by showing them faculty, staff members and students," Berger said. "We needed to be a larger group to make our presence larger."

More than 40 students went to the Illinois state Capitol in Springfield to speak with legislators. The goal for the lobby team was to reach all 59 senators and 118 representatives. Staff and faculty members from various departments joined the lobbyist to offer assistance, said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

The lobbyists provided materials containing the facts and numbers of Eastern, information concerning the achievements of Eastern this year, as well as letters from department chairs explaining how the budget cuts are affecting the university.

"The Student Action Team wanted the legislators to know higher education is a priority and a

great investment in the state," Berger said.

The lobbyist also left the senators and representatives with a desk calendar featuring events and pictures from Eastern to remind them of the school's importance daily.

The lobbyists were able to leave materials for and speak with 39 senators and representatives.

The main purpose of SAT was to encourage legislators to support the Illinois State Board of Higher Education's recommendation to increase funding by 1.1 percent. The proposal is now in committee.

The question now is the affordability of the increase with the proposed \$90 million tax credit, said Rep. Chapin Rose (R-110th district). By freezing tuition for students for four years, the cost for incoming students is constantly increasing.

Other government programs cause increases for students such as the sprinkler systems, which were mandated in 2005. The housing costs at Eastern were raised 7.7 percent because of this act. The state legislature has not given Eastern a budget increase in three years despite this act.

Rep. Rich Brauer, R-100th district, met with a group of lobbyists to talk about the 1.1-percent increase for the Eastern budget. Brauer said the increase will not do nearly enough for the school, but it is an election year and the governor is trying to increase the level.

Rose's major concern with the budget increase

was that it would not raise the pensions. As of Feb. 7, Illinois came in last for pension rates in the United States.

Kent Ohms, a sophomore political science major, has traveled with the SAT five times. When Ohms went early this year in October to lobby, the team took approximately 15 members.

"Today compared to when we went in October was personally more successful because I was able to speak to more legislators," Ohms said. "We were able to do more as a large group. It is a better approach to try to contact every legislator."

Levi Bulgar traveled with the Student Action Team and said he was impressed that representatives wanted to basically hear the students' side of the story.

"They (legislators) were very interested in what Eastern has to offer (students)," Bulgar said.

The Eastern Student Action Team was recognized by Rose on the house floor for its efforts. Rose and the house also recognized the Eastern football team for winning the Ohio Valley Conference. Members of the football team staff along with players traveled with SAT to accept the award.

Team captains George Love, a senior education major; Vincent Webb, a senior African-American studies major; and Chad Cleave, a senior physical education major came to represent the team.

"It is a great experience to be recognized by the house for our accomplishments," Cleave said.

Strong resumes get jobs

BY JESSE FUNK
STAFF REPORTER

Career Services offers those looking for a job or an internship tips on how to create a resume that can impress employers and properly reflect the person as a possible job candidate.

Bobby Kingery, a career adviser at career services, said people must include all the necessary information while keeping the resume short and clear.

While education majors have to include information like student teaching, observation and clinical experience, non-education majors should keep it at one page.

"Students forget to add their actual degree to their resume," Kingery said. "For example, someone will put that he majored in journalism, but he will forget to add 'Bachelor of Arts' to the resume."

Collegeboard.com identifies the "Four Key Elements" of a resume, which include volunteerism, association memberships, computer proficiency and knowledge of other languages.

Kingery said the layout of the resume should be concise and easy for recruiters or employers to read. Writers should list the most important information under headings first, since that is where employers look first.

Jessica Hadler, a junior elementary education major, made her resume in her English 3001 class as a final project. She advises those writing a resume to use proper wording to make it sound professional, but beware of making it sound fake.

"Remember to revise, revise, revise," Hadler said. "I had trouble finding things that would be relevant to an (employer) during an interview when I wrote my resume."

Kingery said her biggest advice to people wanting to perfect their resumes, would be to check out the Career Services' Web site.

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Student Senate vote defeats proposed name change to diversity requirement in bylaw

Wording will not change from 'diversity' to 'cultural awareness'

BY TAYLOR FRAWLEY
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Government met to vote and discuss, among other items, legislation concerning a name change of the Diversity Affairs Committee requirement and The Big Red Dot Campaign strategy that aims to alert the student body of upcoming events/meetings sponsored by the Student Government.

A bylaw was proposed by Tori Frazier, chair of the Diversity Committee, to change the name of the requirement by replacing "diversity affairs" with "cultural awareness."

Attending at least one diverse activity or program is required of all the Student Government members. So far, attendance has been low. Frazier hoped a name change would, in turn, change students' attitudes towards diversity requirements thus increasing attendance.

The bylaw failed with only 11



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Ben Marcy, a senior English major, discusses the Diversity Affairs bylaw change on Wednesday night at the Student Senate meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. "It's all semantics," Marcy said of the wording of the senate requirement.

student senate members of 28 voting "yes."

Three students in the audience came to speak out against the bylaw.

Leah Pietraszewski spoke on behalf of the Social Justice and Diversity Education Committee and opposed the name change, saying, "(Naming it 'cultural aware-

"Bylaw changes serve the purpose to change a law, not a name."

STUDENT SENATE SPEAKER SEAN ANDERSON

ness') would change the image and the focus of the Diversity (Affairs) Committee."

Stepping out of his position as Student Senate Speaker, Sean Anderson, delivered a speech opposing the name change.

"Bylaw changes serve the purpose to change a law, not a name," Anderson said.

He argued that the purpose of the Student Government is to better serve students, and asked if the name change truly does have the student body's interest in mind.

The possible bylaw change for the name of the Diversity Affairs Committee was sent back to committee to be revised after the requirement name change was voted down.

Student Relations chair Cole

Rogers and senate member Eric Glenn also presented information pertaining to their Big Red Dot campaign.

The campaign, which would market the Student Government to students around campus, would consist of a banner to kick off the promotion.

Each week, Rogers plans to move the banner to another location on campus so all students will become aware of it.

Student Body President Ryan Berger said he supports the idea.

"(However,) this will flop unless there is a Student Senate member there to promote it," he said.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Workshop aims to squash suicide ideas

BY MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Depression, despair and suffering are all normal feelings students face but do not always know how to handle.

"Suicidology: Let's Talk About It" is a lecture designed to guide students who might be struggling (or know someone who is struggling) with depression, said Nancy Farber, assistant professor for the Counseling and Student Development Department.

"(Suicide) is a pretty common on campus and in the community," said Farber, who will present at the event. "People are afraid to talk about it, and I'd like to bring it into the light."

The second-leading cause of death among college-age students is suicide.

"The first leading cause of death is accidents, many of which are self-destructive acts, which are not reported as such," according to www.ilsp.net, an Illinois suicide prevention Web site.

Farber, a licensed psychologist with a doctorate in counseling psychology, said she would discuss with students how to openly talk about their feelings, teach them not to fear the issue when it comes up, and teach them how to get help.

"I want people to know how common suicidal thoughts are; everybody thinks or has thought about it," Farber said.

Brad Coffey, a counselor at Eastern's

Counseling Center, said there are a variety of reasons behind why students might be depressed, some of which include family dysfunction, failing a class for the first time, relationships gone bad or a connection to another mental illness.

"Sometimes students feel one predominant stressor, which they think they can't overcome and begin to feel isolated, which backs them into a corner, and they think suicide could be a solution," Coffey said.

As a counselor, Coffey said he listens to the problems of students who come to him and determines if they have the confidence to go through with a suicide plan.

"(I determine) what their level of functioning is and what support system they have," he said.

Farber said this issue is important because just about everyone knows someone who has either committed, attempted or struggled with suicidal and depressing thoughts.

"(Students) can learn skills and strategies to help friends and help themselves," Farber said.

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Transfer students deal with similar struggles as freshmen

no one program is targeted for community-college transfers only. Pearson said in the future the Transfer Relations Office is looking into developing a mentor program and honors society for transfer students.

Transfer Debut Day is a program headed by the Office of Orientation and Registration to orient all transfer students to the campus. It also gives the students an opportunity to meet with their academic advisers and register for classes, she said.

At the beginning of each semester the Transfer Relations Office sponsors a program called TREE: Transfer Relations Evening Event, Pearson said.

At the event, transfer students can go bowling, eat free pizza and win prizes. This semester's TREE event will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at the bowling lanes in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Some departments on campus said transfer students do well in their courses.

"Some of the best students in the psych department are ones that transfer from two-year colleges," said William Addison, chair of the psychology department. "More than half of psych majors are transfers, typically from community colleges."

However, some think transfer students and freshmen deal with the same problems.

"There is no specific data, but during my years here at Eastern and observing students, transfers from



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Admission Counselors Maxine Lane and Sarah Heise look over some files in the Admissions office in Old Main Wednesday afternoon.

community colleges have just about the same struggles as incoming freshmen," said Kathlene Shank, chair of the special education department. "Transfers who come in as juniors have to adjust just like freshmen."

"Although, freshmen have a longer period of time to adjust, whereas transfers have a more condensed time period."

Success for most transfer students depends partly on how well their community college prepared them.

"Some community colleges are

good about keeping transfers informed, and the students tend to do well," Shank said.

Lake Land does a transfer follow-up each year, where it tracks the students' progress since going off to a four-year institution.

Lake Land students who transfer to state universities do as well as or better than students who begin their education at the same university, according to the 2004 Transfer Follow-Up Report.

The average grade point average of

Lake Land transfer students is 2.99, an increase from last year's average of 2.94.

The average GPA for those who start at a university is 2.92, while the average GPA for all community college transfer students is 2.91, the report said.

According to Champaign-based Parkland College's transfer program follow-up study of 2004 and 2005, more students transferred on to the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and Eastern than any other

four-year institution in state or out of state.

Like Lake Land, Parkland implements programs with Eastern and other universities for its students.

"We have the Two Plus Two program agreement where students complete two years here and two years at Eastern, depending on the program of study," said Billie Mitchell, director of the Adult Re-entry Center.

Some students at Eastern also believe part of their success is because of the primary education they received at community colleges.

"Parkland helped me prepare for a four-year school," said Porsha Winfrey, a family and consumer sciences graduate student. "I feel I've done better here (at Eastern) coming from a community college because I was more serious and more mature about school than a freshman might be coming straight out of high school."

Winfrey did her undergraduate work in psychology at Eastern.

Antoinette Lockett, a technology graduate student, said she would encourage students to attend a community college first before going to a four-year school.

"Coming from a community college to a four-year school gives you an edge up," she said. "You are already familiar with the college atmosphere."

"When I came here from Kennedy King Community College in Chicago I didn't have a hard time adjusting to the college life. Kennedy King also had small class sizes just like Eastern so that made it easier to adjust, too."

Glenn Hild, chair of the art department, said there are students from community colleges who excel and then there are students who don't do so well, just like students who start at four-year schools.

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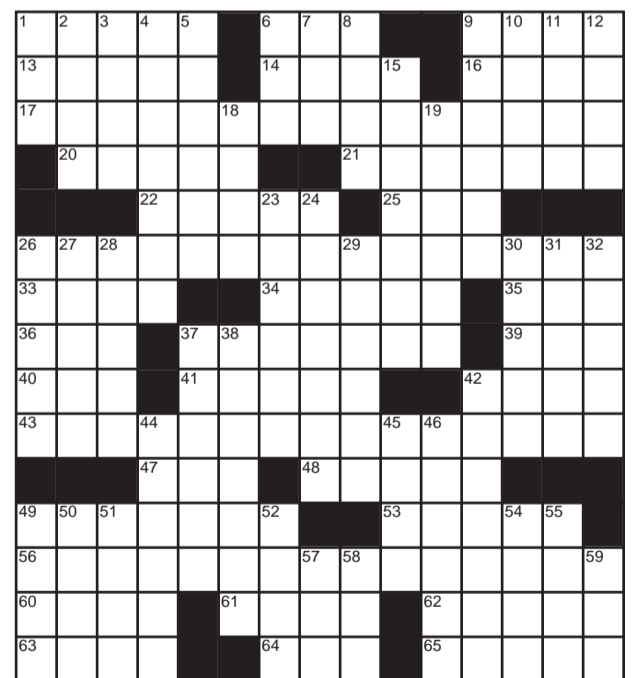
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Chris Derosa, lead singer of the Fuz, sings during Wednesday nights battle of the bands in the Grand Ballroom for Phi Kappa Alphas fundraiser for the Big Brother and Sisters Organization.

Big brothers, sisters benefit from battle of the bands

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thropy work through Big Brothers Big Sisters. "Every month we invite kids to the house to watch movies, and stuff like that," Montagano said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, a charitable organization, helps chil-

dren by providing mentors to serve as role models for them. Radio station WCBH 104.3-FM, The Party, provided the MC and three judges for the event. "We've always done public service for Big Brothers Big Sisters," said Lane Blicken, a judge for the contest. Blicken said the station is a strong supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Barack Obama wins Grammy for Best Spoken World Album

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — U.S. Sen. Barack Obama can add Grammy-award winner to his resume after winning in the Best Spoken Word category Wednesday.

Obama won for his readings of the autobiographical "Dreams From My Father," which first was published in 1995 but became a best seller as Obama became a rising political star.

Obama beat out Garrison Keillor, Al Franken, Sean Penn and George Carlin to win.

He joins fellow Democrats Hillary and Bill Clinton in grabbing the trophy. Hillary Clinton won in 1997 for her spoken word album, "It Takes a Village," and Bill Clinton won for his reading of his autobiography, "My Life."

When Obama's nomination was announced last year, his spokesman Julian Green quipped that "there is no truth to the

rumor that the senator will now go by the name "The Artist, formerly known as Barack Obama."

Obama's memoir examines race and racial identity. A recording of his 2004 Democratic National Convention keynote address is included at the end.

SIU announces accord with Justice Department over graduate fellowships

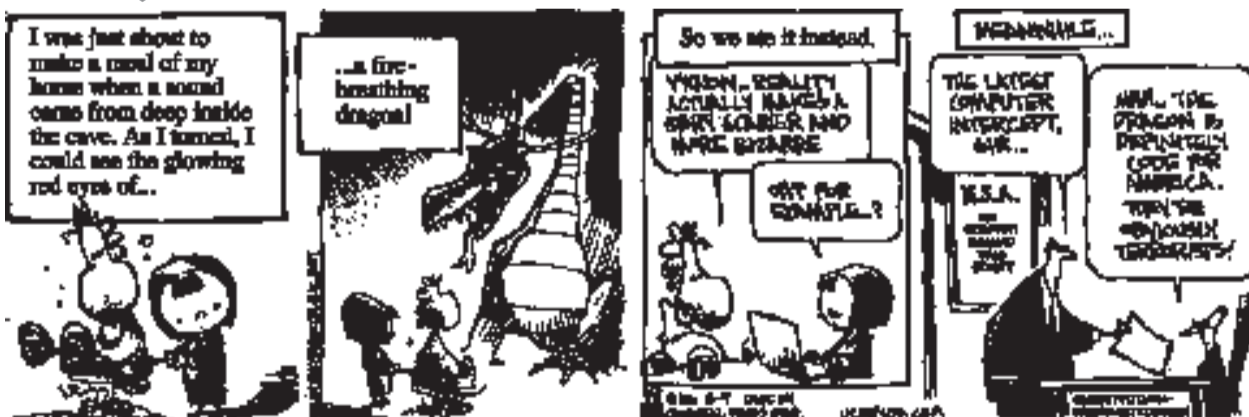
CARBONDALE — In the end, Glenn Poshard said it was a legal fight Southern Illinois University simply couldn't win.

So Wednesday the university's president got the go-ahead from SIU's board to sign off on a two-year consent decree with the Justice Department, agreeing to open to anyone three graduate fellowship programs the U.S. government considered discriminatory and illegal because they targeted women and minorities.

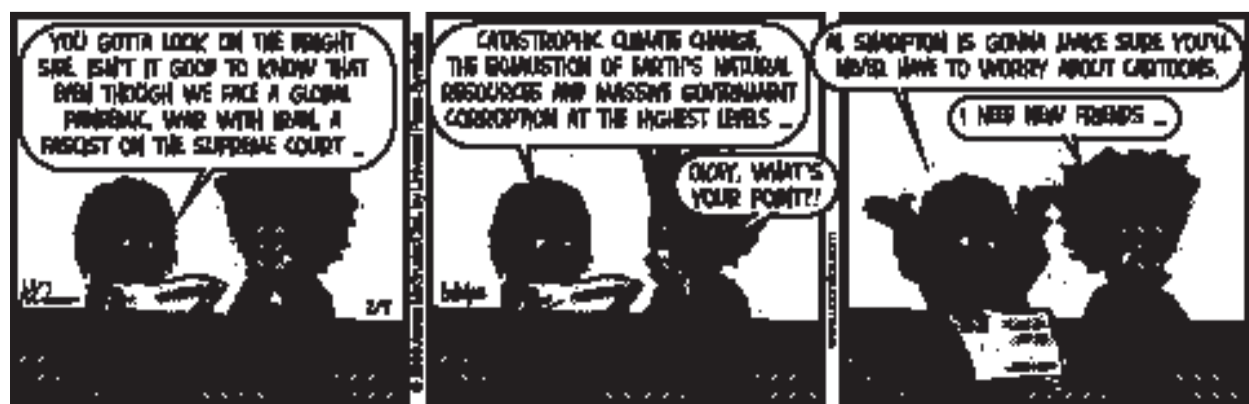
While the deal spares the school litigation the Justice Department had pledged if SIU didn't redefine who might get the financial aid, Poshard made clear the school's recruitment of student diversity would press on undaunted.

He gave would-be skeptics his word. "I know many minority groups in the past have had promises made and promises broken. I understand that," Poshard said. "But we're not going to break our promise."

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NURSING:

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Nursing still short on men

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"I have seen a rise in the

numbers of male students applying for the program," she said.

"It is a career choice, choice to nurse or not," Connerton said. "Once a male is accepted into the program, he is treated like any other student."

Connerton said males who attain a nursing degree become just as compassionate and just as good as any female nurse.

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Freshman forward Billy Parrish drives toward the hoop during a scrimmage at Tuesday's practice in Lantz Arena. The Panthers play Austin Peay at 7:35 tonight at Lantz.

MUST-WIN:

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Panthers plan on physical play

Hampton or Schlader have been the leading scorer in 13 of the last 14 games

for the Governors.

The emergence of freshman forward Kyle Duncan, this week's OVC Freshman of the Week, has given the Governors another scoring option.

"They're a team that I don't think has been up and down a lot," Miller said. "They've been pretty steady which is a

compliment to them."

In the first game between the two teams on Jan. 7, Austin Peay led throughout most of the game and held off a late Panthers' rally, winning 62-56.

Hampton and Schlader combined for 34 of those points, including 22 in the first half.

Senior guard Josh Gomes led Eastern with 25 points at Austin Peay, despite arriving 15 minutes prior to tip-off from his grandmother's funeral in Massachusetts.

The senior won't show up late for tonight's game, because he is anxious for the game to start.

"I wish we could have played (last night)," said Gomes after practice on Wednesday.

A key to shutting down Hampton will be to play physical with him, Catchings said.

"I don't think he likes to play physical," he said. "We just need to get in to him coming off screens. I think he's pretty passive when you get physical with him."

Gomes also said the team has to take advantage of playing at home.

"We're at home for three of the next five OVC games and we've just got to capitalize on that," he said. "We're not losing at home and I really believe that."

REVENGE:

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Tonight's game may determine host

Both teams are aware that the game could determine the host.

"It's really big," Haynes said. "It'd mean a whole lot to be able to host a home game."

Haynes is one of two players in the conference to average a double-double, compiling 15.8 points and 13.2 rebounds per game.

"She's the one that makes it go," Sallee said. "But they have four very good players and all of them are capable of very big nights."

Center Kellea Reeves, guard Amber Bacon and guard Sandra Hale all average more than nine points a game.

In that Jan. 7 game, Reeves scored 11 points and Bacon had 16.

"They have a bunch of players who put the ball in the basket," Galligan said.

Sparks and Lauren Sims are the two seniors who know they're running out of games and have a strong chance at hosting a tournament game for the first time in their careers.

"We have always struggled to even make the tournament," Sparks said of her previous Panther teams. "(Sims and I) are probably the most motivated people on the this team."

With the teams matching up evenly, Sallee doesn't expect either team to run away with this.

"Hopefully we'll have the ball on the last possession this time," he said. "It'll probably come down to that."

CORRENTI:

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Where are the Crazies?

While the likes of Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech have been at the top of the OVC for years, the Panthers are relative

newcomers.

Their roster shows their newness as they start three freshmen, none of which are undeserving.

Center Rachel Galligan is the real deal in the paint if she can keep out of foul trouble.

Ellen Canale and Lauren Sims remain the team's unofficial scrappers, and Megan Edwards has become a do-it-all point

guard.

Still, through all this, it doesn't seem like anyone notices.

It takes a while for people to notice a women's basketball team.

The Cameron Crazies were going wild in Duke's win over Tennessee earlier this year.



And J.J. Redick wasn't dropping in 3-pointers. Instead it was Lindsey Harding doing the dam-

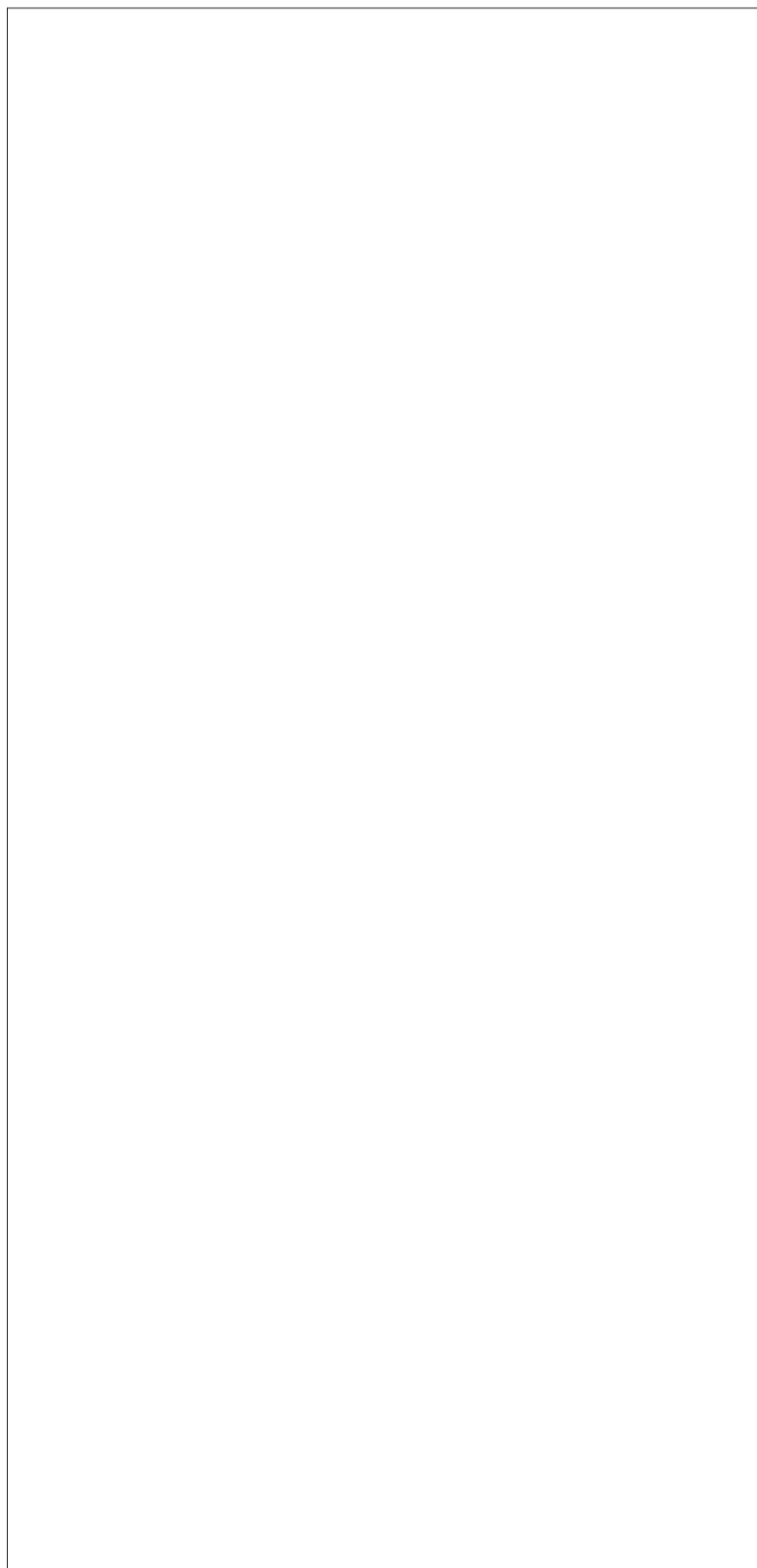
age and inciting the home crowd.

It's not every day Eastern has a basketball team with tournament aspirations.


It's time for the people to take notice.

Marc Correnti is a junior journalism major. If you think he's a do-it-all reporter, tell him at EIU3583@yahoo.com.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Partial team goes to Iowa

By KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

More than 40 women make up Eastern's women's track and field team. So why are only a handful making the trip to Iowa this weekend for the two-day Iowa State Classic?

"A lot of the freshman are tired," said women's head coach Mary Wallace.

She explained the squad traveling will be small this weekend because the team has a long season and some of the girls need a break.

Long jumpers, high jumpers and throwers will not make the trip. There will be one hurdler, sophomore Shannon McDougall, and one sprinter, freshman Violet Nwordu. Junior Nicolene Galas will be pole-vaulting solo this weekend leaving the other seven seats to long and middle distance runners.

The team will use the weekend to practice and rest for next week's meet at Lantz Fieldhouse and the conference championships on Feb. 24-25.

The Iowa State Classic has opening heights and minimum distances for the field events that have been out of reach for Panthers.

Athletes have to throw at least 48 feet to be measured in weight throw. Junior Erin Stein has the longest throw by Eastern with a throw of 48-1 3/4 at the Early Bird Meet on Dec. 10 at Lantz.

The minimum jumps to qualify for long and triple jump are 17 and 36 feet, respectively, which are near the peak of Eastern's jumps this year. The meet will benefit the distance runners.

"This will give the long- and middle-distance ladies a great opportunity to get into a quick race and run some good times," said Wallace.



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Sophomore distance runner Mallory Fellers paces herself during the one-mile run finals, in which she finished 6th with a time of 5:22.18. The indoor track teams are competing at Iowa State this weekend.

Last week's meet at Indiana had more than 1,000 athletes. This meet will make last week's meet look tiny, Wallace said.

"It's not uncommon for West Coast schools to show up, along with teams from the Midwest and South," she said.

Wallace points out that it is hard to run a good race when there are only a handful of competitors, and they are all spread out.

For senior distance runner Amanda Schutte, this meet is a chance to fix her 5K performance.

She said last weekend she was not mentally in the race and hopes to work on her pacing.

Senior Angie Simone will also be running the 5K in this weekend's meet.

McDougall hopes to compete up to her usual standards this weekend.

"I'm not where I think I should be this time in the season," she said. "I feel I can still improve."

Eastern's tennis head coach John Blackburn is confident his teams are regaining their swagger.

"I think everybody is improving," he said. "The more and more matches we play they better we get."

The Panthers will try to put their losses last weekend behind them when they travel to Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne at 2 p.m. Friday.

"Fort Wayne we have played over the years," junior Brandon Lenfert said. "They are a quality opponent but Marquette was one of the tougher teams on our schedule this season. If we come out and play mentally and physically tough, we should be okay this weekend."

Eastern will not be squaring off against just IPFW.

The Panthers will be joined by Lipscomb, Saint Francis (Penn.) and Detroit-Mercy at the Pine Ridge Racquet Club for the weekend meet.

Detroit-Mercy doesn't have a men's program so the women will have one more match than the men.

IPFW is the only team of the group that the Panthers have played before, so coach Blackburn has been doing his homework.

"Lipscomb is probably every bit as good as Marquette on paper," Blackburn said. "They will be the best of those opponents we will face."

Sophomore Sandra Sasidharan is coming off an impressive performance Monday night at NIU. She will take on top competition from the other schools.

"I think Sandra against the other top girls should be very exciting,"

TENNIS

Eastern battles fatigue, opponents this weekend

By JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

Blackburn said. "They are very talented and experienced girls, so it should be a good challenge for her."

The major issue this weekend might not be the level of competition. The Panthers will also be battling fatigue this weekend.

Both the men and women will be playing many matches in a short period of time.

Two of the men, sophomore Chris Thomas and junior Ryan Blankenbaker, could be limited to doubles play.

They have been dealing with knee soreness this week. While singles play earns more team points, it is much more rigorous and intense on the knee.

Regardless of the obstacles his teams are facing, coach Blackburn is optimistic.

"We should be in a good position to compete well in all our matches this weekend," he said.

Eastern opponents Saturday

◆ Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne



◆ Saint Francis (Penn.)



◆ Lipscomb University



◆ Women also play Detroit-Mercy

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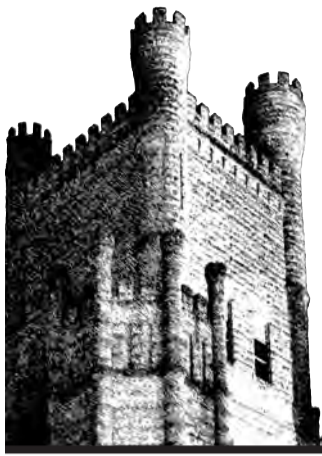
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	M-BASKETBALL VS. AUSTIN PEAY	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	TRACK AND FIELD AT IOWA STATE	All Day
	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS AT IPFW	2 p.m.
SATURDAY	WRESTLING AT SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	1 p.m.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern sizes up 'huge game'

Panthers have revenge, conference tournament on their minds

BY MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

In the preseason Ohio Valley Conference coaches' poll, Eastern was picked to finish 10th and Austin Peay was picked to finish last in the 11-team conference.

Two-thirds of the way into the conference season, the teams are playing a game that could determine who will host a conference tournament game.

"It's a neat game because of that," Eastern's head coach Brady Sallee said. "Both teams have proved a lot of people wrong. Both coaches are happy where we're at."

The Panthers started the season strong and led the Lady Gavs by two games when they went to Clarksville, Tenn., on Jan. 7.

Austin Peay was in the middle of a six-game winning streak.

When forward Ashley Haynes hit a game-winning jumper at the buzzer, Eastern was just one game ahead of the Lady Gavs with 14 games remaining. Eight games later, they are still in the same position.

The Panthers' (10-12, 9-5 OVC) game against Austin Peay at 5:15 tonight has turned into one of the most important games of the season.

"It's a huge game," freshman center Rachel Galligan said. "With them beating us on a last-second shot, we don't want that to happen again. We have a lot of pride."

A win would give them a two-game lead on the Lady Gavs with five games remaining in the race to get the No. 4 seed and host a conference tournament game. It would be the first home OVC tournament game for the Panthers since joining the OVC in the 1996-97 season.

"It is crucial to host a first-round game," senior



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman center Rachel Galligan warms up by shooting free throws before Wednesday afternoon's practice in Lantz Arena. She earned her second conference freshman of the week award this season.

guard Megan Sparks said.

If the Panthers lose, they would drop into a tie with Austin Peay (11-10, 8-6) with the Lady Gavs holding the tiebreaker.

"This one game makes a big difference," Sallee said.

"We need to beat them so we have a split with them."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers try to delay elimination

Panthers fighting for final OVC tourney spot

BY MAIT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

With five Ohio Valley Conference games and one non-conference game left on the schedule, Eastern head coach Mike Miller is treating tonight's game at Lantz Arena against Austin Peay like any other game.

"I think it's like every game that we've played this year," I

don't want them thinking about how they're going to feel after the game. All I want them thinking about is the first play of the game and the preparation that has gone into that first play of the game."

But the difference with the game against the Governors is that a loss almost mathematically eliminates Eastern from the OVC tournament. Sitting two-and-a-half games behind Tennessee-Martin for eighth place and the final spot in the tournament heading into tonight's game, sophomore guard Bobby Catchings said this game is "huge."

"We've got to win all (the remaining) games to have a chance at the tournament," he said. "We've got to try and go 6-0 the rest of the sea-

son."

Recovering from a 24-hour stomach virus is freshman point guard Mike Robinson, who did not practice Tuesday. He was back on the practice floor Wednesday and Miller said he will monitor how Robinson's physical condition is throughout the game.

"It might be something where we have to rest him a bit more than what we have," Miller said.

How Eastern (5-16, 4-11 OVC) feels as a team after tonight's game is largely dependent on containing the Governors' two senior starters.

Guard Maurice Hampton and center Zac Schlader form a potent 1-2 combination that has led Austin Peay (13-11, 8-7) all season.

	
Austin Peay (13-11, 8-7)	Eastern Illinois (5-16, 4-11)
Last game 70-63 W vs. Tennessee State	Last game 58-55 L at Samford
Leading Scorer F Maurice Hampton 16.5 ppg	Leading Scorer G Josh Gomes 15.0 ppg

"Like most teams, you need your best players to play their best and they've been pretty consistent for them," Miller said.

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THE SIXTH MAN
MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

Take notice: Panthers are for real

Tonight's women's game may be one of the biggest games in the history of Lantz Arena.

Although that might sound like an overstatement, it's not.

When you consider the circumstances and the risks and rewards that come with tonight's game against Austin Peay, it can't be measured.

The Panthers are seeking their 10th conference win and their 11th overall, while trying to hold on to third place.

In last Saturday's statement victory over Samford, Eastern coach Brady Sallee said that the buzz around his team is getting bigger.

In fact, he said the excitement was being felt all the way up here in Charleston.

If that's the case, then the students aren't noticing.

The Panthers rank ninth in home attendance in the 11-team Ohio Valley Conference.

It's conceivable to think that the women's team will never overtake the men's team as the school's most popular basketball team.

But you would think some more people would take notice of a team on the brink of hosting its first home conference tournament game ever.

With a win tonight, the Panthers will clinch their first 10-win season since 1997-98.

It's something that should be noticed, but it remains to be seen if it will.

It's been said that fans come to see winners, but why are the Chicago Bulls ranked second in attendance?

Another reason for tonight being a big game is the chance for a home tournament game on Feb. 28.

The top four teams in the OVC receive a home game in the opening round of the conference tournament.

If the tournament were to start today, the Panthers would open at home against Eastern Kentucky—a team EIU swept this season.

The Panthers are undoubtedly a different team at Lantz Arena than any other place. At home, EIU averages 75.1 points per game. On the road, they average 63.9 points per game.

Eastern has also won six games in a row at home, a reason for Sallee and the Panthers to get excited about a home playoff game.

It's true that Eastern doesn't have a great rebounding team, but seems to be getting better as it has won the last two games on the boards.

But one thing Eastern does have is the unknown.

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