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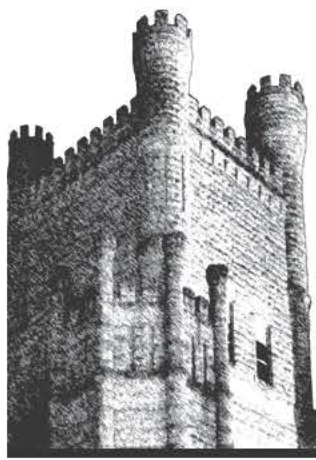
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Eastern 'extraordinarily fortunate' to possess rare Hubble image

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Eastern is one of 72 institutions in the world to own a copy of the image of Orion Nebula taken by the Hubble Space Telescope.

Eastern unveiled the image last Wednesday after announcing that it would receive a copy in December of 2005.

C. Robert O'Dell of Rice University in Houston began observing the nebula in 1994 to discover the process, which created the Sun, according to www.Hubblesite.org.

David Linton of the Physics Department at Eastern said he acquired the image through professional contacts he has maintained through the years.

"I heard an announcement that the opportunity would take place, and I checked the guidelines to see if Eastern would qualify," Linton said. "If we did, we planned to do some informal science educating the public outside the classroom and Dr. (Jim) Conwell and Dr. Storm agreed to this. We went ahead to ask to be a part of the program."

Eastern is one of three places in Illinois to own a copy of the image. The image is also in Peoria as well as the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

"It's the most extremely detailed photograph of its kind that's ever been taken or that exists anywhere in the world," Linton said.

The image shows how other planetary systems are being born 1500 light years away beyond our solar system. Through the photograph and through other evidence, people can tell this is where planetary systems are coming into existence.

The image is 4 feet by 4 feet and 1 billion pixels. It's a mosaic of 104 separate images taken by the Hubble Space Telescope pieced together seamlessly.

The nebula is a big ball of gas creating gas and creating stars, said Conwell, a member of the Physics Department. The image has 3,000 stars containing some features that have never been seen before, like binary bound dwarfs, which are a new discovery contained within the image.

Visitors on and off campus have been spotted at the Physical Science Building trying to get a



PHOTO FROM [HTTP://HUBBLESITE.ORG](http://HUBBLESITE.ORG)

glimpse of the image as soon as it was put on display.

Linton said this image shows the level of visual research that is available now at the cutting edge of astronomy via the Hubble Space Telescope.

Because of this, he feels the image brings the research much closer to home for students.

Geri Kivior, a junior biology major, is proud of

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Smokers try program to help quit

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Starting tonight, "Freedom From Smoking" will meet every Tuesday for the next eight weeks to help smokers quit.

During the program, smokers will learn things they can do to help quit smoking and different ideas of how to quit.

"It's not only a support group, but also behavioral management," said Lisa Black, health educator and nurse at the Coles County Health Department.

The first four weeks of the class, smokers learn different tips and how to try to stay out of situations that involve smoking or other smokers.

"They might have to not see friends for awhile to help themselves quit smoking," Black said.

The fourth meeting is called "quit night." Here the group quits and meets two days later to help each other out since it is one of the hardest weeks, Black said.

Things that can cause people to smoke are stress or the idea that it will help one lose weight. The program will teach smokers different alternatives to do instead of smoking in these situations.

Nick Volek, a junior sociology major, has never decided to quit smoking because he knows he would never be able to at this stage of his life.

"Stress makes me smoke and school is a big cause of my stress," Volek said. "So until I am out of school, I don't see myself quitting."

To help people cope with their stress, Black advises planning ahead. If a student has a test coming up and

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Center offers help to women

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Tucked in the basement of Stevenson Hall is a center that caters to female students and exists to help them with any problems they may have.

The Women's Resource Center is run by the women's studies minor and is available to assist students and answer their questions.

The center holds a collection of books and videos for students in the minor or any related class to help them with their studies. Also, there is a bulletin board in the center that announces grants and job opportunities that the center is notified about, said Jennifer Shupe, office manager for the center.

"We can help women find childcare or legal



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Jennifer Shupe, officer manager of the Women's Resource Center and Tenisha Oliver, who started working at the center on Tuesday stand by the WRC's library. "We're trying to get the resource center accessible to everyone," Shupe said.

problems or whatever problems they may have," she said. "If we can't help them, we can refer them to help."

Recent research by faculty members Linda

Coleman and Ruth Hoberman in the women's studies department shows that the center was originally opened between 1981 and 1982. The center was originally staffed by faculty members,

students and community members.

The first location for the center was in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union near where the food court is now located. The center provided videotapes and books for students, as it still does now, and also acted as a meeting place for community and university members.

The center was eventually moved to its new location in the basement of Stevenson Hall a few years ago.

Penka Skachkova, the director of the women's studies minor and the resource center, said that the center has always been an asset to Eastern.

"It is a great and one-of-a-kind place," she said.

The resource center was recently restaffed and now has one full-time worker. Shupe is now the office manager of the resource center and Skachkova said she hopes the position will become permanent.

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Even though the semester is in its second week, Lauren Watkins, a junior middle level education major, gets ahead by taking notes from her text book in the Ballenger Teachers' Center in Booth Library.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Student loans under the budget knife

BY COLLIN LEIGHT
NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB- As many Americans this December debated whether or not to say, "Merry Christmas" versus "Happy Holidays," the U.S. Congress spent the season debating a deficit-reduction bill.

The bill will reduce the number of student loans available and also will reduce the amount that remaining loans are offered for.

The main purpose of the bill was to reduce the Department of Defense budget, but it also would cut \$12.7 billion from the Department of Education budget.

Many of the changes were made because of the Higher Education Act, which provides financial assistance to students in postsecondary and higher education.

The House passed the bill only a few days before Christmas, but Democrats halted its passage in the Senate.

An edited version is on its way

back to the House for approval. It is expected to pass Congress and be signed into law by President Bush in early February.

Missouri employee fired over fraud allegations

COLUMBIA - A former University of Missouri employee was fired last month and faces criminal charges after he bought a big-screen television, a custom shower door and a shower base using a university credit card, police and university officials said.

Robert Osman, former assistant director of recreational services, was charged Dec. 30 with three counts of fraudulent use of a credit/debit device after MU officials said he misused his university-funded procurement card. University employees and student organizations commonly use the cards, dubbed pro-cards, to buy goods needed for university business.

Osman, who pleaded not guilty to the charges, was responsible for pur-

chasing many supplies for the new \$49 million Student Recreation Complex during the time the alleged misuse occurred.

State lawmakers meet with SIU president

CARBONDALE- Rep. Kirk Dillard knew to call his alma mater, Western Illinois University, when he heard Glenn Poshard was coming back to Springfield, Ill. as an advocate for higher education.

"I told them to ride in Glenn Poshard's wake," said Dillard (R-Naperville). "I know Glenn Poshard will advocate hard for higher education and everyone will benefit."

Poshard, Southern Illinois University's new president who started his job Jan. 1, visited the Legislature last week for the first time in his new position to begin the slow process the University hopes will direct more state money to the system.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said Poshard pushed for money for new buildings and faculty salaries and for restoring general funding increases to higher education, which have remained flat since 2002.

On Wednesday, Gross shuttled Poshard from one office to the next to help him rekindle friendships he

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers what is the worst part about the first week of school.

- A) The moving in process
- B) Stepping foot in the classroom again
- C) Dealing with all the drunk people
- D) Nothing, the first week of school is the easiest

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Ex-Trek captain sells kidney stone

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LOS ANGELES - An online casino has a piece of Capt. Kirk. Actor William Shatner has sold his kidney stone for \$25,000, with the money going to a housing charity, it was announced Tuesday. Shatner reached agreement

Monday to sell the stone to GoldenPalace.com.

"This takes organ donors to a new height, to a new low, maybe. How much is a piece of me worth?" he said in a telephone interview.

GoldenPalace.com is noted for its collection of oddities, which includes a partially eaten cheese sandwich

thought to contain the image of the Virgin Mary.

"This is a bold new addition to our fleet," GoldenPalace.com Chief Executive Officer Richard Rowe said in a statement.

The money will go to Habitat for Humanity, which builds houses for the needy.



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FACULTY LOOKS TO MOVE IN

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Faculty and staff members whose majors and departments were housed in Blair Hall are feeling the strain of not having all of their classes and offices in the same building as they wait for the anticipated completion of the building.

While work is being finished on the building, the workers who have been displaced are spending their last few months in temporary locations.

Sociology professor Lisa New Freeland is experiencing the downside to being in a temporary location. She, like many professors, has classes in many different classrooms all across campus.

"It's difficult, having to carry all your things to all your classes," she said. "Especially if you have classes back-to-back you have to carry a lot of stuff."

Another problem New Freeland faces is the uncertainty of what awaits her in each of her classrooms.

"You don't know what the technology is going to be like," she said. "We have everything on overhead and CD."

New Freeland and the rest of the Sociology Department have their offices in the former dining hall area in Pemberton Hall. The office area is comprised of a series of cubicles, giving faculty members little space and privacy.

"(Our) department faculty is good; we haven't had any problems," New



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Charles Nivens, faculty member of the art department, sits in his office at Art Park West. Several other departments are also spread throughout campus, but not all are in the pre-fabricated offices like Art Park West.

Freeland said. "It is difficult to work (in the cubicles).

"You have no office, no doors. Everyone can hear this conversation."

Mona Davenport and the staff of Minority Affairs are not having as many problems with the temporary location as some other faculty members.

"We have had no problems," she said. "(Our location was) in the paper, there were signs and it was in the faculty newsletter."

Davenport, who was only at Eastern a short time before the Blair Hall fire, said that the university has been helpful to the departments that were relocated and has

let them be a part of the planning for the new interior of the new building.

Even though she has not experienced many problems since the fire, Davenport said she is eager to return to the Minority Affairs Office in Blair Hall.

"It's time to go home," she said. New Freeland is also ready to return

to Blair Hall and not have to worry about technology in different rooms, keeping track of numerous keys and running all over campus.

"(I'm looking forward to) being able to have offices and teach in one building again," she said.

Blair Hall, the third-oldest building on campus, was damaged by a fire on April 28, 2004. Since that time construction crews have worked to repair the building and to add additional space.

According to the Blair Hall update on the Facilities Planning and Management Web site, <http://www.eiu.edu/~physplnt/blair.html>, construction of the building included replacing the roof, removing asbestos and the installing a sprinkler system, which the building did not have at the time of the fire.

According to the site, 75 windows for the addition had arrived and 75 percent of them had been installed as of Jan. 6.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, told the Faculty Senate at its meeting last week that work is supposed to be done on the building in the middle of February. After that, Eastern will start putting furniture in the classrooms and offices.

Lord said that Eastern is planning to move departments back into Blair Hall over spring break.

Librarians help students to use computer resources

Workshop shows how to operate and understand library reference databases

By MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Trying to find information in Booth Library can be a difficult task for someone who is unfamiliar with the multi-level complex.

That's why Booth librarians host workshops called Find Information Fast, designed to help students increase their familiarity with library resources.

Carl Lorber, head of library reference, said

these workshops provide assistance for finding books and teach students how to utilize the library's databases.

"This is good for students who have anxiety about library use," Lorber said.

Participants will learn how to limit their searches and evaluate sources.

The library can be an intimidating place for someone who hasn't had a lot of experience at one, Lorber said.

If students have any questions or are confused about any of the points made at the

workshop, they can make an appointment with a librarian to get a hands-on feel for the building and all it has to offer, Lorber said.

Karen Whisler, head of library collection development, said the workshop is very useful and can help students understand the database the library has.

"We have over 100 databases which all do something different," Whisler said.

Learning how to use these databases to students' advantages can cut down on the amount of time spent on researching at the library, Whisler added.

Lorber also said if the number of attendees is small, the mentor of the workshop will show students how to use the databases

specifically for their majors.

Since all the databases look similar, these workshops are a good way for students to learn how to use them to their expertise, Whisler said.

"We're happy to teach it to the students, and it's a good way to become a research expert," she said.

Find Information Fast will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. today and 7 p.m. tomorrow in Booth Library Room 4450.

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COMMENTARY



DAVID THILL
VERGE EDITOR

SIT DOWN, YOU'RE ROCKING THE VOTE

I get so tired of hearing time after time just how much these big city kids can't stand to live in this quaint, little burg. And I understand how difficult it can be to spend the most formative years of your life here, growing up a teenager surrounded by corn.

In my day (which, admittedly, was about three days ago) if we had a problem, we worked on a way to fix it.

Apparently that philosophy has fallen along the wayside like chivalry, the evening newspaper and the blimp. And I have fixed it.

Eastern students gripe about the lack of things to do around Charleston. They moan about how far one has to go to do any real shopping and they complain about any number of other things under the sun. But I have the solution.

There are roughly 12,500 students at Eastern, including graduate students.

There are about 10,400 people who live in Charleston that do not attend Eastern.

What am I suggesting? No, not an all out, no holds barred battle royale.

Last year, barely 1,000 registered voters turned out to decide just who would sit on the Charleston City Council. That is one-tenth of the population showing up to show just how little Charlestonians care about politics.

It doesn't take a former high school scholastic bowl team captain to figure out that Eastern students have the area natives outnumbered and that said natives care very little to vote.

Eastern students spend about nine months out of the year taking up residence in Charleston. Why not register as a voter right here in Coles County, rally the troops and take over the town?

That's right; rule this town with an iron panther paw.

Some nay-sayers might point out that a town run politically by college students would end up looking more like a post-Apocalyptic, beyond-Thunderdome type of wasteland than a Shangri-La of collegiate life but that will be left for history to decide.

But the point is that it is possible. Of those 10,000-plus Charleston residents, at least 25 percent of them have to be under the legal voting age and if last year's turnout is any indication, Eastern students would have no trouble voting in their elected official of choice.

Or how about this for an option: perhaps an over-zealous member of the Student Senate (you know who you are) could actually run for office here in Chucktown?

Perhaps Mayor Berger (Andrew or Ryan, whichever you choose to vote for)? Maybe Councilman Anderson? Director of Waste Management Lacy? Sheriff Collier?

The possibilities are endless. Want more bars? Make it happen. Need a big-time shopping center? See what you can do. I mean, see what you can actually, and realistically do. I bet it is more than you think.

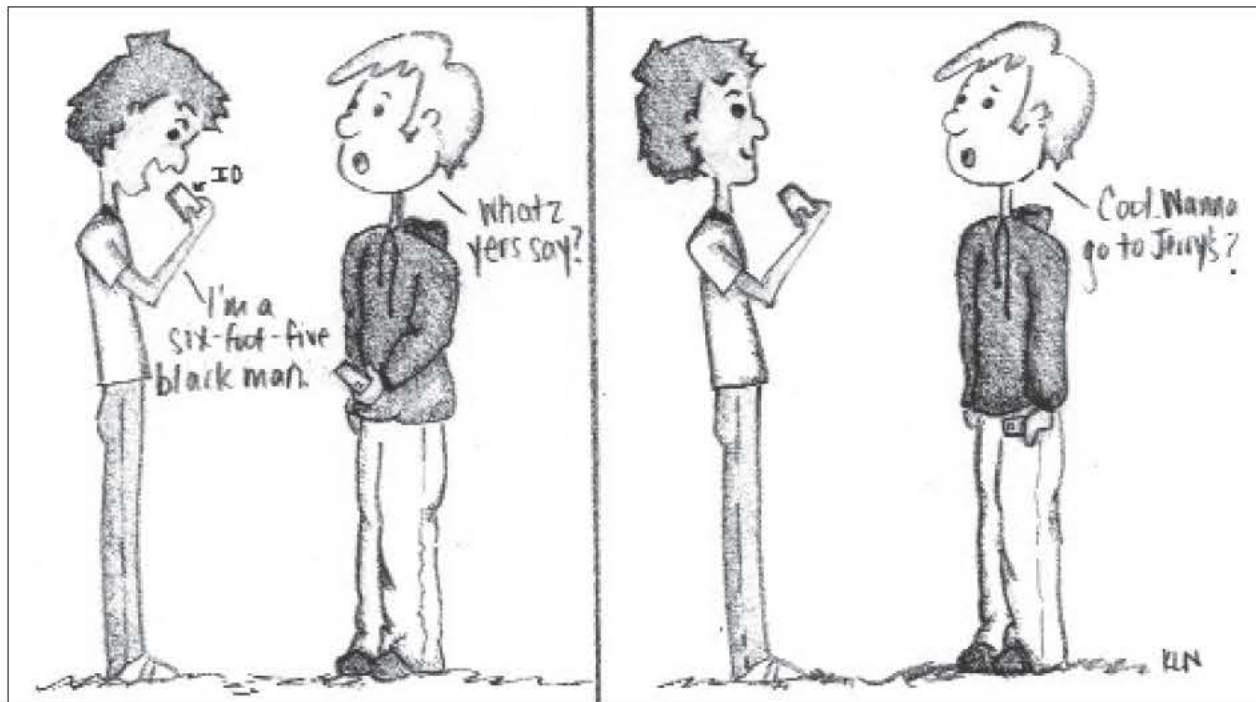
But even if a member of Student Government refuses to run for office, that doesn't mean there aren't new, different candidates every year for students to pick from. Last year's ballot for city council had 11 names to choose from to fill four seats. That spells options. There must be someone Eastern students can connect with.

The point is, the next time you, a student, feels like griping about Eastern, just remember instead of taking that next gulp of the beer-bong you could be coming up with a way to change things. Nothing remains static forever unless people allow it to.

Fight the powers that be. Rock the boat. And vote Thill for Mayor.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KYLA NANCE



EDITORIAL

Fake-ID use could be decreased

Last week in *The Daily Eastern News*, some bar owners admitted that the use of fake ID's in Charleston is a problem dealt with by the bars on a regular basis.

Mike Knoop, owner of Roc's Black Front, admitted that it was a problem in town and even said that just about anybody could have one if they had access to certain computer programming.

But the problem with the use of fake ID's around Charleston may not be with the availability of them, because underage kids will more than likely attempt to try and sneak around the system, but with how those people are dealt with once they make the attempt.

The solution to the problem, according to the bar owners and managers interviewed in Friday's story in *The DEN*, is based around checking ID's and recording the use of ID's so they can't be used again.

While this may stop some students who get caught in the future, those that go unpunished would be more likely to keep trying to get into bars and drink alcoholic beverages until they are caught.

But one way that may better keep underage people away from bars would be a bit of humiliation instead of just sticking to the technicalities.

Take for example a place that serves alcohol in Collinsville called Wild Country. The owner, Mike Major, admits underage people into the building but heavily stamps and uses other forms of identification to make sure bartenders know not to serve these people

At issue

The constant problem of fake ID use at Charleston bars.

Our stance

While most bars take several measures to assure underage drinkers don't enter the bar, there is more that can be done to stop the problem. Bars should work out a way to make sure underage drinkers don't try to sneak in or a way to make sure they won't return if they do try to get in. With a little more work, the fake ID use could be decreased.

alcohol.

But if one were to be caught trying to get a drink while being under the legal age while at Wild Country, the place shuts off the music, locks a spotlight on that person and begins to play a continuing version of the song "nah nah, nah nah, nah nah nah nah, hey hey hey, good bye."

"Because drinking underage is mostly a peer pressure thing, we believe that a little embarrassment will cause some people who aren't of age to think twice about what they are doing," Major said.

For the 10 years the bar has been open they have used this policy and have garnered a reputation of being tough on underage drinking for their area.

Maybe something like this at bars in Charleston will also make some students who are not of the legal age to drink alcohol think twice about what they are going to attempt.

This is something, however, that would affect business at certain bars. But Major believes the problems that come with allowing some underage drinkers in to a bar can be much worse than turning away a little business.

"Using this policy was strictly a business decision," he said. "We wanted, as a business, to stay away from any situation that we could be fined for or otherwise punished. Being tough on underage drinkers is better than finding trouble somewhere down the road."

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

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City Council approves lighting for Fourth Street

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

The Charleston City Council approved an agreement with AmerenCIPS to install new lights on Fourth Street during Tuesday night's city council meeting after a 90-day trial run with four new streetlights at Fourth Street and Grant Avenue.

The new lights, being used on Fourth Street from Lincoln Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue, are brighter and make the street clearer, said Mayor John Inyart. "It will cost a little more, but will be worth it."

The city council also approved an agreement for additional contract street lighting in Briarwood Subdivision. The subdivision was built before it was mandatory for contractors to include streetlights.

"Over the next two to four years, we intend on installing lights in other subdivisions we have found (that lack lighting)," Inyart said.

The council approved releasing closed session meetings minutes and destruction of audio and video recording, which are reviewed and released every six months.

To help the Tree Commission get started making Charleston more green, the council approved an agreement with ABM Farms, which includes removing three to four acres for the Tree Commission to

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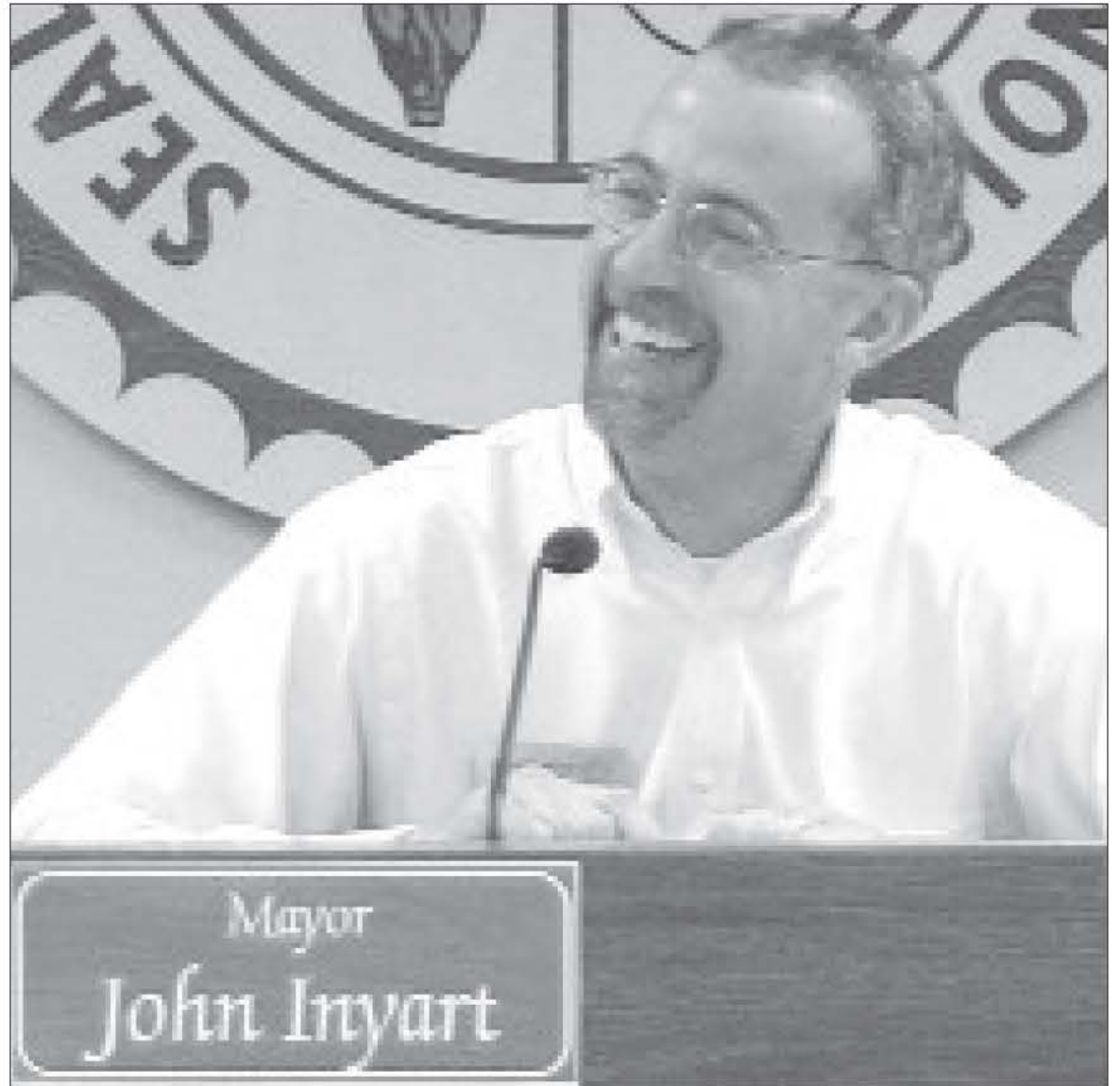
JOHN INYART, MAYOR OF CHARLESTON

use for planting trees for future transplants.

"The Tree Commission has been moving fast already having its second meeting," council member Lorelei Sims said. "They are doing a great job helping make Charleston beautiful."

The council also approved a resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2005 to pay debt service on general obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds and Swimming Pool Facility Repairs and Improvements Bonds. Instead, user fees and General Funds Revenue will pay them off.

The city council also addressed and approved a janitorial contract renewal with Excel Carpet Care and a raffle permit for Team Fierce Volleyball Club.



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston Mayor John Inyart was up in spirit during Tuesday night's meeting which approved funds for municipal improvements.

FOUR POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED ON STUDENT SENATE

By LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will seat four senate members, senate secretary, senate representative and approve four students as non-senate members to contribute to the Tuition and Fee Review Committee at tonight's meeting.

Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson said 19 students applied for four open senate member positions.

"(We) went through the application process and chose the top applicants," Anderson said. "I interviewed them and other senators, and executive board members were

there as well."

Anderson said he asked the applicants questions on what they want to do to expand Student Government and serve the student body, identifying their strengths and weaknesses, their teamwork skills and what specific part on campus they would like to improve on this semester.

Anderson said academics played a part in the decision.

"I looked at who had the most motivation to serve and people who are well-rounded," Anderson said. "Someone with strong academics as well as involvement on campus was an important factor."

Anderson said the four open spots were a result of certain senate members not returning for one reason or another.

"Two senators resigned, the former speaker Adam Howell resigned and one senator didn't make the grade requirement to stay on senate," Anderson said.

Anderson said he believes he picked a diverse group that will serve the students of Eastern's campus well.

"(They) come from so many parts of campus," Anderson said. "They all have separate ideas that they will be able to bring to senate. Three of them are people that previously served who weren't elected again, and one is a

transfer student who served on his last school's student government."

Committee chairs will also give reports on upcoming projects and ideas for the semester. Each chair has submitted their first few projects that are in the works in the new Senate Project Progress Form, started by Anderson. These forms will serve as a guide to keep committee chairs on task and also provide information to other senate members on what projects are available for them to contribute to.

The senate will meet at tonight at 7 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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Sen. Lott says he's running for re-election again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASCAGOULA, Miss.— Ending months of speculation, Sen. Trent Lott announced Tuesday that he will run for a fourth term this year, saying Mississippi "is hurting and needs help."

The 64-year-old Republican told a hometown crowd he wants to continue working on federal issues related to the state's recovery from Hurricane Katrina, saying now is not the time to consider leaving the Senate.

"I want you to know that as long as Mississippi is hurting and needs help, I'll be there for this state if the people will allow me to," said Lott, whose beachside house was destroyed by Katrina on Aug. 29.

The former Senate majority leader lost his position in December 2002 after saying at Sen. Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party that the country "wouldn't have had all these problems over the years" if it had elected Thurmond president in 1948. Thurmond was a strong segregationist at the time.

Lott has hinted that he might seek another leadership position.

In an interview Tuesday on MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews," Lott didn't rule out challenging Majority Whip Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., for the GOP leader's post in the Senate when Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., steps down next January.

"I'm not inclined to challenge him but, you know, who knows what the situation will be a year from now or three years from now," Lott said.

Lott was first elected to the U.S. House in 1972 and to the Senate in 1988. He won the 2000 election with 66 percent of the vote.

Lott said he had talked with family and friends before deciding to run and weighed the hurricane's toll on his personal finances.



KNIGHT-RIDDER PHOTO

U.S. Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) announces, during a press conference at the LaFont Inn in Pascagoula, Miss. on Tuesday, he will seek re-election next year. Lott had indicated that he may leave the Senate in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, but instead said he would stay so he could continue to help in the rebuilding process from his position in Washington.

Lott also said people from the around the state asked him to run again. "I haven't lost my zeal for the fight," he said.

Lott has been in Washington for 37 years as a staff member, a congressman and a senator. "But you know, I've enjoyed every minute of

it," he said earlier this month.

Republicans hold 55 seats in the Senate, Democrats hold 44 and an independent who leans toward Democrats holds the other.

Party primaries are June 6. The general election is Nov. 7.

"He's someone doing a great job representing the people of Mississippi," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said in Washington.

"And the president will fully support him in his re-election and looks forward to continuing to work with him in the future," he added.

Mississippi Democratic Party chairman Wayne Dowdy, a former congressman who opposed Lott in the 1988 Senate election, said Lott's decision to seek re-election will not dissuade Democrats from running.

"The Democratic Party will have a nominee, and we will force Sen. Lott to answer for his record in Washington," Dowdy said in a statement.

State Rep. Erik Fleming has already announced his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

Fleming said Lott "can now explain on the campaign trail why Mississippi is in the same shape it was in 1988. ... He can explain why our beloved state is still the poorest in the nation, with the lowest median income in the country and over 25 percent of its population in poverty."

Lott was Senate majority leader from 1996 until 2001, when Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont left the GOP to become an independent, tipping control of the Senate to the Democrats.

Lott's title switched to minority leader. After the GOP fared well in the 2002 elections he was slated to become majority leader again until his comments about Thurmond.

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the new addition.

"It's really outstanding that Eastern of all places has a copy of the image

because it shows everyone how important our school is and how deserving our school is to have something this big," Kivior said.

Conwell encourages people to attend astronomy club meetings at 8

p.m. Wednesdays in the Physical Science Building.

He is preparing for a public viewing on Jan. 27 during which will allow people to see the actual Orion Nebula at Eastern's planetarium.

Mary Anne Hanner, the dean of the college of sciences, said the image

represents the advancements of science in many ways.

"It depicts the solar system and things we never imagined we could view," she said. "We were delighted to have it at the department of the science building."

Linton said he felt extraordinarily

fortunate to receive the image.

"I'm happy for our students, I knew something as high profile as the Hubble Space Telescope is very lucky," he said. "You can see a photo online, but to see something the quality of this print is very rare for a student, and I hope they feel fortunate."

QUIT:

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Kicking the smoking habit

knows it is going to be busy until then, they should try to start studying early. For parents with stressed caused by hectic mornings with trying to get children to school, laying everything out the night before settle things down.

"After just one day, people can begin to tell a different," said Black.

Mike Evans, a junior sports management major, has tried to quit smoking anytime before. It is difficult because it is a pretty bad habit, he said, and he finds it is ten times harder to exercise.

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Lisa Black, a registered nurse and health educator, introduces herself and talks about the program to help quit smoking to a group of 15 people.

The programs meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Coles County Health Department, 825 18th St. and smokers are required to contact Lisa Black of the Coles County Health Department at 348-0530.

WOMEN:

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Making info more accessible

Besides Shupe, the only other help at the resource center is work-study students and student workers who do not work on a consistent basis, Skachkova said.

Shupe, who used to work in the Academic Advising Center on campus, is currently working to increase the awareness of the Women's Resource Center and the women's studies program. She is also trying to get the Women's Studies' Gender and Popcorn movie series restarted on campus and update the center's Web page. "We also plan on having events during Women's History Month," Shupe said.

The center is in the process of working with representatives from Booth Library to create an electronic database of the library catalog in the center. By doing this, it is hoped the library will be more "efficient and accessible," Skachkova said.

Also, the center hosts the twice-monthly meetings of the women's studies minor student organization. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the center.

Another task that Shupe and Skachkova are working on at the center is establishing a computer site that would provide direct interaction with women's organizations across the country.

Toys for Tots beats its goal

STAFF REPORT

More than 700 children in the Charleston area are enjoying new toys this year thanks to the success of the Toys for Tots toy drive held by Eastern in December.

Together, Eastern and the Charleston and Mattoon communities collected more than 2,000 new unwrapped toys, exceeding their goal.

"The way everyone came together to help and support the children of our community was truly wonderful," said organizer Tony Kwiatkowski.

"Charleston and Mattoon residents surely exemplify what it means to be a community."

Faculty, staff and several registered student organizations and residence halls at Eastern participated by donating toys or housing a donation box.

"The drive would not have been nearly as successful if it wasn't for all the faculty, staff and students who made donations this year," Kwiatkowski said.

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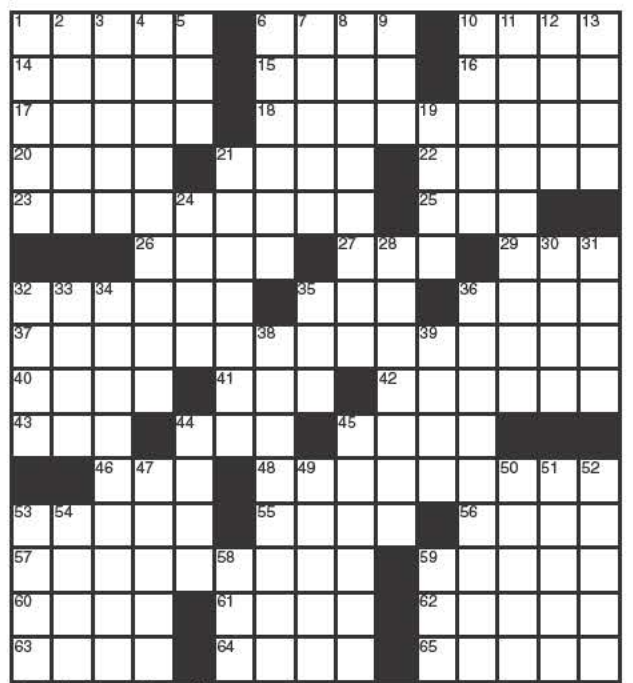
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Accountants testify Ryan hid campaign money

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO— Two accountants testified Tuesday at the corruption trial of former Gov. George Ryan that they were never informed that thousands of dollars were taken out of Ryan's campaign fund and distributed to family members and spent on plane trips.

Robert Montague, for example, said he did not know that Ryan's son-in-law, Michael Fairman, was paid \$23,000 in 1996 when he was having money problems. And Arnold Lederman said that he did

not know when preparing Ryan's amended tax returns for 1995 and 1996 and his 1997 and 1998 tax returns that about \$50,000 from the campaign fund was paid to Fairman.

In the last scheduled week of testimony by government witnesses in the four-month-old trial of Ryan and lobbyist friend Larry Warner, prosecutors hammered home their contention that Ryan illegally failed to report to the Internal Revenue Service money taken from his campaign fund for personal expenses.

Lederman said he also did not know that Ryan directed to his daughters thousands of dollars he made in consulting fees for former Sen. Phil Gramm's presidential campaign.

Nor did he know about a plane Ryan chartered to Indianapolis for a basketball tournament.

Another Oprah pick raises issues of fact vs. fiction

NEW YORK— Another Oprah book club pick has raised the issue of fact vs. fiction.

Barnes & Noble.com and Amazon.com both said Tuesday that they were making changes to certify Elie Wiesel's "Night" as nonfiction. Barnes & Noble.com is removing the book from its fiction list, while Amazon.com is also changing the categorization of "Night" and revising an editorial description to make clear that it does not consider the book a novel.

"We hope to make these changes as quickly as possible," said Jani Strand, a spokeswoman for Amazon.com.

Wiesel did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Runaway mob boss lives up to his 'clown' nickname

CHICAGO— Reputed mob boss Joseph Lombardo finally appeared in court Tuesday after nine months on the lam, pleading not guilty to conspiring in 18 murders and living up to his nickname of "Joey the Clown."

The 77-year-old Lombardo, shorn of the long hair and whiskers he grew while on the run from federal agents, was asked by U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel if he had seen a doctor lately.

"I was supposed to see him nine months ago, but I was — what do they call it? — I was unavailable," rasped Lombardo, who appeared in an orange prison jumpsuit and leg irons.

Laughter erupted from the courtroom, which was crowded with reporters, lawmen and others eager to

get a glimpse of the reputed mob boss whose whereabouts have been the subject of frequent speculation since his indictment last April.

State troopers accused of possessing machine guns

AIRVIEW HEIGHTS— Three Illinois State Police troopers have been suspended from their jobs after being accused with a Springfield doctor of illegally possessing machine guns, authorities announced Tuesday.

Metro East-area state troopers Greg Mugge, John Yard and James Vest each were charged last week with one count of illegally possessing a machine gun last year, as was Harold Griffiths, 69, of Spaulding.

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REIGNING IN LANTZ

Sparks scores 52 in last two home games

By KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Senior Megan Sparks is a hometown girl and can boast playing the most minutes of anybody in the conference this year.

With time like that, you'd expect her to be putting up some big numbers this season as well. And she has.

Sparks, who attended Mattoon High School, is in the middle of her fourth season with a scoring average in double digits. She is averaging a career-high 16.9 points per game.

In the Jan. 12 game against Tennessee-Martin, Sparks tied the school record with seven three-pointers and scored a career-high 30 points in a 67-58 win.

"I don't really set individual goals, they come with how hard you play and the team you play with," Sparks said. Success on the court is no stranger to the 5-foot-9 guard.

Entering the Eastern program in 2001 as a highly decorated high school starter, she earned starter status after only a few games.

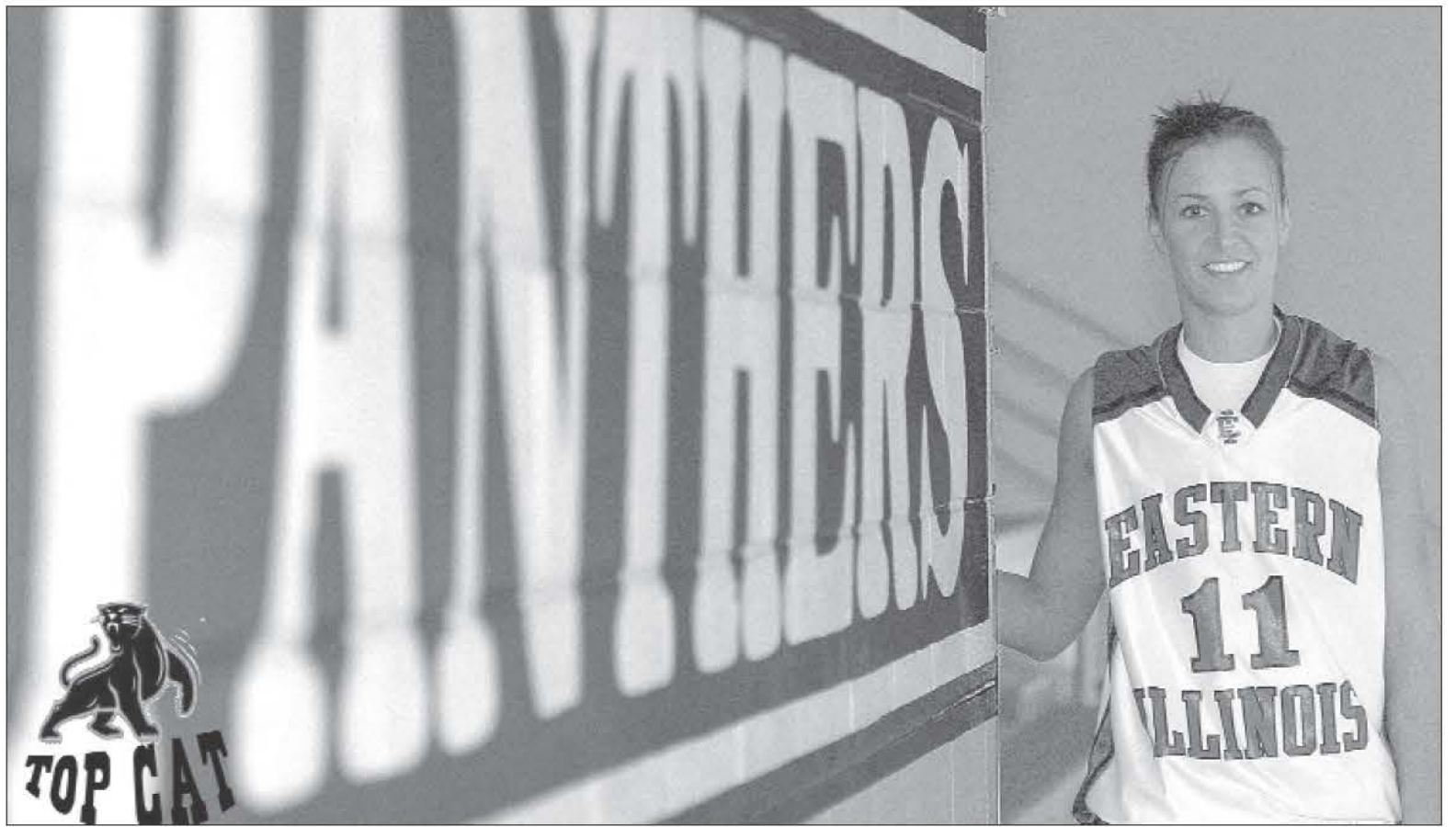
In her first career start, she scored 19 points and five rebounds against Louisville.

Sparks earned a spot on the OVC all-freshman team and was twice named the OVC's Rookie of the Week.

She finished the season 16th in scoring and 6th in free throw percentage in the OVC.

In her sophomore season, Sparks repeated the performance.

She finished third on the team and 20th in the conference in scoring and broke Eastern's single-game free throw



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Senior guard Megan Sparks scored 30 points, including seven three-pointers, in Eastern's 67-58 win over Tennessee-Martin Thursday.

percentage record making 12-of-12 against Southeast Missouri.

Sparks entered this season with 853 points after finishing second on the team in scoring last season.

Sparks doesn't let all of the records and hype phase her.

This season has brought about a bigger change than just being the team's leading scorer. She is on a team that is in contention.

"It's what I wanted for my senior year," she said of the team's fourth place position in the standings and a possibility of going to the conference championship in Nashville, Tenn.

Sparks knows what has changed. "(Head coach Brady Sallee) has changed our team, making the offense

and defense compatible with the players we have," she said.

Sparks had to experience the coaching change after her sophomore season but it seemed to be an easy transition.

"Sparks has been nothing but loyal, she has really bought in hook, line and sinker to what we are trying to do here and it's paying off," Sallee said.

"Her leadership has made a huge impact," said assistant coach Anne O'Neil. "Her commitment level is right where it should be this time her senior year."

Sparks hopes to leave not only records on the wall but a work ethic behind.

"Anything less than a win has become unacceptable," she said.

Sparks at home in 2005-06

- ◆ 19.4 points per game
- ◆ 4.4 rebounds per game
- ◆ 2.5 assists per game
- ◆ 51 percent three point shooting

Coach Sallee set the goal of making hard work and Eastern synonymous when he started coaching here last season.

"She's a great leader in regards to the freshmen, in regards to hard work, and has really stepped up this season," O'Neil said.

The Panthers also know where to look when the team needs a big play.

"Sparks is always there when we need a tough shot, she understands that, we understand that, and her opponents understand that."

"That is what makes each of those record-breaking points so special," said Sallee," he added.

"It's obvious she takes control of the game pretty easily," said freshman guard Ellen Canale.

Sparks can't see herself losing the competitive nature that has pushed her to success the last four years.

She may like to coach in the future.

But for now, she's focusing on pushing her team to a championship and maybe beating her current assistant coach and former teammate Lauren Dailey's career-point record.

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Eastern alum hired as Saints head coach

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints will hire Dallas Cowboys assistant Sean Payton to his first NFL head coaching job, a team official familiar with the decision said Tuesday.

The Saints' official was speaking on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the formal announcement wasn't expected until Wednesday.

Payton has been a quarterbacks coach for three seasons under Bill Parcells in Dallas. He also held the title of assistant head coach. Before that, he was a New York Giants assistant, a stint that included that team's NFC Championship in 2000.

Payton was one of five candidates interviewed by the Saints at the team's headquarters last week. The others were Jets defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson, Cleveland Browns offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon, former Green Bay head coach Mike Sherman and former St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz.

Payton will succeed Jim Haslett, whose tenure lasted six years. The Saints were 3-13 in 2005, a season in which all of their "home" games were played on the road because of Hurricane

Katrina. The Saints were a .500 team during Haslett's first five seasons combined.

Payton has said the Saints' poor showing in 2005 did not deter him from seeking the job.

"It's hard to look at their talent now compared to their record with all of the circumstances and things that they've gone through," Payton said last week. "It's a team that's certainly shown that they can be competitive and I would look forward to that challenge."

Payton's background as a quarterbacks coach — he also had a very brief pro playing career at that position in the CFL and as a Chicago Bears replacement player in the 1987 strike season — could serve him well in New Orleans, which is expected to draft a quarterback with the second overall pick in the NFL draft.

Aaron Brooks, the Saints' starter for most of the past six seasons, had his worst season in 2005 and was benched for the final three games. If the Saints keep Brooks they would owe him about \$6.5 million in salary next season.

When Payton interviewed for the job, he declined to comment on whether he thought Brooks should stay or go, but he did say that the Saints asked him about developing a quarterback.

"We talked about that," Payton said. "I enjoy coaching that position. I enjoy being involved in the offense. I would certainly look forward to being involved with that development."

Payton could not be reached at the Dallas Cowboys' headquarters on Tuesday evening.

This is the first coach hired by current general manager Mickey Loomis, who was promoted after team owner Tom Benson fired Randy Mueller in 2002. Mueller, now the Miami Dolphins' GM, hired Haslett.

Payton is the second straight coach hired by the Saints with no head coaching experience. It worked well early last time as Haslett took the Saints to the franchise's first playoff victory in his first season. But New Orleans has missed the playoffs in the five seasons since.

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Murray win gives Eastern much needed confidence

and are out-rebounded by our opponents, we'll struggle to win games."

Miller described the game as "chopped-up" and felt that might have played a role in the Racers not getting into the flow of the game.

"Sometimes those types of games will disrupt the rhythm of a shooter or disrupt the tempo of an offense," Miller said.

With Eastern coming off their sixth game in the past 11 days, Eastern Kentucky head coach Jeff Neubauer wasn't shocked by the Panthers' win.

"We knew Eastern Illinois was in a tough stretch and we thought that had kind of taken a toll on them when we played them," he said. "For them to bounce back so quickly against such a great team (Murray), it is a testament to Mike Miller and his staff."

With the Racers' loss, the top spot in the OVC no longer belongs to them. Tennessee Tech, coming off a 79-75 win against Austin Peay, currently is tied with Murray at 7-2 in the conference for first place. Eastern still stands at 10th place with a 3-7 record in the OVC.

No. 13 Indiana beats No. 7 Illinois 62-60

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Marco Killingsworth scored 20 of his 23 points in the second half to help No. 13 Indiana beat No. 7 Illinois 62-60 on Tuesday night.

Indiana (11-3, 3-1 Big Ten) won for the seventh time in eight games and became only the fourth team to beat the Fighting Illini in the regular-season since Jan. 24, 2004. The victory set off a wild celebration as Indiana extended its home winning streak to 11 against Big Ten teams.

Illinois (16-2, 2-2) was led by Shaun

Pruitt's career-high 17 points, but lost for the second time in three games. Brian Randle added 15 points, but leading scorer Dee Brown, who averaged 15.6 points, had just five.

Roderick Wilmont tied his season high with 17 points for the Hoosiers. Illinois jumped to a 14-3 lead.

Wilmont sparked an 18-0 run as Indiana held Illinois scoreless for nearly 6 1/2 minutes late in the first half. The spurt ended when he scored the final four points to make it 27-19.

The Illini closed to 28-24 at the half when

Brown connected on a 3-pointer before the buzzer — his only basket of the night.

Indiana used a 15-6 run in the second half to make it 55-40 with 8:23 to go.

The Illini rallied with 12 straight points to close to 55-52 when Randle completed a three-point play with 4:52 left. Brown missed a 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds left that would have tied the game. Jamar Smith tipped in the miss to make it 61-60.

Robert Vaden then made one of two free throws with 3.6 seconds left, and Rich McBride's half-court heave at the buzzer was off the mark as fans raced onto the court.

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Free throws key in Panther's success

In the loss to Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, the Panthers drove to the basket as their outside shooting was nonexistent and attempted to draw fouls to get to the foul line. However, they were unsuccessful as they made the trip to the line four times, making two free throws.

In the win against Tennessee-Martin last week, Eastern shot a season-high 28 free throws

and converted 22 of these attempts. So it's been proven that when they get a chance to shoot free throws, the Panthers will make them.

For the women, they boast the second-best free throw shooter in the OVC in freshman guard Megan Edwards. As a team, the Panthers are connecting 74 percent of their attempts, fourth best in the conference.

The women have also made more free throws (268) and have attempted more free throws (362) than any other team in the OVC. This plays a role in the success the women have enjoyed this year and will need to be continued. In all seven of their wins, the women have gone

to the free throw line at least 20 times.

It is frustrating to watch teams get to the line and miss. Yes, the players may be tired or fatigued as they saunter up to the free throw line. But practice situations should be worked on to make sure the players have been through these circumstances before going into games.

For teams to become good and achieve success, free throw shooting should be placed at a premium—and not as an afterthought.

Matt Daniels is a sophomore journalism major. If you think he was too harsh on Quin Snyder and his wonderful hairstyle, let him know at mvdaniels@ciu.edu.

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Thursday, March 23	12-12:50PM
Monday, April 7	6-6:50PM
Monday, April 17	3-3:50PM

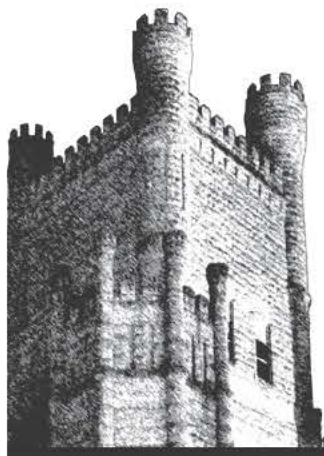
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers respond against Racers

BY MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Morale is back in store for Eastern's men's basketball team.

After suffering their most embarrassing loss of the year last Saturday against Eastern Kentucky, the Panthers responded with a gutsy performance in their 59-54 Ohio Valley Conference win over Murray State on Monday.

Unable to point out any positives following the 71-46 blowout loss to the Colonels, head coach Mike Miller said Tuesday that the team feels better about themselves than they did a few days earlier.

"We were anxious to see where we were at against Eastern Kentucky and we got knocked back," he said. "We told our guys that (Monday) was going to be a real test of who they are. And they responded."

Employing a 2-3 match-up zone for the majority of the game, Eastern was able to limit Murray's penetration and forced the Racers to hoist 31 of their 55 shots from beyond the arc.

"What we were trying to do, our guys really worked at it individually and collectively, I think they played really hard and that was the difference," Miller said. "I don't think it was anything particular (that our guys did), it was just how they did it."

The Panthers held a slight advantage on the boards, 32-30 over Murray, but Racer head coach Mick Cronin thought it played a big role in his team's loss.

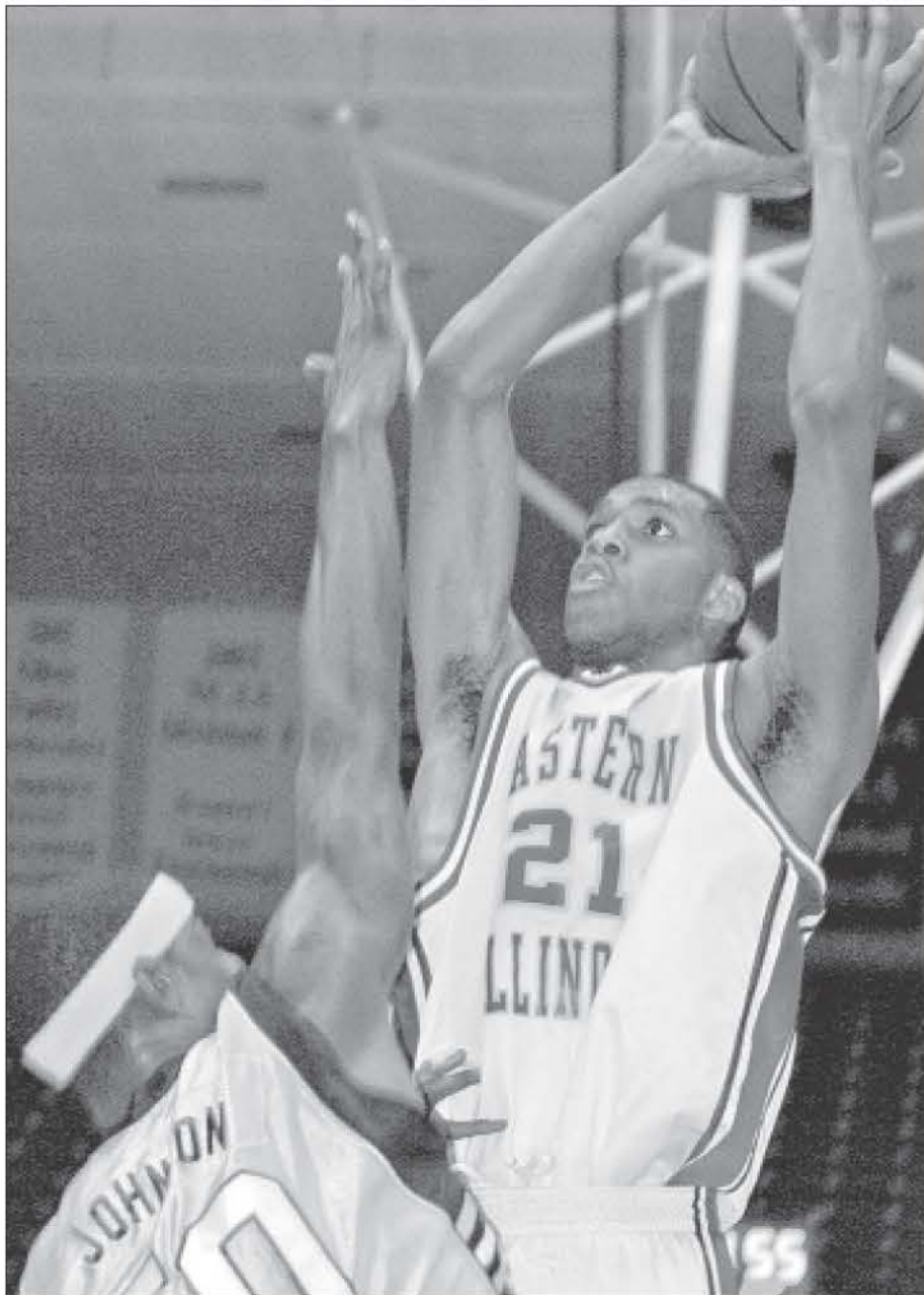
"I don't know why you'd expect to win if you get out-rebounded," he said. "If we don't get offensive rebounds



SPORT STANDINGS

	OVC	OVERALL
Tennessee Tech	7-2	12-5
Murray State	7-2	10-5
Samford	6-2	10-5
Eastern Kentucky	5-3	8-8
Austin Peay	5-4	10-7
Jacksonville State	4-4	6-8
Tennessee-Martin	4-5	7-8
Tennessee State	3-4	4-9
Southeast Missouri	3-6	6-9
Eastern Illinois	3-7	4-12
Morehead State	0-8	1-13

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CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore center George Tandy goes up for a three-point shot over Murray State senior forward Charles Johnson in the final minutes of Monday's game in Lantz Arena

OUT OF BOUNDS

MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Make it! After all it's free

Free throws are a common occurrence in every basketball game.

Players are 15 feet away, all alone, with the crowd either dead silent or trying to distract them in any imaginable way.

For a team to be good or even considered mediocre, teams need to make these shots and take advantage of them. I mean, they are called "free throws" and everything in this life seems better if it's free (i.e. free food, free clothes, free laundry, free alcohol and the list can go on and on).

This comes to mind after seeing highlights of Kansas' 88-86 loss to Missouri Monday, as Jayhawk senior forward Christian Moody missed two free throws at the end of regulation with the game tied. All Moody had to do was make one and the game's over. Instead, he clanked both off the rim and sent the Tiger faithful into hysteria as he gave Missouri head coach Quin Snyder more chances to push the hair out of his face for ESPN and the national audience.

For both Eastern basketball programs, free throw shooting is one of its strengths—when they get to the line. The men are second in the OVC at 74.6 percent. The problem for them is, until recently, they have struggled to get there.

When the Panthers do get there, they tend to be successful.

In last night's win over Murray, they shot 11-of-12 compared to Murray's 7-of-11. This may not sound like much of a difference, but in a close game, that's four points that Eastern used to its advantage.

Against the Racers, freshman guard Mike Robinson hit four crucial free throws in the final 21 seconds to preserve the win.

Some of this may be attributed to the Panthers not being aggressive, as they appeared earlier in the year, but that excuse cannot be used anymore.

One may also look at the fact that for every home game that Eastern has had, the referees tend to fall on the young side. Now I'm not conspiring a theory that the Ohio Valley Conference has something against the Panthers, but it just seems that Eastern can never get a full squad of refs that can be described as veterans.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Sophomores hurdle the competition

BY DERRICK L. JOHNSON II
STAFF REPORTER

Obstacles usually cause people to make detours or take shortcuts. Sophomores Kirkland Thornton and Mike Embry choose to go up and over their obstacles straight to the finish line.

Eastern track and field members Thornton and Embry both run the 60-meter high-hurdles during the indoor season.

The hurdle events take flexibility, speed, endurance and technique. These are all areas that Thornton and Embry have been working on since last season, said head coach Tom Akers.

"Right now we only have one meet to compare to," he said. "Kirk went out and matched his top time from last year so we have seen some definite improvement. He's a lot with foot speed and technique."

Akers has seen both runners improve but because of Embry's commitments to football, Akers doesn't get him as soon as he would prefer.

"Strength and speed are definite increases,"

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Akers said about Embry. "We still have a couple of bugs to work out with Mike. We get him so late because of football."

Thornton and Embry's words echoed those of their coaches when talking about their progress since last season.

"I'm definitely more technically sound," Thornton said. "I have a lot more foot speed."

Embry's improvement can be attributed to what he has learned from Akers, he said.

"I know that my times from indoor track has dropped quite a bit so I know what coach Akers is teaching me works," Embry said. "I think understanding technique and what coach Akers is trying to teach me as well as executing that during competition is very important."

In order to keep experiencing growth as an ath-

lete and success in what they do, Thornton and Embry have to work hard, stay healthy and stay motivated.

When it comes to staying motivated, different athletes have different methods. Thornton's motivation comes from the team's media guide and record book, he said.

"Breaking all the hurdle records here at Eastern motivates me to run," Thornton said.

That goal is not so far away for Thornton. The Ohio Valley Conference 60-meter-hurdles record, which was set by Eastern's Greg Belger in 2002, was timed at 7.96 seconds.

Thornton's final time for the 2005 OVC Indoor Championship was 8.02, just six-hundredths of a second from tying the record.

Thornton's teammate Embry also has a source of inspiration. Embry's motivation comes from the desire to compete as well as dedication, he said.

"Love of sports and competition is what keeps me motivated," Embry said. "I love running track and playing football."