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CITY | RECREATION

Fireplace connects old and new

Structure will include wiring for hot pots, coffee makers

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior City Reporter

A new pavilion is being built at Morton Park, but one part of the pavilion carries a bit of Charleston history.

The pavilion, on Lincoln Avenue, will encompass a fireplace that was a part of an old cabin built by the Rennels family in 1836. City council member Larry Rennels is a distant member of the family.

“They lived there and donated it to the Park District and the cabin got in such bad shape that they finally tore it down and kept the fireplace,” said Bob Beavers, secretary of the Township Park District.

The Township Park District is in control of Morton Park and is separate from the city Park District.

The district has three elected board members and operates two other parks.

Beavers said a few years later, a pavilion was built in the 1960s, with the fireplace making up one side of it.

It was slowly deteriorating and that was the main reason the park district decided to replace the pavilion, Beavers said.

“It’s a double-sided fireplace and people use both sides,” said Steve Whitley, treasurer of the Township Park District. “People build fires and have wiener roasts and in the fall, people build fires to keep warm.”

The new pavilion will be bigger and will extend past the fireplace so it is protected from the weather, Whitley said. The new pavilion will be one of three pavilions in Morton Park.

Whitley said people use Morton Park regularly, especially in the summer during the Fourth of July. He expects the new pavilion to be occupied on a regular basis.

“This park gets a lot of use,” Whitley said. “I mean, there are lots of people here.”

Whitley said groups from Charleston High School and Eastern use the park on a daily basis and anyone can reserve a space in any of the pavilions, free of charge.

Beavers expects the structure of the new pavilion to be done by May 1, but the construction will not be finished until later.

“We put in a heavy duty wiring system so that people can bring coffee makers, hot pots and things like that,” Whitley said. “We have to put enough circuits in so that they don’t blow the circuits by doing that. So, that takes a little longer.”

UNIVERSITY | LEADERSHIP SEARCH

It’s time for a new president

3 p.m. announcement, after the board of trustees meeting

By Ashley Rueff
Senior University Reporter


A new era begins today with the announcement of Eastern’s 11th president.

President Lou Hencken will be succeeded by one of the three finalists named by the search committee when his contract expires June 30.


Today at 3 p.m., the Eastern Board of Trustees will approve a negotiated contract with either Sue Kiefer Hammersmith, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; Blair Lord, Eastern’s provost and vice president for academic affairs; or William Perry, vice provost at Texas A&M.

A call was made to Perry’s office Monday morning. A receptionist said Perry was out of the office and


WHO’S THE NEXT LOU?



William Perry, vice provost and a professor of mathematics at Texas A&M University



Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern



Sue Kiefer Hammersmith, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the U of Wisc.-Green Bay

would not return until Thursday.

Hammersmith is scheduled to meet with Pennsylvania’s Board of Governors Wednesday, April 11, as one of three finalists in a presidential search at Edinboro University, Pennsylvania. The Charleston Times-Courier reported that a spokesperson at Edinboro said Hammersmith would be at the university today. She declined

to comment on the announcement Monday evening. She was also named one of four finalists in the search for a new chancellor at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

“There will be a short executive session, and then the board will come out into open session and make a resolution appointing the new president,” said Robert Webb,

chair of the presidential search advisory committee and vice chair of Eastern’s Board of Trustees.

A press conference and a reception for the new president will follow the announcement.

“People will have a chance to ask the new president some questions,” Webb said. “I think there will be a nice crowd there. There’s a lot of interest in this.”

Details of the new president’s contract will also be released today. Webb said negotiations with the chosen candidate have been going on for the past two weeks.

President Hencken plans on walking the new president from Old Main to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union’s Grand Ballroom for the announcement today. But after the announcement, Hencken does not want to stick around because he doesn’t want the attention to be on him.

“It’ll be interesting to see how I feel when I walk to Old Main from the union because I will be walking back by myself,” Hencken said.



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Pet Tropics employee Andrew Bulla of Charleston stocks a shelf with Eukanuba dog food on Monday. He is working near a sign from P & G Pet Care stating that there is no melamine of aminoptern in any of the lams or Eukanuba dry pet food on the store’s shelves.

Recall still worries pet owners

Sen. Durbin will hold a panel Thursday

By Michelle Simek
Health and Science Reporter

Nearly a month since Menu Foods issued a recall of many of their pet foods, concerns still linger in the Charleston community.

“The first couple weeks after the

recall were really hectic,” said Melissa Walker, a veterinary technician at Crestline Vet Clinic in Charleston. “Most of the big scare has worn off and everything seems to be back to normal.”

According to the Food and Drug Administration’s Web site, the recall first occurred March 16 after Menu Foods found melamine, a nitrogen-containing molecule that is used industrially as a binding agent,

flame retardant and various other uses, in the “cuts and gravy” styles of their cat and dog foods.

Although melamine is speculated, Peter Weber, executive director of the Illinois State Veterinary Medicine Association, said the cause is still unknown.

“It was first thought to be rat poison, then a chemical component used in plastic, but right now no one really knows what is causing the

food to be recalled,” he said. “The impact this has had and will have is also uncertain.”

Weber also explained that veterinarians were sending just kidney samples to laboratories but now full tissue samples are being requested to help determine what is causing the deaths in animals.

Rockin' Out



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Lead vocalist and guitar Andy Masters (top), a freshman philosophy major; bass player Adam Schneider (left), a sophomore music major; and drummer Bryant Fritz (right), a freshman biology major, all of the band Upon the Eighth Night play during the University-Board sponsored Open Mic finals in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday night. The band won the Open Mic Night finals. Read the story online at dennnews.com



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No replacements for AB

Apportionment Board has little time left, little else to vote on

By Zach Nugent
AB Reporter

With just three weeks left in the semester, the Apportionment Board has little on its agenda. However, with the removal of Skyler King and the recent resignation of Scott Parino, AB must conduct its business with only nine voting members. Since there is so little time left in the semester, AB chair Levi Bulgar said he does not intend to appoint replacement members. “We only have one, maybe two more meetings to wrap things up, and quorum as I see it, won’t be an

issue,” said Bulgar. AB needs seven members to meet quorum, and with budgeting being finished, AB members do not plan on voting on anything new this year. “The only thing that we need to finish for this year is the COSGA presentation, unless the Student Senate disagrees with our budget allocations, which is unlikely,” said AB member Eric Wilber. COSGA is the Conference on Student Government Associations. It was held Feb. 28 at Texas A & M. The student government is expected to make a presentation to the board about the trip. As for replacements, next year’s AB chair will be in charge of appointing at least two new members.

“When I took over in office, I had to put together a completely new board with only two returning members,” Bulgar said. To be a part of AB, all a person needs is to be a student at Eastern and be appointed by the chair. Most chair people conduct interviews, but it is not necessary to do so. “I think (the new chair) will be looking for some leadership experience” in new members, said AB member Keith Darby. Besides hearing the presentation for the Conference on Student Government Associations, AB will review the past year in its next meeting. AB meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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CAMPUS | RACE RELATIONS

Racism not just about slurs

Student panel discusses different forms of racism

By Beth Hackett
Senior Activities Reporter

Tristan Sodergren-Baar said when a bad situation happens on campus, as a community, we tend to let it fade from our memory after a while.

He said learning how others are affected by racism is important because it's not just about racial slurs, but about becoming aware of other racial backgrounds.

Four students made up an ethnically diverse panel, which discussed personal experiences with racism and stereotypes.

The panel was created to bring attention to culture and provided a comfortable atmosphere where the audience was encouraged to participate.

Sodergren-Baar, a junior history major and member of the Asian-American Association, was the mediator for the panel and said this particular panel came about because it is Asian Heritage Month.

"I am very pleased with the turnout, but it would have been nice to have a packed room," he said.

Nearly 30 people attended the discussion Monday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The panelists told their stories in a light-hearted fashion, yet still portrayed how people are negatively affected by racist remarks.

Mieko Fujiura, president of AAA, said she was a little nervous about speaking to everyone.

"The main form of discrimination I have experienced is stereotyping," she said. "So I was kind of afraid that my experiences weren't going to match up with the other panelists' stories."

However, the panel and audience members did share similar experiences with her, and most of those dealt with others being ignorant and uninformed about diverse cultures.

"It was nice being able to get my opinions out there and to hear other people's opinions," she said. "And I liked that [the audience] wasn't just restricted to people of minority status; everyone was able to participate."

Jinhee Lee, assistant professor of history and



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Paul Willard, a graduate student in student affairs, discusses problems he sees on campus with a lack of activism in Caucasian students when it comes to racial issues during the "Racial Slurs" panel discussion in the Charleston-Mattoon Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday.

AAA advisor, attended the discussion and shared her own personal experience.

Due to her size, people often refer to Lee as a girl instead of a woman.

"Normally, this would be a compliment for a woman to receive, but it is actually a lack of respect," she said.

This is an example that racism isn't always shown in malicious or direct slurs; ignorance counts as well.

Fujiura said she understands how it seems each racial group hangs out with primarily their own race on this campus.

"When you join a group or club, others within that group become your friends and your people; you become comfortable with each other," she said.

She said she understands why that would seem

to create a visual distinction between groups, but it is actually people forming ties.

The panel agreed that they do not choose to hang out with people because of race; they hang out with people based on common interests.

The panel compared estimated percentages of Asian- and African-Americans to the amount of Caucasian students on campus.

The fact that campus is predominantly Caucasian gives good reason as to why one might think minority members mostly hang out with white people outside of their own race.

"We can't let these things die in our conscious," Sodergren-Baar said. "Talk about it, and don't become desensitized by it."

The AAA hopes to make discussion panels on different topics a regular event.

UNIVERSITY | BEYOND DIVERSITY

Faculty discuss prospect of day care center

Workshop considers challenges faced by non-traditional students

By Kaitlyn Lonkar
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty deal with grades, deadlines and personal issues. However, those issues may go deeper than expected when it comes to their age, religious affiliation and if they have a disability.

These three topics were discussed Monday at Faculty Development's final Beyond Diversity workshop for the year.

"We've come a long way," said Kathy Waggoner, assistant director of disabilities services.

At the session, Eastern's campus environment was described as non-hostile and therefore made students of other religions comfortable to express their beliefs. And although a non-hostile environment is good, there are going to be students who pose a challenge to different beliefs.

"Challenge is an everyday aspect of life," said Lisa Schmidt, a senior special education major.

Eastern is also working with



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Robert Augustine, dean of the graduate school, speaks about students who come from different backgrounds and ethnic cultures at Monday's faculty development meeting in the University Ballroom.

scheduling, considering all students.

Lucy Campanis, associate professor for family and consumer sciences, explained the change in class schedules to accommodate non-traditional students.

"There are more weekend and night classes because of student population differences," Campanis said.

Many limitations come with

being a non-traditional student. Susan Hankenson, certification officer of the graduate college, explained that trying to get a big turnout for activities held specifically for non-traditional students can be difficult.

"They would like to be a part of campus more, but they have limitations such as children or full

time jobs," Hankenson said. "We have tried to set up events, but the turnouts are not always great."

Some of the faculty attending suggested that a day care center be provided. It wouldn't have to be free, but students would at least be more active in campus living. As Wagner explained the benefits for non-traditional students, Hankenson couldn't agree more.

"I think the project will be well worth investing the money and the time," Hankenson said.

Most of the attendees said they agreed on the success of the three diversity workshops and would like to see more.

"In all forms of Faculty Development, Mildred (Pearson, director of Faculty Development,) has made marvelous improvements and is way ahead of its time," said Charles Eberly, of counseling and student development.

Some of the different workshops include understanding how to teach students with a learning disability, how to deal with conflict in the classroom and recognizing and dealing with hostel students.

Faculty development encourages suggestions for workshops faculty would like to see in the future.

campusbriefs

B-I-N-G-O for county animal rescue center at Moose Lodge

» The Charleston Moose Lodge and Eastern's electronic media relations class are encouraging people to play Bingo at the Moose Lodge at 7 tonight.

Bingo for Man's Best Friend is a fundraiser for the Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center.

A \$3 donation will buy one card. Players can buy four cards for \$10.

Participants can win prizes, including gift certificates and a free hotel stay.

Players must be 21 to enter. The Moose Lodge is at 615 Seventh St.

— Cathy Bayer, News Editor

BSU nominates next year's executive board

» Nominations for the Black Student Union's 2007-08 executive board were made at its meeting Monday night.

Charrell Barksdale and Sherri Smith were nominated for president of BSU.

Keith Wise, Natasha Jones and Tajanae Mallett were all nominated for vice president.

James Griffin was nominated for treasurer. Markiana Jackson got the bid for parliamentarian, and Lauren Hayes was nominated for administrative assistant.

The nominees must make a 3-minute minimum presentation at next week's meeting. BSU members will then vote at the meeting.

Five finalists named for Bock Public Speaking contest

» Five contestants in the Bock Public Speaking Contest moved past Monday's preliminary round.

Seniors Kristen DeVito (recycling), Douglas McIntosh (healthy lifestyles) and Sondra Hess (grass-fed animals), and juniors Dan Cotter (abolishing racism) and Andrew Wilder (smoking bans) will compete in Wednesday's final.

The final will begin at 7 p.m. in the Coleman Hall Auditorium.

The winner will receive \$300, second place will win \$200 and the third-place winner will get \$100.

— Marco Santana, Campus Editor

policereport

» Burglary from Motor Vehicle — On April 4, it was reported that speakers and golf clubs were stolen from a blue Toyota while it was parked in W lot on Eastern's campus.

» Hit & Run — On April 4, it was reported that a black 2001 Honda had been struck and damaged by another vehicle while it was parked in a Greek Court parking lot.

» Theft — On April 6, it was reported that a silver/black Mongoose bicycle was stolen from a bike rack at Carman Hall.

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E numbers needed

With the mass purge of social security from the higher education scene, Eastern students have been switched over to E numbers.

The Panther Card office has informed students that if you lose your Panther Card next year, you will not be reissued another card without knowing your E number.

The E number is only written on your Panther Card, so one forgetful day in the food court when you brilliantly decide to throw out your beloved P-card, you may consider yourself screwed. But alas, do not panic, for your friends at *The Daily Eastern News* have some simple solutions to helping your problems of absentmindedness.

Having eight digits, the E number may be too long for people to remember. One solution to this is to divide the number by Pi and strap a graphing calculator to your arm. While this may make you appear to be a card-carrying member of Lambda Lambda Lambda, you will always be able to revert your new number back to your E number at the drop of a factorial.

If math isn't your thing, try a mnemonic device. In biology, you remember the order of classification by remembering King Paul Came Over For Good Sex or Spaghetti. With an E number like 12047360 try something like this: 1-The number of dogs you have, 2-The number of times you feed him in a day, 0-Meaning no, 4-The number of letters in Alpo, 7-The number of letters in because, 3-The number of letters in rat, 6-The number of letters in poison and 0-The odds you have of remembering this.

The first seven numbers represent a device that goes, "Feed dog twice a day but no Alpo because of rat poison." Plus, every time you write it on a test, you will think to yourself, "Did I feed Fido today?"

Not a literary genius either? That's okay. Why not just tattoo the number to your body? It's more respectable than a gang symbol, and it will result in a great story for your spouse and kids.

Just imagine using the excuse, "Honey, I know I forgot to pick the baby up from daycare, but you knew I was forgetful when you married me," as you flash the tattoo in her face.

Have a fear of needles but still want to share your E number with the masses? How about putting it in the "Favorite Music" section of your Facebook profile?

If anyone asks, just tell them you heard E12047360 at Jerry's.

If all else fails, move the plan to Death Con Five. Move to room 120 of your hall. Change your phone number to reflect the other digits of your E number.

Simple formula. Room number plus phone number. This is also a useful way to purge unwanted people who got your number that you think are so annoying you would rather move to Borneo than talk to them on the phone or elsewhere.

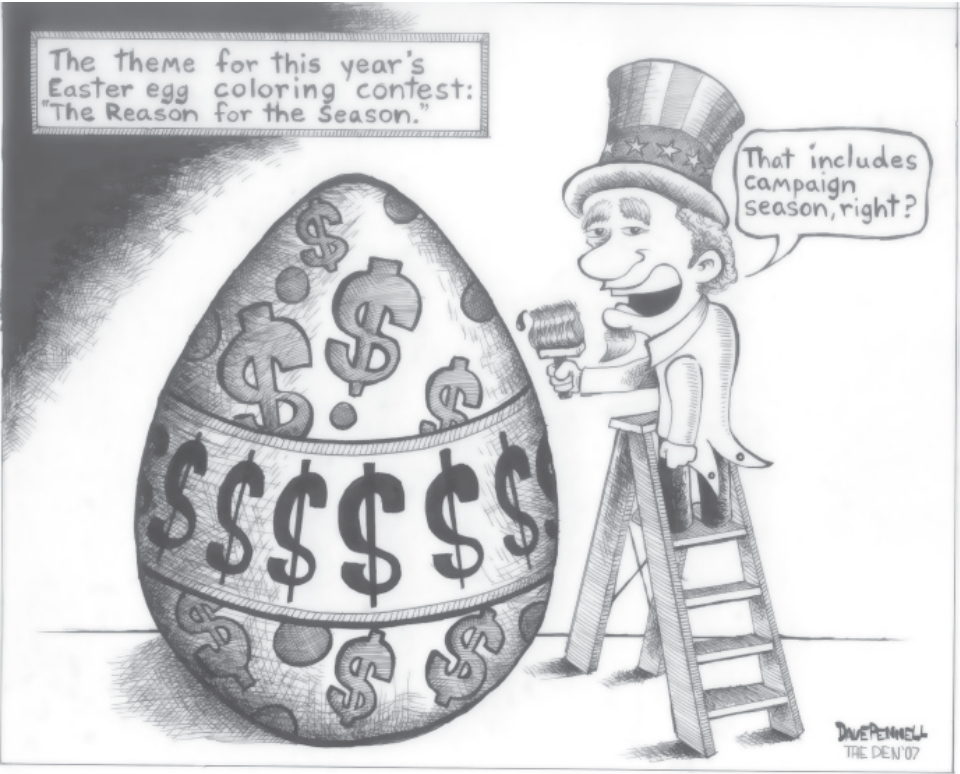
The easiest way to not forget your E number is not lose your Panther Card, so give it a name and learn to commit. You will save yourself \$20 that could be used else where in your academic endeavors.

*To the best of our knowledge, no actual E card numbers were used in the writing of this editorial. Some dog's names were changes to protect the innocent.

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FEATURED BLOGGER

“BETHUNE-COOKMAN PLAYS ITS HOME GAMES ON THE SAME FIELD THAT JACKIE ROBINSON FIRST BROKE THE COLOR BARRIER IN 1946 PLAYING FOR THE MONTREAL ROYALS, THE MINOR LEAGUE TEAM FOR THE BROOKLYN DODGERS AT THAT TIME. THE SAME NUMBER OF BLACK PLAYERS START FOR BETHUNE-COOKMAN THIS YEAR AS THE MONTREAL ROYALS HAD IN 1946. ONE.”

Scott Richey

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Guest Columnist | Jay Prefontaine

Get a 3.0 Or You Go

I know how to bring our troops home without abandoning the Iraqi people.

You cannot watch the war even if you wanted to because the major networks—FOX, CNN, NBC, etc—are owned by the same corporations that are making billions of dollars off the war. VP Cheney, who dodged—sorry—received five deferments from the draft during the Vietnam War, until recently held a senior position in Halliburton, which makes enormous money from this endless mess. The Bush administration has failed to secure Iraq because this war, like many wars, is a business venture being sold to the American people, who pay the bill with their tax dollars and their sons and daughters.

It's time for a draft.

Let's wake up America with a draft of men and women between the ages of 18 and 22 who do not work forty hours a week or who do not have a 3.0 grade point average in a college at which they are enrolled as full-time students.

We have about 160,000 troops in Iraq right now, which means only 40,000 are combat soldiers, because for every combat soldier there are three support personnel: military police, transportation, medical, food services, etc—soldiers in the rear with the gear. Subtract another 10,000 troops to account for those who guard things like the airstrips and the FOB's (forward operating bases). That leaves 30,000 combat soldiers trying to secure a country of more than twenty-five million.

I talked with an Iraqi War vet who says they could have used 30,000 soldiers to secure Ramadi, a city of 400,000 just 75 miles west of Baghdad. His company patrolled the Tammin and 5 Kilo sectors, an area numbering about 100,000 people. His patrol shift consisted of twenty-two men in four Bradley fighting vehicles and three humvees.

Our soldiers can contain a city; but we can't accomplish much of anything. The enemy watches us and has cell phones. They see us coming; they leave. We ransack all the houses; we leave. They simply return. Or we get reports from marine pilots or the UAV's (unmanned aerial vehicles) that spot insurgents and we rush to the given coordinates but by the time we arrive the enemy is long gone.

This isn't the jungles of Vietnam or the mountains and caves of Afghanistan. Iraq is an open desert. The logistics of not only containing but completely controlling and securing these cities are easy. It's recruiting that is the challenge for our military. Strategic moves like calling a recruiting office a "career center" and luring high school students to join the National Guard just aren't producing the number of soldiers needed.

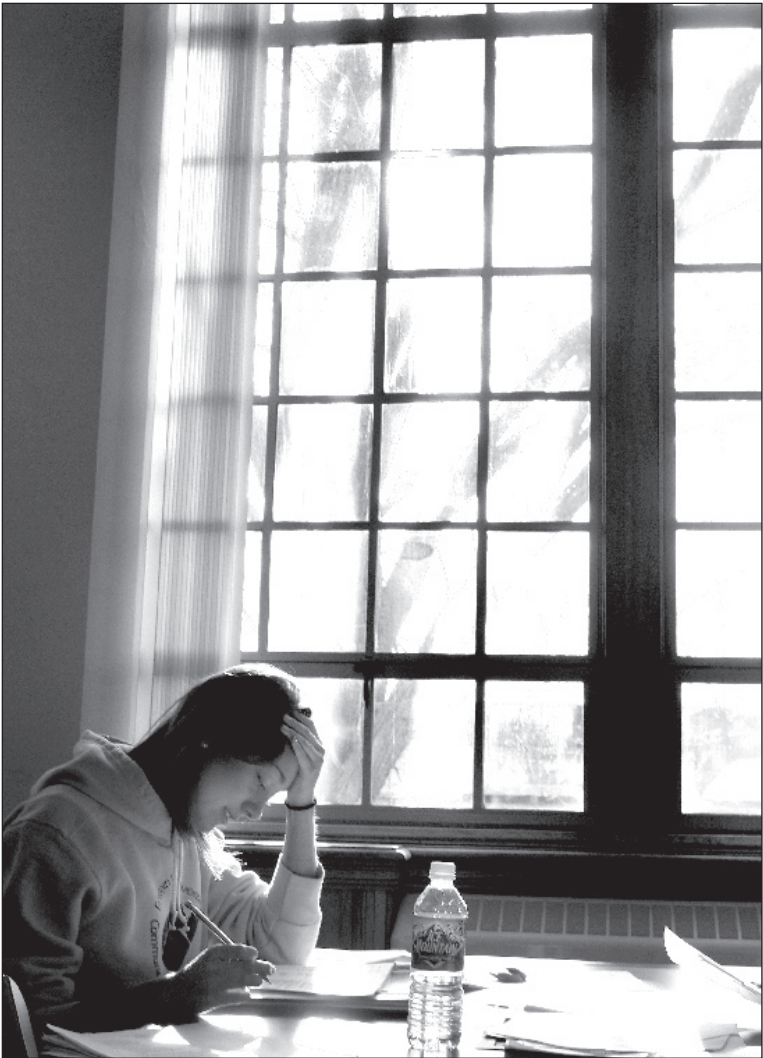
The war in Iraq will continue until the American people yell loud enough for it to stop; but if you're the average American you are not only clueless about what's really happening in Iraq, you don't really care. You're distracted by Anna Nicole Smith's breasts—dead or alive—Brad Pitt's latest baby purchase, or who's on American Idol. You watch "reality shows" instead of the Iraqi War.

But I must confess I don't really care about the war either. I want this draft for selfish reasons. Too many of my students waste too much breath whining about nothing, and I just want it to stop. If you're facing a draft, think how much you'll study. Think how focused you will be.

Jay Prefontaine

Jay Prefontaine is an instructor of English at Eastern.

studytime



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Monday afternoon’s setting sun pours into the Booth Library and provides light for Danielle LaPrairie, a junior communication disorders and sciences major, as she studies for a test.

39,000 sickened pets

New estimate based on veterinary chain’s treatment numbers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pet food contaminated with an industrial chemical may have sickened or killed 39,000 cats and dogs nationwide, based on an extrapolation from data released Monday by one of the nation’s largest chains of veterinary hospitals.

Banfield, The Pet Hospital, said an analysis of its database, compiled from records collected by its more than 615 veterinary hospitals, suggests that three out of every 10,000 cats and dogs that ate the pet food contaminated with melamine developed kidney failure. There are an estimated 60 million dogs and 70 million cats in the United States, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The hospital chain saw 1 million dogs and cats during the three months when the more than 100 brands of now-recalled contaminated pet food were sold. It saw 284 extra cases of kidney failure among cats during that period, or a roughly 30 percent increase, when

compared with background rates.

“It has meaning, when you see a peak like that. We see so many pets here, and it coincided with the recall period,” said veterinarian Hugh Lewis, who oversees the mining of Banfield’s database to do clinical studies. The chain continues to share its data with the Food and Drug Administration.

FDA officials previously have said the database compiled by the huge veterinary practice would probably provide the most authoritative picture of the harm done by the tainted cat and dog food.

From its findings, Banfield officials calculated an incidence rate of .03 percent for pets, although there was no discernible uptick among dogs. That suggests the contamination was overwhelming toxic to cats, Lewis said. That is in line with what other experts have said previously.

At least six pet food companies have recalled products made with imported Chinese wheat gluten tainted with the chemical. The recall involved about 1 percent of the overall U.S. pet food supply.

Measuring the tainted food’s impact on animal health has proved an elusive goal. Previous estimates have ranged from the FDA’s admittedly low tally of roughly 16

confirmed deaths to the more than 3,000 unconfirmed cases logged by one Web site.

“On a percentage basis it’s not breathtaking, but unfortunately it’s a number that, if it was your pet that was affected, it’s too high,” veterinarian Nancy Zimmerman, Banfield’s senior medical adviser, said of the newly estimated incidence rate.

In another estimate Monday, the founder of a veterinary group said 5,000 to 10,000 pets may have fallen ill from eating the contaminated food, and 1,000 to 2,000 may have died.

The estimate was based on a Veterinary Information Network survey of 1,400 veterinarians among its 30,000 members. About one-third reported at least one case, said Paul Pion, the Network’s founder. He cautioned that a final, definitive tally isn’t possible, and that even his estimate could be halved — or doubled.

“Nobody is ever going to know the truth,” Pion said. “It’s always going to be a guess.”

Also Monday, the Web site petconnection.com said it had received reports of 3,598 pet deaths, split almost evenly between dogs and cats. The site cautioned that the numbers were unconfirmed.

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“Everything that was originally thought has been questioned,” he said.

On Thursday, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) will hold a panel to investigate the nation-wide pet food contamination. If consumers have a brand that is recalled, checking the label can ensure its safety and it never hurts to call and ask about the food suggests Jessica Christan, a vet assistant at Albin Animal Hospital in Mattoon.

“Residents have had a lot of concern, but we have had no cases,” she said. “People just need to be aware of what they are feeding their animals.”

Recently, other companies have begun recalling their products.

On March 16, Nestle’s Purina

Pet Care Company voluntarily withdrew its Mighty Dog and Alpo lines of cuts and gravy style foods.

On March 30, Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Inc., recalled its veprescription diet feline dry food that is only sold by veterinarians.

The last recall was on March 31 with Del Monte Pet Products recalling certain pet treats such as “Jerky Treats,” Gravy Beef Sticks and Pounce Meaty Morsels.

The FDA has had about 10,000 complaints from owners.

“These numbers may cause panic and can easily be speculated,” Weber said.

Dr. Gene Niles, Veterinarian and Director of the Centralia Animal Disease Laboratory in Centralia also agreed.

“Total numbers of animals affected by this is still unknown,” he said. He also said it would take a while to sort out and understand what has happened.

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Pentagon identifies remains of 10 airmen lost in World War II

WASHINGTON — The remains of 10 U.S. airmen, including Staff Sgt. Thomas G. Knight from Illinois, missing in action since a World War II mission over New Guinea have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial, the Pentagon said Monday.

Wreckage of a World War II-era bomber was found in Morobe Province in New Guinea in 2001, according to the Defense Department's Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office. A team surveyed the site in 2002 and recovered remains as well as identification tags and other objects.

Illinois Representative to seek more funds for Darfur

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood called Monday for more U.S. help for the Darfur region of Africa after seeing firsthand the humanitarian crisis there.

The Illinois Republican traveled to Darfur as part of an overseas trip during which he and 10 other congressmen spent three days in Sudan, the largest African nation. They returned Saturday.

LaHood said the U.S. currently gives about \$2 billion a year through the United Nations to help refugees in Darfur. He said he would seek an as-yet-unspecified increase in funding.

Illinois cold ripens growers' worries, not peaches

ST. LOUIS — Last week's stretch of subfreezing temperatures has many Illinois peach growers fearing that their orchards sustained heavy damage, jeopardizing this year's crop.

Any substantial loss to the crops could translate into higher prices for the fruit at grocery stores and farmer's markets, although the effects won't be known for some time yet.

More than 40 U.S. states grow peaches, and growers last year produced 1.3 billion pounds of peaches, according to the National Peach Council.

Senator's wife received \$70k raise

Lorrie Rickman Jones' 60% wage increase awarded before final legislative approval

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Soon to marry one of Illinois' most powerful politicians, Lorrie Rickman Stone was promoted to a new state job in September 2005.

Two months later, she wed Senate President Emil Jones. And two months after that, her salary had soared by nearly \$70,000.

The Blagojevich administration created a special salary class for her position alone, so the psychologist — now Lorrie Rickman Jones — saw her pay rise from \$116,460 to \$186,000, a 60 percent increase, The Associated Press found after a review of state documents.

Her raise took effect two weeks before the new job classification was officially created and 4 1/2 months before the classification received final legislative approval.

Jones' job as mental health director involves a budget of more than \$700 million and supervising 10 state facilities chiefs responsible

CAREER TIMELINE OF SENATE PRESIDENT'S WIFE

Timeline of the state government career of Lorrie Rickman Jones, who was promoted to a new job and got pay raises totaling nearly \$70,000 around the time she married Senate President Emil Jones:

- » Jan. 18 2002: Hired by the Illinois Department of Human Services, serving as a mental health program manager at Madden Mental Health Center in Hines, making \$107,000.
- » Sept. 16, 2003: Promoted to deputy director for clinical operations in the central office, making \$116,460.
- » November 2004: Engagement to Emil Jones is announced.
- » Sept. 15, 2005: Promoted to mental health program administrator; her salary is increased to \$151,260.
- » Sept. 15, 2005: Civil Service Commission votes to create a new job classification for her, effective Oct. 1, with a top salary of \$186,000.
- » Nov. 19, 2005: Marries Emil Jones.
- » January 2006: Gets another raise, to \$186,000.
- » Feb. 6, 2006: Legislative approval takes effect for new job classification and salary range.

— AP

for 3,000 employees — larger than most agencies under the governor, the administration said.

She makes more than the governor or the agency director and is among the agency's two-dozen highest-paid employees — all physicians.

In an e-mailed statement, a department spokesman said Jones'

salary was "commensurate with the experience and education required to fulfill the significant responsibilities that go with the job."

The Department of Human Services argued the salary increase gave Jones, who has a doctorate in clinical psychology, the same pay as her predecessor, a physician.

Emil Jones, a Chicago Democrat

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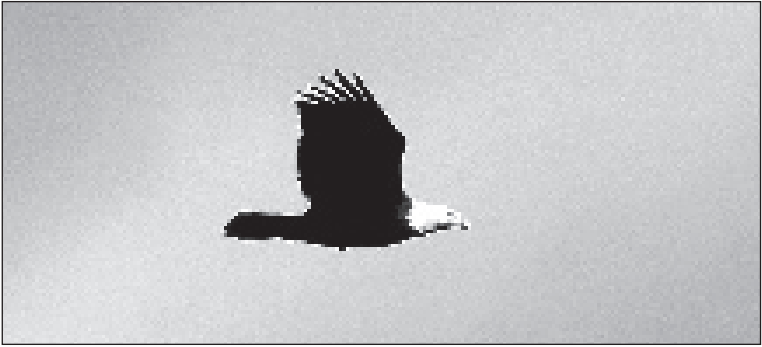
Officials investigating pair of bald eagle shootings

\$1,000 reward offered for information leading to charges

The Associated Press

PEORIA — Conservation police are investigating the shooting deaths of two bald eagles since January in a rural central Illinois county, authorities said Monday.

Few tips have surfaced, despite a \$1,000 reward for information leading to charges in the deaths of the federally protected birds, said Tim Santel, the resident agent in charge of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's office of law enforcement in Springfield.



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A bald eagle soars over Lake Charleston earlier this semester. Two bald eagles were shot near Peoria around the same time.

"Unfortunately for us, most of our witnesses are wildlife, so it's hard to get license plates and suspect descriptions. We have to rely on the public for help," Santel said.

Authorities said both eagles were killed in Fulton County, southwest of Peoria and not far from the Illinois River, a winter migration route for bald eagles.

and Gov. Rod Blagojevich's most ardent legislative ally, declined to be interviewed. Spokeswoman Cindy Davidsmeyer said the senator had nothing to do with his wife's promotion or raise.

"Dr. Jones is an accomplished professional," Davidsmeyer said.

Lorrie Rickman Jones did not respond to a request through a spokesman for comment.

State law limits the amount of money ordinarily paid to employees, but DHS wanted to give Jones more. The agency proposed a special job category that applied only to her.

The administration asked the Civil Service Commission to approve the new classification, arguing that it was necessary to attract high-quality candidates for a demanding job. But Jones was already in the job.

The commission voted on Sept. 15, 2005, but its OK didn't take effect until Oct. 1, according to commission documents and officials. DHS insists it took effect Sept. 15, and that's when the agency officially raised her salary from \$9,705 a month to \$12,605.

She didn't get the money, however, until mid-October, when DHS put an extra \$3,000 in her check as pay retroactive to Sept. 15.

State law prohibits back pay for work already performed.

A mature bald eagle was found alive Jan. 6 near Banner and died three days later. A younger eagle was found dead Feb. 11 near Smithfield, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Both were killed by shotgun blasts.

Wildlife officials say they don't believe hunters were to blame.

"They're not hunting by any means. They're little more than a poacher," said Matt Sprenger, manager of the Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge near Havana, along the Illinois River.



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Fired worker attempts revenge

Ex-employee killed 1, wounded 2, then led police on car chase

The Associated Press

TROY, Mich. — An accounting firm employee who was fired last week shot and killed a woman and wounded two men Monday at the suburban Detroit building where he worked, then led officers on a high-speed chase, police said.

Hours after the shooting, a motorist 50 miles north of Detroit spotted a vehicle described on radio reports and notified authorities, touching off a 30-mile pursuit that passed through a construction zone and reached speeds of 120 mph, officials said. Anthony LaCalamita III, 38, said nothing after officers surrounded him, Genesee County Sheriff Robert J. Pickell said.

Officers found a 12-gauge pump-action shotgun and three live shells in the vehicle, but described LaCalamita as “subdued. Very, very, very subdued,” the sheriff said.

LaCalamita’s calmness at the conclusion belied a frantic mid-morning at the offices of Gordon Advisors, a 40- to 50-employee company where workers had been busy preparing tax returns.

“We heard pop, pop, pop,” smelled gunpowder and heard co-workers yelling, said Jean Larson, 48, a staff accountant for G&C, a subsidiary of Gordon Advisors.

“I heard one employee screaming, ‘He’s got a gun. He’s got a gun.’ ... It was a panic. No one knew what to do. No one knew where to go.”

After briefly assembling in the employee lunchroom, some employees opted to hole up inside individual offices. Larson joined two female co-workers, barricading the locked door

with chairs, turning off the lights and silencing their cell phones.

Beneath a desk, the three curled up and kept quiet.

“I was just so scared,” Larson said. “I just kept thinking, ‘This can’t be happening.’”

Police said the person killed was a 63-year-old woman from Warren but would not name her. A message posted Monday afternoon on the accounting firm’s Web site said the office would be closed Tuesday in memory of Madeline Kafoury.

Larson said Kafoury was well-known and well-liked. She said Kafoury retired last year following the conclusion of tax season, but returned part-time this year after her successor quit.

Troy Police Lt. Gerry Scherlinck identified the other victims as a 47-year-old man and a 48-year-old man.

Pentagon could extend Iraq stay

Decision could prolong tours for up to 15,000 U.S. troops

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is considering a plan to extend the tours of duty for up to 15,000 U.S. troops serving in Iraq, a defense official said Monday.

The idea is among options being considered in response to a request in the last couple of weeks by Gen. David Petraeus, U.S. commander in Iraq, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the idea has not been approved.

Because Petraeus believes the troop increase President Bush announced in January has produced some momentum in fighting violence in Iraq, Petraeus wants to maintain troops at that level past the summer, the official said.

Defense officials are looking at the idea of a maximum 120-day extension for five active duty brigades that would otherwise come home in the coming months – four ground units and one aviation combat brigade totaling roughly 15,000 troops, the official said. The plan would have to be approved by Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

Other options also are on the table. The official declined to name

them but others have said previously that sending some troops earlier than planned also would be considered.

There are currently some 145,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

Also on Monday, officials said some 13,000 National Guard troops are receiving notice to prepare for possible deployment to Iraq, which would be the second tour for several thousand of them.

The orders had been anticipated, but the specific units were not announced until Monday. They are the Army National Guard’s 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, based in Little Rock, Ark.; 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma City; the 76th

Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Indianapolis, and the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Columbus, Ohio. The Guard units would serve as replacement forces in the regular troop rotation for the war, and would not be connected to the recent military buildup for security operations in Baghdad, the Pentagon said.

One unit would deploy in December and the others in 2008, the Army said.

“They are receiving alert orders now in order to provide them the maximum time to complete their preparations,” the Defense Department said in a separate statement.



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Bush returns to work on Immigration Plan

» YUMA, Ariz. — President Bush visited the U.S.-Mexico border Monday to tout a guest worker program for immigrants, pursuing a key domestic policy goal despite chilly relations with Congress.

The trip, a bookend to the visit that Bush made to the same southwest desert city last May, comes as tension rises over a new immigration proposal tied to the White House.

Imus suspended for two weeks after inappropriate comment

» NEW YORK — CBS Radio and MSNBC both said they were suspending Don Imus’ morning talk show for two weeks following his reference last week to members of the Rutgers women’s basketball team as “nappy-headed hos.”

The suspension begins next Monday.

While CBS made its announcement without comment, MSNBC said Imus’ regret at making the inappropriate comment and his stated dedication to changing the show’s discourse made it believe this was the appropriate response.

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» Murphy

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This shows the sign of an improving runner, who often go out fast in a race. For Kennedy to wait and take it out early in the lead, was a sign of leadership.

Kennedy had some previous injuries and shown she had improved with a season best at the Big Blue Classic.

"I know she's been having some injuries (issues)," said senior distance runner Nicole Flounders. "She's so much better than she shows."

Flounders said Kennedy is an extremely hard worker and she has had to battle injury issues for the two years she has been here.

In the indoor season, Kennedy fought a torn muscle in her shin that has bothered her since Spring 2006.

She now wears a black shin sleeve for the problem.

"It's hard to race when you're not in shape," Flounders said of Kennedy.

Kennedy's win will help boost her confidence and help other team members down the road for the Ohio Valley

Conference Outdoor track and field championship.

Flounders said Kennedy keeps the team level and has a good attitude for the team.

The slower heats for track meets might not always provide the fastest times, but they can help the runner.

In the women's 100-meter preliminaries Saturday, sophomore, Molly Clutter did not have to worry about winning her heat.

She was one of only two competitors.

Her win in the slower heat of 13.21 seconds helped her place in a good lane for the finals.

She placed third in the finals and ran under 12.99 seconds to help the Panthers' point total at the Big Blue Classic.

At the 2007 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Tennessee runner Courtney Champions finished third overall in the 200-meter dash and came from the slower section.

Slower heats provide confidence to runners, especially Eastern's.

The team needs confidence if they want to claim two more OVC titles for the outdoor season.

PANTHER BRIEFS | WOMEN'S GOLF AND MEN'S TENNIS

Golf outing canceled due to weather

The Illini Invitational was canceled this past weekend for the first time in its 31 years because of frigid weather conditions.

Senior Chelsea Bach said not making up the golf hopefully won't affect them at conference.

Having this time will allow them to do some team bonding, Bach said.

"I tell them to take it as a learning experience, we need to focus on each individual shot," Bach said.

It was hard coming in as the only senior, Bach said.

She said some of the girls had their own inside jokes, and she did not want to come in between that.

Rutherford wins as Panthers drop match on the road

Freshman Jeff Rutherford was the lone victor against Northern Illinois in Rockford on Monday. He won at No. 5 singles.

"He controlled the tempo of the match," said Eastern head coach John Blackburn.

Rutherford is 13-4 during the spring

season.

Blackburn said Rutherford won his match through a series of long rallies.

The Panthers (12-5) dropped the rest of their matches against Northern Illinois (5-8) en route to a 6-1 loss.

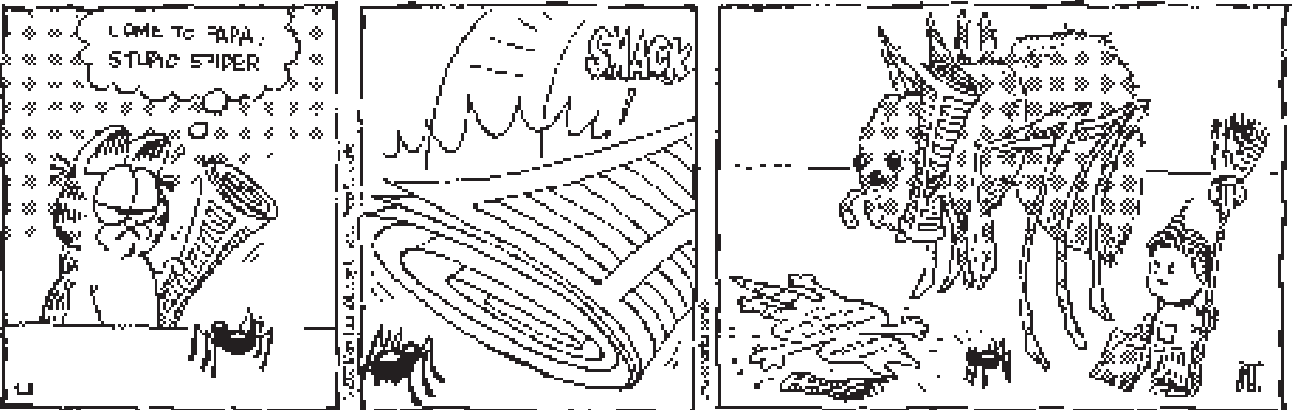
Eastern had won five of its previous six matches before Monday's loss.

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	4		6	1

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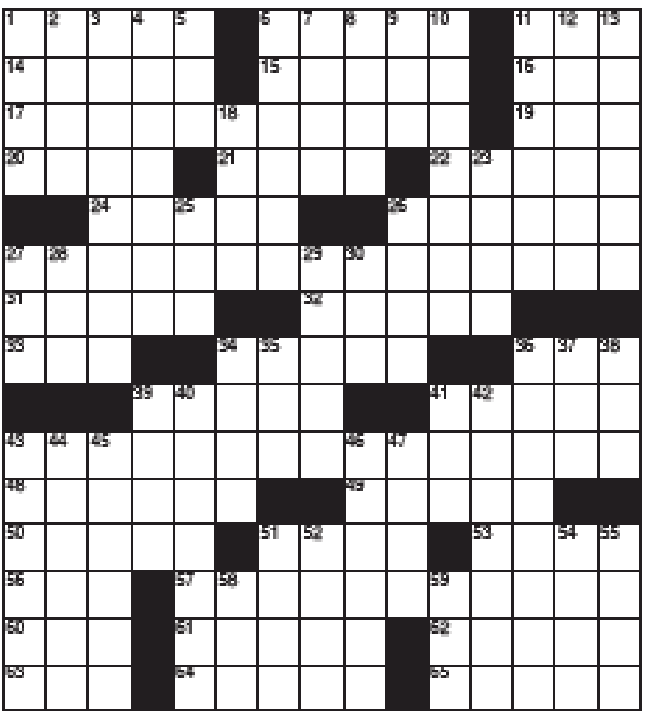
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Thou ___ not ___"
- 8 Conclude
- 11 Daily matches
- 14 "Winning Bridge Moves Easy" author
- 15 Bygone defense gap
- 18 Well-dressed fellow
- 17 "The Razor's Edge" star, 1940
- 19 To and ___
- 20 "Woodr" ___
- 21 Engagement gift
- 22 Brawl
- 24 Triangular house part
- 26 "Oh, my ___ back!"
- 27 1980's Scott Baio sitcom
- 31 Al one's fingertips
- 32 Command to a police dog
- 33 Guinness Book entry
- 34 Catcher's position
- 36 Canadian Margaret
- 38 1972 Olympics cancellation Mark
- 41 Earth Day's month
- 43 Breakfast beverage
- 46 Lyndon's 1964 naming made
- 48 Intended
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- 62 Sam 7-Down
- 63 Extra play periods, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Some police dept. personnel
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- 3 Haughty
- 4 Folio station
- 5 Spike TV's former name
- 6 Catching sight of
- 7 With 62-Across, nickname for former N.F.L. star Sanders
- 8 Hip-hop friend
- 9 Western tale
- 10 Jaguar competitor
- 11 Armour
- 12 Yawn-inducing
- 13 Mocha
- 18 Writer ___ Stanley Gardner
- 23 Kapow!
- 25 Adventurer Nello
- 28 Part of I.R.A.: Nick
- 27 ___ Gwyneth
- 29 Kappa
- 30 Vehicle named for a Japanese river
- 38 Actress Winifred
- 34 Search (through)
- 35 N.F.L. period: Nick
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- 37 Hawaiian Punch competitor
- 38 Hooey, in Junez
- 39 M.L. designation
- 40 Not give up
- 41 1977 Steely Dan album that spent 32 weeks in the top 40
- 42 Cyprien Notch, sobriety
- 43 Run-down urban area
- 44 Media term Murdoch
- 45 Devils
- 46 Mrs. Marcos of the Philippines
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» Notebook

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He also leads Eastern in home runs (7) and RBIs (25).

"We've got to keep doing our main job," Cobb said. "He's been the guy always getting the big hits. It just makes us have to play a little more of a small ball type game."

Freshman leads this week's starting pitching rotation

Eastern's starting pitching has been a source of frustration for much of the season. Tyler Kehrer will get the first chance to ease those frustrations Wednesday.

Kehrer, a freshman left-hander, will start at Coaches Stadium when the Panthers take on the Sycamores. Kehrer sports a 2-1 record, but has a 6.12 ERA and opponents are hitting .284 off him.

"My quote of the week is 'fortune favors the bold,'" Schmitz said. "We have four or five weeks

ahead of us. We either get excited about going after that or we don't. We've been kind of average and we got to get past the average point. People got to pitch. I just don't see guys attacking the opponent."

Sophomore right-hander Brian Morrell will start Thursday's game against NAIA school Olivet Nazarene. Morrell sports a 1.59 ERA in five appearances this year. The 6-foot-7 Quincy native started the March 21 game against Chicago State and gave up one hit in three innings of work.

However, Morrell struggled in his relief appearance in the second game of Friday's doubleheader against Murray State.

Morrell pitched 1 1/3 innings

and did not give up a hit, but walked five batters and allowed one run.

Kreke blasts first career home run over centerfield fence

Sophomore second baseman Jordan Kreke hit his first career home run at Eastern this past weekend.

Kreke hit Murray State pitcher Lucas Allen's first pitch in the fourth inning over the fence in left centerfield.

"When I hit it, it felt real good," Kreke said. "I figured with the wind blowing out, it had a pretty good chance."

The solo home run cut the Panthers' deficit to 10-4, and was the last run Eastern manufactured against the Thororoughbreds.

The Bartleso native hit only .216 as a freshman, but has made up for that this year.

Kreke has the third-best average (.333) on the team. He started 12 games last year, but has already started that number this year through 25 games.

**Tyler Kehrer**

Freshman left-handed pitcher. Kehrer has a 2-1 record with a 6.12 ERA.

Kreke can also play at shortstop, third base and second base.

"He's probably our most valuable defensive player because he's able to do a lot," Schmitz said.

Cobb lowers hands to increase batting average

Cobb came into his junior season on a hitting roll.

Cobb was coming off a sophomore season that saw him hit .307, with 12 home runs and 42 RBIs.

He struggled last year, only hitting .253 with one home run and 35 RBIs.

"It was real difficult last year because I knew I was being counted on as an offensive producer," Cobb said.

Cobb came into last weekend's series against Murray State only hitting .215, with one home run and 10 RBIs.

But he improved those numbers with a productive weekend.

Cobb went 3-for-5 in the two games against Murray, hit a solo

home run and drove in three runs.

"Hopefully, this weekend shows he's back in full force," Huber said.

Heading into Wednesday's game against Indiana State, the Panthers' designated hitter is now hitting .250, with two home runs and 13 RBIs.

An adjustment Schmitz and the Eastern coaching staff made in where Cobb holds his hands helped this past weekend, Cobb said.

"We just lowered his hands," Schmitz said. "He tends to do something when he's up high. It's a rhythm that gets in a bad plane. He doesn't even get the bat through. So we lowered them, and the bat traveled better through the zone."

**Jason Cobb**

Senior designated hitter. Cobb adjusted his swing by lowering his hands.

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SOFTBALL | SPLIT AT IUPUI

Adams’ offense not enough

Panthers manage 19 hits, but don’t sweep

Staff Report

Senior Chelsea Adams did her part offensively.

But Eastern’s pitching didn’t hold it together for one inning during Monday’s non-conference doubleheader at Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis, giving the Panthers a split against the Jaguars.

The Panthers won the first game 5-4, but lost the second game 7-5.

Adams finished 4-for-8 on the day, with 2 home runs, 4 RBIs and 3 runs scored.

Eastern opened up a 5-1 lead in the first game, thanks to back-to-back home runs by Sarah Coppert and Adams in the third inning.

Coppert hit an opposite field shot to right field for her first home run of the season and Adams pulled her second home run of the season to over the fence in left field.

Junior pitcher Maegan Golloway relieved starter Karyn Mackie in the fifth inning. Mackie allowed three runs in the inning, cutting Eastern’s lead to 5-4. But Golloway recorded the final 2 outs of the inning. She eventually earned her second save of the season.

Eastern (15-20) struck first in the second game.

With two runners on in the third, Adams took a pitch from IUPUI starter Angelica Espinosa and hit it over the left centerfield fence for her third home run of the season.

The Jaguars (7-19) added 4 runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 6-4 lead. Catcher Keshia Loweth put IUPUI ahead 5-4 with a three-run home run to centerfield off Panther starter Kathleen Jacoby.



Chelsea Adams

Senior shortstop. went 4-8 in the doubleheader with 2 HRs and 4 RBIs.

in the next inning when sophomore Chelsy Iapala scored on a double steal. Eastern had a chance to tie the game in the inning, but junior Robyn Mackie was thrown out at home after senior Sandyn Short singled up the middle.

First game of Mon.’s DH

Eastern 5, IUPUI 4

Inning by Inning		R	H	E
EIU	1 0 2 0 2 0 0	5	10	0
IUPUI	0 1 0 0 3 0 0	4	8	2

WP: Howell, (4-8) LP: Mackie, Karyn (8-6)

E: Crockett, Boyta –IUPUI. LOB: EIU 6; IUPUI 5. 2B: Adams, Short –EIU; Harvey –IUPUI. SB: Coppert –EIU. SH: Iapala – EIU. HR: Coppert, Adams –EIU. Harvey –IUPUI. HBP: Howell –IUPUI. DP: EIU 1. CS: Danca –EIU; Harvey –IUPUI.

Key Inning: Top of the fifth Senior designated hitter Katy Steele singled up the middle to score junior first baseman Robyn Mackie from second.

Second game of Mon.’s DH

IUPUI 7, Eastern 5

Inning by Inning		R	H	E
EIU	0 0 3 1 1 0 0	5	9	0
IUPUI	0 0 2 4 0 1 x	7	6	0

WP: Espinosa (3-2) LP: Jacoby, Kath. (6-10)

LOB: EIU 3; IUPUI 2. 2B: Coleman, Nolte, Iapala –EIU. HBP: Buckwalter –IUPUI. SH: Raynes –IUPUI. HR: Adams –EIU; Harvey, Loweth, Buckwalter –IUPUI. SB: Adams, Militello, Iapala –EIU; Needy, –IUPUI.

Key Inning: Bottom of the fourth IUPUI catcher Keshia Loweth hit a three-run to centerfield. IUPUI first baseman Mandy Buckwalter added a another home run for the Jaguars.



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Keith Saunders slips in front of a defender at rugby practice behind O'Brien Stadium Monday afternoon. The team is unlikely to become anything more than a club team due to Title IX compliance.

» Intensity

FROM PAGE 12

Wilmarth said the hardest thing about competing on the rugby team is the club team status.

With an official Eastern sport, he said, there is a coach there to drive you and take care of equipment, field setup and travel.

Those responsibilities fall more on the players in a club sport, Wilmarth said.

O’Grady said each team member pays \$60 in dues that provide for liability insurance—which is required to play other teams—referees and union dues.

Wilmarth said it is also difficult to get the word out about the team

because they play on a pitch way out in the woods.

“We want to let people know there is men’s rugby at Eastern, too,” Wilmarth said.

However, the Hornets are likely to remain just a club team.

Becky Carlson, a representative of USA Rugby and former assistant women’s rugby coach at Eastern, said it is unlikely the NCAA will add men’s rugby in the near future because athletic departments not in compliance with Title IX rules must first add women’s teams.

According to the NCAA website, “Title IX is a Federal statute created to prohibit sex discrimination in education programs that receive Federal financial assistance.”

The original statute enacted

BACKGROUND ON THE HORNETS

» Unions a part of: Illinois Rugby Football Union

Midwest Rugby Football Union

» Key rugby terms: Pitch- Field of play

Try- A score worth five points. A player must touch the ball down in the try zone

in 1972 did not apply to college athletics, but the Javits amendment, passed in 1974, required that specificity in Title IX.

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Slow heats provide for interesting match-ups

Stats do not always tell the truth.

Sophomore Jeremy Wheeler may have finished in eighth place overall in the 1,500-meter run on Saturday at the Big Blue Classic at O'Brien Stadium but he actually finished first – in his heat.

Wheeler was able to show his strength and put two moves on the runner in front of him.

They went back and forth in a race that was far more interesting than some of the other uncontested races.

Wheeler won his heat in 4 minutes, 9.53 seconds. This is a personal record for him.

Sophomore Meghan Kennedy won her heat of the 800-meter race.

She was listed overall as seventh. She finished in 2:30.10.

She ran a good race, sitting on the tail of Indiana State's Sarah Engle. Kennedy made a smart decision to pass Engle on the second lap.

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Sore hamstring sidelines Huber

By Matt Daniels
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Eastern's best hitter, and also the best hitter in the Ohio Valley Conference, didn't play in the two games against Murray State this past weekend.

Senior Erik Huber is dealing with a right hamstring injury he suffered during the final game of Panthers' series at Tennessee-Martin the first weekend in April.

"I was rounding third and just kind of felt it," Huber said.

I don't think it pulled or anything. Just kind of strained it, tweaked it."

The 6-foot-6, 215-pound first baseman did

not work out in the field last week, but took batting practice all week, said senior Jason Cobb, Huber's roommate.

"Last week was just kind of let it rest," Huber said. "This week, we're kind of getting after it with some running."

Huber said he is hopeful he can play at full speed again this weekend when the Panthers play at Jacksonville State. Whether he plays at all in Wednesday's game



Erik Huber
Huber is a senior first baseman. He has been dealing with a hamstring injury suffered at Tenn-Martin.

against Indiana State or Thursday's game against Olivet Nazarene is unclear.

"When he is going live, is there kind of a holding back of the muscle or is it tight?" asked Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "If it's tight, then he's probably able to go. But if also that muscle in the hamstring muscle keeps pulling back, he's obviously being restricted from going full-go."

Huber leads the OVC in hitting (.468), slugging percentage (.798) and on-base percentage (.509).

He also has a 21-game hitting streak, which is believed to be the third longest in Eastern baseball history.

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MEN'S RUGBY | CLUB SPORT



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Sophomore Nick Carumusa sprints away from defenders during rugby practice behind O'Brien Stadium Monday afternoon. The club team, called the Hornets, did not qualify for the playoffs in the fall but use the spring season to keep in shape.

Intensity draws athletes to rugby

Club team draws about 75 to 100 fans per game

By Scott Richey
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Matt O'Grady knows the intensity of rugby.

In five years of playing, the senior and team president of Eastern's club rugby team has broken his jaw, collarbone and wrist.

He is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Despite this, O'Grady said he loves to play the game he describes as a total team sport.

He said it is a controlled game of 15 men versus 15 men where no one can dominate the field.

O'Grady said rugby games are fast-paced and intense.

"It would be like going to an Eastern football game with no one wearing pads," he said.

O'Grady said despite club team status, the team is well supported.

He said the team draws about 75 to 100 fans to their 'pitch' which is an intramural field

located behind O'Brien Stadium.

"We want each of the guys to try and bring one fan to the game so the visiting team has people to play in front of," O'Grady said.

The rugby team belongs to the Illinois Rugby Football Union and plays the majority of its games against other club teams from Illinois and Indiana.

There are two seasons for men's rugby, O'Grady said.

The Hornets compete in the regular season during the fall normally for the playoffs in the spring.

But since the Hornets did not qualify for the playoffs, they use the spring season to keep in shape for the fall.

Standing just 5-foot-9 and weighing 175 pounds, O'Grady said he started playing rugby because he was not big enough to play college football and wanted something to do to remain athletic.

The Hornets face off against bigger opponents on a regular basis. As one of the smaller guys on the team, O'Grady said his mindset on the pitch is to use his speed advantage to overcome the power of the other team members.

Eastern junior Chad Wilmarth's start in

rugby was different from O'Grady's.

Wilmarth started playing rugby when he got to Eastern.

After playing three sports in high school, Wilmarth said his plans were to play a college sport, and for a time he did.

Wilmarth competed on Eastern's wrestling team for one year but he said he decided to switch to rugby because wrestling became too much like a job.

Rugby offered Wilmarth a chance to stay active and still have an athletic career of sorts.

A benefit of joining the rugby team, Wilmarth said, was the opportunity to meet new guys and create new friendships both on and off the pitch.

At 5-foot-10 and 200 pounds, Wilmarth said he is one of the average-sized guys on the team.

One thing Wilmarth said the team emphasizes is not to be intimidated by bigger guys.

He takes that philosophy to heart while on offense.

"When I have the ball, I'm going to run over that guy in front of me," Wilmarth said.

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