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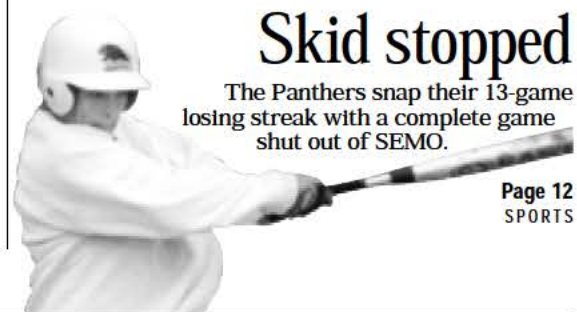
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## Skid stopped

The Panthers snap their 13-game losing streak with a complete game shut out of SEMO.



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SPORTS

### RESIDENCE HALL SURVEY RESULTS



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Above: Lacia Douglas, a speech communications graduate student, has her sandwich made by Obakanyinsola Aoeqbola, a freshman computer information systems major, Wednesday afternoon at Tower East in Stevenson Hall. Tower East will be the new site for the Reservation-Only Dining.

Right: A view of the old site of Reservation Dining in Pemberton Hall. The windows are being replaced.



♦ Housing and Dining plans to make changes based on questionnaire results

## Finding dorm demands

By Tim Martin  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Housing and Dining Office will use the 519 responses from the Residence Hall Satisfaction Surveys to focus on improving specific campus concerns.

The 108-question survey was distributed to 1,600 randomly selected students in the fall, asking for input in a variety of areas — such as the quality of residence halls, building workers and variety and quality of food. The survey was a resource tool brought to Eastern by Director of Housing

and Dining Mark Hudson from his former school, the University of North Dakota.

"It is a program we did every other year six times," said Hudson, who worked at North Dakota for 15 years. "And over 10 years, for example, we went from a 45 percent laundry room satisfaction to 90 percent."

It was the first time Hudson conducted such a survey at Eastern.

Stina Heldmann, president of the Residence Hall Association, that acts as the middleman between the university and students, said the survey gives the

university students' true perspective.

"The survey will show how we are going to respond, and that it's not just a matter of 'yes we recognize,'" Heldmann said. "But also 'here's how we take the suggestions to heart.'"

"We're giving them kind of a perspective on that, which is what students want."

So Hudson, hired in summer 2001, brought the investigation to Eastern to improve some of the campus' problems, which

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## Eastern must return 2.9 percent of '03 budget

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern will have to come up with another \$200,000 to give back to the state.

In February, Gov. Rod Blagojevich asked public universities to plan for 8 percent of this year's fiscal budget to be put in reserve.



Rod Blagojevich

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are being asked for the same percentage except for the University of Illinois, which was asked for 4.1 percent.

"We do believe we will be able to come up with this," said Eastern's interim President Lou Hencken. "Us university presidents made a lot of trips to Springfield to talk to a lot of people."

The money will come from three areas: air conditioning costs, some summer school cuts and auxiliary insurance costs.

Several summer school classes with low enrollment could be dropped from the curriculum.

Which ones will be let go is uncertain, but classes seniors need for graduation will probably not be cut, Hencken said. "Anytime there's going to

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## '04 budget forecast: mostly cloudy

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's budget outlook next year is up against \$112 million in recommended cuts for higher education.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich delivered a balanced budget address Wednesday for a \$5 billion deficit, leaving alone many funds to be taken from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Eastern's portion of cuts could be 8 percent, or more than \$4.1 million of the university's operating budget, said interim President Lou Hencken.

"I think I'll be realistic here. The grass will probably get taller," he said, adding areas such as campus maintenance could be cut. He said the university will have to work together, seeing where funds can be taken from in their own departments.

"The governor mentioned doing more with less — it's the little things," Hencken said. "Everything we do we're going to have to question."

The university suggested cuts

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### More inside

♦ A breakdown of other state budget cuts

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## Business managers: sales tax hike won't affect us

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Local business managers join in the 64 percent of voters who favored the .5 percent sales tax increase that was approved April 1.

Managers from Maurices and Hibbett Sports agreed the sales tax raise will not lower the number of customers and more good than harm will come from the raise.

"It probably won't be much of a difference," said Adam Laquet, assistant manager of Hibbett Sports. "I don't really think it will

do much."

Chris Halsey, manager of Maurices, shared a similar opinion. She said she wouldn't expect the increase to deter customers or cause a change in profits.

Mayor Dan Coughill said Charleston accumulated \$1.75 million last year from sales tax.

Automobile funds, drugs and food sold at stores are not included in the portion of sales tax funds raising under the new legislature.

"We have not included those items in the sales tax increase, so they will still be at 6.25 percent,"

Coughill said.

Groceries, medicine and taxes from automobile sales are treated differently at a consumer level and in terms of sales tax profit.

The state's sales tax distribution to Charleston is broken up into separate categories of income. Drugs, food and automobile funds are individually categorized.

When factoring the portion of funds to expect following the tax increase, numbers must be estimated because the divisions include areas not affected by the sales tax increase.

Within the drugs category money allotment, Coughill said other miscellaneous retail beyond medical drugs is included. The automobile category also includes finances not included in the items staying at a 6.25 percent rate.

The numbers are not exact because of the variance from what fits into the excluded categories, but an estimate has been formed.

"Roughly of the \$1.75 million, of that, \$911,000 can actually be counted down," Coughill said.

The .5 percent tax increase will add about \$450,000 to the sales tax

money the city receives.

"Half of whatever we get in additional sales tax will go to relieve property tax bills," Coughill said.

The money needed to be levied for property tax is decided by the city annually.

"With the new tax, if we need \$2 million, we'll take half of the sales tax money and dedicate it toward the levied amount," Coughill said.

The remaining half of sales tax funds will be dedicated to infrastructure. The money will pay for sidewalk and sewer repairs.





COMING UP

## Council to make call on courses

By Holly Henschen  
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs will act on four agenda items and add 16 proposed music courses to the agenda Thursday.

The proposed courses include Conducting One and Methods and Materials of Teaching Instrumental Music.

The first agenda item is a revision for incomplete grading policies, which would go into effect in fall 2003.

The proposed policy states: When reporting incomplete grades, a professor must supply a default grade on previous work. Without a default grade, the incomplete is assumed as an F. The instructor and student then submit a completion plan by mid-term of the following semester, according to a proposal to the CAA.

The council also will discuss awarding undergraduate credit. Revision of courses often adds lab hours to the class. Corresponding semester hours, however, are not always awarded. This causes more course time for students, but without corresponding credit hours.

The university also loses money because tuition covers only the semester hours accounted for. Faculties and departments then suffer reduced credit hour production, according to the proposal to the council.

No regulations exist concerning semester hour assignment to lab courses.

The CAA subcommittee on awarding undergraduate course credit recommends a paragraph be added to the academic catalog. The paragraph details a 50-minute lab each week is equal to one credit hour, and more lab time may result in another credit hour awarded.

The Writing Across Curriculum Committee may soon report to the Committee on Assessment of Student Learning.

"There are several good reasons we'd be better off as part of CASL," said Daiva Markelis, assistant professor of English and chair of WACC.

She said it is "more natural" for WACC to be part of CASL because they are both assessment groups.

Revision of PLS 2512, Mock Trial, may change it to a two-semester course with one credit each semester. Mock Trial currently is a spring course, but students begin preparing much earlier.

"Activity starts as early as late-August," said Richard Wandling, chair of the political science department. "The revision will match credit with the activities of the simulation."

The political science department withdrew the revision of its internship courses 2211 and 2611 from the CAA's agenda.

## RHA voting process could see changes

By Avian Carrasquillo  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Voting procedures on the Residence Hall Association executive board could change as a result of a new proposal.

"The proposal would give each hall three representatives, and each representative would get a vote, so that everyone gets an equal amount of votes," said Stina Heldmann, RHA president. Heldmann said a proposal to

limit the number of committees in RHA also will be introduced.

"We want to reduce the number of committees. We'd still have the same volume, but just a smaller number of them," Heldmann said.

Heldmann expects the voting procedure to be tabled for a week for further discussion.

The RHA meets at 5 p.m. Thursday in the National Panhellenic House Council in Greek Court.



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### Book bonanza

Carol Ryan, a freshman undecided major, looks through books at the book sale Wednesday afternoon in front of Booth Library.

# Conference explores political possibilities

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Undergraduate and graduate students presented and participated in discussions Wednesday regarding the roles of political science at the Political Science Student Research Conference.

Richard Wandling, political science chair, discussed "The Role of the Political Scientist in the 21st Century" in opening remarks preceding conference sessions.

Students presented research-oriented panels and papers completed for classes in the first three conference sessions.

Melinda Mueller, a political science professor, led a four-student panel discussing the "Politics of the Presidency." Presenting panelists included Jamie Bollander, "First Ladies' Leadership Style: Nancy Reagan and Barbara Bush;" Richard Caldwell, "The White House Chief of Staff;" Karen Klebbe, "The West Wing and Agenda Setting;" and Joe Robbins, "Presidential Character and Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush."

Wandling led a three-student panel discussing "Organizations, Politics and the Bureaucracy." Presenting panelists included James Arndt, "Public v. Private: An Analysis of the Sectors at the Local Level;" Erica Courtwright, "FEMA and Agency Ability to Adapt for Self-Prevention;" and Donald Deedrick, "Issues in the Creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

Ryan Hendrickson, a political science professor, led a three-student panel discussing "Regional Security Challenges: Perspectives from Asia, Africa and Europe." Presenting panelists included Rabia Akhtar, "South Asia's Nuclear Dilemma;" Mike Rudy, "NATO's Prague Expansion: Building Peace in Europe?;" and Thierno Thiam, "African Integration Through the African Union."

More than 40 students attended the 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. panel discussions, Wandling said.

In the final conference session, Lillian Barria, a political science professor, led a five-student panel discussing "Political Science

Internships and Simulations." Students shared their internship experiences and internship opportunities available. Presenting panelists included Michelle Aukstik, of Model Illinois Government; Bill Davidson, of State Representative Jack Frank's office; Eric McAdamis, of mock trial at Eastern; Christopher Micks, the state's attorney's office and Amanda Sartore, of Model UN at Eastern.

"I didn't realize all of the internships were even offered at Eastern," said Robert Beck, a sophomore elementary education major.

Barria said, "I was very pleased with learning about what students do with simulation and internships."

Wandling said the turnout didn't go unnoticed.

"Overall, I was very pleased. It's always good to see students being enthusiastic about the research process, and it's a joy to see the pride they exhibit in reporting their research findings," Wandling said.

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## Rope burn

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Bryan Huhn, a senior physical education major and member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon tugs team, gets his feet set before he and his fraternity brothers defeated Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Wednesday afternoon at the Campus Pond.

# Governor delivers budget plan for \$5 billion deficit

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

"... You're about to hear the details, so I hope you're all sitting down," said Gov. Rod Blagojevich beginning his budget address Wednesday.

The state is facing a budget deficit of \$5 billion for Fiscal Year 2004.

The governor accredited the deficit as the largest in state history, blaming it on structural challenges like in Medicaid, the economy's tax structure and a failure of the state to react in the progressing economic downturn.

Blagojevich presented a balanced budget, saying "we must not sacrifice our commitment to educating our children, to providing health care for those who need it and to keep the public safe."

However, a low "sacrifice" in education only applies to kindergarten through 12th-grade.

Higher education will face over \$112 million in recommended cuts. Private colleges and universities will save the state \$21 million because of proposed elimination of enrollment-based subsidies.

"We have been able to identify savings that will not impact what happens inside the classroom."

Blagojevich announced a plan to

not cut financial aid and keep the Monetary Award Program at \$336 million.

Tuition costs at Illinois universities increased by 10.7 percent last year.

The governor proposed a freshman tuition increase of 5 percent, and said the freshman rate should be the cost students pay until their senior year.

Eastern's interim President Lou Hencken said that type of tuition increase would be detrimental.

"Tough times require tough choices," Blagojevich said. "It's a deficit made worse by mismanagement, by shady accounting, by rampant overspending."

### The breakdown

Many hits to state departments were administrative, to other personnel and office supply cuts.

With agency consolidations, appropriation reductions and spending cuts, "the total savings to taxpayers is \$1.25 billion for the later half of Fiscal Year 2003 and for all Fiscal Year 2004," Blagojevich said.

The governor listed the departmental cuts:

◆ The Department of Aging will have recommended cuts of \$6.2

million.

◆ The Department of Agriculture could be cut by \$14.8 million.

◆ The Department of Central Management Services: \$90.2 million. The department's Effingham office will not get a new roof, saving \$450,000.

"Should it rain in Effingham, we are confident the existing roof will suffice," Blagojevich said.

◆ The Department of Children and Family Services: \$48.9 million. "We are going to take the money saved by eliminating inefficiency, and send it right back into the agency to protect the welfare of our children."

◆ The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity: \$243 million.

◆ The Department of Corrections: \$69.7 million.

◆ The Department of Financial Institutions: \$1.7 million.

◆ The Department of Human Rights: \$941,400.

◆ The Department of Human Services: \$73.6 million.

◆ The Department of Insurance: \$4 million.

◆ The Department of Labor: \$1.1 million.

◆ The Department of Military Affairs: \$2.4 million. However, the department's overall budget has

increased by \$8.7 million, \$5 mil-

lion going to state residents who have family on active duty.

◆ The Department of Natural Resources: \$204 million.

◆ The Department of Professional Regulation: \$3.6 million.

◆ The Department of Public Aid: \$49.2 million.

◆ The Department of Public Health: \$24 million, much of it from a reduction of 114 personnel.

◆ The Department of Revenue: \$120 million. The Illinois Racing Board, Department of the Lottery and Liquor Control Commission will be consolidated into the Department of Revenue, saving \$2.1 million.

◆ State police will see \$39.1 million saved and reinvested in public safety with \$8.4 million in retirement and personnel cuts.

◆ The Department of Transportation: \$484 million.

◆ The Department of Veterans' Affairs: \$6.1 million.

◆ The Office of Banks and Real Estate: \$6.3 million.

◆ Historic preservation will be cut \$4.1 million without any planned closing of historical sites.

◆ Environmental protection: \$37.4 million.

◆ The Office of the State Fire Marshal: \$3.1 million.

◆ The Department of Nuclear

Safety: \$4.2 million.

◆ The Illinois Emergency Management Agency: \$1.4 million.

◆ The Capital Development Board: \$246 million. The cuts come from suspending the capital program for state facilities and moving capital planning duties to the budget office.

◆ The Illinois Commerce Commission: \$11.7 million.

◆ The Illinois Arts Council: \$1.9 million.

The rest of the agencies will be cut \$7.3 million, with an additional \$5 million loss for MCPIER.

### The next step:

"There's an old saying: When times are hard, you drink beer, not champagne," Blagojevich said.

The legislature now has until the constitutional date of May 31 to approve the budget.

"I've laid out my spending priorities loud and clear: education, health care and public safety."

The governor said the Bureau of the Budget's name will be changed to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

Blagojevich said his office cut expenditures by 15 percent, saying "... we have to lead by example."

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## EDITORIAL

# Assist others, walk 5K

Clear your calendars; you have more than two weeks to get ready to run or walk for non-violence.

But wait, before everyone gets up in arms over a non-violence walk in a time of military conflict, this run/walk for non-violence has nothing to do with the international affairs of battle, and it hasn't for the seven years it has been in existence.

The seventh annual 5K run/walk for non-violence, which begins at 10 a.m.

April 26 at the Newman Catholic Center, is about the fight against the violence of poverty. Regardless of their political views, albeit it pro-war or anti-war or indifferent, students should turn out to support this cause.

Businesses make donations for the occasions, and participants collect pledges and donate as they wish. The walk normally generates about \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Eighty percent of the money will go to the Haiti Connection, which will use the money to help fund a cistern, or a water-catching device, project in Haiti. Through Haiti Connection's help, a community in Haiti receives clean water. People who participate or give money to the run/walk for non-violence also help this cause.

The other 20 percent will go to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a cause right here in our own neighborhood.

Roy Lanham, Haiti Connection's adviser, said: "Students see domestic and sexual violence, but the violence of poverty — sometimes people don't speak of that. If someone doesn't have the means to care for themselves — if they don't have health care or shelter — that is a violence done to that family."

Lanham raises a good point and one all students should consider before saying no to the walk/run for non-violence.

As college students, we complain we are broke, but we are by no means poor. Just being able to attend college is a privilege many do not even get to think about because they are too busy worrying about how to make it through the day with little water and little food.

Violence exists too much and in too many ways in our world. Take a pro-active stance; say you won't stand for violence, and participate in the run/walk for non-violence.

You'll be doing good for others. You will make a difference. And to top that off, you can even have a good time and get some exercise.

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

### At issue

The seventh annual 5K run/walk for non-violence

### Our stance

In spite of their differing views, students should participate in this event to help fight against poverty.

## OPINION

# Finding peace in turmoil



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Something unexpected happened Wednesday.

For the first time since war began in Iraq, I felt a little bit of peace, a little bit of hope about the entire situation.

As I watched CNN Wednesday afternoon, watched Iraqis dancing in the streets, knocking over statues of Saddam Hussein, shouting and cheering, I experienced something completely unexpected, pride.

From the day President Bush told the nation, and the world, we were going to bomb Iraq and run Hussein out of power, I have almost been ashamed of what we were doing. I have been angry that we were being so arrogant, sick at the atrocities we were committing against innocent civilians.

Don't misread what I'm saying. I am pro-troop, but I am pro-peace as well. I still do not understand how death will lead to a better life.

But Wednesday, for the first time, I understood a little bit better. The images showed a people liberated, joyous, ready to move on.

And that made me proud.

I still don't agree with the reasons we went into this conflict, but

*"Once this is all over, we need to be there to help facilitate change in Iraq but not force it."*

I have found some peace in the outcome.

The images we saw Wednesday must be kept in perspective. We didn't get to see the people who weren't happy about allied forces coming in and overthrowing the government. We saw very little opposition, very few people who were speaking out against what was happening.

While people were cheering and dancing, I'm sure others were damning the United States, President Bush and the allied forces for killing their loved ones and taking away their way of life.

Something we need to remember now is this conflict isn't really finished. Even if by the end of this weekend Hussein has fallen and Iraq is a free country, our troops likely will not leave.

A friend mentioned to me that she believed we were doing to the Iraqis what the British did to

African nations. We overthrow their government, then install our own, and leave troops behind to make sure they do as we say.

I hope this is not the path the United States and allied forces take in Iraq. I hope we will help the people there to install a government of their choosing, then leave them alone to govern themselves, to lead their own nation for the first time in decades.

Once this is all over, we need to be there to help facilitate change in Iraq but not to force it. We should focus our energies on helping the United Nations in humanitarian aid in Iraq and surrounding areas and focus less on telling the Iraqi people what kind of government they should put in place.

Wednesday gave me hope that peace could happen for the first time in about a month. Watching people rejoice in newfound freedom gave me hope that although the means were not the best, the outcome might be worthwhile.

Now it is up to us to step back and quit pushing. If the true goal were to get rid of Saddam Hussein and his regime, then finish that job, and get our troops back home. Let the Iraqi people decide where to go from there.

Cartoon by Jeremy Pelzer



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Tunnel vision shouldn't be encouraged

The intent of *The Daily Eastern News* editorial board's editorial, "Vandals must stop scrawling," published April 2, was positive, and I do not in any way support vandalism.

However, the comparison the board drew between children and the vandals was unnecessary. The board unfairly portrayed childhood in a negative fashion, for no apparent reason.

To begin with, chalking sidewalks is widely practiced across many college campuses.

It is seen as an effective method of advertising any number of things and also as a display of campus involvement.

Because of that, sidewalk chalk is no longer

stereotyped as exclusively for children, except in the editorial published.

Secondly, what did the editorial board hope to accomplish with the statement, "These tactics are one step away from drawing hopscotch and four square courts on the sidewalk?"

This conclusion is unrealistic.

Could one also draw the conclusion a computer hacker is one step away from being an English major because they both use computers?

The statement, "The chalk writers alienate the majority of the graphic they're trying to reach, those who can look straight ahead" in the editorial brought up issues.

First, a "graphic" according to the dictionary is a picture.

Beyond the fact the statement was questionable, it does not make sense either.

Also, why was "those who can look straight ahead" presented as a positive statement?

I believe a well-rounded person should be able to look straight ahead but also be aware of their total surroundings.

It is good to hold your head high but not to encourage tunnel vision.

The point I am making is that in the editorial's feeble attempts to shame the vandals, all the editorial really did was deface the sacred name of childhood, perpetuate stereotypes and present a shocking display of journalism.

As one of the main voices of Eastern's campus, the DEN's editorial board needs to realize the vast difference between childlike and childish.

Katie Ward  
Junior health education major

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Kim Byers, a sophomore speech communication major, inserts a dollar into a vending machine Wednesday afternoon in the basement of Booth Library.

# Students tip their can to Pepsi

◆ *Students differ in choice of Pepsi vs. Coke; cola wars continue*

By Chris Luther  
STAFF WRITER

R&B star Beyonce Knowles can sell Pepsi to anyone, but the real joy of cola is choosing what cola to drink.

Students living on campus have mixed feelings about their choices of soda and drinking preferences.

"I wish there was Coke on campus," said Ryan Fitzgibbons, a senior English major. "That is my favorite soda of all time."

Coke is not allowed to be sold on campus because of a contract Eastern has with Pepsi. The 10-year partnership was put into effect in April 1, 1998, and ends at the end of the school year in 2008.

The current contract guarantees Eastern \$2.5 million and Eastern can receive an additional \$813,840 in commission. Through the deal, Eastern also received \$852,250 in sponsorships.

Students, however, are not swayed by the cash incentives, but by taste.

"I'm not a big fan of Pepsi, but I like it a lot better than Coke," said Pornhip Mongkolpornchal, a sen-

ior biological sciences major.

Pepsi offers a variety of drinks to students, even though Coke is not available.

"We (Pepsi) offer a variety of pop like Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Mountain Dew: Code Red, Dr. Pepper and diet drinks, too," said Roger Childerson, vice president of food service for Pepsi Mid-America. "We can accommodate the majority of students' needs."

"I'm glad that Pepsi is our provider because they make Mountain Dew," said Dan Joyce, a senior speech communication major.

"The new Mountain Dew: Code Red is the best soda ever," said Leah Adams, a senior biology major.

Eastern has 150 Pepsi vending machines on campus, but quenching the thirsts of thousands of students on a day-to-day basis is not easy.

"It's tough to fulfill everyone's personal need, but with deliveries of Pepsi products made daily, you'll rarely find a 'not available' light on," Childerson said.

Some students think the vending machines should accept other forms of payment.

"I think that the university's vending machines should definitely take Dining Dollars," Joyce said. "I have to go out of my way sometimes to go to the University

Food Court to get a drink. Eastern would probably make more money if vending machines took Dining Dollars too."

The conclusion of this semester ends the fifth year of the current contract. Eastern has not yet considered what to do when the contract expires.

"The Pepsi Company had the best proposal for the university," Director of Purchasing Monty Bennet said. "Eastern has had no problems within the Pepsi contract in the past five years."

Pepsi likes having Eastern as a client because the college produces a lot of money.

"The university and Pepsi have a solid long-term partnership and Pepsi has every intention to continue this partnership," Childerson said.

The profit from the Pepsi revenues is distributed throughout the campus. One of the larger recipients of the profits is the athletic department.

"We get \$16,500 a year from the Pepsi contract," Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie said.

Students who get tired of drinking the usual Pepsi products will have an alternative soon.

Childerson said Pepsi is putting out a new kind of Mountain Dew this summer. The new orange-flavored Mountain Dew: Live Wire will be available May 1.

# Keynote speaker tells positive sides of greek lifestyle

By Matthew Kent  
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Greek organizations should follow what they say they will do and should maintain a positive atmosphere.

Keynote speaker Rick Barnes spoke to sorority and fraternity members Wednesday as a part of this year's Greek Week.

Barnes currently travels across the country speaking on college campuses about a variety of issues. A former member of Farmhouse fraternity, he spoke about how the general public perceives the greek community as a whole and how greek organizations are part of a positive experience on campus.

He said 70 percent of people who join a fraternity or sorority are from a first-generation fraternity or sorority family.

"I look back, and it was the most important thing in my mind," Barnes said, noting the decision he made to join a fraternity 20 years ago. "No other organization on campus is as important as you."

He asked audience members what stereotypes men and women might get labeled as by members of the opposite sex.

Terms shouted out by men in the audience such as "babes, panty-droppers and how sorority women drink too much," were all used to define sorority women while several women in the audience defined fraternity men as "man-whores, drunks, sweet-talkers and way too cocky."

"If we know our stereotypes, what does the general public think?" Barnes asked.

He said greek organizations often struggle with such stereotypes, but said the importance of Greek Week is "to pull us all together." He also said greek organizations are "constantly under the watchful eye," noting the way society often views them.

He spoke about four privi-

*"The concept of an initiation is not the end — it is the beginning of a membership in a phenomenal organization."*

—Rick Barnes

leges of being in a greek organization: being in a private, secret, single-sex organization and the significance of selecting members.

Since greek organizations are private organizations, they have "no responsibility to the U.S. Constitution," he said.

"In the end, it is up to us to choose," he said, noting the importance of quality members to represent a nationwide organization.

"The concept of an initiation is not the end — it is the beginning of a membership in a phenomenal organization," Barnes said.

He also spoke about four important topics regarding the greek community on college campuses: recruitment, rituals, risk management and education.

Barnes said the perception in society seems to be that "we (fraternities and sororities) all drink like freaking fish."

He said each chapter's president has more liability for more people and money for the rest of their life. He said handling situations where a person has had too much to drink needs to be handled effectively.

"You have to handle them responsibly," Barnes said.

He said rituals are part of a lifetime membership and part of a phenomenal organization.

"Think about what your ritual stands for," Barnes said. "Don't ever have a conversation about why you shouldn't exist."

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# Network fee will not go on student ballot

By Avian Carrasquillo  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A proposed network fee of \$48 will no longer appear on the Student Government election ballot April 22.

Rather than placing a question on the ballot, the Student Senate will hold a forum Monday to gather student input on the proposed fee. The senate also may distribute a survey to gauge student interest in the fee.

The proposed fee was a major topic of discussion at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Senate members had a long debate on the subject.

Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson authored the bill, saying it was originally proposed within the existing Computer Technology Fee.

Davidson said the \$48 was devoted toward increasing the quality of the existing network and for the adequate use of the technology already in place. Thus, it presents a different fee within the existing fee.

Davidson said, in light of this, many think the fee should be proposed in a referendum to comply with the senate's tradition of the fee proposal process.

After the lengthy discussion, the proposal failed.

The Student Senate approved the budgets of all five fee-funded boards allocated by the Apportionment Board.

The fiscal year 2004 budget approvals will give the Dramatic Players \$9,238, the University Board \$204,104, the AB \$22,277, the Student Government \$31,900 and Sports and Recreation \$194,856.

Student Senate approved the following fees: The Student Recreation Center fee will

increase by \$3.80 per semester, for a total price of \$66.80 per semester. The graduate student fee will rise by a \$1 increase, for a total of \$2 per semester.

The textbook rental fee was tabled for another week because of additional information brought to the Student Government's attention during audience participation by director Dan Klingenberg.

The Health Service and Pharmacy fee was approved and will increase by \$3.55 for a total of \$70.05 per semester.

The Athletic fee will be increased by \$2.45, for a total of \$63.50 per semester. The Union/Bond Revenue fee increase was approved at \$4.65, for a total of \$120.30 per semester.

The Student Activity fee will increase by \$1.70, for a total of \$32.50 per semester. The Student Activity fee will be split three ways among Student Legal Services, which would receive a \$0.32 increase. Student Publications would receive a \$0.20 increase. Apportionment Board would receive \$1.18 fee increase.

The Computer Technology fee, which would increase by \$49.60, including the network fee, was tabled for further discussion.

The budgets for the fee-funded boards and the fees will be approved Eastern's Board of Trustees at its June meeting.

A Senate resolution recommending that the policy for graduation and credits for students in the military be examined by the university was approved.

A proposal to allocate \$125.25 for refreshments for the Bucket Brigade community service project was approved.

A bill for the allocation of \$200 for bicycle accessories for the Bicycle Registration Campaign project was approved.

# Workshop on culture

By Andre Raymond  
STAFF WRITER

A workshop presented Wednesday helped students learn about dealing with other cultures.

Treva Anderson of the Counseling Center hosted "Expand Your World: Making Cross Cultural Connections."

"You have to look at people as unique individuals with association of their culture," Anderson said.

She spoke about culture, what it is and the different functions of culture.

"Culture is both universal and unique," Anderson said. "It is important to understand other cultures and what they have to offer." Anderson said 152 international students from 47 different countries attend Eastern.

To help participants get a better understanding of the different cultures, Anderson gave them handouts and conducted two exercises.

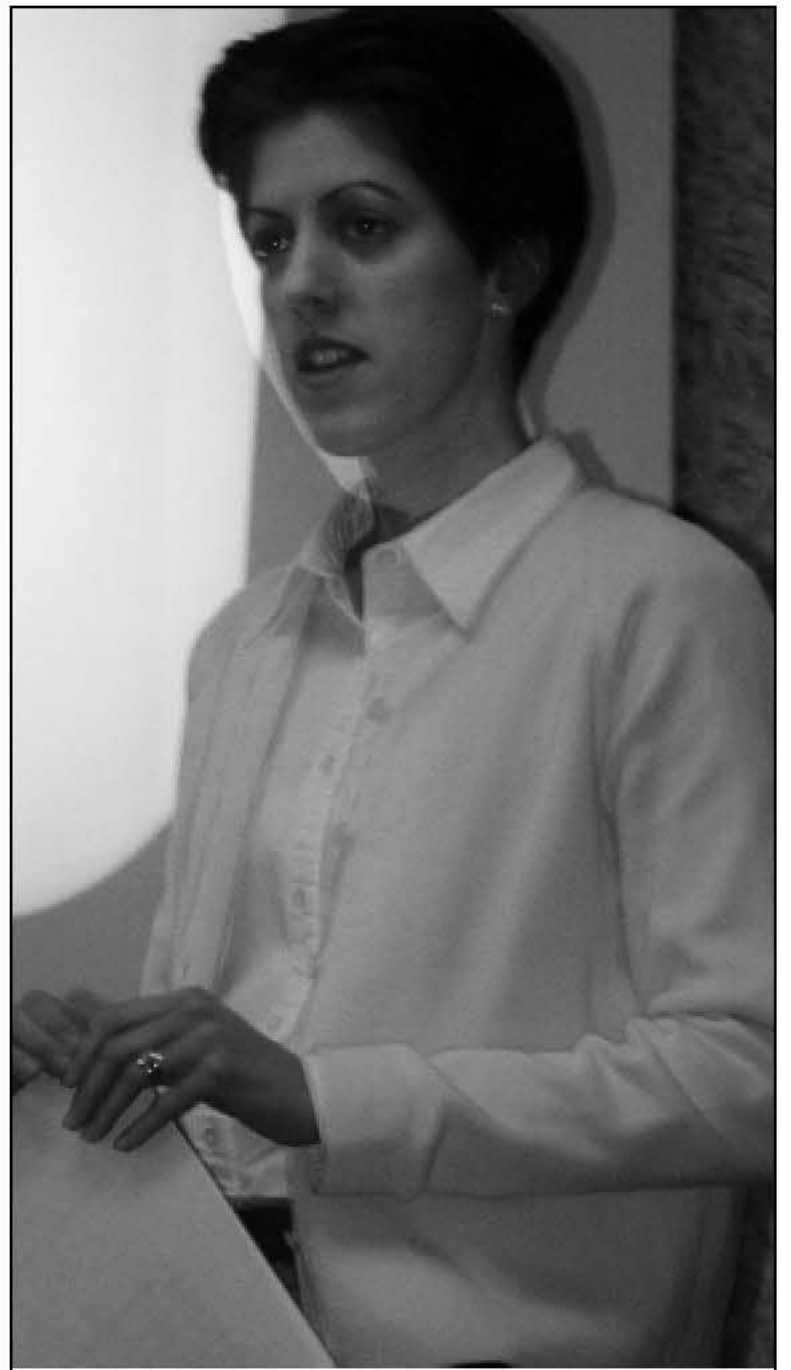
One of the two exercises was a synonym/verb exercise. For every verb used, participants had to think of a synonym.

"The basis of that exercise was to find out that you have to be patient with someone that speaks a different language," Anderson said.

Niccos Scott, a freshman physical education major, said the presentation was helpful in learning different cultures and ways of approaching someone from another culture.

"I learned a lot, and it was more helpful to me than I anticipated it would be," said George Love, a freshman undeclared major.

"The presentation opened my mind and feelings to other cultures and refreshed my knowledge of other cultures," said Mark Sizemore, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major.



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Treva Anderson, of the Counseling Center, talks to students Wednesday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union about experiencing what it would be like to be in a different culture.

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**Budget:**

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be a cut, it can't be business as usual," Hencken said. "We've got to take a long hard look at some of the smaller classes."

Air conditioning will be reduced in certain buildings Friday afternoons and weekends over the summer.

The plan will raise temperatures about 10 degrees and drop costs \$50,000 this fiscal year.

The cut won't apply to all buildings such as Booth Library or the physical science building.

Only a few classes are scheduled Friday afternoons, Hencken said.

The governor's budget address Tuesday suggested plans for a \$5 billion deficit, with a \$112 million recommended cut in higher education for Fiscal Year 2004.

Blagojevich blamed the deficit on structural changes, like in Medicaid, the economy's tax structure and a failure of the state to react in the progressing economic downturn.

Next year, Eastern could face 8 percent in cuts or more than \$4.1 million, Hencken said.

**Forecast:**

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from 15 areas for this fiscal year to prepare for possible 8 percent reserves requested by the governor in February. The cost designations will likely be areas to lose funds for FY 04 as well, he said.

Two of the areas include eliminating costs in deferred maintenance and some non-teaching personnel.

For this fiscal year, the university will have to give \$1.5 million back, with 2 percent already in reserve.

The budget proposals given Wednesday are recommendations. The legislature has until May 31 to constitutionally review the budget before Eastern can know next year's exact cuts.

"I think they're going to go into June," said Jill Nielson, vice president for external relations. "We have a long way to go. We're a long way from the finished product."

Next year tuition increases will be a reality, Hencken said.

Each percent increase in overall tuition will equal \$300,000 in revenue, he said.

"If I have to go up 8 percent or 7 percent, I won't hesitate to do that because that's in the best interests of the students."

The tuition increases help the university offer more available class times in the curriculum, Hencken said.

The governor accredited the state deficit to structural challenges like Medicaid, the economy's tax structure and a failure of the state to react in the progressing economic downturn.

**Demands:**

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according to the survey, range from the lack of moveable furniture in the dorms to a lack of weekend programming.

**Reservation-Only Dining**

Beginning next semester, the university will offer a restaurant-style dinner Friday and Saturday nights in Tower West dining center. A similar meal was offered at Pemberton Hall dining center a few years ago, but the hall closed during the 2001-2002 calendar year.

The survey found 45 percent of students stated the food variety was fair, and 48 percent stated food quality was fair. Those numbers influenced the decision to bring back Reservation-Only Dining in hopes of bringing that number up.

Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining, said students can expect a higher-class experience. If things go the way she wants, the wooden tables in Pemberton's dormant dining center will be moved to Tower West to provide a more intimate environment than the long tables currently there.

Steak, shrimp and chicken Kiev are examples of meals, Horn said.

"Students call and actually make reservations," said Horn, who predicted the steaks would be grilled outside to entice students. "It's just like a restaurant where you place an order from a menu and have sit-down service. The students seemed to really like it."

A similar excitement is shared by

Mary Lou Beals, assistant director of dining services at Stevenson. She said the details were unclear so far, but the dining option would help business tremendously.

"I don't know what Jody has in mind, but I know we're going to do something a little nicer than what we've currently got," Beals said.

**Moveable furniture**

Another area where student input from the survey pushed priority up on another project was moveable furniture in the residence halls. Some 61 percent of surveyed students stated they were in favor of raising room costs to fund new moveable furniture.

Although some rooms in Carman and Thomas halls are refurbished, Hudson said he wants to finish the north tower of Thomas.

The unremodeled rooms have non-moveable furniture such as bolsters, desks and beds. Hudson said the new furniture would include individual desks, bunk or loft beds and bookshelves.

The university spends about \$50,000 a year on furniture, the survey stated.

"We want to allow students to use their space more effectively," Hudson said.

Work will include renovation of the Stevenson Hall elevators, carpet and furniture replacement in Lawson Hall and a kitchenette and TV room upgrade in Pemberton Hall.

**Slow grounds crew**

Because of slow response times, 36

percent of students expressed concerns with the timeframe to which Facilities Planning and Management fixed campus problems.

Carol Strode, interim director of facilities planning and management, interpreted the number as 64 percent of students thinking the service was fine. She said facilities is working with the Housing Office to improve on the speed by filing the requests at a central location.

**What about the money?**

Housing and Dining was able to accelerate many of its renovation programs because of the influx of students — and consequently the jump in room and board revenue — this year. The survey stated the normal budget traditionally is \$1.3 million, but the enrollment increase bumped that number to more than twice that figure to \$2.9 million.

The enrollment for the fall 2002 semester was 11,163 students, which was an increase of 632 students from 2001. The total number was boosted by Eastern's biggest freshman class, 2,751, which represented a 593 jump from the previous freshmen class. Freshmen are required to live on campus.

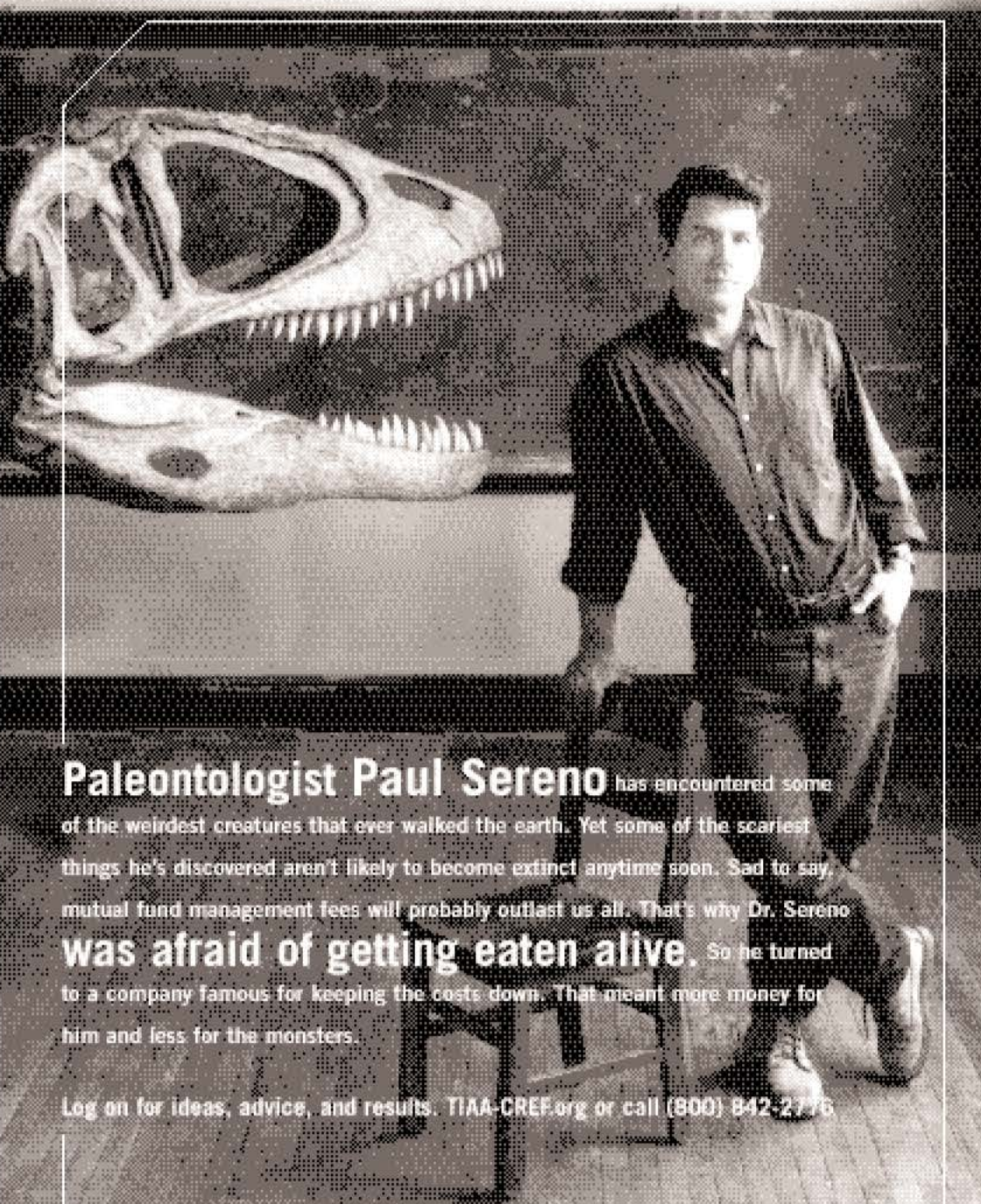
"We can do things so much faster and more of them at the same time," Hudson said. "Things like having more people work during the summer to prepare the buildings during the summer; getting more painting done, so when the college opens back up the residence halls are in as good a shape as possible."

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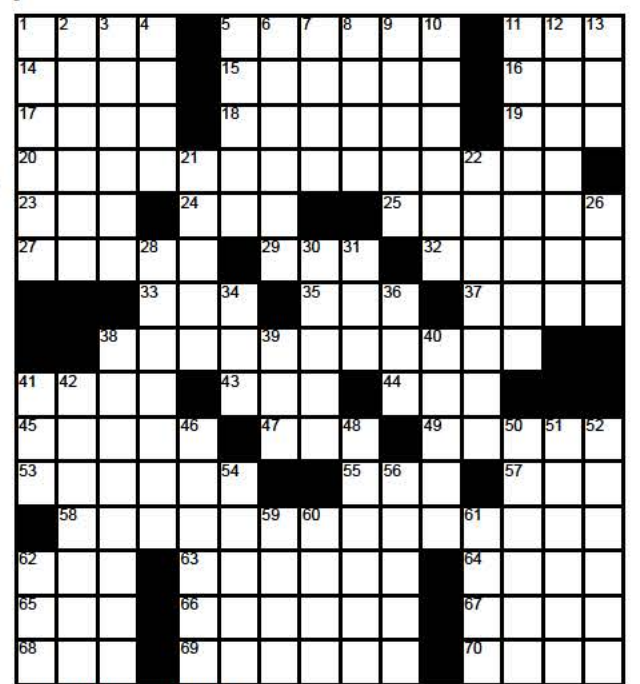
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TENNIS

# Panthers hope to rebound with conference wins

By Jessica Danielewicz  
STAFF EDITOR

The Panther tennis teams are looking to rebound from last weekend's loss with a win Thursday over Tennessee State University.

Eastern lost for the first time in conference play against Murray State Saturday.

"That was somewhat disappointing but also motivational," said No. 1 singles player C.J. Weber.

Weber lost a close match against Murray State's Thiago Gondim in three sets, which could have been the deciding factor in a 4-3 Eastern loss.

With the loss to Murray State, Eastern (6-6, 2-1) dropped from first to fourth in conference standings.

Eastern coach Brian Holzgrafe said the loss has motivated the team to do well.

"There's really quite a redemption to be built," he said. "We've got the motivation to see it through."

Weber said the team is using the next few matches to prepare for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament April 26-27.

"Morehead State is a really big match for us," he said, as well as Eastern Kentucky.

The match against Tennessee State will be preparation for the

tougher games coming up.

Tennessee State's men's team comes to Eastern struggling with a 0-9 record and a young team with only two juniors and one senior. Holzgrafe expects little challenge from the inexperienced Tigers.

"They're not going to be competitive," Holzgrafe said. "It's a match we are going to win."

The situation is similar with the Tennessee State women's team, which currently is 0-7. It also has a young group with five freshmen, one junior and one senior.

Eastern's women's team (8-4, 2-1) also dropped from first to fourth place in OVC standings.

Thursday's matches will kick off a home series with three matches for the men and four matches for the women.

Following Thursday's match against Tennessee State, both teams will play Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Friday and Morehead State Saturday. The women will play Southeast Missouri State Sunday.

No. 4 singles player Amber Lenfert said her team is pretty confident for this weekend.

"We're looking at going 4-0 this weekend," she said.

She also said the team is concen-

trating on winning the OVC.

"It's just a matter of putting things together and acting on it and doing it," Lenfert said.

Holzgrafe said he and the team are looking forward to playing some matches at home after spending a lot of time on the road.

"It's something the kids love," Holzgrafe said. "Their families come out and support them."

Weber said it is a relief to be home for a while since road trips get long and drag out.

"You always like to play on your home courts," he said. "It's less time consuming and you're more comfortable."

Both schools' teams are at a disadvantage because of the cold weather this week.

"Nobody ever plays their best game when it's cold and windy out," Weber said.

The ball will be slower and the muscles tighter, making it hard to loosen up, he said.

Last weekend's match against Murray State was played in similar weather, Holzgrafe said.

"(The weather) really evens the keel," Holzgrafe said. "The tennis is different. It really comes down to a fight of the will."

Practices have been held inside



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No. 3 singles player Becky Carlson returns a shot during practice. Carlson is fourth in the OVC at her position.

the last few days, Weber said.

"I think that has a lot to do with health," he said.

Members of both teams have been battling illness and injury.

However, Weber thinks the weather may be an advantage since

Tennessee State may not be used to cold weather, although that does not guarantee a win.

"I don't think it's so significant that we can go into the matches assuming victory simply because it's cold outside," Weber said.

Seidnitz:

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This is good to see because in an age of college basketball where coaches use most mid-major schools as spring boards to better coaching positions, Eastern's coaches have been and remain dedicated to their school.

Recently, Pittsburgh coach Ben Howland left his job for UCLA's illustrious coaching spot in Westwood, close to where he

grew up. For Howland it was his dream job, and even though he had built Pittsburgh up to a national power, he felt he should leave.

The problem with this situation is he didn't bother to tell the kids who had signed to play for him at Pittsburgh he was leaving. Many of the players felt betrayed and saddened by their coaches sudden absence.

"Sometimes that stuff gets blown out of proportion though,"

Church said. "Things move so fast sometimes that coaches don't get a chance to talk to their kids. But at the same time, there are a lot of coaches out there who don't care about the kids they sign."

"Some cheat and leave their kids, but there is nothing you can do about that. There are always going to be those kind of people in our profession."

Nevertheless, it is a good thing to see that Eastern's coaches are

much more like Williams than like Howland. The dedication Samuels has shown to his players for over two decades proves he is serious about his passion for Eastern basketball.

Some coaches, such as Texas' Rick Barnes, believe coaches recruit for the university and not for themselves.

This way they give themselves a way out if they decide to leave. Maybe they feel less guilty about leaving their kids, but the fact

still remains that most players are disappointed when their coach leaves.

At Eastern, the coaches don't have to be leary about telling a recruit they will be here for all four years of their college career. Since most basketball players at Eastern stay all four years, they sign to come to Charleston mostly to play for Samuels.

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BASEBALL

# Eastern breezes by Olivet Nazarene at home



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Freshman outfielder Pete Stone prepares to make contact with a pitch in Eastern's 17-6 victory over Olivet Nazarene. Stone went 1-4 and scored three runs for the Panthers.

By Jamie Hussey  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern broke Olivet Nazarene's 19-game winning streak with a 17-6 win Wednesday at Coaches' Stadium.

The starting pitcher for Eastern (13-16, 1-2) was junior Andy Kuntz, who is 0-3 for the season. The Tigers' (24-3) starting pitcher sophomore John Palinski picked up the loss for Olivet-Nazarene making his record 2-1.

The Tigers had seven pitching changes but were still unable to grab a win from the Panthers.

Senior infielder/pitcher Aaron Shelbourne grabbed the win for Eastern making his record 1-0.

"The big key was Shelbourne had a good day," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said this game was Shelbourne's day.

"He had some good hits and came in and pitched well," Schmitz said. "He keeps the ball low and throws with velocity."

Olivet Nazarene led only once the entire game. It scored its first run when junior infielder Mark Stalter banged a home run out to center field.

Eastern was able to tie the score when junior infielder Kyle Haines responded back with a home run of his own.

The score stayed tied until the bottom of the second, when Shelbourne slammed one over the left field fence for a home run. The Panthers ended the second inning 4-1, after junior infielder Chris Uhle was able to hit out to right field for a two RBI double.

The Tigers scored again in the top of the third with another home run by Stalter. Olivet Nazarene scored again with a walk after a pitching change put in Shelbourne.

The Panthers came back with a four-run inning. Haines hit his second homer of the

game, and junior catcher Eddie Rivera hit a sacrifice fly to bring in redshirt freshman outfielder Pete Stone.

The score stayed the same until the bottom of the fifth when the Panthers scored six runs to make the score 13-3. Rivera grounded to the shortstop and was thrown out but was able to get an RBI. Junior infielder Jeff Cammann hit a shot out to center field for a RBI double. Uhle followed with a hit out to the left field fence for a RBI double.

After two batters were walked, Olivet-Nazarene made a pitching change to bring in senior pitcher Wally Zukowski. Walters came in and grounded a RBI single off Zukowski. The inning ended after senior catcher/infielder Bret Pignatiello stole home after a wild pitch.

Eastern took more runs from Olivet Nazarene in the sixth inning when Danny Jordan hit a home run out to center field. Zukowski walked four to add one more run to Eastern's score making it 15-3.

The Tigers stayed scoreless until the seventh inning when they were able to score one run off senior infielder Tony Sykes' home run.

Olivet Nazarene tried to rally back but was only able to come up with three runs. Eastern only scored one more run in the bottom of the eighth when Walters hit a pop to left field for a RBI double.

Senior pitcher Nathan Stone closed the game for the Panthers. The first three batters hit grounders off Stone. The field got two out, and then Stone fanned the fourth batter in the top of the ninth to end the game with a Panther win.

Schmitz was pleased with the performance of his team going into the weekend.

"It is nice going into the weekend with the middle of the line-up, Pignatiello, Walters and Shelbourne, feeling good with hits," Schmitz said.

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In the seventh, the Panthers tried to rally. With two outs, Ninness hit a single to bring up Green, who led the team with a .302 average, four home runs and 24 RBIs last year. Green hit a hard grounder to second and was thrown out at first to end the game.

"It's always nice to have Green up in those late situations," Darnell said. "She hit the ball hard and she always does."

Searle was happy to get the first con-

ference win of the season.

"Today I thought we had two pretty good games," Searle said. "We are finally getting rewarded for our hard work. We got our first OVC, win and that's what I really wanted to do today."

SEMO head coach Lana Richmond was impressed with Becker's nine shutout innings of work.

"She (Becker) definitely got the job done," Richmond said. "I was disappointed in our offensive output, but the main thing was she stayed ahead of the hitters, and when she needed a strike, she hit her spot."

Eastern's only run in the first game came in the first inning. Darnell started the inning with a single and scored a single by North.

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## Panther sports calendar

THURSDAY	M/W Tennis vs. Tennessee St.	2 p.m.
FRIDAY	M/W Tennis vs. IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	2 p.m.
SATURDAY	Softball at Tennessee State (2)	1 p.m.
	Baseball vs. Murray State (2)	1 p.m.
	M/W Track at Western Illinois	

## THE NEXT ROUND

Aaron Seidlitz  
STAFF WRITERBest teams  
led by loyal  
coaches

Roy Williams, Kansas' head coach, did not even have time to understand how his, once again, favored Jayhawks lost the NCAA championship. But the question was asked anyway, "How much interest do you have in the North Carolina job?"

CBS reporter Bonnie Bernstein had to ask the question as a journalist because it has been the hot topic surrounding the Final Four. But it was when Bernstein followed up with the same question that Williams began to get irritated.

In a poignant and understandable way, Williams chastised CBS producers for asking that question at that time. Viewers could even hear Williams cuss, which is the rarest thing in college basketball.

It's easy to understand why Williams was so upset. Because to him, the relationships he forms with his players are the most important part of college basketball. He proved this when he wept over the loss of his senior leaders Kirk Heinrich and Nick Collison.

The good news for Eastern students is they do not have to watch national television and the top programs to find dedicated and loyal coaches. For 23 years, coach Rick Samuels has given his all to Eastern's basketball program and should be appreciated for it.

Another man who has been around and brought class to Eastern's program has been assistant coach Mike Church. Church has been by Samuels' side for 17 years and admires the way he coaches.

"Like Roy Williams said after his loss, coaching is about relationships," Church said. "I feel that the players are almost a part of my family."

"I think of it as a good relationship, because if I or coach Samuels wanted to leave, they would be disappointed."

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## SOFTBALL



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Eastern senior catcher Kristin Darnell protects home plate while tagging out Southeast Missouri's Katy Hacker in the sixth inning. Darnell prevented the tying run from crossing the plate and gave Eastern a 1-0 victory in the first game of a conference double-header Wednesday.

## Losing streak out at home

♦ *Panthers end 13 game losing streak by taking one of two at home*

By Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

The number one was the key in Eastern's softball team's double-header with Southeast Missouri Tuesday.

Both games were decided by one run, both teams won one game and the Panthers (6-23, 1-5) got their first Ohio Valley Conference win by taking the first game 1-0. Senior catcher Kristin Darnell also hit the first home run of her life (a solo shot to left).

"(Hitting a home run) was my one goal this year," Darnell said.

Darnell hit the home run over the left field fence in the bottom of the fourth inning of the second game,

which Eastern lost 7-6.

Following a 1-0 win in the first game, Eastern scored in the bottom of the first in the second game.

Darnell led off with a walk and advanced to second when freshman left fielder Cassandra North walked. Both advanced on a passed ball by senior SEMO (8-19, 4-3) catcher Alicia Loucks, and Darnell scored on an error by freshman shortstop Kate Groden.

Eastern's lead did not last long. SEMO tied the game in the second and scored three runs in both the third and fourth innings.

The Otahkians scored four runs off junior starting pitcher Kari Hagerty, but only one was earned because of a pair of errors by junior shortstop Mandy Lindwall.

Freshman Ashley Condon came in for Hagerty in the fourth, giving up three earned runs before pitching a scoreless fifth.

The Panthers didn't let the Otahkians run away with the lead. Trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the third, the Panthers scored two runs on a pair of singles by Hagerty and senior right fielder Carrie Ninness, a walk to sophomore centerfielder Jessica Irps and an error by SEMO second baseman Brooke Nett.

Darnell homered in the fourth to make the score 7-4.

The Panthers rallied in the fifth. Irps singled with one out and advanced on a passed ball. Senior designated player Jen Green singled to right, and junior second baseman Bridget Nichols doubled a line drive into left-center field, scoring both and advanced to third on the throw home. But Nichols was picked off at third base during the next at-bat by SEMO's catcher.

The pick off was just one of the base-running mistakes Eastern made Wednesday.

"What do you say to a kid that just got picked off?" Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle said. "She (Nichols) just said 'coach that's my mistake.'"

Eastern was trailing by one run and brought its ace pitcher Kristen Becker, who pitched a complete game shutout in the first game, for the final two innings.

Becker worked two more innings of scoreless ball. She walked one batter but didn't allow a single hit.

SEMO also brought in a new pitcher for the final two innings of the game, freshman Melissa Van Velkinburgh.

Eastern threatened Van Velkinburgh in the sixth inning when Darnell and Hagerty singled. But Darnell made the final out of the inning when she tried to reach third on Hagerty's single.

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## Column needed better information about Thompson

I would like to apologize for Matthew Stevens' column printed Wednesday.

In the column, Stevens questioned the decision of former Eastern standout soccer player Jason Thompson to forego his senior year of collegiate eligibility to play professionally in Major League Soccer.

Thompson signed a contract with Nike Project-40, a program for high school and college-aged soccer players that guarantees a roster spot for the players and saves money toward education for the players. Thompson was drafted in the second round of the MLS Super Draft by the Dallas Burn Jan. 19.

Two weeks after the draft, Thompson tore his anterior cruciate

and medial collateral ligaments in his right knee while playing with the U.S. National Team in Portugal.

After looking for results from the Burn's preseason games, Stevens noticed Thompson had not played in any of the games. Stevens checked the injury report for the Dallas Burn on the MLS Web site, but Thompson's injury was not mentioned.

This led Stevens to believe Thompson would not be playing for the Burn this season.

Thompson said Wednesday he was cleared last month to start jogging, and he is expected to return by July or early August.

Thompson also said he thinks he is still a part of the Burn's plans for the future.

## LONG SHOT

Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

"They (Dallas) have the second-leading scorer in MLS history," Thompson said. "But I had been led to believe that the other starting spot was still open, and I had as much of a chance as anyone. Right now it still seems that way."

Thompson is still on the Burn's 24-man roster despite his injury and by his Project-40 contract and is guaranteed to be on the Burn's roster for the next four years.

Journalists need to check their facts - multiple times if necessary. They need to confirm information with reliable sources for accuracy. Reporting should have gone further than it did in the case of this column. *The Daily Eastern News* should have contacted Eastern men's soccer coach Adam Howarth, who has been readily and willingly accessible to the *News*' staff in the past.

Not contacting Howarth was an oversight the *News* made because of time constraints and not wanting to disturb Howarth outside of the office for something the *News* deemed short of breaking news.

Stevens has proven himself to be an extremely talented and knowledgeable reporter who

researches his articles and columns to great extent.

This was an instance of a lapse in judgment on both his and my part, and we are both willing to take responsibility for the oversight.

Stevens has expressed to me his apologies for his negligence, and I hope to convey his apologies to the *News*' readers.

I will continue to stand by Stevens' work in the future and hope the readers will accept our apologies and forgive us for our mistake.

Failing to research the situation any farther than the Web site was erroneous, and it resulted in making false assumptions that could have been prevented and hopefully will be prevented in the future.