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NATION | INAUGURATION



SCOTT APPLEWHITE | MCT

President Barack Obama greets guests after he is sworn-in as the 44th U.S. President at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday.

Obama cites old virtues

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As he became a precedent-shattering president Tuesday, Barack Obama wrapped himself in America's deepest traditions, invoking God, the Bible, the Founding Fathers, cherished documents and old-fashioned virtues.

The nation's challenges may be new and frightening, Obama said, but the values that will conquer them "are old," and Americans must "return to these truths."

His election might be a dramatic turn in U.S. politics, he suggested, but it did not produce a radical leader seeking unproven remedies.

Throughout his campaign to

become the first black president,

Obama rarely mentioned race unless asked, and he carefully avoided being branded the "black candidate."

In a similar vein Tuesday, he stressed familiar themes of American governance, with only scant references to the historic dimensions of his achievement (as when he noted

that his black father "might not have been served" at Washington restaurants decades ago).

An American named Barack Hussein Obama, with a father from Kenya, is as deeply rooted in Bunker Hill as any descendent of the Mayflower's passengers, he seemed to say.

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CAMPUS | EMPLOYMENT

Students applying for campus jobs increases

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

As the economy declines and disappointment in the job market rises, students are hoping to find jobs on campus.

Nancy Dole, financial aid advisor and veteran certifying official, said the number of students seeking employment on campus has increased this year.

"Prior to the start of spring semester, there were several students reviewing the student employment job board and asking questions," she said. "Last fall semester, students seemed to be checking all semester long."

Eastern has two types of employment for students, the Federal Work-Study program and regular student employment.

The Federal Work-Study program has limited funding, and students awarded are placed in jobs on campus.

Regular student employment is paid through the employing department's budget.

Dole said currently 439 students are employed through the Federal Work-Study program.

Jody Horn, director of university dining services, said most of the students hired for the dining hall are regular student employees.

"We hire most and probably all of our students outside of the work study program," she said. "Now we have lately gotten more applications than we have positions for."

Horn said the dining hall currently has about 450 student employees, but she said she does not know if that number will decrease in the future because of the economy.

"It could bring an effect," she said. "I guess you never know for sure what the future will bring. If the budget is affected, and we have to decrease staffing in this area to meet the budget, it could."

Ken Baker, director of campus recreation, said most of his student employees for the Student Recreational Center come from the Federal Work-Study program.

"Due to the economy, there might be a lot more students who apply for the work-study program," he said. "We receive about 30 to 35 students each year from the program."

Baker said a range of student employees work in the Rec.

"We hire intramural officials, life guards, fitness instructors," he said. "We also have about 28 students who are monitors and cleaners who sweep and keep up with the Rec. Everyone wants to work at the Rec."

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CAMPUS | MILITARY

ROTC part of long tradition to revamp military

National call for employment leads to need for growth in college, university programs

By KRYSTAL MOYA
Administration Editor

Since the military's announcement of the creation of more than 5,000 new positions for employment, the nation's colleges and universities have mobilized their military education programs to provide training for these positions.

New programs are being established in colleges and universities across the nation to better train cadets in the new military fields.

Eastern has been a part of this process for a long time.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps and Military Science program has been training students into working officers since the program's establishment in 1982.

"Cadets have the opportunity of a guaranteed career when they graduate from the program, but it is an extremely competitive process to receive the job you want," said Capt. Thomas Taylor, enrollment and scholarship officer.

However, the program's limited growth and poor marketing have limited the prospects of new program incorporation, Taylor said.

"Over the last few semesters, we have remained stable in enrollment — about 65 cadets," he said. "However, this stability doesn't exactly promote



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Lauren Viverito, a sophomore marketing major, completes the push-up portion of ROTC's PT test in Lantz Arena on Tuesday.

the need for new programs or classes."

Taylor also said the lack of growth has a major link to the programs lack of marketing over the years. Taylor was hired toward the end of last semester to work on marketing and recruitment for the program. Prior to his employment, the ROTC website for Eastern had not been updated

since 2006.

Other universities and colleges have integrated programs that cover areas such as network security, procurement and contracting, and military nursing.

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EIU WEATHER

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Today temperature will reach into the low 40s Thursday with mostly sunny skies. Dry conditions will remain through the weekend with highs dropping into the mid 20s again.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY



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Robert Perkins, a senior business major, and Irbin Jean-Charles, a senior sports management major, watch the inauguration in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday.

CAMPUS | SENATE

Student Senate approves funds

Additional \$7,000 needed for five senate members to attend

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

"It's the opinion of my senators that we are at school to get an education so that should be top priority with senate second."

— **Drew Griffin, student senate speaker**

Student Senate will approve and release funds for the Conference on Student Government Associations at tonight's Student Senate meeting. The amount of the additional allocation is \$7,000, said Tiffany Turner, student vice president for business affairs.

Five Student Senate members will be attending the conference, Turner said. Members Mike Hilty, Tyson Holder, Isaac Sandidge, Jarrod Scherle and Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin will attend. The conference will take place Feb. 28 through March 3.

Turner said the additional allocation for the conference is needed partly because Student Senate is bringing five senate members instead of four. Airline fees also rose since last year. The conference held at Texas A&M University in College Station is a forum for student government

members around the nation to discuss ideas of governance.

According to the conference's Website, the year 2008 drew over 550 delegates from around the nation.

Turner went to the conference last year. She believes in its benefits for student representatives.

"It's a good way to network and get to know how other student governments are run and bring back various ideas of how to run elections, legislation, etc.," Turner said. "It was a really positive experience for me, but I wish we could bring more people."

Griffin said the other bill to be voted on concerns leaves of absences for Student Senate members.

According to the current Senate Bylaw, Student Senate members are allowed three absences for academic, health or personal reasons.

Griffin said the new bylaw would remove academics as a reason for missing meetings.

"It is the opinion of my senators that we are at school to get an education so that should be top priority with senate second," Griffin said. "If you don't have time for senate meetings because of academics, it is not fair to the students who are being served by the senators."

Student Senate members are allowed three unexcused absences with two additional absences at the speaker's discretion, Griffin said.

He said the bylaw would prevent Student Senate members being absent for a month or longer for academic reasons.

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CITY | MEETING

Lock boxes for buildings approved

Annual audit also presented to City Council

JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

In an unanimous decision Tuesday, the Charleston City Council approved an ordinance requiring some apartment buildings and businesses to have rapid-entry lock boxes.

Businesses with sprinkler or fire alarm systems and apartment buildings with four or more apartments sharing a common area will be required to have the boxes.

Each box, which can only be opened by firefighters and fire department paramedics, will contain keys to the building and shared utilities like heating and cooling systems.

"It's to free up the fire personnel from having to wait for a key-holder," Fire Chief Kris Phipps explained last week. "That helps us prevent further (fire) damage...and helps with evacuation."

The ordinance, which was first



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mayor John Inyart discusses a new ordinance regarding the installation of Rapid Entry System Key Boxes for residents of Charleston Tuesday evening at the City Council meeting.

proposed in December, was amended before Tuesday's meeting.

That process removed a \$50 installation fee for building owners and clarified the description of where boxes would be placed and what keys

would be inside.

"I think, with the clean-up of the language and the removal of the fee... you can't get any better," said council member Lorelei Sims.

The council also heard from audi-

tor Joyce Madigan, who presented the city's annual audit. Madigan, a member of the Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan accounting firm, said the city is doing well financially.

"The city is in good shape," Madigan said. "You have a strong balance sheet and a lot going for you."

Madigan said revenue for both the city's general fund and employee benefit fund have increased more than expenses over the past fiscal year.

Other funds are holding steady, she said.

"The water and sewer fund, though it is doing well, is still running on a tight budget," Madigan said.

The council also voted to accept a \$3,125 grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority to improve the energy-efficiency of several low-income homes that are part of the city's HOME Single Family Owner-Occupied Residence program.

The money will be used to buy new, energy-efficient appliances for the homes, said Mayor John Inyart.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Abroad opportunity available in Caribbean

An informational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. today in Coleman Hall, Room 2160 for those interested in traveling to the Caribbean this summer. The trip includes excursions to Trinidad, Tobago and Barbados. All majors are welcome. The meeting will also include pizza and drinks.

Addictions support group open to faculty, staff

The overcoming addictions support group will meet from 12 to 1 p.m. Thursdays in the Schahrer Room, located on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Faculty and staff struggling with addictive behaviors with smoking, drugs, alcohol or food, or are looking for an alternative to the 12-step programs are suggested to attend. The meetings are free and confidential. For more information, contact Nancy at (419) 303-7044 or 581-7241.

Applications available for open Student Senate seats

Eastern's Student Government is accepting applications for eight open Student Senate seats. Applications are available in the Student Activities Center, Room 2070 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Applications must be returned by 4 p.m. Jan. 27. For more information, contact Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin at dpgriffin@eiu.edu.

- Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz.

CAMPUS | EVENT

Open Mic Night showcases students' talent

Artist Little Boy, Jr. to perform after the contest

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Students will have the chance to showcase their talent at Open Mic Night at 8 p.m. today in 7th Street Underground.

"Students can win prizes and showcase their talent," said Lauren Phillips, University Board Mainstage Coordinator.

Usually, the prizes are gift certificates for places such as Wal-Mart, Positively 4th Street Records and Jimmy Johns.

"There's random judges in the audience," Phillips said, "I'll pick people to come and be a judge. These are just different people who enjoy coming to the shows."

The judges will then decide who performed the best/had the best

sound and prizes will be awarded.

Phillips said she usually does not tell the performers who the judges are.

Phillips said that she would not want to give the performers a chance to talk to the judges before or after they performed or give anyone an extra advantage.

"I usually give the performers feedback if they want it, though," Phillips said.

She said students who would like to perform should be at 7th Street Underground by 7:45 p.m. to sign up if they have not already done so.

"This is to make sure everyone gets a spot," Phillips said.

She said about 20 people showed up to one Open Mic Night and only 12 people actually got a chance to perform.

"The people who do not get a chance to perform are put on a list for next time," Phillips said.

Erika Weaver, graduate adviser

to Mainstage, said she thinks Open Mic Night gives students a great opportunity to express themselves and showcase their creativity.

She said Open Mic Night has been around since 2003-2004.

"I would encourage students to participate by coming out and supporting the program," Weaver said.

Attendance for Open Mic Night has been growing.

Sheila Hurley, UB Concert Coordinator, said she thinks the Open Mic Nights have been going better and better since she was on University Board last year.

"I think they have been going well all year," she said.

Tom Usher, UB Concerts Coordinator-Elect, said he went to them last year and thinks there is more variety with the performing artists this year.

"Lauren has actually had to cut some of them (the performers) off because so many people want to perform," Usher said.

To get ready for the event, Phillips has to schedule times and dates. She also needs to find bands to perform.

The contest will take place from 8 to 9 p.m. and then Little Boy, Jr. will be featured from 9 to 10 p.m.

"There are people that come regularly, but it is nice when new people come," Phillips said.

The next event for Mainstage will be "Speak or Be Spoken To" on Jan. 28 and the "So You Think You Can Rap" competition on Jan. 29.

Along with getting to record two songs in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, receiving 50 CDs to distribute and a photo shoot, Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, said the idea of having the winner open for Lupe Fiasco has been floated around as well.

"The winner may be the opening act for the spring concert," she said.

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BLOTTER

A staff parking permit was reported stolen from a vehicle on Jan. 12 while parked on Fourth Street, said the University Police Department.

A staff parking permit was reported stolen on Jan. 13 from a vehicle while parked at an unknown location, police said.

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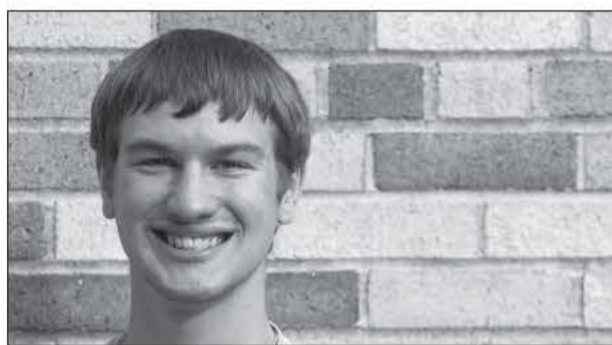
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GREG SAINER

Pay attention
to get change

Today, I would like to discuss the buzzword of the past presidential campaign: Change. The majority of American voters voted for change last November, and now their candidate for change has been inaugurated.

Does that mean all Americans can just go on with their lives and let the elected government officials take care of everything? No.

Can we just let Congress debate a bill, approve it, have President Obama sign it into law and then let small groups be the only ones to challenge its constitutionality in the Supreme Court? No. Change can only come if all of us, as American citizens, do our part.

If Americans want change, then we need to get off of our collective butts and pay attention to what is happening in the political landscape. I know some people abhor the idea of listening at all to what elected officials have to say, but if we as a nation let our elected representatives run everything all on their own, we may wake up one day to find things in a bigger mess than they are right now. The idea of our government, as set up in the Constitution, was to have the people elect officials who would represent them from their respective area of the country.

However, our civic duty does not end there.

As citizens we are not required, but highly recommended, to pay attention to our government and rein it in when a majority feels officials have gone too far or not represented the people well.

The same goes for President Obama.

If his simple slogan of change is to become a reality, then the people of America need to begin paying attention to the actions of our government very closely.

Granted, this does not need to be constant watch for every single voter in the United States.

Nevertheless, if we, as a nation, do not want some type of catastrophe to occur 20 or 30 or even a 100 years down the road, then we need to hold our government responsible for their actions and speak what is on our minds if the instance calls for such an act.

As a fellow American citizen, I ask each and every one of you readers to pay attention for the next four years, and the next four, and however many presidential terms there are after that.

If you can, get your news and political commentary from a variety of liberal, neutral and conservative sources. No matter what political ideology you hold, try to understand what a person on the opposite side is thinking and why they think that way.

Do this, of course, within your own capacity and range of abilities, but do not let your power, as given by our constitution, fall by the wayside. The day the United States of America loses her purpose as a nation is the day when her people lose their willingness to have their voices heard and give up their power to make change happen.

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MCT Campus | Nate Beeler



STAFF EDITORIAL

Proposed budget cuts
leave Eastern at an impasse

For the past month, one issue has dominated the minds of the Illinois General Assembly, putting all other issues on hold until it is resolved.

The scandal surrounding Gov. Rod Blagojevich has taken the spotlight in Springfield and calls all attention on itself, casting all other issues in the shadow.

Naturally, Eastern should be affected by any problem interrupting the flow of money regulated by the General Assembly.

With Blagojevich's future hanging in the balance, Eastern is unsure of how to approach a 2.5 percent budget cut the governor proposed.

Granted, the governor was surely not trying to screw up Illinois higher education by proposing a budget cut just before (stupidly) being found out in the pay-or-play scandal. After all, the position of the governor of Illinois is one of truth and justice, right?

It would be nice of the governor to push this piece of legislation before the General Assembly forcibly empties his office. For now, the proposed budget cut remains on reserve, meaning the General Assembly has until June 30 to either approve or disapprove.

The five-month gap puts Eastern and other Illinois universities in a tough spot.

William Weber, associate vice president for academic affairs, said in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, "the sooner the better for us, because by that time most of the money will have been spent and it could cause problems for future budgeting." In other words, the sooner the General Assembly votes on the proposed budget, the sooner Eastern can calculate a 2010 budget.

"It would be awfully nice of the governor to push this piece of legislation before the General Assembly forcibly empties his office."

Otherwise, spending continues without the budget cut, making a mess out of budgets Eastern may pass in the future: Eastern would be forced to pull money out of future budgets to pay for the cuts from the current fiscal year.

Until this budget cut is resolved, there is no conceivable way Eastern can formulate a 2010 budget without putting itself in financial trouble.

No problem, right? Soon enough, the General Assembly will convene and vote on the budget cut, allowing Eastern to calculate its own spending.

The only problem is the very man who proposed the cut.

The General Assembly is crazy for impeachment and wants to get it out of the way as soon as possible and rightfully so. But at the same time, the elected officials in Springfield must take care of the higher institutions that helped put them there in the first place.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

ILLINOIS, NOT BLAGO,
ACTUAL PROBLEM

U. WISCONSIN — Between the commemorative plates, coins, T-shirts and posters, it feels like everyone's trying to make a buck off Barack Obama's presidency. Typically, we praise such entrepreneurship as the free market at work, and as any smart American will tell you, the free market defines this great land.

There is one man, however, who's being downright ostracized for his attempt to weigh the mighty scales of supply and demand, and unlike dinnerware and clothing, his Obama artifact is

one of a kind. Maybe it was the lack of an infomercial or his unwillingness to slash a payment if you call right now that did him in, but for Rod Blagojevich, trying to sell Barack Obama's Senate seat to the highest bidder was not only seen as terribly un-American but 100 percent Illinoisan.

The sad reality of American politics is most of the people we support and cast ballots for put their personal future ahead of their constituency's welfare.

Behind those bold promises and bright lawn signs are regular guys in red or blue ties hoping to sucker the general public — and it usually works. Fortu-

nately, once they show their true colors, we snap into action using the very voting power that put them into office to dethrone them and to seat a new, hopefully less sinister official. Illinois has yet to learn this skill. Like a toddler to a stovetop burner, they keep scarring their credibility by electing corrupt politicians.

Since the 1970s, three different Illinois governors have called a cellblock their home, and Blagojevich looks well on his way to making it a quartet. This is utterly crazy, but the governors shouldn't be solely to blame.

Sean Kittridge
Badger Herald

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» ROTC

FROM PAGE 1

Eastern's military science program highlights basic training and leadership skills necessary for already existing positions.

"We also give cadets a chance to work within other military schools and learn advanced trades within the sectors of armed forces," Taylor said. "They could take aerial assault classes - things that make for fun adventure training."

The purpose of Eastern's ROTC has been to build army officers from the ground up, Taylor said.

"Essentially, our program focuses on taking a civilian and turning him or her into a soldier in one or two tracts," he said. "They do not have to have any training prior to enrolling."

Basic training begins during the freshman and sophomore years, and cadets then have the option to continue on the advanced tract for their junior and senior years. Military science has 12 courses available that focus on leadership framework, warrior ethos, army principals, tactics and techniques.

Anything beyond basic training is left up to military schools and training camps.

Taylor and the department hope to advance courses and technology through growth and marketing used to expand interest and knowledge of the program.

"We are a relatively young program, but we have neglected ourselves," Taylor said. "Through expansion, we hope to be a more formidable group on campus."

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» Obama

FROM PAGE 1

Obama started the day with a service at "the presidents' church," St. John's Episcopal near the White House, where every president since James Madison has worshipped.

He planned to end it with the traditional visit to each of the 10 official balls, including brief remarks and a dance with his wife.

At some point in between he hoped to enter the Oval Office for the first time as president, said his spokesman Robert Gibbs.

Obama kept his demeanor cool and calm during his midday inaugural address, not trying to push the millions of viewers to new levels of fervor.

There were no "I have a dream" crescendos, although he acknowledged "the bitter swill of civil war and segregation."

He did not try the inverted syntax of "Ask not what your country can do for you."

But he echoed John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln when he urged Americans to "choose our better history" by advancing "that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of hap-

"The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works."

— President Barack Obama

piness."

He even added a whisper of Shakespeare ("this winter of our hardship"), but he served up few obvious applause lines and no over-the-top rhetoric.

Obama paraphrased the Bible early in his speech (it is time "to set aside childish things"), and he asked for "God's grace upon us" at the end.

In between he described a nation founded on rock-solid principles that somehow has lost its way.

He decried "our collective failure to make hard choices." Americans must end "the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics," he said.

But anyone who thought he would recommend novel or exotic solutions was misguided. Obama hailed "the ideals of our forebearers" and "our founding documents."

government is too big or too small, but whether it works."

None of this, however, smacked of in-your-face cockiness or new-sheriff-in-town boasting.

The day's performance underscored fundamental questions about how Obama might perform as president.

To what extent will he harness his remarkable network of supporters to craft a new brand of politics that might put tremendous pressure on lawmakers if they balk at his agenda?

How aggressively will he push to build international support before moving aggressively against terrorism, global warming and other threats?

Conversely, he might play down the novelty of his ascension and emphasize the tried-and-true virtues he cited in his speech, keeping his ego under wraps as he cajoles lawmakers and special interest groups to agree on big issues.

Both sides of Obama were on display Tuesday, albeit in highly traditional trappings.

"The world has changed, and we must change with it," said the man who campaigned for "change we can believe in."

The way to do it, he said Tuesday, is through "a return to these truths" of honesty, courage, loyalty and patriotism.

» Jobs

FROM PAGE 1

Baker said he is concerned about the affect the economy will have on student jobs, but also how it may

affect the number of students who can not afford to go to college.

"Once they get on campus we can take care of them," he said. "I'm just concerned about people who are not going to be able to even get here."

Baker said he looks up to Eastern as being a university that is financially appealing to the cost of education.

"We are (one of) the most cost-effective universities in the Midwest," he said. "When other univer-

sities are affected by the economy, it could be because of their high price tag. Eastern delivers excellent value and an excellent education."

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» Cusack

FROM PAGE 8

The Colonels were relying on 3-point field goals and inside scoring to get points.

Eastern was successful in holding EKU to 30.6 percent from 3-point range, down from their season average of 38.6 percent. The difference, however, was that they kept EKU out of the paint, limiting them to six points inside.

In last Saturday's 67-61 win against Morehead State, Eastern trailed, but never gave up and continued to battle back. In the game's final minutes they were able to get scores, but the key was that they made stops, forced turnovers and were able to close out the Eagles.

Another key for the Panthers is they are not relying on one player to win games. Three players for the Panthers are averaging more than 10 points per game, while junior center Ousmane Cisse is knocking on the door, averaging 8.6 points per game.

Earlier in the season, junior guard T.J. Marion was the player the team relied on down the stretch to score the

points. Now, it seems every night has a different hero. While junior Romain Martin remains the team's constant by leading the team with 15.7 points per game, sophomore guard Tyler Laser scored 18 second-half points to help the Panthers win against Morehead State.

Martin, Laster, Martin and Cisse all average double figures in conference games this season. Senior forward Billy Parrish scored a season high 15 points in the win against Eastern Kentucky taking advantage of open mid-range jumpers. In Eastern's 83-63 win against Southeast Missouri on Jan. 10, the bench came up with 30 points including junior forward Edin Suljic's 16 off the bench.

Cisse has become a double-double machine and a force for the Panthers on both the offensive and defensive ends. Eastern will be tested this week with a road trip that includes a hot Murray State and a tough Tennessee Martin team.

The question is, who will step up next?

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» Season

FROM PAGE 8

The Panthers return to action as early as this Saturday at the EIU Mega Meet located in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

Team earn league honors

After the Early Bird Meet, three Eastern track athletes earned Athlete of the Week Honors by the OVC. Carter, Chandra Golden and Zye Boey all earned league

honors.

Boey, a red-shirt freshman, was named the OVC Male Track Athlete of the Week for his performance at the EIU Early Bird on Dec. 12. Boey won the 200-meter dash in 21.94 seconds, the seventh fastest time in Eastern history.

He also placed third in the 60-meter dash in 6.84 seconds. Carter was named the OVC Male Co-Field Athlete of the Week after winning the long jump at the EIU Early Bird with a jump of 23 feet,

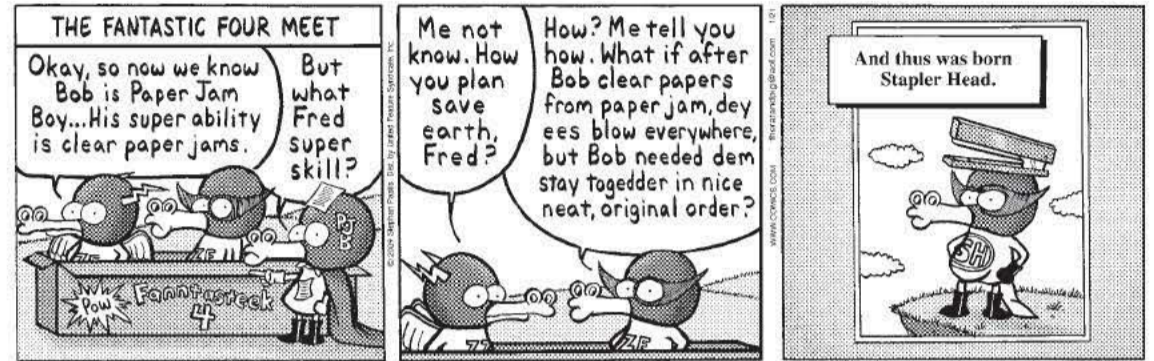
3.5 inches. He finished second in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.38 seconds.

Golden, a red-shirt junior, was named the OVC Female Athlete of the Week after winning the 60-meter hurdles at the EIU Early Bird in 8.71 seconds.

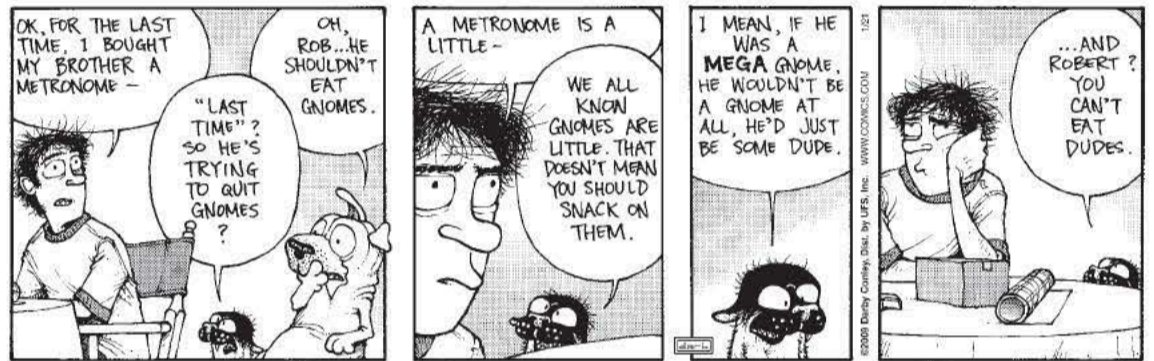
Golden also finished fourth in the 60-meter dash in 7.66 seconds.

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» Clash

FROM PAGE 8

Murray lost to current fourth-place team Morehead State on the road.

But the Panthers beat Miami (Ohio), and the Racers didn't.

First-year Murray State head coach Rob Cross said he knows that the Panthers will be a handful.

"They're just scary," Cross said. "They force people to shoot contested shots from the perimeter. It should be an exciting game, and there's no question that we'll have our hands full."

Louisville transfer helps TSU

Tennessee State sophomore forward Jasmine Smith has been a key addition.

Smith, a Louisville transfer, is averaging 10.4 points and 7.9 rebounds

per game this season. Smith has started in the past seven games and has helped the Lady Tigers to a 5-2 record in that time. The Lady Tigers (9-9, 5-2) are third in the conference.

Smith had 16 points against No. 18 Vanderbilt in a 98-82 loss in her first game as a Lady Tiger.

"She's been getting herself into the flow of the game," TSU head coach Tracee Wells said during Tuesday's OVC coaches teleconference. "She's been an offensive force for us."

Wells said Smith was moved into the post at Louisville, but is able to be a guard on the outside. Smith, who is six-foot tall, was also a guard in high school.

She has been the team's leading rebounder in five of their last six games.

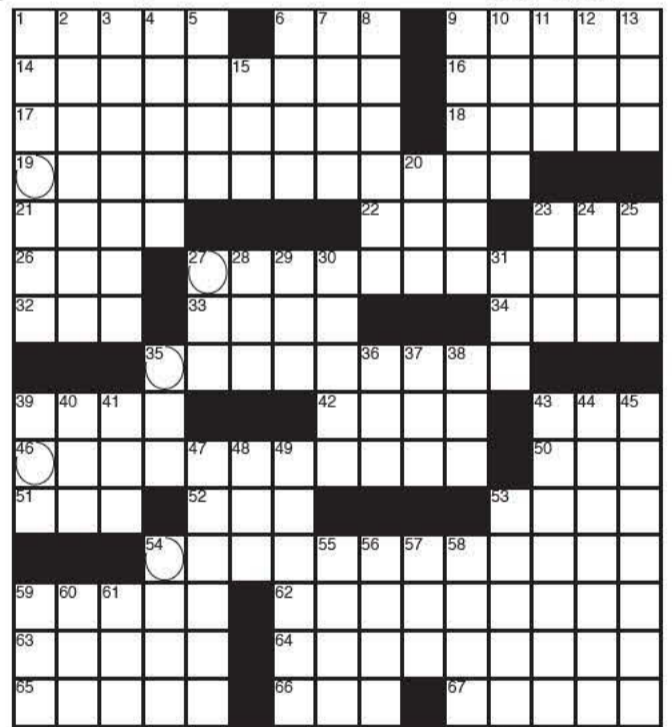
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Inundated
 - 6 Trailblazed
 - 9 Caught congers, e.g.
 - 14 Entrance
 - 16 They may have a view of a bridge
 - 17 Nut in a can of premium mixed nuts
 - 18 Bitmap bit
 - 19 On occasion
 - 21 Salon job
 - 22 "One ___ Soldier" (antiwar song)
 - 23 Yuppie ___ (chronic fatigue syndrome)
 - 26 Wind up
 - 27 Yesteryear, nostalgically
 - 32 Some football linemen: Abbr.
 - 33 Hyatt alternative
 - 34 "A Thousand Acres" novelist Smiley
 - 35 Order of the Arrow members
 - 39 Low-___ diet
 - 42 Competitor of uBid
 - 43 Emergency PC key
 - 46 Makes something better in a big way
 - 50 Kind of jacket
 - 51 Tricky
- DOWN**
- 1 Leatherworker's tool
 - 53 Singer/songwriter Aimee
 - 54 Ducky
 - 59 One of the Gandhis
 - 62 Sherwood Forest minstrel
 - 63 Like lapis lazuli
 - 64 "Two cents plain" drink
 - 65 Staff members, and what the circled letters in this puzzle represent
 - 66 Celestial Seasonings product
 - 67 Suffix with road and speed
 - 1 Electric gauge
 - 2 Not staying in one's lane
 - 3 Climbs
 - 4 Natty
 - 5 Actress Lamarr
 - 6 Door-to-door delivery service?
 - 7 Opera singer Pinza
 - 8 Ignoring
 - 9 Lay out
 - 10 Land o' leprechauns
 - 11 Not enforcing all the laws
 - 12 CBS logo
 - 13 Alternative to dial-up
 - 15 ___ Tafari (Haile Selassie)
 - 20 ___ Tuesday (53-Across's pop band)
 - 23 "Black box" regulator: Abbr.
 - 24 Former White House adviser Nofziger
 - 25 Exhaust, with "up"
 - 27 Schmaltz
 - 28 "Peg ___ Heart"
 - 29 Turn-___ (thrills)
 - 30 Cut into small cubes
 - 31 Spinners of the Spinners, e.g.
 - 35 Air gun ammo
 - 36 U.K. honor
 - 37 Onetime Mideast letters
 - 38 Game show host Treadway and others
 - 39 Music store stock
 - 40 "You've got mail" co.
 - 41 Spain's Carlos I or II
 - 43 Spring
 - 44 "Happy Gilmore" star, 1996
 - 45 House Judiciary Committee chairman John
 - 47 Gives up
 - 48 "The devil looks after his ___"
 - 49 Div. for the Mets and Marlins
 - 53 Angry with
 - 54 Boot
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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Racers, Panthers set to clash

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

A rematch of last season's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship takes place this week.

The Eastern women's basketball team will play Murray State at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday in Murray, Ky.

The Panthers (12-6, 6-1 OVC) are tied for first in the OVC along with the Racers (11-6, 6-1).

Last season, the Racers defeated the Panthers in the OVC Tournament Championship. The Panthers were predicted to win the league this year by the coaches, and Murray State was predicted to finish second in the league, despite the Racers receiving more first-place votes.

Both teams are off to a hot start in the league.

The Panthers might have a difficult time guarding last year's OVC Player of the Year – MSU senior forward Ashley Hayes. There's also OVC Tournament honoree – senior guard Amber Guffey, and then there is senior guard Paige Guffey.

Hayes averages 21.1 points, Amber averages 21 points and Paige averages 13.9 points per game. Those 56 points per game is 73 percent of the Racers' scoring. The Racers average 76.6 points a game.

"We haven't played three players who are this explosive," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said during Tuesday's OVC coaches' conference call. "The scary thing is that any one of them can score 30 in the blink of the eye."

Hayes ranks ninth nationally in points per game, and Amber is 12th.

The Panthers' only conference loss this season is last year's regular season champion – Southeast Missouri, and that game was on the road.



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Eastern red-shirt junior guard Dominique Sims tries to keep possession of the ball during the Eastern women's basketball game Saturday afternoon against Morehead State in Lantz Arena. The Panthers play Murray State at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday in Murray, Ky. Both teams are 6-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD | NOTEBOOK

Youth performing well in early part of season

By WALLY SWENSON
Staff Reporter

The Eastern track teams are carried by both youth and experience this season.

Eastern was carried by nine first-place finishes between the men and women's indoor track and field teams at the Early Bird Meet at Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse on Dec. 12.

The men were led by four freshmen that placed first while four winners who are upperclassmen led the women's team.

DeMarcus Brooks, a freshman from Springfield, finished first in the 60-meter dash in 6.75 seconds. Kandace Arnold won the shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 2.75 inches. Arnold, a junior from Evergreen Park, also finished second in the 20-pound weight throw with a throw of 52 feet, 8.25 inches. Tyler Carter, a freshman from Tuscola, finished second in the 60-meter hurdles race in 8.38 seconds.

Both Eastern squads finished second in the Early Bird Meet with a 2-



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Eastern senior thrower Nicole Walcott practices her technique last week in the Lantz Fieldhouse. The Panthers will host a meet this Saturday.

1 dual record with wins against Western Illinois and Butler. performed extremely excellent."

"We definitely had some young guys step up in the Early Bird," senior Clint Coffey said. "We had a lot of guys perform exceedingly well. Every squad that we put in a race

Panthers look at conference

With conference a couple weeks away (on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28), both squads are also focused on the Ohio Valley Conference Championships at

Lantz Fieldhouse.

"As a team we showed up to run at our first meet, and we definitely can improve by practicing hard and taking care of business on and off the track," freshman distance runner Brittany Arthur said. "The first meet was definitely an opportunity to get our feet wet, and it was the first step toward preparing ourselves for conference."

The Eastern indoor women's track and field team won its only conference title during the 2006-07 school year. The men's indoor track and field team has won the past 10 of 12 indoor league titles, but had its seven-year consecutive streak of winning league titles snapped last season.

"Conference is our No. 1 goal as a team, and we would love to take (care) of business and return to the top of the mountain," Eastern head track coach Tom Akers said. "In the first meet we had a good start, and we must keep hungry and carry a chip on our shoulder."

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DAN CUSACK

Team effort keys start

For those who have not been following, the Eastern men's basketball team sits at third in the Ohio Valley Conference, a half-game back of second and one game back of first.

The Panthers, a team picked to finish ninth in the OVC by coaches in a pre-season poll, had low expectations by many coming into the season because of a number of lackluster years (23-63 in three previous seasons) and eight new players.

The Panthers have exceeded expectations because of defense and several players stepping up and making contributions.

In last Thursday's 58-48 win against Eastern Kentucky, the Panthers held the Colonels scoreless for the final seven minutes and 52 seconds in a 'seesaw' game.

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