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UNIVERSITY | DEAN SEARCH

First candidate for dean visits campus

Larsen meets with students, faculty, staff

By **EMILY ZULZ**
Associate News Editor

Arved Larsen was the first candidate to visit campus in the interview process for the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Larsen, professor of music and former associate dean of fine arts at Illinois State University, began the interview process at 9 a.m. Monday in a meeting with the search committee.

Each hour, Larsen met with a different group related to the College of Arts and Humanities.

A social open to the campus community ended the candidate's first day of campus interviews.

Throughout the course of the day, Larsen met with the search committee, the chairs of the college, the faculty of the college and ate lunch with students with majors in the college.

"It was essentially an interview at each meeting," Larsen said.

Individuals at each session had the opportunity to ask questions.

Larsen will continue his interview process today with meetings with the Dean's Council, President Bill Perry, Provost Blair Lord, the search committee and another open session with arts and humanities faculty before ending with a tour of the community.

In his tour of the campus, Larsen said he was impressed with the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The tour primarily focused on the parts of campus that deal with the College of Arts and Humanities.

"I don't think you know how lucky you are to have that art center," Larsen said.



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From left, Arved Larsen, dean candidate for the college of arts and humanities, talks with James Ochwa-Echel, assistant professor of the secondary education foundation, and John Martone, English professor, during a social hour Monday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I don't think you know how lucky you are to have that art center."

— Arved Larsen, candidate for the College of Arts and Humanities dean

He said the center is something substantial and should really impact the whole campus as well as the region.

Larsen said this was going to be a project he would be looking at.

He said as a "music guy" he is interested in what Doudna offers.

Larsen said he had previously visited Eastern but had not been on campus since before the construction of Doudna.

He said he likes the attitude that it has the potential to serve the whole campus and region.

Glenn Hild, chair of the art

department and a member of the search committee, provided Larsen's tour of the College of Arts and Humanities services.

Hild also said he visited with Larsen during other sessions.

Larsen indicated a desire to have open communication with the faculty and staff, which is always a good thing, he said.

Hild said Larsen has an understanding of the needs of the college.

"From my perspective, his interest in that arts is an important thing," he said.

Mary Anne Hanner, chair of the search committee and dean of the

College of Sciences, had spoken with Larsen previously, but Monday was her first time meeting him in person.

"I felt like he was well prepared and felt like (the interviews) went smoothly," she said.

She said he knows a lot about Eastern and would bring some good experience to the position.

Larsen served as the associate dean of Fine Arts at Illinois State from 2000 until 2002 when the position was eliminated because of budget cuts.

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CAMPUS | PLAN B

Birth control prices remain low

Plan A still cheaper than Plan B on campus

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

The cost of birth control pills is rising, but prices remain low at Eastern and a cheaper option than Plan B.

At Health Services, birth control pills are sold for \$25 a month, compared to Plan B, which is sold for \$30 each purchase.

"It is more costly to get Plan B," said Amy Malmen, the pharmacy director at Health Services.

She said when it comes to the rising prices of birth control pills, some have switched to generic pills to lower the cost.

"Also there are insurance plans that are covering them," she said. "I think the cost to the consumer has gone down, and price is really not a consideration."

However, in the case of a condom malfunction, an irregular use of birth control pills or unprotected sex, Plan B might be the



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When buying Plan B from Health Services, the Plan B emergency oral contraceptive comes with condoms and an instruction sheet.

answer.

The emergency oral contraceptive, Plan B is known as a back-up plan to prevent pregnancy within 72 hours of sexual intercourse.

In 2006, the Food and Drug Administration decided to allow women, over the age of 18, to purchase Plan B over the counter

instead of having to wait to receive a prescription from their doctor.

According to Plan B's official Web site, the emergency contraceptive reduces the chance of a woman getting pregnant by 89 percent.

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CITY | MANUFACTURING

Dow producing new item at Chemical plant

SIS is water-resistant, prevents heat loss, is used in place of wood sheathing

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

At a time when many factories are closing their doors and laying off workers, one local business has begun manufacturing a new product.

The Dow Chemical plant at 1255 N. Fifth St. is producing Structurally Insulated Sheeting (SIS), a new multi-purpose building material, for Dow Building Solutions.

That is good news for workers, said Janice Waldron, site and production leader for the plant.

"What it's done is allow me to keep the people I have busy and employed," Waldron said.

She said demand is already

high for the new product.

"Right now, I'm having trouble filling orders, so I couldn't be happier," Waldron said.

SIS has three purposes: It can be used in place of wood sheathing in building new homes, it insulates homes to prevent heat loss and it is water-resistant, according to Dow Building Solution's Web site.

Despite the product's early success, Waldron said the plant is not yet hiring new workers, citing the weak U.S. housing market.

Instead, Dow officials want to have production ready for an upturn in the housing market, she said.

"Anytime you try to break into a market, you want to make sure the product is up and ready, so when the market picks up, you can do that," Waldron said.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Guiding the way



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Students from a seventh-grade class at Matton Middle School look at the aquatic scene drawn in the chalkboard hallway of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Monday. Doug Bock, a guide for Table Arts, leads students through the art displays, sculptures and structures around campus.

CAMPUS | ACTIVITIES

Interaction encouraged at panel

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

The "President Barack Obama: A Black Man in the White House" panel will feature students and teachers who will discuss Obama's new position as the first African-American president.

"We will discuss things such as the implications and consequences of Obama being president," said Michael Loudon, English professor and panelist. "The panelists will give their viewpoints and there will be a question-and-answer session and discussion."

Loudon says he hopes people engage in discussion and interact with each other and the panelists during the discussion.

"I think most we were asked to (be panelists) because of our involvement in black studies on campus," Loudon said. "We're just offering early remarks to revoke discussion and participation from the audience."

Loudon is going to say in his opening statement that Obama winning the presidency was the most important day of his life and how it represents a change in the challenges of overcoming race.

Loudon said it is important to remember that African-Americans came

a long way to do so and that some people, both white and black, have an ignorance of this and that it is something that should be remembered.

"African-Americans were segregated before the Civil Rights Act, and Obama becoming president affects everyone," Loudon said. "It affects how my marriage and the growth of my children unfolds."

Loudon believes in the principle that all men are created equal.

"You will understand an African-American destiny is inextricable from your own destiny," Loudon said. "I think it is important to everyone, and anyone who doesn't believe this, to know they are not as smart as they think they are."

Jantelle Horton, a sophomore sociology and African-American studies major and Director of Service for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said she thinks it is important to remember where African-Americans came from and where they are today.

"That is what makes African-American Heritage Month significant," she said. "We have gone from not being able to go to same schools as whites to having a black president. We are not only remembering our past, but celebrating our future."

Martin Hardeman, a history professor, volunteered to be a part of the panel.

"I will discuss my knowledge of Barack Obama's ideas and the direction his office will take," he said. "I have some opinions and have done some reading on him and have a few criticisms of those who disagree with him. I am no more knowledgeable than the audience members, though."

Josh Boykin, a junior English major, is in charge of the panel. He said the panel is more of a guided discussion with questions from the audience.

"The audience will have a chance to respond as well as the panel," he said. "It's just as much about the panel members conveying the information, as well as discussing such a critical topic in our nation's history."

Boykin wants everyone to walk away feeling enriched while gaining some knowledge and opening some people's eyes.

"It's a great way to open up discussion on campus," Boykin said.

The panel will take place at 7 p.m. today in the Effingham room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students' turn to recognize teachers

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

Most of the time, the learning process recognizes only the students. Professors are usually left by the wayside.

Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs, noticed this and decided to rectify the situation.

Alexander, with the help of Adrian Rosado, made the Student's Distinguished Professor Award, where students can nominate a teacher who made a difference in the learning experience.

"I'm really excited because I had a lot of teachers that I've really wished I could've said thank you in such a way as nominated them for an award," Alexander said. "I'm really proud to be the one starting it."

Applications for the award are available until the April 3 deadline. An awards banquet will be held in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on April 20.

Applications can be picked up at the pick-up/drop box by the gumball machines next to the food court in the union.

The program's mission is "To increase the relationship between the students and professors outside the classroom."

Rosado, a graduate assistant for Student Life, said there are three different categories to nominate a pro-



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Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs, shows the applications and ballot box - located near the food court of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union - she created for the Student's Distinguished Professor Award. Students can nominate faculty they feel are deserving of the award by filling out an application.

fessor.

Distinguished Academic Support honors professors who have exceeded the normal requirements to help their students' progress.

Also, distinguished Service honors professors who have encouraged the advancement of a student group or organization and promotes students to act as role models while personally upholding positive self-esteem and integrity.

Distinguished Subject recognizes professors who create an interest

of learning in students and challenges them to reach appropriately high standards and expectations.

Alexander said a student could nominate a professor in each category. No more than one nomination per category will be accepted. For the application, Rosado helped Alexander make the form look professional.

Rosado said for the application form, they worked on the information needed for the students and professors. They both wanted this award process to be something the profes-

sors wanted to be involved in.

"We want them to know this is for them because students get recognized all year, whereas the teachers have to take a seat or be in the shadows," Rosado said.

Alexander and Rosado reserved the room for 50 people to participate in a spaghetti dinner. The cost for the award process is \$680, with \$415 going to Panther Dining for the spaghetti dinner. The vice president for academic affairs budget covers the expenses.

Additionally, Alexander said she is trying to invite Eastern administrators like Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, and Provost Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, to the banquet so they could see the professors students are proud of and are making a difference.

"Honestly, I'm not sure a program like this has been enacted at Eastern in the past, so I wouldn't doubt for the (administrators) to show support for them to support the faculty and we plan on inviting them," Rosado said.

Rosado hopes students will take this opportunity seriously.

"I'm excited for the simple fact that it allows the students to give back to their professors that they deem fit," Rosado said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Darwin Day program discusses controversy

In recognition of the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of the "Origin of Species," the Darwin Day Organizing Committee will present "The Clergy Letter Project, the Evolution/Creation Controversy and Why it Matters" at 7 p.m. today in Coleman Hall Auditorium, Room 1255.

Michael Zimmerman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Butler College, will present the lecture.

The event is free and open to the public.

Grammar workshop teaches to proofread

The Writing Center is hosting "Grammar Check is Evil: How to Proofread and Edit Without the Techno-Crutch" from 3:30 to 4 p.m. today in Room 3110 Coleman Hall.

If interested in attending a workshop, e-mail the writing center staff at eiuwritingcenter@gmail.com. In the e-mail, include the title of the workshop and one's name, major and year in school.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

A theft was reported at the Union Bookstore Tuesday, said the University Police Department.

Drew Sleezer, 24, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a 1:31 a.m. Saturday arrest at Ninth and Garfield Streets, police said.

Zakary Franzen, 18, of Gifford, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after a 2:24 a.m. Saturday arrest near Carman Hall, police said.

CAMPUS | MEETING

Academic freedom subject of discussion for forum

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

The concepts behind academic freedom will be the topic for the Faculty Senate forum that has been moved from its Feb. 24 date.

Today's meeting will narrow down details about the discussion's abstract concept.

Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

The senate hopes to decide what focus the discussion on academic freedom will take and come to a permanent date for the forum, said Senate Chair John Pommier.

"We are going to try to look at it as it addresses higher education—textbook selection, mandates on syllabi and curricula," he said.

The senate and the University Professionals of Illinois, who will

be joining the forum, decided to push back the forum from its original date.

"It was just too close," Pommier said. "We wanted more time to do this right and have a good discussion on the matter."

Pommier said preliminary ideas for the forum include having an educational panel that would answer questions about academic freedom in higher education, pos-

sibly from different fields in education.

"Right now, it's really broad," he said. "We want to have an open discussion that invites different disciplines and different ideas."

Local teachers are encouraged to attend the forum to gain perspective from the discussion, he said.

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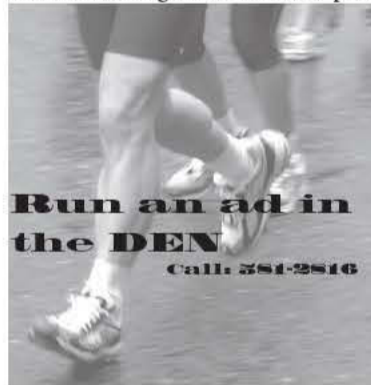
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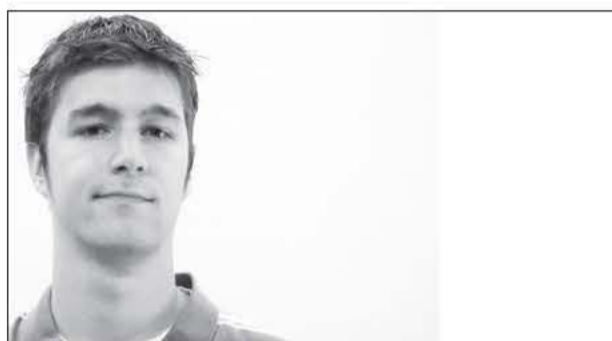
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Stimulus plan needs
long-term goals

President Barack Obama warned last Thursday if nothing is done about the economy, "Our nation will sink deeper into a crisis that, at some point, we may not be able to reverse." He said the stimulus plan is needed to avoid national catastrophe.

If we assume that Obama is correct in his assessment, that the country is headed for catastrophe, we have to read a bit further into it and admit this is more than a speed bump, that there is something fundamentally wrong with the economy.

Unfortunately, the bill Obama is portraying as a cure-all to an imminently bleak future does little to help.

There is some spending that could positively affect the economy. For instance, \$27 billion for highway and bridge construction, \$11 billion for a smart energy grid, and a few other similar projects would constitute a fraction of the total cost.

However, also in the bill is \$20 billion for food stamps; \$100 billion for health care; \$100 billion for education; close to \$200 billion in tax credits. The list goes on.

None of this is bad; it's just that it has nothing to do with creating a sound economy. It will save few jobs and create even less. It is \$800 billion dollars to achieve marginal benefits at best.

People putting money into savings and paying off bills is great, but it isn't a good use for hundreds of billions in deficit spending. Neither is giving them money to waste buying things manufactured in China.

This spending is temporary.

When this money is gone, people will stop saving, paying off bills and buying things. Companies can't count on this shot in the arm. That money was not real. It is impossible to base a business plan around it. If a company is struggling, they will still struggle.

Is Congress going to pass another trillion dollar spending bill to save an economy that is still fundamentally sick?

What is needed from the government is something it has never given the American people: a long-term strategy, serious thought and responsibility.

This means creating a business-friendly environment. Period. People need good, reliable jobs, not a relative pittance in refundable tax credits every couple of years.

This means cutting corporate taxes, which are among the highest in the world, and lowering taxes on the top 5% of wage earners, most of who are small business owners creating a majority of new jobs.

It means cutting capital gains taxes, making it easier to invest. It means fighting the surprisingly Hoover-esque protectionist urge among many on the left. It means addressing the entitlement crisis that absolutely cannot wait any longer.

Today's economy is made up of billions of self-interested actors all over the world. It is unfathomably complex.

Yet, we trust Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid to apply a bandage to cover up problems that are more serious than what they are willing to deal with.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Wait until the season ends
before making commitments

Yes, the Eastern men's basketball team will see Eastern men's head basketball coach Mike Miller next season.

Miller was awarded a contract extension Thursday for one season.

While the Panthers are 11-11 and 8-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference this season and in fourth place before Monday night's game, it seems strange to award Miller a contract extension during the middle of the season.

Yes, the team is more successful this season with eight newcomers and only one senior, but a lot can happen with six conference games remaining.

Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke and Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, should have waited until the end of the season to award a contract extension.

"It is important that we provide stability for our program to continue to make progress and be successful," Burke said in a press release. "He has demonstrated a commitment to our program and we appreciate his positive attitude and the direction that the program is headed."

But this is the only season Miller has established any stability. He guided the program to a 23-63 record in his three previous seasons, and of the 11 wins this season, only nine are against Division I opponents.

And while the eight conference wins are the most since the 2002-2003 season, seven of those wins have come against the five bottom teams in the league.

This has been the second time Miller's contract has been extended. It was extended after the 2005-2006 season after he went 6-21. Eastern is shooting for mediocrity.

In 2006-2007 he went 10-20, but the 2007-2008 season was dismal with all players set to return for the start of the season.

"While the men's team is succeeding this season – and expectations will be high for next season – things can go wrong."

Then-junior guard Mike Robinson transferred to Lewis University to play basketball during the middle of the season. Then-red-shirt freshman guard Brandon D'Amico transferred to Cardinal Stritch in Milwaukee to play basketball during the middle of last season. Then-sophomore forward Bobby Jolliff also transferred to Huntington University in Huntington, Ind., to play basketball at the NAIA school. Then-sophomore forward Justin Brock transferred to Quincy University after the season was completed to play basketball.

Miller posted five non-conference wins in four seasons (against sub-par teams Western Illinois and Missouri-Kansas City). Miller also has yet to win a game in the ESPN BracketBusters. Eastern and Southeast Missouri are the only OVC teams not to win a game in this series.

While the men's team is succeeding this season – and expectations will be high for next season – things can go wrong.

The athletic department should have waited until the end of the season to renew his contract because any athletic team can fade down the stretch.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'SPRING INTO EDUCATION'
A HUGE SUCCESS

The Student Education Association-IEA/NEA held their first conference Saturday. Almost 100 future teachers came to join us. What started as an idea and a dream quickly morphed into a reality. Students of the SEA Executive Board created and organized the event.

All of the guest speakers offered great information, new knowledge, and opened the doors for thinking outside the box. Three sessions offered ideas for

inside your classroom: reading comprehension strategies, classroom management and agriculture for all levels.

Keynote speaker Brent Carmichael spoke about gang awareness and diversity within the walls of the school.

Thank you to all of the speakers! I would like to thank my executive board and faculty advisers for their help, encouragement and support throughout the planning process.

It was hard work and what seemed impossible became possible as we watched it unfold Saturday. I especially

want to thank all who attended; we honestly could not have had the conference if it wasn't for you.

"Spring into Education!" could not have gone any better and I hope that it can become a tradition for SEA here at EIU.

I am honored to have initiated this professional development opportunity for education majors!

Lindsey Dalesandro
Student Education Association-IEA/
NEA president

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UNIVERSITY | CONCERT

Grammy winner's music to be performed

Libby Larson has written more than 400 works, will work with students while on campus

By **CHARLES LEGRAND**
Staff Reporter

Eastern's music ensembles will perform the music of Grammy winner and composer Libby Larson tonight, while Larson, herself, will be at Eastern to give a lecture and work with music composition students.

The concert is in part of "A Year

of Celebration – The Reopening of the Doudna Fine Arts Center."

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Doudna in the Dvorak Concert Hall.

Jonathon Kirk, an assistant professor of composition and theory in the department of music, said Eastern is lucky to have Larson on campus.

"She is a wonderfully gifted musician with such a warm personality," Kirk said.

Larsen's music catalog spans 400 works, including more than a dozen operas.

Kirk will be coordinating Larson's events during her residency.

She arrived Monday at Eastern and will be on campus until Wednesday.

While here, Larson will work with music composition students in class.

"One of the best aspects of this residency is that Libby will have the opportunity to work with student composers," Kirk said. "Students will share either works-in-progress, or completed works and discuss things like style and orchestration."

Kirk said Larson will give some advice as well.

"I am sure Libby will share some insights into her own experience as

a freelance composer and how she began composing as a career," Kirk said.

In 1994, Larson received a Grammy Award for producing "The Art of Arlene Auger," a widely-known recording that includes Larson's "Sonnets from the Portuguese."

Larsen has earned herself a permanent place for her works in the concert repertory.

In 2003-2004, Larson was the Harissios Papamarkou chair in education at the Library of Congress.

The legendary composition artist has held residencies with the California Institute of the Arts, the

Arnold Schoenberg Institute, the Philadelphia School of the Arts, the Cincinnati Conservatory, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Charlotte Symphony and the Colorado Symphony.

Tickets to the concert are still available.

For reservations and information, contact the Doudna Fine Arts Patron Services at 581-3110, doudnatix@eiu.edu or www.eiu.edu/doudna or visit the Doudna Box Office.

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» Plan B

FROM PAGE 1

However, Plan B is not to be used as a routine contraceptive, such as birth control pills.

Malmen said women who take Plan B as a routine contraceptive are at risk of side effects.

"Some women will experience nausea, fatigue, headache and changes in their menstrual cycle," she said. "You are just opening up yourself to a greater risk."

The difference between birth control pills and Plan B is the higher dosage of levonorgestrel.

Plan B consists of two pills that are supposed to be taken 12 hours apart from each other for effectiveness. If a woman is pregnant, Plan B will not act as an "abortion pill."

Malmen said there is no need for concern if a woman takes Plan B if pregnant.

"It will not affect an existing pregnancy," she said.

When it comes to the sale of Plan B at Health Services, Malmen said a system is not set in place to

monitor how many times a student purchases the emergency contraceptive.

"We can not do that," she said. "It is a confidentiality standpoint. By law, if they give us a photo ID that proves they are 18, then we are required to give it to them."

Malmen said the pharmacy has noticed multiple orders for Plan B.

"If I do see a student constantly buying, if they are receptive of talking to me, then I'll encourage them to get on Plan A," said Malmen.

Birth control pills are consid-

ered to be Plan A.

Malmen said when a student purchases Plan B, the pharmacy provides the student with condoms and an instruction sheet.

"Sometimes they go back to their room and they forget what the instructions are," she said. "Also, it is a reminder telling them if you are going to be sexually active, then they should think about getting on Plan A."

Malmen said overall, she approves of Plan B becoming an over-the-counter drug.

"I would rather have it readily

available to the women that need it and are taking it correctly," she said.

Malmen said she thinks only a few women are taking the emergency contraceptive incorrectly.

"I feel that a vast majority of the women are taking it correctly, and I do not think they should get penalized because of a few," she said. "We need it out there for women to get it and use it right away."

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» Dean

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He has been a full-time faculty member from August of 2002 until present, and served as chairman in the department of music at ISU from 1990 until 2000.

Larsen was associate dean and professor of music in the Crane School of Music at State University of New York at Potsdam from 1986 to 1990.

From 1978 to 1986, Larson was coordinator and music professor in

the department of music at Paine College in Augusta, Ga.

Jeri Matteson-Hughes, computer technology for the college of arts and humanities, is part of the dean's office staff and will be working directly with the candidate hired.

"He's my immediate supervisor," she said.

Matteson-Hughes has not been a part of the search committee, and met with him for the first time Monday in the open session for the staff.

"I thought we had a wonderful conversation," Matteson-Hughes

said. "I learned about his perspective of managing a college of humanities."

She said she looks forward to meeting the other candidates as well.

"I suspect we're going to have a hard time choosing," Matteson-Hughes said.

The next candidates to visit will be John Omachonu, the associate dean of the College of Mass Communications at Middle Tennessee State University, in Murfreesboro, Tenn., on Feb. 17 and 18, and William Clow, interim associate dean of the college of liberal stud-

ies at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, on Feb. 19 and 20.

The final two interviews will be with Dana Ringuette, chair of the English department at Eastern, on Feb. 24 and 25 and Richard Sax, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, on Feb. 26 and 27.

As the first candidate brought to campus, Larson now enters a waiting game.

During the first week of March, Hanner said the committee will meet and look at the input from each candidate's visit to campus.

The input is gathered from evaluation forms from those who attended the interviews. These forms need to be returned to the College of Sciences by Feb. 27, Hanner said.

The committee collects all comments from the evaluations and has a numerical summary.

The committee then provides a summary of each candidate's strengths to the provost. Lord will then make a recommendation to the president.

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» Racers

FROM PAGE 8

Laser finished with four points (0-of-2 from beyond the arc).

Cisse was the only Panther to reach double digits with 12 points along with nine rebounds and one block.

Martin's six points leaves him five points shy of reaching the 1,000-point mark in his career.

Thomas led all scorers with 16 points for the Racers. Holloway added 11 and freshman forward Ivan Aska chipped in with eight points.

Eastern's next game will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday as they travel to Morehead, Ky., to take on Morehead State.

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OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Morehead State	10-3	14-11
Tennessee-Martin	9-3	16-6
Austin Peay	10-4	14-10
E. Illinois	8-5	11-12
Murray State	7-5	12-10
E. Kentucky	7-6	14-10
Jacksonville State	5-9	11-12
Tennessee Tech	5-9	11-13
Tennessee State	5-9	7-17
Southeast Missouri	0-13	3-21

MEN'S B-BALL

Murray State 59, Eastern 53

MURRAY STATE (12-10, 7-5 OVC)
Miles 2-3 3-6 8, Holloway 4-7 0-0 11, K. Thomas 1-2 3-4 5, Poole 1-2 2-2 4, D. Thomas 3-14 8-8 16, McClain 1-3 1-2 3, Aska 3-5 2-4 8, Easley 2-3 0-0 4, Totals: 17-39 19-26 58.
EASTERN (11-12, 8-5 OVC)
Laser 2-5 0-0 4, Wright, Jr. 0-3 0-0 0, Martin 2-10 1-2 6, Parrish 4-10 1-2 9, Granger 4-6 0-0 8, Marion 2-5 1-3 5, Suljic 3-7 3-3 9, Cisse 5-5 2-4 12, Totals: 22-51 8-14 53.

Halftime: Murray 27-19, 3-pointers: Murray 6-16; Eastern 1-9. Turnovers: Murray 19, Eastern 16. Total Fouls: Murray 18, Eastern 23. Technical Fouls: None. At: 851.

» Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 8

They have performed yearly at the Illinois High School Association's state basketball tournament, but it was unlikely they would cause any type of stir in Lantz Arena, where no more than 300 fans usually fill the gym on a given night.

I was wrong. The "Zoopers" were scheduled on the same day that several local girls basketball teams filled Lantz to cheer on the women's game. Additionally, 160 high school basketball players attended the men's game as the Fellowship Christian Athletes made the trip to Lantz.

The promotion, coupled with a gym filled with kids in the elementary-to-high school age, helped the "Zoopers" promotion become a success for the athletic department.

"It was our first time doing something like this, and I was pretty excited to get them in here," said Eastern's director of marketing and corporate sales Ryan Gilmore, who arranged the event. "It made for an exciting atmosphere."

Gilmore would not disclose how much the department paid to have the "Zoopers" come here, saying that because the "Zoopers" negotiate differently with each event, he did not want to have that number

out in the open. However, he said he would definitely consider bringing them back and he thought the event went well.

So while the numbers were not available, it is safe to say the "Zoopers" will pay off in the long run for the athletic department. If for no other reason than that the youth basketball players — who clearly enjoyed the atmosphere — will want to come back and enjoy Eastern basketball games.

Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke said she thought the "Zoopers" put on a great show.

"These are the types of things athletics is trying to incorporate into our home events to create a great environment for both our fans and our student-athletes," she said.

If the athletic department continues to come up with interesting, out-of-the-box promotions such as the "Zoopers," it is definitely possible that the department will start to thrive. Gilmore said the next big promotion will be charging a dollar per ticket for the community to get into Eastern's senior night games on Feb. 21.

I hope — for the department's sake — these promotions continue to go over well.

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» Murphy

FROM PAGE 8

The Panthers (11-12, 8-5 OVC) are ahead of Murray State (12-10, 7-5) in the standings, but Eastern will need to continue to win if they want to finish in the top four and host a first-round tournament.

"They're scary because they

have experienced guards," Murray State junior guard Tyler Holloway said. "It's huge for us to beat them as conference standings go. I think they'll continue to be successful in the future."

There's still five OVC games left, but Eastern needs to right the ship now and not with two or three games remaining, which they typically tend to, and by then its conference tournament chances are gone.

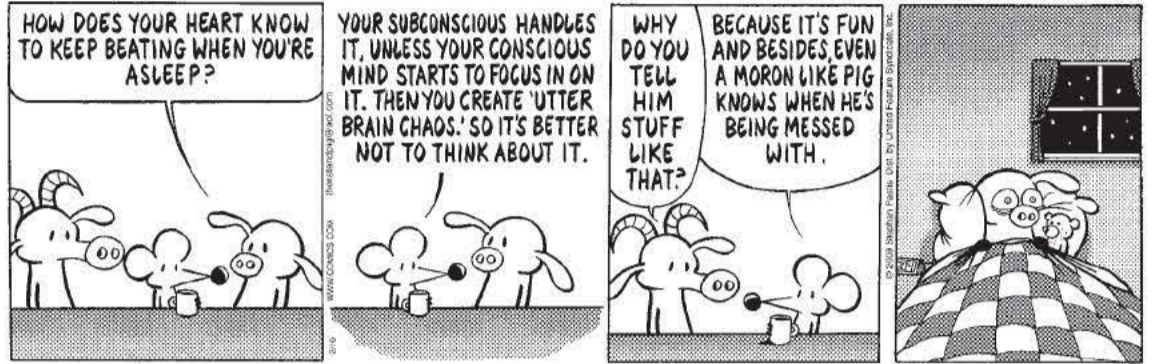
This season they have a chance to fight for a first round spot, which is unheard of around Eastern and around the conference.

"They've got some young guys," Murray State head coach Billy Kennedy said. "They're capable of beating anyone in the league. I expect them to finish strong."

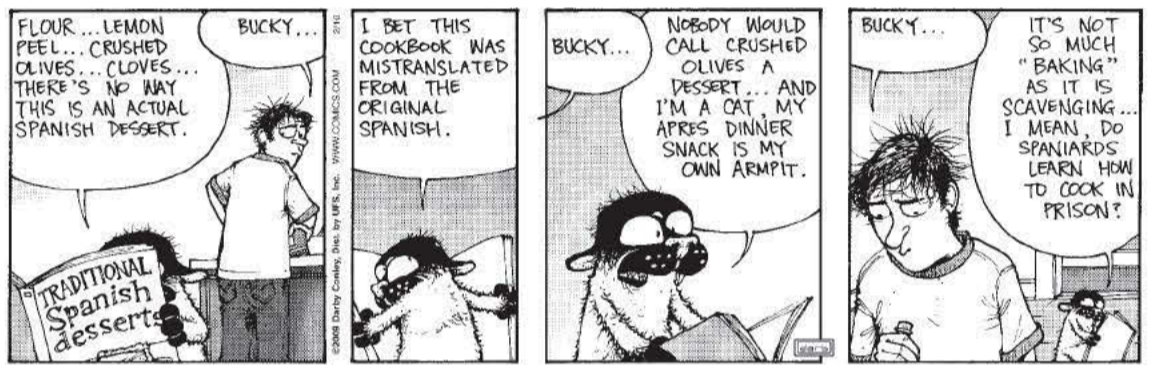
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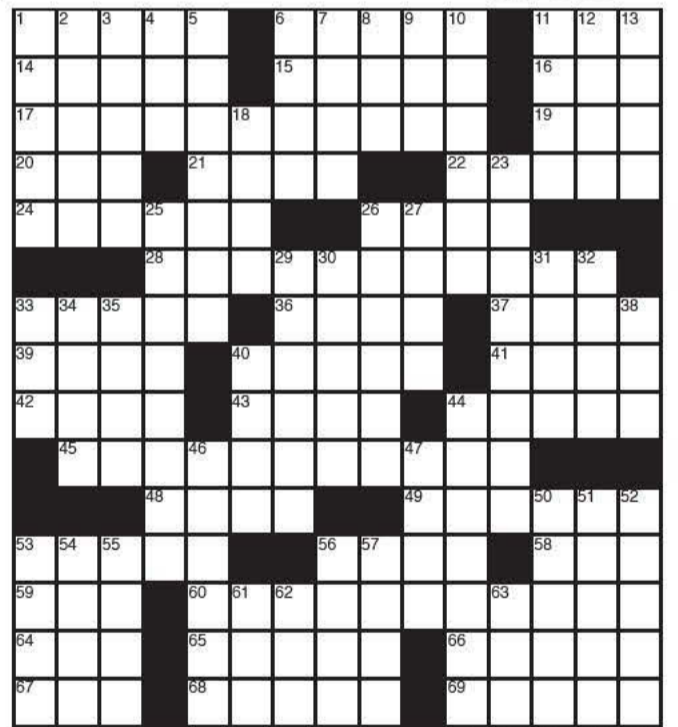
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 - 6 Milan's La ___
 - 11 Sun or moon, to bards
 - 14 "Be-Bop-___" (Gene Vincent hit)
 - 15 Is visibly frightened
 - 16 Zilch
 - 17 They're hard to believe
 - 19 Eerie sighting, for short
 - 20 PT boat crewman: Abbr.
 - 21 Adoptees from shelters
 - 22 Initial stage
 - 24 Beach atmosphere
 - 26 Have the nerve
 - 28 1939 Bette Davis drama
 - 33 Former U.N. chief Kofi ___
 - 36 Take five
 - 37 Free of clutter
 - 39 Clayey soil
 - 40 Paycheck extra
 - 41 Word before Charles or George
 - 42 ___ John's (Domino's competitor)
 - 43 Years, in the Yucatán
 - 44 Not loyal
 - 45 Big pile of cash
 - 48 Top-___ (best)
 - 49 Series beginners
 - 53 Garlic-crushing tool
 - 56 Tumbled
 - 58 Bearded pres.
 - 59 CNN's Dobbs
 - 60 Figure described by the first words of 17-, 28- and 45-Across
 - 64 Galley need
 - 65 Bird-related
 - 66 Potbelly ___
 - 67 Old hand
 - 68 Gossipy sort
 - 69 Vocal qualities
- DOWN
- 1 Hall's partner in pop
 - 2 Make smooth
 - 3 Arkansas River city
 - 4 "___ bite"
 - 5 Sea fed by the Volga
 - 6 Dick and Jane's dog
 - 7 Dodgem units
 - 8 Boxer Laila
 - 9 Ann of the Shakers
 - 10 Place into cubbyholes
 - 11 Burden of proof
 - 12 In widespread use
 - 13 Bad mark on one's reputation
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MLB

A-Rod admits steroid use

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Already the highest-paid player, Alex Rodriguez wanted to prove himself one of the greatest. Instead, he wound up atop another list: the highest-profile player to confess to cheating in baseball's steroids era.

The All-Star third baseman, responding to a weekend Sports Illustrated report that he flunked a drug test, told ESPN on Monday he used banned substances while playing with the Texas Rangers from 2001-03 to justify his 10-year, \$252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he didn't do it before that and quit during spring training in 2003, before the first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season, and said he hasn't used since.

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NBA
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7:30 p.m. on CSN

NHL
Vancouver at St. Louis |
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Florida at Kentucky |
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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*Austin Peay 86, Tennessee Tech 80
*Tennessee Stat 80, Jacksonville State 70
*Ohio Valley Conference game

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

'Zooper' decision made

This newspaper has criticized the athletic department for a lot recently.

We were not pleased with the addition of the "Panther Patio," the pointless graphics on Lantz Arena's walls, or, for the most part, the direction of the men's basketball team.

However, one decision they made as of late ended up as a great success, and a complete surprise.

The "Zooperstars" promotion that the athletic department scheduled for both basketball team's home games last Saturday against Southeast Missouri seemed silly at first. The idea of a bunch of crazy, sports/animal-like blowup figures bouncing around Lantz Arena during these games seemed downright ridiculous.

Sure, the "Zooperstars" had been a success at other levels.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | MURRAY STATE 59, EASTERN 53

Racers roll to road victory



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Eastern junior center Ousmane Cisse goes up for a shot Monday night against Murray State in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost the game 59-53.

Panthers' second-half comeback falls short

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's basketball team could not complete the second-half comeback.

The Panthers trailed by as many as 13 in the second half against Murray State Monday night in Lantz Arena, and although they cut the lead to four with less than two minutes to play, they could not get any closer, losing 59-53.

"I think we kept the last play with us instead of going to the next play," head coach Mike Miller said. "I think we got stuck on some of the negative things that happened on the floor and couldn't play through it."

The Racers (12-10, 7-5 Ohio Valley Conference) handed the Panthers their second home loss this season. Murray State swept the Panthers this season as they beat them in Murray.

Eastern trailed by 12 points with 4:57 remaining in the second half after a pair of free throws by Murray State junior forward Danero Thomas, but Eastern responded with an eight-point run to cut Murray's lead to 53-49 on a lay-up by junior center Ousmane Cisse with 1:30 remaining.

But Eastern (11-12, 8-5 OVC) could not get a stop and Murray State made six of eight free throws to push the lead back to 10 with 25 seconds remaining. The Panthers put a dent in the lead with lay-ups by sophomore guard Tyler Laser and

freshman guard Jeremy Granger, but came up short.

"We came out and played hard in that stretch at the end," said senior forward Billy Parrish, who finished with nine points. "We came in there and got in their stuff like they were doing to us, but it was too little too late. You have to do that all 40 minutes."

Despite the loss, the Panthers remain in fourth place in the league.

The score was close throughout the first half as Eastern and Murray were tied three times and were squared at 19 with 2:56 remaining in the half before Murray State ended the half on an 8-0 run.

Eastern only shot nine 3-pointers, converting just one. Parrish said Murray State's pressure defense took away perimeter shots from the wings.

Miller said Murray State's players that usually shoot 3-pointers could not get open looks, so the team played off the dribble more than usual.

Murray State senior guard Tyler Holloway said the team talked about limiting Eastern's top two outside shooting threats guards, junior guard Romain Martin and Laser.

"That was really the focal point of our defense coming into this game, knowing where they are at all times and not playing with them with one guy, but playing them as a unit. I thought we did a good job of that," Holloway said.

Martin finished with six points on 2-of-10 shooting (1-of-6 from beyond the arc).

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Gut-check time for Panthers after loss

The Eastern men's basketball team fought valiantly Monday night, but it couldn't keep up with Murray State's speed in a 59-53 loss in Lantz Arena.

They had trouble tracking down Murray's guards. Every shot they took was contested.

But tonight's loss served as a good lesson.

This is what it takes to be at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers didn't completely fail against the Racers, they just didn't win the game.

They will have five remaining OVC games, four of which are on the road.

And they won't be easy games either.

There's league-leader Morehead State, an Eastern Kentucky team that always seems to win on a last-second shot in Richmond, Ky., the defending regular season and conference tournament champions Austin Peay and an athletic Tennessee State.

The Panthers will also play Tennessee Martin at home, featuring Lester Hudson, who is the nation's second-leading scorer and



KEVIN MURPHY

the essentially unbeatable Skyhawks, who are riding an eight-game winning streak.

Seemingly, the Panthers could go 1-4 during the rest of the conference season and make the conference tourney.

But this team doesn't want that. They want respect in the OVC, and after the past three seasons of 23-63, can you blame them?

To get to respectable standing in the OVC, they need to employ the basic fundamentals that have pushed them to a current fourth-place standing in the OVC.

They need offensive production from everyone, including the bench.

Eastern junior center Ousmane Cisse has found the basket,



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Eastern junior forward Edin Suljic drives to the basket Monday night against Murray State in Lantz Arena. Suljic finished with nine points.

and he will need to continue to do that if this Eastern team wants to be successful. Junior guard T.J. Marion will be the stat stuffer, junior guard Romain Marin will

reach the 1,000 point mark and sophomore guard Tyler Laser will need to be consistent.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday at Morehead State |
4:15 p.m. - Morehead, Ky.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday at Morehead State |
6:30 p.m. - Morehead, Ky.

SOFTBALL
Friday vs St. Mary's (Calif.) |
10 a.m. - Las Cruces, N.M.

SOFTBALL
Friday vs New Mexico State |
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MEN'S TENNIS
Saturday vs. Dayton |
8 a.m. - Fort Wayne, Ind.