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WEATHER

Big snowfall forecast; city, school prepare

5 to 7 inches of snowfall expected today

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Associate News Editor

As the snow began to fall Monday evening, questions arose as to whether classes would be held today.

Coles County was under a winter weather advisory until 6 a.m. today, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Cameron Craig, a professor in the geology and geography department, said Monday that, at the time, two low-pressure cells were approaching the Midwest and would converge over southern Illinois. At the time, it was expected that 5 to 7 inches of snow would fall today, Craig said.

"Unlike the last storm event we had last week, this winter storm will be all snow and no ice or freezing rain," Craig said. "This is due simply to the fact that the region has had persistent cold temperatures and snow pack since the last storm."

Craig said the main problem with this evolving system would be the significant snowfall and the increasing wind — approximately 40 mph by Wednesday — that will cause snow to blow and create drifts across roads in flat terrain.

University protocol for cancellations

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said Eastern has an established "inclement weather" protocol for cases like SNOW, page 7



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Teresa Abbonato, a sophomore business management major, and Patti Bychowski, a sophomore family consumer sciences major, walk to Booth Library Monday evening. Abbonato and Bychowski said they are excited for the snow to come.

EMPLOYMENT

It's Miller time once again

Coach's contract extended through 2011-2012 season

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Mike Miller, Eastern men's basketball head coach, has received another contract extension.

For the second consecutive year, Miller received a contract extension during the season and will now coach at least through the 2011-2012 season.

While Miller's two-year contract extension had received approval at the January Board of Trustees meeting, athletic director Barbara Burke said the university did not want to release the information until all the specifics were worked out.

President Perry approved the contract extension and released the information on Monday.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said since Miller's contract extension was a multi-year contract, the contract had to be held on announcement from Perry.

"The president receives authorization from the BOT to offer a multi-year contract," Nadler said in an e-mail. "This is the same process used for any multi-year employee offer. Announcements are made only after documents are reviewed, accepted and signed."

Burke is happy with Miller's progress.

"We are very pleased with the direction that coach Miller is taking our men's basketball program," Burke said in a statement.

Miller, in his fifth season, helped the Panthers reach their first Ohio Valley Conference Tournament berth last season, the first under his tenure. Before last season, the Pan-

Miller's record by the year

2005-2006	6-21
2006-2007	10-20
2007-2008	7-22
2008-2009	12-18
2009-2010	12-11

thers last reached the OVC Tournament since 2004-2005. Miller is 47-92 in his fifth year and 31-59 in the OVC.

The 12 wins this season match the most since Miller started. However, with Miller's current win percentage of 33.8, he has the second-worst winning percentage in program history.

"We feel like we have a great direction," Miller said. "We do feel like we have a direction. Sometimes it's a process where you have to get to that point."

Nadler said, at this point, there is not a salary extension.

Miller made \$129,794 in the 2009 fiscal year and \$126,013.32 in the 2008 fiscal year, according to the Eastern fiscal budget.

The Panthers are 12-11 this season and 6-7 in the OVC, and they are tied for fifth place with five conference games remaining. The Panthers will also play Northern Illinois in a non-conference game and could possibly play in the OVC Tournament. The top eight teams qualify for the OVC Tournament with 10 teams in the league.

Eastern junior guard Tyler Lasser said he is proud of the fact that the Panthers are not the joke of the

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Obama focus of Booth's Black History Month exhibit

Former African American presidential candidates also recognized

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

After 15 years of working with the African American Heritage Celebration Committee as the representative of Booth Library, Johnson Kuma has presented his last exhibits for Booth Library's recognition of Black History Month.

Each year, the campus library has chosen a different theme according to

events and ideas relevant to the current society, which Kuma makes into an exhibit.

"I solicit ideas from the members of the committee to see where we stand currently in society," Kuma said.

Over the years Kuma, who is retiring at the end of the semester, has put together exhibits ranging in topics from the civil rights March on Washington, Brown v. the Board of Education and exhibits on desegregation.

"We cannot forget the sacrifices of all of these people," Kuma said. "For me, I look at these developments and then select themes that define what is going on in society."

This year's theme exhibits the current presidential administration after

President Obama took office in 2008.

"It's a very historical moment for this country to elect a black person to be the president of the United States of America," Kuma said. "I never dreamed it would happen in my lifetime or that of my children."

A display called 'The Dream Team' can be seen in the north corridor of Booth Library.

"The Dream Team' came about because of all those African Americans who, before Obama, were presidential candidates," Kuma said. "I looked at the history and looked at a piece of each of those presidential candidates and that led to Obama becoming the first African American president."

Opposite 'The Dream Team' display

is an exhibit of Fredrick Douglass.

"(Douglass) was one of the greatest orators of all time," Kuma said.

In the display are many highlights of Douglass' life.

"He lived mostly during slavery, he suffered and fought to answer abolition and worked with John Brown," Kuma said.

Reflecting the theme of the north corridor, the south corridor holds an exhibit of Kwame Nkrumah, the first black president of Ghana.

Nkrumah came to the United States in the 1940s and went to Lincoln University in Oxford, Pa.

He received his bachelor's degree and his master's degree and was work-

ing on his Ph.D. before he returned to Ghana to participate in the country's independence movement.

"However, while Nkrumah was in the United States he saw racism at its worst; those were the days of segregation," Kuma said.

Ghana became independent from colonial rule in 1957 and became the first sub-Saharan African country to receive its independence.

"This was just before the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S., so there was some kind of link between Africa's struggles for independence and the Civil Rights Movement in the United States, one catapulted the other," Kuma said.

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WEATHER TODAY



Blowing Snow

HIGH 27°
LOW 24°

Snow continues today and will last into tonight. Blowing snow will occur with strong winds up near 15 mph. The blowing snow will reduce visibility on the roads, so give yourself plenty of time if you are driving anywhere today. Temperatures will continue to be cold, with highs in the upper 20s.

WEATHER TOMORROW



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High: 24°
Low: 19°



Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High: 25°
Low: 10°

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Does <3 count?

Assistant online editor Julia Carlucci wonders if the "less than three" symbol really means "I love you." Read her relationship blog on DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

Nicholas Kimmer, 23, of 12316 S. Loveland, Alsip, was arrested at 2:41 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Seventh Street and Buchanan Avenue. Kimmer was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a blood-alcohol concentration greater than 0.08. He was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 2:50 a.m. pending a \$1,000 bond, the University Police Department said.

Bradley Klayer, 20, of 30 Penny Lane, Oakwood, was arrested at 4:13 a.m. Saturday at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house on Greek Court. Klayer was charged with possession of cannabis greater than 30 grams and possession of drug equipment. He was released from the UPD after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond, the UPD said.

Anthony Lello, 23, of 678 Eastgate Drive, Charleston, was arrested at 1:04 a.m. Sunday at Seventh Street and Roosevelt Avenue. Lello was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a blood-alcohol concentration greater than 0.08. He was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 1:33 a.m. pending a \$1,000 bond, the UPD said.

Tugging into shape



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mike Friscia, a junior industrial technology major, and members of Sigma Pi fraternity practice their form for tugs Sunday afternoon in Lantz Fieldhouse.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Condom bouquet raffled for Sexual Responsibility Week

H.E.A.L.T.H Peers, part of the Health Education Resource Center, will provide information on sexual responsibility and raffle free condom rose bouquets to celebrate Sexual Responsibility Week.

The raffle and information table will be outside the food court at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union from 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. today and Wednesday.

Rubber Lovers hosting Wheel of Sexual Health

Students can become a Rubber Lover by attending a presentation on the 18 steps of proper condom use and STI risk reduction at 6 p.m. today in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The event is free to attend and is sponsored by the Health Education Resource Center.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Sarah Jean Bresnahan

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Visit the MLK, Jr. Union from 12-2pm and 5-7pm to enter to win a FREE condom rose bouquet!

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For more information email herc-peered@eiu.edu

Sending Booth Library love



MEGAN MATHY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Leigha Graham, a junior communications disorder and sciences major, and Keith Butler, a senior biology major, read Valentines on display at Booth Library Monday night. The Valentines were put up to show appreciation to Booth library and its staff.

FINANCIAL AID

\$100 million dollars awarded in financial aid

Staff Report

In the 2009 fiscal year, 76 percent of Eastern's student body received some sort of financial assistance, according to a press release from university marketing and communications.

And, for the first time in Eastern's history, financial aid for the fiscal year exceeded \$100 million.

Financial assistance is offered through various federal, state and university programs in the form of loans, scholarships, grants, tuition waivers and employment.

Of the \$100 million, 61 percent came from federal sources, 13 percent from the state, 17 percent from institutional sources and 9 percent from private sources.

FACULTY SENATE

Senate to discuss 'Writing Across the Curriculum'

By Erica Whelan Student Government Editor

Eastern's writing-intensive graduation requirement will be discussed at the faculty senate meeting at 2 p.m. today in the Booth Library Conference Room.

Senate members will discuss implementing a Writing Across the Curriculum program, which, upon approval, will necessitate that all core curriculum classes alter their syllabi to be considered as writing-intensive courses.

According to the Web page for the Writing Across the Curriculum program, the primary goal of

the program committee is to serve as a resource for instructors wishing to incorporate and more effectively utilize writing in their classrooms.

The committee also intends to facilitate the use of the Electronic Writing Portfolio that students must submit work to for every 30 hours completed in classes from a list of writing-intensive or writing-centered courses prior to graduating.

Senate members will also discuss plans to foster academic programs at the Renewable Energy Center.

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BOOTH LIBRARY

MyMediaMall usage on the rise, workshops held

Participation increases for services

By Jason Hardimon Campus Editor

Booth Library's media download service is beginning to show some signs of life.

For the past three years, anyone with a valid Panther Card has been able to download videos, audiobooks and E-books directly to their computer free of charge through MyMediaMall.

Booth Library began subscribing to MyMediaMall in 2007, said Sandra Nees, LAN administrator.

MyMediaMall first came online in August 2005.

Approximately 1,500 Eastern students used MyMediaMall from July 2008 to June 2009, while approximately 1,000 Eastern students used the service between July and December 2009, according to statistics provided by Nees and David Bell, associate professor and reference librarian.

"I think more people are finding (MyMediaMall)," Bell said.

Bell said he personally has received an increased number of questions regarding the service from members of the campus community.

Pam Ortega, reference librari-

an, said she thinks more and more people are becoming receptive to E-books and audio books on a digital format.

Ortega said people may be more willing to use the service since the materials offered are being made more compatible with a growing variety of hardware.

When MyMediaMall first became available the files did not work with iPods, Bell said.

Nees said they still occasionally have students who ask if they have books on tape, or faculty members who request a video not in their collection, or professors who assign students to review materials through MyMediaMall.

In order to use the materials, users need to have the appropriate software downloaded, like iTunes and Adobe Reader.

MyMediaMall also works in conjunction with a program called Overdrive, which users must download in order to take advantage of the service.

Ten million titles were checked out from Overdrive-powered libraries in 2009.

January 2010 was the first time in a single month that checkouts exceeded 1 million digital titles, according to a blog on the company's Web site.

Some of the materials can be used for an unlimited period of time, while others, such as newer videos, expire after a few weeks, and must

"I think more people are finding (MyMediaMall)."

David Bell,
Associate professor and
reference librarian

be returned earlier.

Booth has been hosting workshops, which help to acclimate library patrons to the service, for approximately two years. Nees said turnouts for the MyMediaMall workshops have not been very impressive so far.

The workshops' biggest challenge is that it is currently held during the day, while many students are busy attending classes, Nees said.

The next workshop is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Despite low turnouts at the workshops, the librarians at Booth have received some positive and encouraging feedback.

Currently, there is a valentine from an anonymous student displayed on a window near the third floor bridge which reads, "I (heart) MyMediaMall."

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VIEWS



Holly Thomas

I'll take the Senate seat for \$500!

The mid-term 2010 Illinois Congressional Election Primaries were held Feb. 2.

Unlike Illinois' most notorious "auctioneer" and aspiring TV reality star, former Gov. Blagojevich, Roland Burris did not offer his seat for sale nor did he run for re-election.

Burris was appointed to replace President Obama's Senate seat upon his Presidential victory. After news of the former Governor's hopeful seat "transaction," controversy over the appointment roared, not only through the state, but the Illinois Senate as well.

There is no evidence and little speculation that Burris "bought" the seat, but with a historically low approval rating and reputation tainted by Blago's lingering affairs, he did not have a chance in hell of winning if he had run.

I do not have the time nor the space to analyze Burris' potential (or lack thereof) as a senator, but in my opinion, his past record would not have impressed Illinoisans even if his appointment happened in any other period of the state's history or if the state had been able to bask in the honor Obama brought.

However, pride was short lived because of the (once again) national embarrassment of an Illinois governor.

Pat Quinn will run as the Democratic candidate for governor in November, though his GOP opponent is yet to be determined because of the tight run between the top two candidates, Bill Brady and Kirk Dillard.

Primary Senate results indicated that Alexi Giannoulias, Democrat and Illinois state treasurer, will battle with Mark Kirk, Republican and member of the House Homeland Security Committee, for the Senate seat in November's general election.

Though the seat is not for sale, the election may be.

After a landmark decision from the U.S. Supreme Court, on Jan. 21, corporations can finance Congressional and Presidential campaigns with no amount limit.

In the 5 to 4 ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court opened the floodgates for corporate campaign financing, justifying their decision as giving "Corporate America" the same First Amendment rights as individuals.

I find this disturbing because corporations are not people; they are institutions of the private sector that employ people.

How does one justify a corporation as an individual?

Corporations have been screaming "Censorship," to expand their ideological agenda.

While corporate dollars may influence election turnouts by misleading the public with expensive TV and radio advertisements for whichever candidate or party rolls out the red carpet for their financial gains (you know, so they can give their six-figure employees a seven-figure bonus), the Judicial Branch justifies its ruling screaming "Democracy!"

However, they have mistaken democracy for corporatocracy.

Kirk and Giannoulias attack campaign ads have already begun.

This election will be the Court's first success, or lesson learned, from upholding the sanctity of the First Amendment and Constitution.

Welcome to the United Corporations of America!

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DAILY EDITORIAL
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Students should get informed during Sexual Responsibility Week

Valentine's Day is Sunday. For better or worse, people all over the country will buy flowers, chocolates and other items to display their affection toward their significant others.

For many people this will also mean the physical expression of love, or at least mutual attraction, felt for another — sex.

Let's face it, popular culture, whether it is film, television, music or advertising, has inundated America's youth with the idea that college life is synonymous with sex. And, truth be told, many people experience their first sexual encounters while at college.

And since the day celebrating St. Valentine and college life both will inevitably lead to sex for so many, it seems only fitting that Eastern chose this week to host Sexual Responsibility Week on campus.

As part of the event geared toward informing young adults about sex, H.E.A.L.T.H. peer educators will be providing information about sexual responsibility as well as raffling off a condom-rose bouquet at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Students can sign up for the raffle or simply acquire information about safe sex practices and how to be sexually responsible from noon to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and tomorrow. Tables will be located in the University Food Court.

However, being sexually responsible goes beyond an aesthetically pleasing prophylactic bouquet.

While most students attend college for the right reasons — to obtain a higher education and gain training for a career — just as many can't wait to come to school for the parties and possibility of sex.

That being said, it is absolutely vital that everyone be as informed and responsible as possible. After all, when engaging in sex, one is not just risking his health or lifestyle — indeed, it takes two to tango.

"It should be common knowledge at this point that if one is going to engage in sex, the use of contraceptives is completely necessary, to say the least."

According to the Guttmacher Institute, "Of the 18.9 million new cases of STIs (sexually transmitted infections) each year, 9.1 million occur among 15 to 24 year olds."

The Web site for the institute also said that although 15 to 24 year olds only represent one quarter of the sexually active population, that age group accounts for nearly half of all new STIs each year.

It should be common knowledge at this point that if one is going to engage in sex, the use of contraceptives is completely necessary, to say the least. And it is not simply for the sake of maintaining one's own health and the health of his partner.

The Web site also said that teens who do not use contraceptives are 90 percent more likely to become pregnant within a year of becoming sexually active.

While pregnancy among women ages 15 to 19 years old has declined nearly 41 percent since 1990, more than 750,000 women in that age group still become pregnant each year.

One does not come to college to start a family. College generally precedes the step of bearing a child.

This isn't to say there aren't numerous women who have successfully completed college while becoming pregnant and/or raising a child. Though, it is doubtless doing so makes continuing education much, much more difficult.

Ultimately, college students are adults in the eyes of the law, even if many sometimes do not act as such. Before engaging in sex one certainly must ask himself if he is being intelligent and responsible.

Sex is much more than just a way to pass the time. Students should take this week to go to the Union and ask questions and get as much information as possible.

It takes only minutes and students owe it to themselves and their partners.

FROM THE EASEL

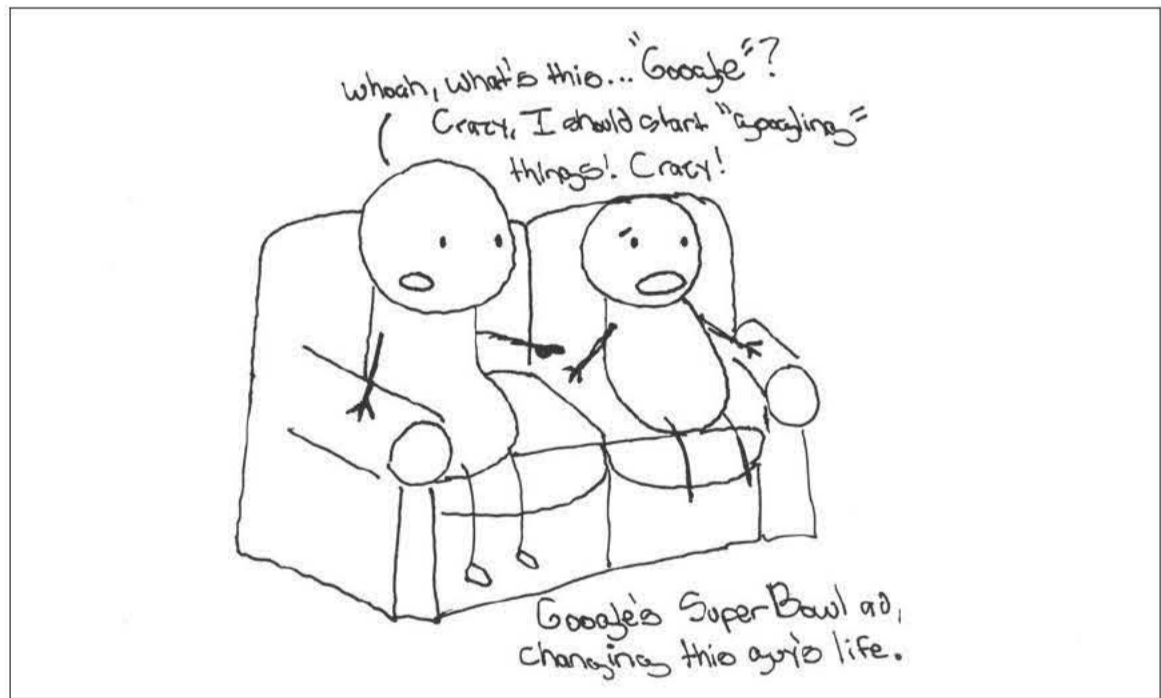


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

The birds and bees go to kindergarten

By the *Daily Vidette* Editorial Board
Illinois State University

The issue of same-sex relationships and marriage is no doubt one of the most controversial discussions of our time. Seeing this, it should come as no surprise when news stories focus on these issues.

For some parents in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, the issue of same-sex couples is one that should never enter schools.

Beye Elementary recently hired a gay rights activist to conduct "training sessions" with teach-

ers on how to deter and prevent anti-gay sentiment within their school.

Conservatives feel Beye is not only wasting tax dollars, but pushing a liberal agenda that some parents refuse to allow their children to partake in.

Principal Jonathan Ellwanger disagrees. "For our community, the notion that every family deserves respect should be given."

To Ellwanger and his staff, we say, "kudos." This seems like a great idea and incredibly appropriate.

According to the Tribune, there are 10 same-sex families with children who attend Beye, and

it is important to set an early precedent that those children are just as "normal" as the rest.

Remember those Sesame Street-esque equality speeches from kindergarten? We were taught that all families are different.

We remember our parents explaining that some people have one parent, others are raised by their grandparents or another family member.

Would it really be a big deal for elementary teachers to tack on, "some families have two moms or two dads" at the end? We don't think so.

To read more, visit www.DailyVidette.com

WORLD

Tallest tower closed a month after opening

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The world's tallest skyscraper has unexpectedly closed to the public a month after its lavish opening, disappointing tourists headed for the observation deck and casting doubt over plans to welcome its first permanent occupants in the coming weeks.

Electrical problems are at least partly to blame for the closure of the Burj Khalifa's viewing platform — the only part of the half-mile high tower open yet. But a lack of information from the spire's owner left it unclear whether the rest of the largely empty building — including dozens of elevators meant to whisk visitors to the tower's more than 160 floors — was affected by the shutdown.

The indefinite closure, which began Sunday, comes as Dubai struggles to revive its international image as a cutting-edge Arab metropolis amid nagging questions about its financial health.

The Persian Gulf city-state had hoped the 2,717-foot (828-meter) Burj Khalifa would be a major tourist draw. Dubai has promoted itself by vowing visitors with over-the-top attractions such as the Burj, which juts like a silvery needle out of the desert and can be seen from miles around.

In recent weeks, thousands of tourists have lined up for the chance to buy tickets for viewing times often days in advance that cost more than \$27 apiece. Now many of those would-be visitors, such as Wayne Boyes, a tourist from near Manchester, England, must

get back in line for refunds.

"It's just very disappointing," said Boyes, 40, who showed up at the Burj's entrance Monday with a ticket for an afternoon time slot only to be told the viewing platform was closed. "The tower was one of my main reasons for coming here," he said.

The precise cause of the \$1.5 billion Dubai skyscraper's temporary shutdown remained unclear.

In a brief statement responding to questions, building owner Emaar Properties blamed the closure on "unexpected high traffic," but then suggested that electrical problems were also at fault.

"Technical issues with the power supply are being worked on by the main and subcontractors and the public will be informed upon comple-

"It's just very disappointing."

Wayne Boyes,
English tourist

tion," the company said, adding that it is "committed to the highest quality standards at Burj Khalifa."

Despite repeated requests, a spokeswoman for Emaar was unable to provide further details or rule out the possibility of foul play. Greg Sang, Emaar's director of projects and the man charged with coordinating the tower's construction, could not be reached. Construction workers at the base of the tower said they were unaware of any problems.

Power was reaching some parts of the building. Strobe lights warning aircraft flashed and a handful of floors were illuminated after nightfall.

Emaar did not say when the observation deck would reopen. Ticket sales agents were accepting bookings starting on Valentine's Day this Sunday, though one reached by The Associated Press could not confirm the building would reopen then.

Tourists affected by the closure are being offered the chance to rebook or receive refunds.

The shutdown comes at a sensitive time for Dubai. The city-state is facing a slump in tourism — which accounts for nearly a fifth of the local economy — while fending off negative publicity caused by more than \$80 billion in debt it is struggling to repay.

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Health care summit: Just for show?

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Could this turn into something more than political theater?

President Barack Obama's televised dialogue with Republican lawmakers on health care, promised for later this month, has the makings of an entertaining exchange. But the differences between the basic Democratic and GOP ideas are stark — and the two sides have increasingly hardened their positions in this election year.

Yet, in a story with more twists than a soap opera, Obama's invitation to congressional leaders of both parties to attend a Feb. 25 meeting can't be dismissed as a mere diversion. Although many Americans have doubts about the Democrats' sweeping plans to cover the uninsured, Republicans can't afford to be perceived as oblivious to the health care insecurities of middle-class families.

"My expectations? Probably below

50 percent, but not zero," said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., a moderate who serves as president of the Democratic freshman class. "At some point, the public is going to demand that Republicans participate like mature adults, and not just say 'no' to everything."

It's the Democrats' big-government approach — not Republicans — that's the problem, insisted Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., author of the House GOP bill. "The president has got to show that he has heard what the American people are saying. He's got to make clear we are not going to start off with the current bill."

But where to start?

— Democrats want an upfront commitment to cover most of the nearly 50 million uninsured Americans. Republicans prefer first taking steps to cut costs, then revisiting the issue of full coverage over time.

— Democrats would raise taxes to provide government subsidies for peo-

"This has the feel of a campaign event."

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, economist and top adviser to John McCain

ple who can't afford to buy health insurance. Republicans say now is not the time to increase taxes.

— Both sides want to bar insurance companies from turning down people with health problems, but only Democrats propose requiring most people to get coverage — a necessary first step, according to most experts.

To illustrate the gap, the House GOP bill would cover 3 million uninsured people, the House Democrat-

ic version 36 million.

"That's quite a gulf," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., the No. 2 Democrat in the House. "And if that's where Republicans want to stay, I don't think it's going to be perceived as much progress by the 33 million who would be left out."

After months of seeing Obama try to muscle legislation through with only Democratic votes, Republicans are wary of his new overture. The election of Republican Scott Brown in Massachusetts changed the balance of power in the Senate, forcing the president to recalibrate.

"This has the feel of a campaign event," said economist Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a top adviser to 2008 GOP presidential candidate John McCain. "The time to sit down with Republicans was a year ago."

The House and Senate are partisan institutions by design, Holtz-Eakin said. Divided into majority and minority, they sharpen differences.

D.C., region dig out after snow

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal workers and school children got a day off Monday as the Mid-Atlantic region dug out from as much as 3 feet of snow that made travel nearly impossible and knocked out power to tens of thousands of people.

Federal agencies that employ 230,000 in Washington were closed, as were many local governments, businesses and school districts. Utilities warned it could be days before power is restored to everyone.

With more snow expected Tuesday into Wednesday — as much as a foot in some places and close to another foot and a half in Philadelphia — stranded travelers wondered when they might escape the icy, gray mess.

At Washington's Reagan National Airport, where flights had resumed after more than two days, the "on time" flights on the departure board started to outnumber the canceled ones by mid-afternoon. But many people still didn't know when they might get out.

Mark Burroughs, the mayor of Denton, Texas, needed to be back for a vote Tuesday, but he and his wife, Annie, were on standby. They made it to a weekend snowball fight in Dupont Circle that they called "great fun," but by Monday they were ready to go home.

"I saw on the news Thursday night that the snow was coming, so like masochists, we got on an airplane and came here," Annie Burroughs joked.

Just getting to the airport was a challenge for others. Chris Vaughn of Washington managed to rebook a flight to Park City, Utah, that had been canceled Friday, but his shuttle driver called Monday to say the company was canceling all pickups. One cab company wanted \$100 to take him to the airport, and another was charging \$50 for a cab ride that would usually cost less than \$20.

"I'm done with city, urban snow life," Vaughn said, walking through the airport with his ski boots over his shoulder. "I don't want to be part of any more of that."

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Blagojevich lawyers refused trial plans

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A federal judge has ruled attorneys for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich can not have an early look at government plans for conducting his corruption trial.

Judge James Zagel said Monday that Blagojevich's lawyers relied on what he called a blunderbuss approach and rhetorical flourishes instead of legal principles in asking for an early look at the evidence against the ex-governor.

Zagel said what the attorneys really want is not just an early look at the evidence but an order forcing prosecutors to tip their hand as to their trial strategy.

Blagojevich is charged with scheming to sell or trade President Obama's old U.S. Senate seat and a variety of political fundraising abuses.

Mayor wants watchdog to hire Chicago workers

CHICAGO — Chicago's mayor wants to expand the powers of the city's inspector general by giving him oversight over the city's hiring and the power to investigate aldermen.

Mayor Richard Daley on Monday said the proposed ordinance, to be introduced to the City Council on Wednesday, is partly a result of the recent guilty plea to corruption by former Alderman Isaac Carothers.

Daley tried 20 years ago to give the inspector general the power to investigate the City Council. The idea was shot down by aldermen.

Inspector General Joe Ferguson calls the mayor's proposal to allow him to investigate aldermen a "watershed moment" in the fight against City Hall corruption.

Daley's proposal also would take the hiring oversight duties away from the city's Office of Compliance. The mayor

says the office's efforts to reform hiring have not worked well.

Quinn: Ill. Lt. governor hopefuls should speak up

CHICAGO — Democrats in Illinois are getting a political do-over: the chance to pick a new lieutenant governor nominee themselves now that the primary winner dropped out of the race because of revelations about his checkered past.

Gov. Pat Quinn has the rare opportunity to help choose his running mate, but refused to say Monday who was on his short list of potential partners.

The politicking has begun in earnest, though, among would-be contenders who want a chance in November at the state's No. 2 job. The spot opened up when Scott Lee Cohen announced Sunday that he would leave the ticket over fears that he could cost Democrats the governor's race. Nominees for governor and lieutenant gover-

nor are chosen separately in the primary, but are linked together on the November ballot.

"I want to run with somebody who's qualified to be governor, who has a record of public service, someone who is able to speak to ordinary, everyday people in plain language about the importance of the economy and someone who also stands up for the progressive values of the Democratic party," Quinn told reporters.

Democrats are in a position to strengthen their ticket after Cohen bowed to pressure to get out of the race. It became widely known after his Feb. 2 primary victory that he had been accused of abusing his ex-wife and holding a knife to the throat of a former girlfriend, who had been charged with prostitution. Cohen also had admitted to past steroid use.

The revelations came as Illinois was starting to move on from the scandals of ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

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this. This protocol designates that President Perry would make the decision to cancel classes. If the president is away, this responsibility falls to Lord as provost.

Lord said if a storm comes in during the evening or overnight, the watch commander for the University Police Department would call Perry before 4 a.m. to determine the severity of the weather conditions. An announcement would then be made prior to morning class times for those students who travel to campus.

Lt. Phil Lang, a watch commander at the UPD, said the commander on duty at the time of the storm receives updates via a dispatch service on weather and road conditions of the area.

The UPD has a written protocol for severe winter weather, which says that if there are 4 inches or more of accumulated snow, or if there are hazardous, icy road conditions, the UPD is to contact university administrators. The administrators would then make the judgment call over whether or not to cancel classes.

"In general, we do not cancel classes too often because we have so many students in residence in Charleston, either on campus or proximate to campus," Lord said. "Leaving them with nothing to do is something we try to avoid."

Lord said that AlertEIU, Eastern's emergency text messaging service, would not be used in case of severe weather cancellations.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said AlertEIU, one component of the University's Emergency Notification System, is used to inform the campus community of an imminent threat, such as an active shooter situation, an armed robbery with unknown subject(s) at large, and the like, and is not designed for inclement weather notifications.

"AlertEIU is the most serious warning to the campus community which may instruct students, faculty, and staff to take additional actions in response to for on-going, imminent safety threats," Nadler said.

Students will be notified of any cancellations through a variety of ways, including e-mail, radio and television broadcasts, the Eastern Web site, phone trees and the university's information phone number.

"Whether classes are canceled or not, we are clear that those who must drive to campus are to use their best judgment as to whether to make the trip," Lord said.

Keeping campus clear

Gary Reed, director of Facilities Planning and Management, said his department's first concern is the safe-

ty of students, faculty and staff during severe weather situations.

Reed said the grounds superintendent, Justin Perry, watches the forecast and determines when to call in the snow response crew. Plans are then made to start plowing sidewalks and university parking lots and roads by the time classes begin.

To make travel on campus safer during severe winter weather, the department lays salt and sand over icy areas.

"We do use salt, but not all the time," Reed said. "For slip resistance, sand is kinder to the concrete and the plants adjacent to the walkways than salts. However, salts are used if the conditions warrant them, such as when there is ice or hard packed snow that will not move."

The operating budget for facilities planning and management includes a small amount above base wages for general overtime work relating to emergencies.

"This small allowance is how we pay for labor to cover unusual events, including weather," Reed said.

Weather condition updates and class cancellations can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/~status/>.

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Stocking up before the storm

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

Local grocery stores had a surge of customers Monday as people prepared for the night's snowfall.

Charleston residents were stocking up on necessities to get ready for the projected snowfall of up to 7 inches, as the National Weather Service placed Coles County under a winter weather advisory Monday afternoon.

Jill Bevill, an assistant manager at Wal-Mart, said the grocery side of the Charleston Wal-Mart Supercenter was busier than normal Monday as the advisory was given.

"People were especially interested in grocery items; people were buying milk and cereal, the staples," Bevill said.

Byron Wendent, supervisor at Save-A-Lot, said they witnessed an increase in customers preparing for the snowstorm throughout the day as well.

"People have bought anything, basically, like bread and milk

and meat," Wendent said. This is nothing new to see the day before a snowstorm.

When people get off work is usually when days like Monday become busy, Bevill said.

"Right around 5 o'clock, we were really really busy... between 5 and 6 p.m.," Bevill said.

While the grocery stores saw a great increase in customers today, no extra money will be accumulated from the snow preparations after today's sales will be counted.

"(Today) will be slow," Wendent said.

However, Bevill said Wal-Mart would not be behind in sales the whole day.

"It will be slow until the roads get cleared," Bevill said. "Once the roads get plowed and the sun comes out, it usually gets a little better in here."

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league anymore and that OVC teams are preparing for them.

This has been the third time Miller's contract has been extended. Miller initially had a three-year contract, and it was extended after the 2005-2006 season after he went 6-21, and it was extended in February 2009 for this season.

"You can't build that foundation until you have a program," Miller said. "We're excited to have a chance to build on what we started here."

The Panthers plan to return seven letterwinners for next season and have three players signed for next year in the early signing period.

Two of those players will be freshman and the other player is a National Junior College Athletic Association Division I transfer.

"There's stability," Laser said. "You know things are going to be the same way when you come here. I know I'm

happy. I get to improve on what he wants. It's good for us that he got the extension."

However, 15 players have left the program during Miller's tenure including three OVC Freshman of the Year: George Tandy, Mike Robinson and most recently Romain Martin.

"It's college basketball," Miller said. "Some programs take a long time to recover."

Miller came to Eastern in March 2005 after serving as the associate head coach at Kansas State.

Prior to Kansas State, he was the head coach at Texas State and took the Bobcats to the NCAA Tournament in 1997 and won the conference title during the 1999 campaign.

He was also an assistant coach at Sam Houston State and Western Illinois. Miller is a 1987 graduate of East Texas State.

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Mike Miller, men's basketball head coach

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Kuma said it is important for this information to be in the library for students to recognize.

"All of this is a part of academic work, we need to learn about history and issues that are going on and the changes going on in society to continue with forward progress," Kuma said. "It is all part of the learning process."

While Kuma appreciates the progress made within the minority populations of the United States and around the world, he is aware there are still is-

suues that must be dealt with.

"We can celebrate that kind of forward progress, but still, we cannot forget that there are some negative feelings still around; hatred is still going on, the (Klu Klux Klan) is still alive and if you log onto a blog, hate speech is still rampant," Kuma said. "We have to keep working."

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STATE & NATION

Super Bowl most watched TV show ever

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New Orleans Saints' victory over Indianapolis in the Super Bowl was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

Compelling story lines involving the city of New Orleans and its ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina and the attempt at a second Super Bowl ring for Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning propelled the viewership. Football ratings have been

strong all season.

"It was one of those magical moments that you don't often see in sports," said Sean McManus, president of CBS News and Sports.

Nielsen estimated Monday that 106.5 million people watched Sunday's Super Bowl. The "M-A-S-H" record was 105.97 million.

The viewership estimate obliterated the previous record viewership for a Super Bowl — last year's game between Arizona and Pittsburgh. That game was seen by 98.7 million people, Nielsen said.

The "M-A-S-H" record has proven as durable and meaningful in tele-

vision as Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs was in baseball until topped by Hank Aaron. Ultimately, it may be hard to tell which program was really watched by more people. There's a margin for error in such numbers, and Nielsen's Monday estimate was preliminary, and could change with a more thorough look at data due Tuesday.

"It's significant for all of the members of the broadcasting community," said Leslie Moonves, CBS Corp. CEO. "For anyone who wants to write that broadcasting is dead, 106 million people watched this program. You can't find that anywhere else."

Moonves predicted CBS will earn

"It was one of those magical moments that you don't often see in sports"

Sean McManus, president of CBS News and Sports

more in advertising revenue than in any other Super Bowl. The good ratings for the game and football in general also set CBS and other football

broadcasters up well when selling advertising for next season, he said.

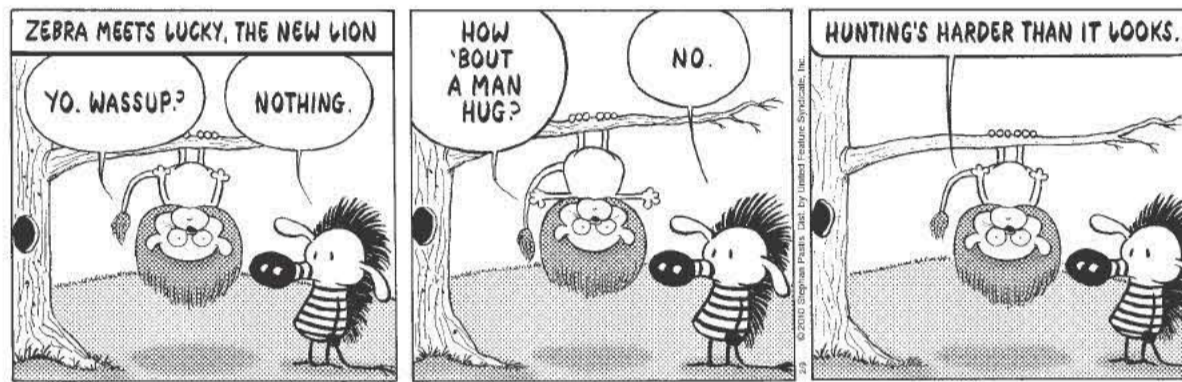
The Nielsen estimate also drew some congratulations from Alan Alda, the star of "M-A-S-H," and the slugger whose record was beaten.

"If the 'M-A-S-H' audience was eclipsed, it was probably due in large part to the fact that the whole country is rooting for New Orleans to triumph in every way possible," Alda said. "I am, too, and I couldn't be happier for them. I love that city."

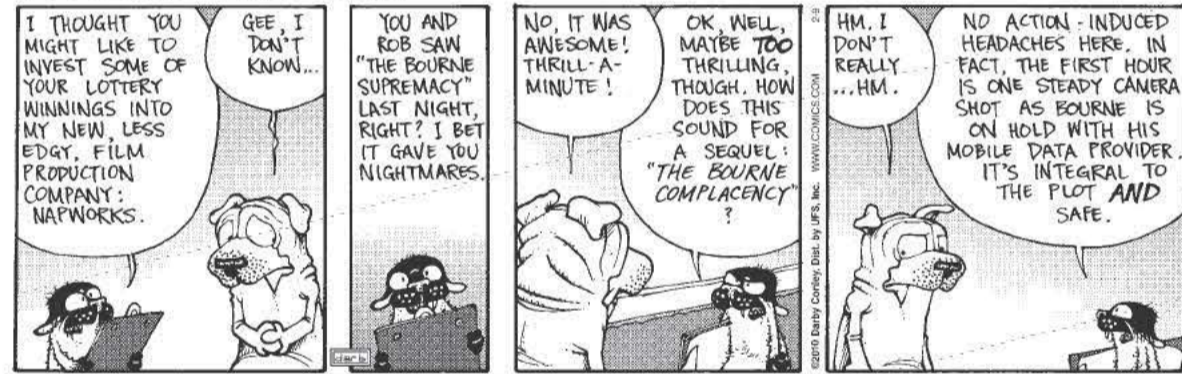
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MLB Schumaker agrees to deal with Cardinals

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Second baseman Skip Schumaker and the St. Louis Cardinals have agreed to a \$4.7 million, two-year contract, avoiding an arbitration hearing.

Schumaker will earn \$2 million this season and \$2.7 million in 2011. The deal also contains performance bonuses that could bring the total value to \$5 million over two years.

Schumaker, who turned 30 on Wednesday, hit .303 with four homers and 35 RBIs in 153 games last year.

He also switched from the outfield to second base.

Schumaker, who was arbitration eligible for the first time, had asked for \$2.75 million while the Cardinals offered \$1.45 million. He made \$430,000 last season.

St. Louis announced the deal on Monday.

Cubs introduce new club suite

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs are introducing a new all-inclusive suite at Wrigley Field, where a season ticket will cost \$300 per game.

Only 71 tickets will be available in the new club down the left-field line.

Though the seats will be the most expensive in the old ballpark, they could be a more affordable option than the luxury suites because buyers could purchase fewer seats.

The price includes food, drinks and parking. Buyers could also purchase tickets for special events, such as concerts, and rent the facility for business meetings when there's no game.

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SWIMMING

Panthers sink Saint Louis again

Eastern beats rival for second time this season

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

For the second time this season, the Eastern men's and women's swim teams beat Saint Louis in Lantz Arena.

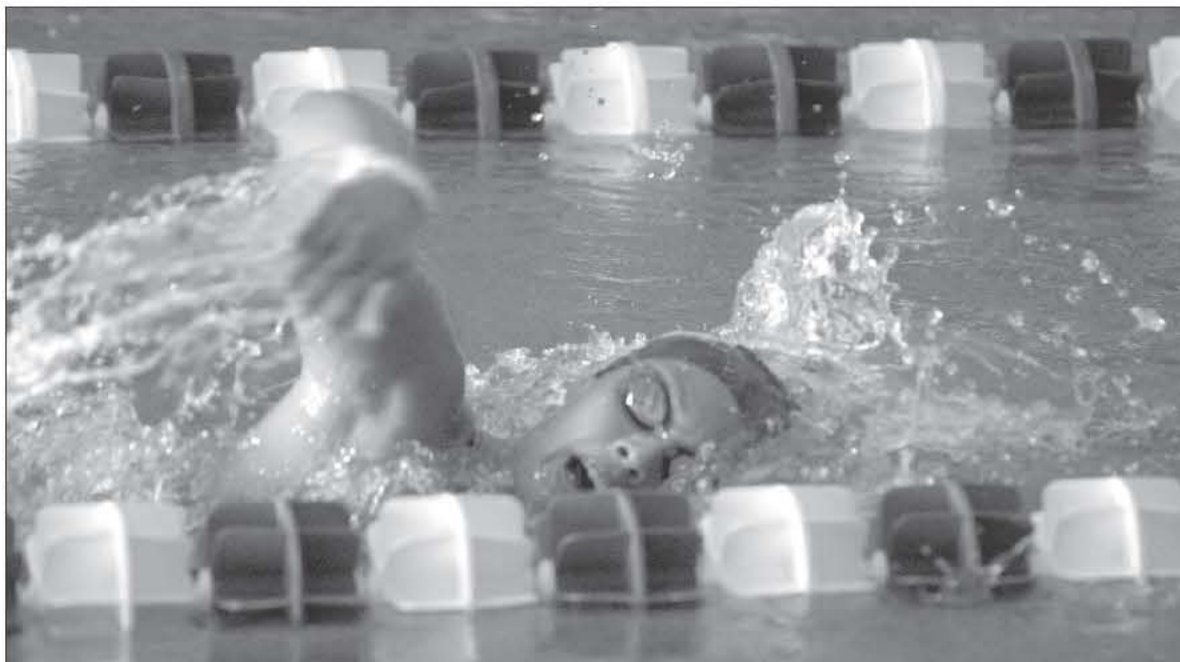
Eastern's men's team (6-2) won 135-70, while the women (5-3) dispatched the Billikens 120-85 Saturday.

Eastern head coach Matt Bos said he was pleased with beating the Billikens again after going six seasons without a triumph over their rivals.

"We haven't beaten Saint Louis in a long time and to beat them twice with both squads this year was nice," Bos said. "It was a good way to end our dual meet season and a good way for the seniors to go out."

Senior swimmers Lauren Zillmer and Laura Nilsen won two events. Zillmer won the 100-yard freestyle (53.85 seconds) and the 200-free (1:40.53), while Nilsen placed first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:12.96) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:00.28).

Bos said Zillmer had her best times



Freshman Hailey Foss strides toward a turn during the women's 1,000-yard freestyle during the home finale and senior day meet against Saint Louis at the Padovan Pool Saturday.

JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

of the year.

For the men's side, Bos said the men won easily compared to the Nov. 20 meet where Eastern won during the last race by a score of 114-107.

"We took care of them early and kind of jumped up on them and pretty much had a good lead throughout the meet," Bos said.

Bos said sophomore Tyler Hsieh had a solid meet in finishing first in the 200-free (1:44.79).

"This was only the second time he swam the 200-free and actually swam it the fastest out of anyone this year in that event," Bos said. "He is usually a sprint freestyler 50 and 100 guy, so he had a solid time."

Junior swimmer Megan Eshleman said beating Saint Louis is huge.

"I remember my freshman year we went out there and they just beat us to a pulp," Eshleman said. "It was terrible. For them to come here and for us to get on them early and pull through again is awesome. It's a good feeling."

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Megan Eshleman,
junior swimmer

Junior swimmer Sofia Pappanastos agrees that she has seen an improvement in the swim program's progress.

"Saint Louis is one of those teams that is going to be good competition and a very hard team to beat," Pappanastos said. "The way everyone has been working, it's been paying off obviously because we have won both meets. I think Bos brought a lot to the team to help us be where we are."

The Panthers will continue training until the Summit League Championships beginning Feb. 18 at Indianapolis.

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VIEWS



Bob Bajek

Contract raises questions

The athletic department and Eastern's administration made a bold statement of accepting mediocrity Monday afternoon.

This statement was in the form of a two-year contract extension for men's basketball head coach Mike Miller.

President Perry awarded Miller the contract after Perry gained permission to make an offer by the Board of Trustees Jan. 22.

Even though this contract was finalized yesterday, it was only a matter of time before it was approved.

However, was this the right move?

Miller said in the April 12, 2005 issue of *The Daily Eastern News* he wants Eastern to be "the class of the Ohio Valley Conference."

Is he any closer to these goals?

No. Wins and losses do not add up to such an extension.

Miller has been the Panthers' coach for five seasons, compiling a 47-92 overall record and a 31-60 OVC mark. He had seasons of 6-21 and 7-22, respectively, with both being program lows. Miller has also never had a winning season.

Now, it is true the Panthers made the OVC Tournament last season, but they lost to Austin Peay in the first round. This season, Eastern is 12-11 and 6-7 OVC, but Eastern has two wins against Division III and NAIA weaklings, while going 0-5 against the top four teams in the league.

Winning more is nice, but the context of those triumphs show Eastern is not progressing.

Another reason against a two-year extension is player retention and development.

When he was hired, Miller stated he would mold the Panthers to where "the players are the program."

This philosophy has fallen short.

In a five-year period, 15 players have said adios to the Panthers before finishing their eligibility under Miller.

It is true Miller coached Mike Robinson and Romain Martin as back-to-back OVC Freshman of the Year award winners but both did not play four years. Robinson had "disciplinary issues."

Martin leaving begs some questions. The former senior guard led the team in scoring three straight years, but then unexpectedly quit to "get healthy and finish his degree."

Many teammates said "Ro" did not mention injuries frustrating him. Is there more to this story than anybody is letting on?

Then there is junior center Matt Dorlack, the No. 9 ranked prospect from Wisconsin in 2007. Dorlack has not developed to his potential and has played an extremely limited role.

Despite all these reasons, Miller will be the coach for two more years. Maybe all Eastern wants is an average program with shaky continuity.

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TRACK AND FIELD | INJURY UPDATE



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Red-shirt sophomore Zye Boey laughs while he lifts weights Monday afternoon in the weight room in Lantz Arena.

Timetable not known for Boey

Torn knee tendon has sophomore currently rehabbing

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Zye Boey can stack up his accomplishments from last season.

The 2009 *Daily Eastern News* Athlete of the Year won't be able to repeat his indoor Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year honors and maybe not his outdoor OVC Freshman of the Year honors either.

Boey also qualified for both NCAA national championships (indoor and outdoor track).

Boey, a red-shirt sophomore, had a knee scope in early January.

Boey said he's trying to maintain a positive focus for the rest of the season and trying to get ready for the outdoor season.

"I felt a little bit of pain, but I didn't think of it," Boey said. "Hopefully I'm coming back stronger than before."

Boey practiced while icing and biking on Nov. 4, but Boey stopped training hard and started rehabbing. He had a follow-up MRI and found out that he had a torn tendon.

Boey's knee scope on Jan. 4 led him to a rehab phase because he said the training staff and the coaches weren't sure what was wrong before his knee scope.

His rehab stint includes leg lifts, stretching, weight lifting and calve raises. He could potentially start swimming on Thursday after starting knee flexing on Monday. He takes ibuprofen as needed.

"I'm still a little tight," Boey said. "It's tender sometimes."

In his place, junior Darren Patterson, senior Brandon Jelks and red-shirt junior Marcus Williams will fill the role of top sprinters.

Boey said last year's other top sprinter, DeMarcus Brooks, is not enrolled in school, but still has been competing as an unattached runner.

"I felt a little bit of pain, but I didn't think of it."

Zye Boey, red-shirt sophomore runner

Boey said Brooks left school for a personal reason and isn't sure if Brooks will return.

Boey isn't sure of when he'll return but hopes that it's by the Big Blue Classic in April. He also isn't sure if he'll compete in all the events.

"He's chomping at the bit to get back after that," Eastern head coach Tom Akers said. "He hates sitting and watching. We don't want to rush (his return) too quickly. We're just trying to play it smart. He's doing a lot of extra work to speed it up."

Boey was the conference champion in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes at the OVC Championships during the indoor and outdoor season last year. He set two new school records during the indoor season in 6.66 seconds in the 60-meter dash and 20.93 seconds in the 200-meter dash.

In the outdoor record books, Boey ranks second all-time in the 100-meter dash at 10.20 seconds, and fifth in the 200-meter dash in 20.91 seconds.

"(Boey) was head and shoulders above everyone else," Akers said. "The success he had was really unexpected. He did a good job of handling that success. Zye is a worker. He's got things headed in the right direction."

If Boey does compete in the outdoor season, he'll know what to expect after last year's seasons and Akers said he still thinks the Panthers are a strong team without him.

"He's giving some of the young guys advice," Akers said. "He's still there and helping some of the young guys. I can't wait to get him back into practice. We're just keeping our fingers crossed and hoping for a speedy recovery."

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VIEWS



Alex McNamee

Five o'clock primetime

ESPN is broadcasting the Eastern men's basketball game against Morehead State Thursday at 8 p.m. No offense, but this game is not worthy of an ESPN broadcast.

The opening act for the doubleheader pins the No. 1 women's team in the Ohio Valley Conference against the No. 2 team in the OVC at 5 p.m.

Already, the five o'clock game has better face value than the eight o'clock one that matches up the No. 2 team in the OVC against the No. 5 team, which barely has a winning record.

The opener features what is going to be a fabulous Eastern-Morehead State game that, if it lives up to the standards set by the first game between the two, is going to be a great game.

The first game between Eastern and Morehead saw the Panthers win by a slim, two-point margin thanks to the ice-cold veins of sophomore forward Chantelle Pressley, who hit two free throws with 2.3 seconds left.

Those two teams were not the same as they are now.

Both teams are now on winning streaks that rank with their programs' highest and they have two of the hottest players in the OVC.

Eastern senior forward Maggie Kloak is arguably on fire as of late. In her last five games, she's averaging 15.2 points per game and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Meanwhile, Morehead State junior guard Chynna Bozeman is undoubtedly the hottest player in her last five games.

She's averaging 22.8 ppg, including back-to-back games where she scored 30 and 37 points, respectively.

Bozeman and Kloak found themselves in a heavyweight bout the last time the two faced off Jan. 16, scoring 22 and 20 points, respectively.

Not to say that the two players' performances will make all the difference, but they will definitely make a significant amount.

Then, you have to take into account the hot streaks that Eastern and Morehead State are on.

In the Panthers' last five games, they are averaging 71.8 ppg while only giving up 50.6 ppg. This has been a major part of Eastern's 11-game win streak.

The same has been affecting Morehead State during its current five-game win streak.

In its last five games, the Eagles are averaging 76.6 ppg while holding opponents to 57.8 ppg.

It is clear that these teams are rightfully the top two contenders in the OVC this season and they are going to be battling it out on the court again Thursday.

Expect a great battle between two teams who have more heart than any team in the OVC.

More than a clash of talent, this game will be a battle of wills.

Boy, it is going to be fun.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's basketball
Thursday vs. Morehead State
5 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's basketball
Thursday vs. Morehead State
8 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's tennis
Friday at Northern Illinois
5 p.m. - Rockford

Women's basketball
Saturday vs. Eastern Kentucky
4 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's basketball
Saturday vs. Eastern Kentucky
6 p.m. - Lantz Arena

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NATIONAL SPORTS

Men's college basketball
Illinois at Wisconsin
6 p.m. on Big Ten Network

Men's college basketball
Tennessee at Vanderbilt
6 p.m. on ESPN

Men's college basketball
Georgetown at Providence
6 p.m. on ESPN2

NHL
Stars at Blackhawks
7:30 p.m. on CSN

Men's college basketball
Purdue at Michigan State
8 p.m. on ESPN