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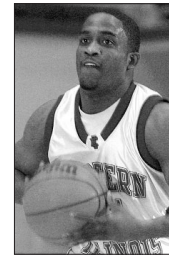
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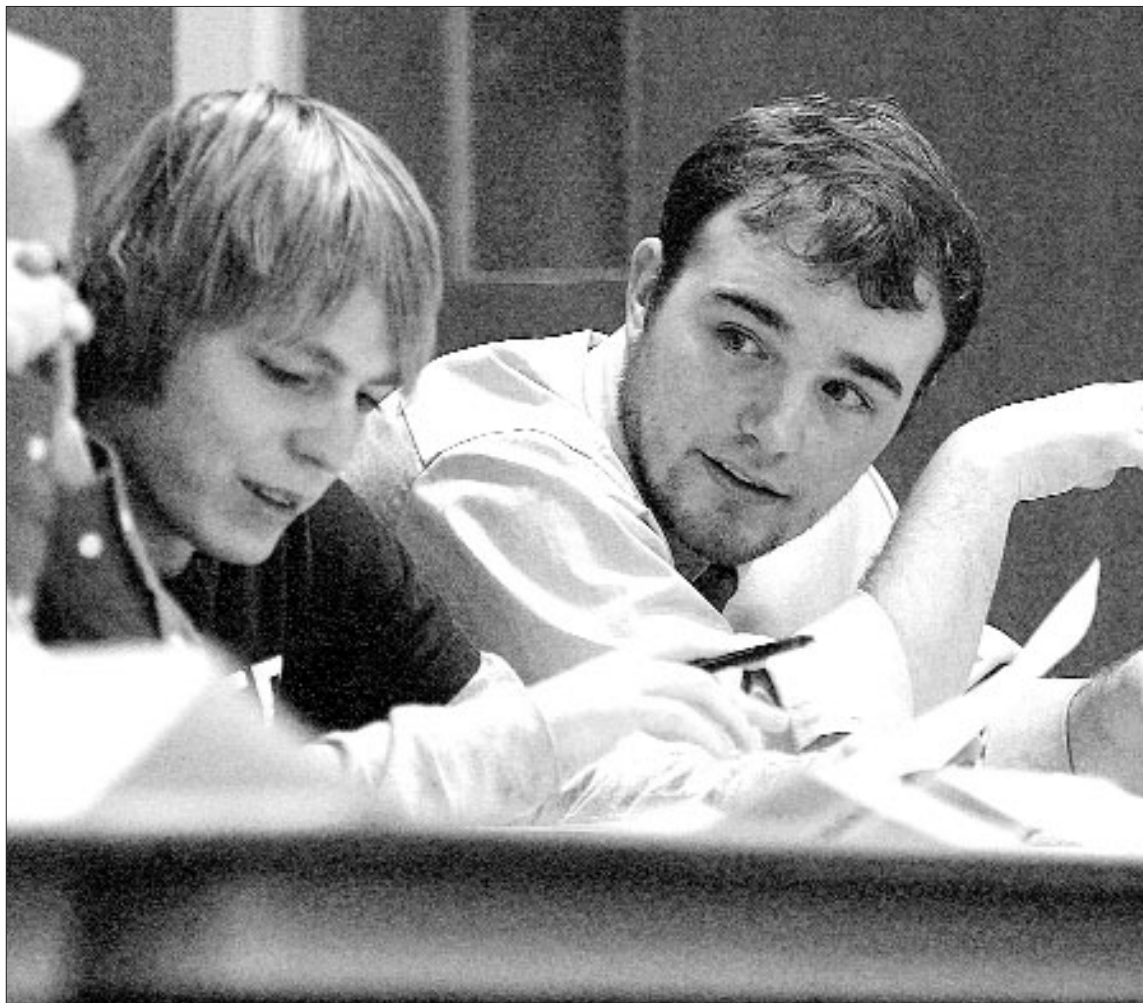
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Winless no more

The Eastern men's basketball team beat St. Francis 80-57 Wednesday at Lantz Arena

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

George Lesica speaks during the student senate meeting Wednesday night in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Lesica, who ran unopposed for Student Senate speaker, was inaugurated as the the Student Senate Speaker replacing Mike Walsh, who resigned.

By George, I think he's got it

◆ *Only candidate Lesica chosen Student Senate speaker*

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

George Lesica, junior political science major, was inaugurated as the Student Senate speaker Wednesday.

Lesica said he was happy to be elected as speaker.

"It feels great," Lesica said.

Lesica ran unopposed in what Student Body President Caleb Judy called the "easiest speaker election in history."

Lesica said next semester will be his fourth semester as a senator and has held such positions as Secretary of Student Senate and chair of the External Relations Committee.

He said he has a lot of plans and ideas for next semester on how he could get more people involved with the senate.

"In order to get more people involved, I plan on submitting several bylaw changes at the very beginning of my term to involve the

senate committees more in the decision making process," Lesica said.

The proposed bylaw changes would give non-senate students a voice, Lesica said.

"This also allows the students themselves to become more involved in issues that matter to them without having

to become senators because non-senators are welcome to join senate committees and always have been," Lesica said.

A problem, he said he has noticed, is the length of the senate meetings, which have lasted as long as three-and-a-half hours this semester.

"I would also like to make sure that meetings are run efficiently so that they do not last for hours unless there is a good reason," Lesica said.

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◆ Adam Howell voted senator of semester

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Eastern gets an 'F' for lack of black teachers

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern recently received an "F" from the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education because of a lack of African American faculty members.

The report, conducted by the committee, gave Eastern an "F" because of a disproportionate number of black faculty members to non-black members, the report said.

Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor of diversity at Southern Illinois University, prepared the report for the committee, which compares the number of black faculty members at public universities to the ratio of blacks living in the state.

Bryson said the lack of black faculty at Eastern and four other schools that received an "F" is "inexcusable."

Governors State and Chicago State were the only schools to receive an "A" out of the 12 schools listed in the survey. One "C" and four "D's" were given.

As for why the percentage of black faculty members is lower at some schools than others, Bryson said "they're graduating, they're being trained, but they're not being hired by Illinois institutions."

Eastern has 572 total faculty members, 15 of which are black, the report said.

Eastern was given an "A" for proportionality for black students to black faculty, while Chicago State received an "F".

"Their numerical displays are correct, but the interpretation is up to the individual."

—Blair Lord

"Institutions that serve large numbers of African American students many receive lower grades for African American faculty proportionally since it is based on the proportion of African American faculty to African American students," the report said.

Bryson said he would like to see universities take advantage of several programs aimed to increase the number of black faculty members and said he is concerned potential hires are leaving Illinois.

The Illinois Minority Graduate Incentive Program is one Bryson suggested schools use to increase black faculty.

"(The program) has been funded for the last 17 years by Illinois," he said. "They've made an investment to produce top quality minority scholars. Universities give various reasons why they're not using these programs."

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said he agrees with the report but it is subject to interpretation.

"Their numerical displays are

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"Old Main is an awesome structure and the icon for our campus." - Gary Reed



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Lights glisten on Old Main, Wednesday night. The lights on the building have been a tradition since 1993.

A de'light'ful scene

◆ *Charleston has a wide variety of holiday decorations*

By Karen Kirr
SENIOR WRITER

While many students are on the verge of trekking home and basking in the seasonal delights of their own towns, they likely have not been oblivious to the holiday décor dressing trees and sprucing up poles along Lincoln Avenue and Charleston's Square.

Whether simply making a beeline to the liquor store or lugging groceries to their cars, it is difficult for students and staff alike not to catch a glimpse of the string of sea-

sonal lights and multicolored candle and snowflake lights paving a festive trail through Charleston's streets.

Although quite noticeable, the lights and decorations dangling from the fringes of buildings, tree-tops and the like require substantial manpower to set up.

City workers, primarily from Charleston's Street Department, first began displaying the items during Thanksgiving break, said Quincy Combs, superintendent of the Street Department. Efforts by the city's Uptown Association, Chamber of Commerce and the aforementioned Street Department have led to the city's festive look.

While the Uptown Association, a group of merchants around the

Square who decide its holiday style, have jurisdiction on what goes where as far as decorations are concerned on the Square, the Street Department workers install all city-sponsored decorations each year, Combs said.

Seasonal lights, such as those that cling to the courthouse, are maintained and installed by an outside company, since the upkeep of the lights essentially is beyond the department's capabilities, he said.

Combs said his department's workers also keep a keen eye on the materials they erect to ensure they are properly maintained or replaced. Primarily, the replacement of decorations depends on

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Many flock to donate blood

◆ *University Ballroom holds last blood drive until upcoming renovations are complete*

By Ryan Felkamp
STAFF WRITER

With the help of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and the Alpha Phi sorority, the American Red Cross sponsored a blood drive Wednesday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King University Union.

This will be the last time blood drives will be held in the University Ballroom until renovations in the ballroom, which are scheduled until late March according to Steve Shrake and Jim Nantz, directors of the Physical Plant, are complete.

Nantz said the room will begin with ceiling abatement in mid-December and work on new light fixtures and window coverings.

Larry Ward III, a senior Finance major, as well as a member of Delta Tau Delta and president of the Eastern's blood drive committee was pleased with the turnout as well as the effort put forth for the blood drive.

"We started planning about two weeks ago, and things came together nicely," Ward said. "A typical goal for participants in our blood drives is 150, and today we had 20 participants pre-register which is the most I have seen since I have been apart of the committee," Ward said.

Christie McDonald, a junior family consumer science major, and a member of Alpha Phi sorority, was Ward's counterpart in the planning of the blood drive.

"I hope we can get as many as 200 donors, because each pint of blood a donor gives can help save as many as three people," said McDonald.

Jessica Cook, a freshman family consumer science major, and member of the Eastern's blood drive committee said she has given blood about eight or nine times in her life, which would equal about a gallon and a half of blood.

"I have taken part in blood

drives since my high school years," Cook said. "My mom is in charge of the blood drives in Jasper County, so it is in our blood. I have had the same person stick me every time I have given blood, so you start to build relationships with the American Red Cross workers."

Along with the personal reward for giving blood, the organizers offered participants other incentives at the drive. A raffle was held for the donors offering a variety of prizes. Trim Tone and Tan, as well as the Body Shop donated tans to the raffle, and City Scapes donated a free hair cut to the cause. The donors also received free food as well as a T-shirt for participating in the drive.

Mark Winslow, a freshman physical education major was one of the many Eastern students who donated blood.

"This was my fifth time giving blood, and I try to donate as often as I can," Winslow said. "I remember that my grandma was someone that needed a blood transfer, so this is my way of repaying the favor."

Eddie Hice is a member of the American Red Cross team at the blood drive.

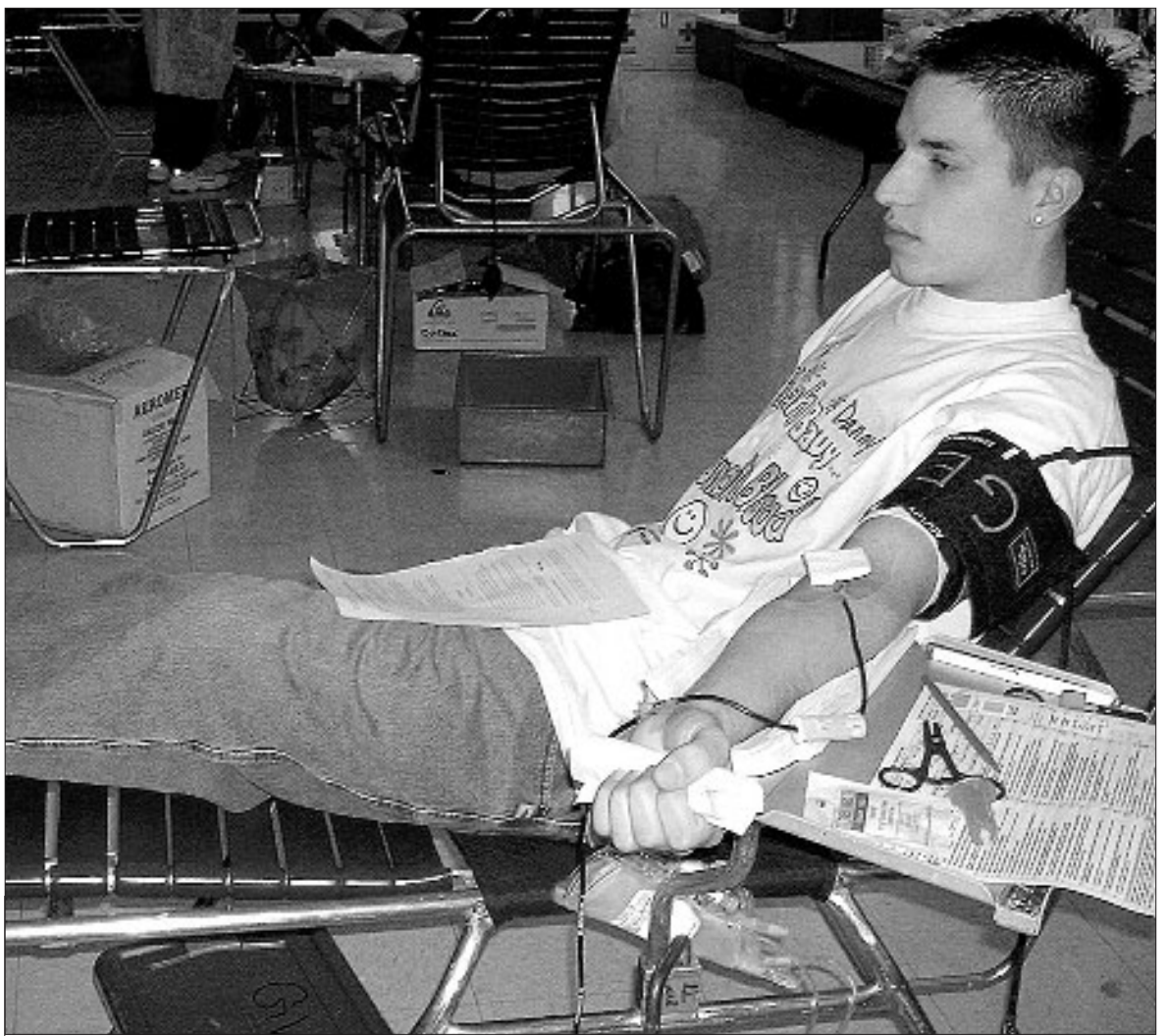
"I have been with the Red Cross for five years now, and the same fears of giving blood still are present," Hice said.

"The fear of the needle, as well as the fear of passing out or getting sick are the most common fears we come across," he said. "This is something that every donor has to get past before they donate for the first time."

The blood from the drive was taken to Effingham, then transferred to St. Louis to be processed, and distributed.

There will be another blood drive Friday from noon to 4 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center.

"Giving blood is the gift of life, and there is no better gift to give this holiday season," Hice said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY ROB BRENNAN
Daniel Garcia, a freshman finance major, remains calm and cool while donating blood in the University Ballroom Wednesday afternoon. The donors received free t-shirts and snacks for their generosity.

Say 'hello' to a couple of laughs

◆ *Hello Dali will teach students how to perform impromptu comedy*

By April McLaren
STAFF WRITER

"We'll show you our funny, if you show us yours." That is the idea for today's workshop for the Hello Dali impromptu comedy group.

"This is a time when (students) can come play games and just have fun," said senior art major Jeremy Roach, a member of the group.

The impromptu group will observe the students interested in impromptu comedy, then teach them impromptu skills. They will also give them tips including the do's and do not's of impromptu.

The comedy group does not have a formal tryout session so this "is a way to find out who is interested, without any pressure," Roach said.

Students may be invited back for another session and then asked to join the group.

The group started about 10 years ago. Roach joined three years ago after his friends persuaded him to try it out.

"I had a lot of friends in theater and they told me about it," he said. "I went to a workshop, was invited back, then I was asked to join."

Roach explained all of the material the group performs is based solely on the audience. The group plays

"This is a time when (students) can come play games and just have fun."

—Jeremy Roach, Hello Dali member

"games" as Roach described, to get the audience's mind going and to get them to participate. They ask the audience a number of questions and use the responses to move into improvisation.

Roach described some audiences are better than others, but they always hope for the best. He said they generally have good cooperation to build good material.

Hello Dali has already performed numerous shows this semester at the Cross County Mall, Stevenson Hall and 7th Street Underground.

Taylor Dall, a senior sociology major, has seen Hello Dali perform and has been impressed.

"Improv is tough," he said. "They do it well."

The Hello Dali workshop will take place Thursday at 9 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The group will also be performing their final show of the semester Tuesday at Seventh Street Underground.

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Wind ensemble has fall finale

By Diane Reid
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Symphonic Wind Ensemble sets the scene with a warm-up of sound.

Valiantly the conductor steps forward and raises his arms to begin the concert.

A giant thundering roll sounds from the kettle drums, and once again, the start of a musical symphony begins.

Wednesday night's wind ensemble performance ended the Fall semester with the sound of music.

Conductor Dennis Hayslett, director of bands, started the show that featured a wide variety of songs.

More than six award-winning composers' music were on the

night's playlist.

Pulitzer-prizer winner Karel Husa's "Smetana Fanfare" was performed as well as Nigel Clarke's "Samurai" and "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral."

"West Point" from Pulitzer Prize-winner Morton Gould was also performed by the ensemble.

"I expose them to music from all different types of historical periods, with different nationalist styles and genres," Hayslett said.

Tom Dickey, junior bassoon player said the music played was, "standard musical literature written by well-known composers."

The ensemble's performers rehearsed diligently to put on this performance.

"We put on two concerts per semester and practice three days

per week," Hayslett said.

"It took about twenty-four hours for us to prepare for this concert, but for these students, this is an education process.

"I like to call it expanding the envelopes."

When you attend concerts of this caliber, or many for that manner, one must create their own setting when being transported by this music.

The wind ensemble was comprised of approximately 50 student performers. Graduate student Lindsay Samuels made her directing debut.

The show lasted nearly one-and-a-half hours in McAfee South Gymnasium. Admission was free and the event was open to the public.

13 newly elected student senators officially take seats

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The 13 students who were elected Dec. 3 were officially seated as members of the Student Senate and Adam Howell was chosen Senator of the Semester during Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Keila Lacy, a senior family and consumer sciences major; Chelsea Frederick, a senior speech communication major; Rebecca Diehl, a junior middle level education major, and Quinton Thomas, a freshman career and technical education major, were seated as new senate members.

Lacy said she is happy to be a part of student government and to be

among great senate members.

"I feel like it's an honor," Lacy said. "They are all student leaders."

Adam Howell, chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee, was chosen as Senator of the Semester for his work with the Shuttle Bus.

Committee Member JC Miller said Howell helped her this semester.

"He's basically been my mentor," Miller said. "He's been the one who really encouraged me."

Former Student Senate Speaker Mike Walsh said Howell worked very hard as committee chair.

"He's in (the Student Activities Center) all the time, 24 hours a day," Walsh said. "He's a work force for this organization. (The Shuttle Bus Committee) has been one of the most

productive committees this semester.

Howell said he is surprised and privileged to be chosen.

"It's such a huge honor," Howell said. "I think everybody's done such a great job."

Walsh, Miller, Josh Jewett, Lindsey Baum, Bill O'Connor and Nancy Zegler all ended their senate terms, but some of them feel they might come back.

Walsh said he had a good time in senate, but he must focus on his 19 credit spring semester in order to graduate.

"I had a good time," Walsh said. Miller said she would not have time to be a senator because of other obligations next semester.

"I really like senate and I might come back if I get the chance,"

Miller said.

Jewett said after three semesters he wanted to devote more time being a student.

"It's been a learning experience," Jewett said.

Baum said after two years as a senate member, she feels she doesn't have the passion she used to have.

"My heart's not in it anymore," Baum said. "And I think you can't be in this organization if your heart's not in it."

O'Connor said last semester he did not work much, but this semester he stepped it up.

"This semester I took it seriously and worked hard," O'Connor said.

Zegler said she didn't turn her application in on time, but hopes newly-elected Speaker George

Lesica will appoint her into one of the seven empty spots.

Lesica said he urges any student to apply for senate next semester.

Student Body President Caleb Judy gave a brief State of the University address mentioning that he will give a longer and more motivating speech next semester.

"I didn't think anybody would remember what I said when we get back from break," Judy said.

The senate also approved \$687.28 to buy necessary office supplies and \$6,000 to be given to the University Board for next semester's Spring Fling.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Homecoming for exchange students not always possible

By Megan O'Farrell
STAFF WRITER

To most of us, the upcoming holidays are an important time to spend with family members and friend friends and past times.

But what happens when international students from as far away as Russia and other countries are in the United States experiencing American culture, which involves celebrating the the holidays?

Many of Eastern's 153 international students will leave campus for the holidays, said Sue Songer, an international student advisor at Eastern.

Because some international students hold different values from different cultural backgrounds, they may celebrate holidays differently.

Madina Mambetova, freshman business major and international student from Russia, is traveling to Springfield to visit her brother, who is an international student attending the University of Illinois at Springfield.

"The plane ticket home is expensive, normally around \$600 for students," Mambetova said.

Mambetova said if she was in Russia, she would typically have a dinner feast consisting of chicken or turkey with various salads and specialty dishes.

"I really miss my mother's cake that she makes," Mambetova said enthusiastically.

Constanza Comacho, a freshman business major, is luckier. Comacho said she is meeting her parents in Chicago to celebrate the holidays.

Comacho, who is from Toluca, Mexico, said she misses home.

She fondly remembers at home the carolers, candlelight and especially the pinatas and posadas that accompany the traditional Christmas in Mexico.

Because most of Mexico's population is Catholic, the residents of many towns, including Comacho's, would parade through the streets

and act out the nativity scenes of the night that Jesus was born, she said.

"Christmas is a time for a huge celebration with a coming together of family and grandparents with everyone bringing a special dish to the meal," Comacho said.

Although Comacho said she loves America and its excitement over the holidays, she said she does miss home and especially her favorite dish, romeros, and some of her favorites that are just not the same here.

Coming from Nigeria, Nene Onubugu, a freshman therapeutical recreation major, said she is flying to New York to enjoy her holidays and then on to Washington D.C.

Once again, she is not flying home because of the high plane fare, which can cost around \$1,000, Onubugu said.

But when asked about her traditions at home, she said she celebrates Christmas as well.

Americans like to dress up their houses, but Onubugu said Africans typically put lights on trees similar to Americans.

"The masquerades though, are some of the biggest celebrations, which are normally held the day after Christmas," Onubugu said.

These masquerades are bright and colorful events with participants adorned in costume.

"But only men are allowed to touch the people in the parade and talk to them," Onubugu said.

Wayne Olaprath, a freshman pre-dentistry major, said she will also be heading to New York to spend time with aunts and uncles.

Although the Middle East is predominantly Muslim, being a Christian, Olaprath said she celebrates the vigil mass as well as other traditions. Olaprath said caroling and gift giving are not as popular.

Songer also said many international students will be staying with their American friends and their families, but for those who don't, Stevenson Hall will stay open and house those who decide to remain local.

Former Eastern student innocent

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

More than a year after being indicted on sexual assault charges, former Eastern student Condric A. Sanders, 35, was found not guilty by a Coles County jury.

Sanders, the final of three Eastern students accused of sexual assault in 2002, was acquitted Dec. 5.

According to Coles County Circuit Court dockets, two counts of criminal sexual assault were filed against Sanders, 35, on Feb. 17, 2002.

The first count of criminal sexual assault alleged that Sanders committed forceable intercourse while the other alleged that he had intercourse with the accuser when she was unable to give knowing

consent, the dockets said.

At Sanders' final hearing, he was found innocent of both counts of rape.

For the first count, the jury found Sanders not guilty of criminal sexual assault which alleges "the defendant committed an act of sexual penetration with (the accuser) ... by the use of force."

Sanders was also found innocent of the second account that charged "the defendant knowing (the accuser) to be unable to give knowing consent, committed an act of sexual penetration."

Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters handled to case for the state.

The prosecution was unable to prove the defendant guilty of either count.

In addition to Sanders, two other

students were accused of rape last year.

All three students, Antwan G. Oliver, Louis A. Taylor and Sanders were indicted under charges of rape by a Coles County Grand Jury on May 24, 2002.

Oliver was accused of the first rape on January 21, 2002.

Although his accuser said he forced intercourse on her, he was found innocent because prosecution could not prove force.

The second rape was attributed to Taylor because his accuser was unable to consent to intercourse.

At his April 6 trial, Taylor pleaded guilty to lesser charges of battery as part of a plea agreement.

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Volunteer fire departments gain grant

By David Thill
STAFF WRITER

This year, more than 59 rural fire districts will share a total of \$302,544; a portion of which is being distributed to three local fire districts.

All of the agencies gaining grant money are volunteer fire departments, which typically receive little of their funding outside of grants.

According to a press release from Sen. Dale Righter, the Lincoln Fire Protection District, the Mid-Piatt Fire Protection District and the Wabash Fire Protection District will share more than \$25,000.

Mike Linder, chief of Lincoln Fire Protection District Station One, said the grant is a 50-50 grant. This means the Lincoln Fire Protection District must spend \$6,335 in order for the state to reimburse 50 percent of the total spent.

The Lincoln Fire Protection

District plans to spend the money on forestry gear for use in wild land and vegetation fires, Linder said.

Currently they are using heavy gear that is typically used in structure fires.

According to Linder, the cost for forestry gear is \$200 while structure gear costs \$1,000 per set.

The new forestry equipment will help fire fighters during hot summer months because it's cooler and lighter.

Last year alone, there were 33 vegetation fires as compared to 11 structure fires, Linder said.

"The grant is streamlined for forestry equipment," Linder said.

In addition to forestry gear, the district will purchase new hoods and new hoses, he said.

The grant is given annually based on composite data that shows which agencies have the most need for the money. This data shows which departments encounter the most wild land fires.

Linder said the grant has been

awarded to 1,264 agencies for a total of \$3,601,698 over 29 years.

"It is a good program," he said. "I hope they continue it and help as many fire departments as possible."

According to Righter, money designated for the grant comes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

According to FEMA's web site, www.fema.gov, the agency works to help people before, during and after disasters.

Righter's office acts as liaison between the local agencies and the state government to help the agencies learn about grants and opportunities for possible funds and aid in the application process.

Righter felt the grant will help local fire departments.

"(Local fire departments) could always benefit from more money," Righter said. "Essentially, these volunteers are being asked to go out and save peoples lives and place themselves in danger."

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EDITORIAL

Student Senate up for the job

Welcome to the Student Senate.

Students elected 13 new senate members last week to represent them, giving fresh faces an opportunity to truly stand up for the student body.

The 13 members were chosen to serve next semester, completing a group of 30 total lobbying in the best interests of those who live on and off campus.

Senate members push for student interests every day, hold public meetings to talk about issues once a week and travel to Springfield to show legislators how important the university is to those who live and work here.

The members generally just act as faces of the student body, a go-between, individuals students can turn to with university concerns.

Or are those just ideal jobs of a Student Senate member?

This semester members had accomplishments. They passed a resolution against the Board of Trustee's decision to end the university presidential search early because it stopped short in allowing more campus input.

The Senate recently created a mentoring program for new members and passed a resolution against more tailgating restrictions, even though it failed initially.

Still, senate hasn't always focused on students. Newly elected senate members, whether if they've served on senate before, now have a chance to fine tune their attention.

Early in the semester members made a habit of wanting to adjourn meetings early and even changed the amount of votes it took to end their weekly gathering ahead of schedule.

Members spent time discussing an end to passing notes to each other during senate meetings.

Senate members need to remember their place in the university, and now is an opportunity for them to embrace it; they started serving in their positions Wednesday.

Eastern values advisory committees like the Student Senate. There is also a Faculty Senate, and the opinions and recommendations of both bodies are taken into account in university policy and decisions.

Student Senate members have a voice other students don't have, and they're never too new on the job to realize that.

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

OPINION

Laughing at your own expense



John Chambers

Editor in chief and semi-monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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I finally learned an invaluable skill this semester.

I learned not to take myself so seriously, to laugh at my mistakes, to realize I'm human. No matter how simple it sounds, it's hard to accept what you're not good at.

I laugh the most at what I forget.

The ease at which I am distracted, at which I can get up in a single task, at which I can do the one less important task over the 100 other timely chores, never fails to produce the heartiest laugh.

I chuckle remembering the time I stowed my shoes in the fridge instead of the ketchup. I left the condiment in the closet.

I remember how my phone bill looks after a night of drinking. Some can relate to the phenomenon of drunk dialing. No matter how many people you're around at the time, when you mix a phone with blood alcohol content it's like you can't stop dialing.

Your finger is glued to the digits, pressing countless numbers and searching through contact names to have conversations with friends who likely aren't near as intoxicated, but interactions you know you can laugh at later.

One weekend after returning home to visit friends, I passed out from alcohol and fatigue in the middle of a party and starting snoring. I woke up surrounded by other partygoers who had also picked the living room floor over their beds that night. We

"At first I smiled, thinking someone had drunk too much the night before and still reeked of rum. Then I realized it was me."

were all curled up in sleeping bags and blankets.

The real shock was when I looked at my cell phone. I had dialed half my phone book and I couldn't remember what any of them had said.

When I didn't hear any tales from friends, I figured I was clear. I had likely heard only hang ups and answering machines.

Except one friend ruined it all. He told me I had tried to start a conversation with his mom at 2 a.m. after hearing he wasn't there.

I laughed. All my friends had already learned not to take their cell phones with them to the bars, not to make calls that would be funny but regrettable by daylight.

One time I carried a full bottle of rum in my book bag to a friend's house. We drank some and I accidentally left the bottle in my bag, covering it with school books and leaving it there to age until it's smell came back to haunt me.

Three days after I had put it in my book bag, I smelled it sitting

in class. At first I smiled, thinking someone had drunk too much the night before and still reeked of rum. Then I realized it was me.

I casually reached my hand into my bag and felt the slimy stuff. The cap had come unscrewed over the course of a few days and doused my books in Barcadi. I screwed the cap back on and cringed.

I sat through over an hour of class, gasping every time the instructor walked by, hoping he wouldn't think it was my breath omitting rum fumes.

I laugh at the way I wake up most mornings. Whether it's evolution or conditioning, I can't casually wake up and roll out of bed; I have to make a scene.

Every time someone wakes me up, it's like a war briefing. My half-asleep mind wants information right away. I usually sit straight up in bed and look frantically around the room, mumbling something about wanting to know where I am and what's going on.

I hear it's so entertaining I could do it as party trick.

Everyday there's something we all can laugh at about ourselves. Maybe it's always being late to the same class or meeting, forgetting to order McDonald's without pickles or running out of gas in a busy intersection.

Especially around the holidays, when cheer is heavily encouraged, it never hurts to laugh every once in a while at your own expense.

Cartoon by Jennifer Chiariello



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking problem still ignored

This letter is in response to the article that ran on Dec. 3 entitled "Students, Cops at odds on asphalt."

I commute to school and park in Greek Court every day and have never had a problem finding a parking spot ... until I came to school the morning of Dec. 2.

I did my usual routine of driving through Greek Court in search of a space (Yes, I DO have to search for a spot, even in Greek Court) only to find that there weren't any. This includes the farthest underclassmen parking lot, which

is in walking distance of the highway. After driving around for 10 minutes and coming up empty handed, I became frustrated and parked in the ninth Street lot. Only I wasn't in a parking place, but the 'drive through' area to get around the rows of cars (There was still room for people to get around). Since I see cars in this parking lot parked like this EVERYDAY, yet rarely see tickets on their cars, I didn't think it would be an issue.

However, when I returned to my car to go home. I had my very first

parking ticket. I make that walk from Greek Court everyday and don't give it a second thought. I got a parking ticket because there were no spaces and no matter what (Art Mitchel) or anyone else thinks, underclassmen parking IS a problem.

However, I propose a simple solution: Why doesn't Eastern make all student

parking first come, first serve. Instead of having under and upper classmen parking, let it be a free for all. If not that, then at least a new underclassmen parking lot. Anything would be better than ignoring the issue.

*Bettina Hutchens
sophomore psychology major*

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ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Board discusses faculty productivity, budget cuts

By Ron Henton II
STAFF WRITER

The Illinois Board of Higher Education discussed the definition of faculty productivity Tuesday, but the board made no moves on the issue.

"We just had a frank and open discussion on the report (made by the Faculty Advisory Council)," board chairman James Kaplan said. "The whole process will take place over six to seven months."

"We just talked about how the roles, missions and expectations of the universities are different," said Don Sevens, communications director of the board. "One school may have an emphasis on teaching and one may have placed the emphasis on something else."

According to Les Hyder, a member of the Faculty Advisory Council, the council and the board could not reach a consensus.

"Our council wasn't able to suggest ways that we could cut the cost of instruction," Hyder said. "We (the council) didn't feel we could cut costs without cutting quality. The discussion was not

confrontational and we kind of agreed to disagree."

Hyder said budget cuts may be necessary, but higher education is already pulling its weight.

"The state continues to face major budget problems because the revenue is not meeting projections," Hyder said. "The budget cuts have been disproportionate in the last three years. The budget cuts have been greater for higher education than for any other state agencies and we feel we've done more than our fair share."

Kaplan said the board would need help from different sources to help define productivity.

"We need to do research and that's what we are going to do," Kaplan said. "This is a collaborative and cooperative process, and the faculty and the administration need to be on the same page."

"What we're working with here is a four-legged stool," Kaplan said. "One leg is the IBHE, the other is administration, one is the faculty and the other one is the students and their parents. We need all of those legs for this to work, and if

we are missing one of these legs then the stool can't stand."

Even though no additional action will be taken until the Feb. 3 meeting at the College of Lake County, Hyder said if the cuts do happen, then the results will not be favorable for higher education.

"I think any additional cuts will be felt in the classroom," Hyder said. "Classes are going to be larger, sections may not be offered, more classes will be taught by non-tenured faculty and some courses may be eliminated or consolidated."

"At a time when enrollment is increasing, (the state) asks us to deal with it and with less money," he said. "It's a difficult challenge, especially trying to maintain quality if there are additional budget reductions."

According to the board's agenda, it also discussed the allocation of funds for the Graduation Incentive Grant Program.

The item recommended allocating \$100,000 for Eastern and Western Illinois University because both schools have programs that promote the completion of a baccalaureate degree within four years.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Payphones like this one in Buzzard Hall have been removed by Consolidated Communications telephone company because of a drop in profits.

"Consolidated Communications, as well as many other telephone companies in the United States have been removing phones everywhere."

—R. Clay Hopkins, director of administrative services, Consolidated Communications

Payphones no longer a campus commodity

By Julie Bourque
STAFF WRITER

What was once considered a remarkable invention, has now become a thing of the past.

Because of the increasing popularity of cellular phones, pay phones have seen a drop in profitability and necessity in today's society. Following this trend, the majority of pay phones on campus will be removed.

"Consolidated Communications, as well as many other telephone companies in the United States, have been removing phones everywhere," said R. Clay Hopkins, director of administrative services at Consolidated Communications. "Most of the removals have occurred in the past two years."

Laura ZuHone, Consolidated's senior representative of corporate communications, said withdrawing the pay phones from Eastern's campus was merely a business decision. She said the cost of maintaining the pay phones remains the same, while revenue continually decreases.

Profit was not the only deciding factor in removing the pay phones from campus though. Both ZuHone and Hopkins believe, because of the recent trend of cell phones, pay phone demand and usage is some-

thing that may soon become nonexistent.

"The usage of both cellular and dorm room phones is up, so it's only natural that the need and profit of pay phones is decreasing," ZuHone said.

The future of pay phones on Eastern's campus is dependent upon the usage of the phones, ZuHone said. Future need and revenue are joint factors in both Eastern's and Consolidated's decision to keep pay phones on campus.

Eastern originally had 22 pay phones spread throughout campus, but with new orders, only six will remain.

The remaining phones can be found at the following locations: Lantz Arena, Booth Library, O'Brien Stadium, Old Main and two at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Hopkins said the campus phones and house phones will still be available. Campus and house phones are located in the library and union, open to students and the public, which allow campus, local and 800 number phone calls.

The procedure of removing the pay phones is under way, and Consolidated Communications hopes to finish the process as soon as possible.

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Council to discuss English, speech courses

Jennifer Peryam
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs will act upon new and revised courses, English 3706 and Chemistry 3100 as being part of the curriculum for fall 2004.

Faculty members from the English department have proposed to implement a new upper division English course titled "American Regional Literature."

"The English department has felt regional literature has not been fully addressed and we wanted to make it part of the curriculum," said Dana Ringuette, English department chair.

He said the course will focus on specific regional and geographic areas.

"This class is intended by and large to address established and growing areas in American literary studies," Ringuette said.

If the council approves the class today, it will be taught by one of 12 possible faculty members.

"This class will strengthen and establish a growing area of schol-

arship and will gain appreciation for distinctive poetry and prose in the United States," Ringuette said.

The class will be under the English major curriculum for students wanting to take an upper division course, although Ringuette said non-English majors also have the option of taking it.

"The course has lots of possibilities of study such as Southern, Northwest and New York writers," Ringuette said.

Christopher Hanlon, assistant professor of English, came up with the idea for the course. Hanlon has attended three other institutions where Southern literature has been offered and felt it should be a part of Eastern's English curriculum.

"This class will give an opportunity to expand and showcase the talents of the department and keep English majors in step with research in parts of American life and regional change," Hanlon said.

Also on the council's agenda is the revision of Practicum in Chemistry.

"The science department is

revising the class due to anticipation of enrollment for the teacher certification program," said Douglas Klarup, chemistry department chair. "The new teaching certification program requires all secondary science teachers to enroll in certain classes."

"The course used to be arranged, but is now more established with structure."

This will allow students to meet for the class at a designated time instead of making arrangements to meet at varied times.

The council will also hear from Speech Communication Chair Mark Borzi who will request limiting the hours of internship and practicum for Speech 4275 and Speech 4375. He will also request changes for speech communication electives. Revising the school of business criteria, modifying the policy on grading and removing the writing intensive designation will also be addressed during the meeting.

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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By Shanna Waters
STAFF WRITER

The holiday season is finally here, and Charleston has many opportunities to help those less fortunate in the community.

The Charleston Civic Center will be collecting toys until Thursday night. The toys can be used, but must be of high quality or new. Toys can be dropped off at the St. Charles Catholic Church parish hall, 921 Madison Ave.

The Newman Center will be caroling at local nursing homes at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Volunteers can meet at the Newman Center, located at 500 Roosevelt Ave.

The center also has a giving tree. People are encouraged to take an ornament, which will have instructions on what to purchase for the less fortunate, such as a soccer ball or art supplies.

The Salvation Army is also in need of volunteers during the Christmas season. Trish Coffey, Salvation Army Volunteer Coordinator, said Bell ringers and toy sorters are needed. Bell ringing shifts usually last no longer than an hour. For information contact Coffey at 234-3915.

The Residence Hall Association will be caroling at the Hilltop Convalescent Center at 1 p.m. Saturday. Hilltop is located at 910 Polk St. The Residence Hall Association will be caroling in the eating area and through the halls.

"If people want to come and join, they're more than welcome to," said Lindsay DiPietro, an RHA member.

Students can also use their imagination to help those in need.

"Grab a group of your friends and be random," said Roy Lanham, campus minister at the Newman Center. "Go caroling!"

He said it is also easy to collect for the Ronald McDonald House. Any money collected for this charity can be dropped off at the Newman Center.

"If people want to come and join, they're more than welcome to."

—Lindsay DiPietro, RHA member



Kattie Whitworth, of Charleston, checks out a movie Wednesday night at the Charleston Public Library. The library will add on to behind the library as soon as there is money.

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100-year-old library expects addition

By Neil Pitstick
STAFF WRITER

After a year of planning, Charleston Carnegie Library will receive a \$6.5 million addition in the near future. Where the money will be coming from for the addition is still unclear.

An estimated 18,000 square feet will be added to the west end of the library Sheryl Snyder said.

Snyder, who is library director, said the addition is due to a lack of space created in the last few years by adding new technology and increasing adult and children programs.

The 100-year-old library does not have adequate space for all its study hour areas, book clubs, meeting rooms and the many other public services the library provides, Snyder said.

Currently, the library takes up less than 10,000 square feet.

Last year, 160,000 items were checked out and certain programs, such as children's programs, reached up to 300 participants.

With all the library provides, the size is causing many problems.

"During our summer kickoff to the children reading program, we had to stuff 120 kids

into one room," Snyder said.

The \$6.5 million cost for the addition will come from a few different sources.

The library is still waiting to see if the state grants it asked for will come through.

Snyder said funding will come from state grants, local fundraising and the building fund the library has been setting aside for some time. Any extra money needed may come from a bond referendum.

All the new space provided will give the library staff a chance to expand some of their programs and add new areas for the public.


"We are going to use the extra space to add a meeting room for the public, several small study areas, a child program for crafts, more of an audio visual area and much more computer space," Snyder said.

Along with the addition, there will be a large renovation inside the library and a large parking addition will be added to the west end.

"No one provides services to the people like the library," Snyder said. "The money will only allow more services and other possibilities to be open to the public."

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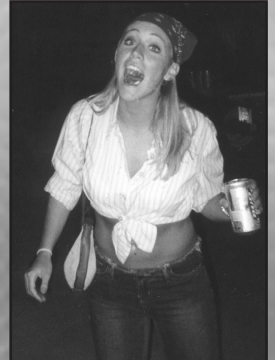
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RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA still accepting designs for T-shirts

◆Discussion on Campus parking also planned

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association is accepting design ideas for the new RHA T-shirt, which will be made and distributed next semester.

R H A President Nachel Glynn said the designs will be voted on by

RHA members and anybody else who is on the RHA e-mailing list. Glynn said she will send each person on the mailing list designer names and designs so they can choose whichever they prefer.

"Anyone can create a design," Glynn said. "We have three designs as of yet, but we will be accepting more."

Glynn said she will be accepting all design ideas by Dec. 18 at noon. The RHA was originally planned to have the shirts available already, Glynn said.

"We're a little behind," Glynn said. "We should have already had them ordered and should be wearing them by now."

RHA will accept complex designs as well as simple designs. The T-shirt is a project that everyone likes, Glynn said.

"We're doing this so we can all have similar attire," Glynn said.

The creator of the winning design will receive a free copy of

the T-shirt as well as another prize, Glynn said.

The RHA will discuss the parking situation on campus and has passed out surveys to all Residence Halls to see what students think.

Glynn said the surveys will help RHA make a decision about suggestions to offer to parking services.

"A final decision won't be made until the first day of the semester," Glynn said.

The RHA will also present awards to its members who have attended every meeting and have helped RHA with its accomplishments this semester.

"Meetings are important," Glynn said. "The awards are for people that have come regularly."

Each winner will be given a certificate and some winners will receive a mystery prize, Glynn said.

Earlier in the semester, RHA brought up an idea to hold a "Resident Hall Week," which will consist of events and games taking place at several residence halls.

"There seems to be a lack of interest at the moment," Glynn said.

The Residence Hall Association will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

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—Nachel Glynn, RHA president



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Artsy Burlly

Courtney Becherer, a freshman art education major, studies the display of Pete Brodeski Wednesday evening at Burl Ives.

APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Senate to ask board to pay for Atlanta trip

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will ask the Apportionment Board for \$3,500 for a proposed trip to Atlanta the senate will take Jan. 15.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said the \$3,500 is to pay for the bus, all traveling expenses and the bus drivers hotel room.

Judy said 47 seats are available on the bus and if the money is approved, an application process will begin Friday, allowing anybody a chance to go on the trip. All students going on the trip will be responsible for their own meals and hotel rooms.

"We'll get a better feel of who's going after the application process,"

said Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs.

Judy said the group will try to visit certain places in Atlanta, which could help Eastern on diverse issues.

"We will be going to visit some of the historical black universities," Judy said.

The current plans are to visit Clark Atlanta University, Spelman and Morehouse Colleges, and talk to other student government bodies about discuss diversity issues.

"We're going to have a kind of panel discussion with them," Judy said. "I think we'll get a diverse group."

After they visit the three schools, the group will then visit the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Center, Judy said.

After Christmas Break, the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will hold their Martin Luther King Jr. March, and Judy said the senate will hold an informational session after the march to discuss more diversity issues.

"We'll figure out how to apply what we learned from the trip and from the march," Judy said.

Lisa Flam, student vice president for student affairs, has been planning this trip for a few weeks and previously said she wants to see the trip come through.

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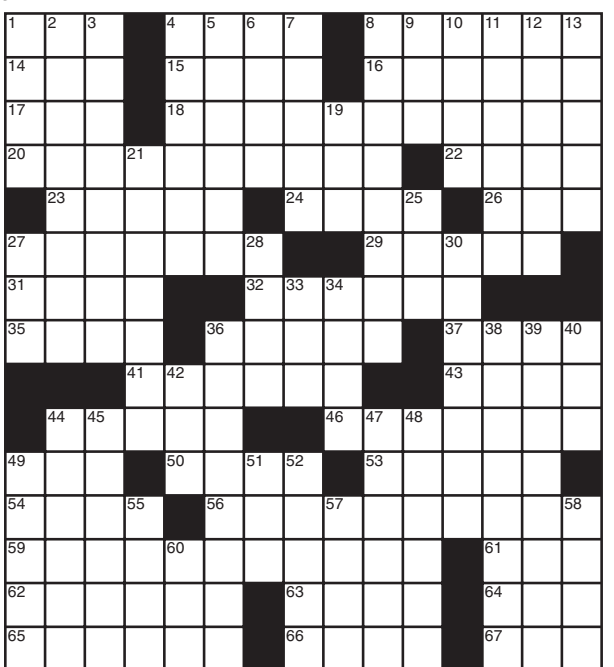
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 - 4 Trapper's prize
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 - 14 Unofficial promissory note
 - 15 Ointment ingredient
 - 16 Put a new face on, say
 - 17 Thanksgiving follower: Abbr.
 - 18 Dual-purpose kitchen device
 - 20 Dual-purpose office device
 - 22 Light shades
 - 23 Title character in a Pushkin drama
 - 24 Kemo _____
 - 26 "I didn't know that!"
 - 27 Picks up on
 - 29 Playwright Rice
 - 31 Not fond of dirty jokes, surely
 - 32 Relaxed
 - 35 Le Mans event
 - 36 Dual-purpose family room device
 - 37 European nomad
 - 41 Nuke, maybe
 - 43 Concerning
 - 44 Seating option
 - 46 Walk faster than
 - 49 Cinerary container
 - 50 Tarot card, with "The"
 - 53 Plastic surgery targets
 - 54 Final Four grp.
 - 56 Dual-purpose bedroom device
 - 59 Dual-purpose laundry room device
 - 61 Say in a post-script
 - 62 Ancient Macedonian city with noted tombs
 - 63 Where a rabbit punch lands
 - 64 U.N. donor _____ Turner
 - 65 Make extracts from by boiling
 - 66 Symbols of industry
 - 67 Winding road part



Puzzle by Patrick Berry

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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 - 3 Foolishly impractical
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 - 5 Heroine of children's lit
 - 6 Student aid
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 - 8 Uncle Remus character
 - 9 "_____ the ram-parts ..."
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 - 11 Untamed
 - 12 More balanced
 - 13 Slow on the uptake
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 - 28 Except for
 - 30 _____ Joan Hart of TV's "Sabrina"
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 - 34 Outer: Prefix
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 - 38 Come before
 - 39 Heads
 - 40 Gusto
 - 42 Little helper
 - 44 House of games
 - 45 Momentarily
 - 47 Discarded
 - 48 Hector or Rusty of 70's baseball
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 - 51 Erstwhile
 - 52 "_____ Doone"
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 - 57 Color used in four-color processing
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 - 60 PC key

Police find two bodies in search

Police in Hammond, Ind., remove remains from house after search for teens
HAMMOND (AP) – A search for three missing teenagers uncovered at least two bodies buried beneath freshly poured concrete in the basement of a house, authorities said Wednesday.

Both were wrapped in plastic and duct tape and one had been identified as a white male. The other had not yet been unwrapped, said Lake County Coroner David Pastrick.

"The person took a long time in doing this," Pastrick said. "It took awhile for our pathologist to remove all that was around the body." An autopsy of the first body had begun,

and pathologists expected to have results later Wednesday, he said. More remains were found Wednesday morning, but it was not immediately clear if a third victim had been confirmed, authorities said. Police Chief John Cory said an anthropologist was being brought in to examine the remains.

Investigators had searched the two-story house for about 10 hours Tuesday and removed two body bags. Cory said a tenant he described as "a person of interest" had been taken into custody and was being questioned.

He would not identify the person in custody. No criminal charges were filed.

Lesica:

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Each person running for senate should run for the right reasons, he said.

"The Student Senate is not just a resume builder; if people want to be on senate then they should plan on fighting for student interests," Lesica said.

Former Student Senate Speaker Mike Walsh said he enjoyed his time as speaker.

"It's been fun. I had a good time," Walsh said. "It's a fun organization."

Walsh said Lesica will be perfect for the

position.

"I think he'll do an excellent job," Walsh said. "There's been a number of times this semester where I've gone to George for advice."

Bill Davidson, student executive vice president and speaker last spring, said Lesica will do his job well.

"I don't think there's been anybody more qualified for speaker, since I've been here, than George," Davidson said.

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Teachers:

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correct, but the interpretation is up to the individual," Lord said of the report.

Lord also said only people who apply and are qualified can be considered for a position.

Lord disagrees with the fact the report only looks at black faculty members instead of a total minority number and said Eastern will "continue to strive to hire faculty from diverse backgrounds like we have for several years."

Amy Edwards, associate director of Planning and Institutional Studies, said there are 769 black students out of 11,522 total students at Eastern as of this fall.

In addition, 239 hispanic students, 88 Asian students and 25 American Indian students are also attending this semester, Edwards said.

Bryson said the report does not include other minorities because other groups exist for that purpose, which allows the committee to focus on black faculty members.

Although the committee report is supposed to come out every two years, the last one was done in 1995. Since its foundation in 1982, the committee has published four of these reports. One in 1988, 1992, 1995, and the fall of 2003.

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Scene:

Charleston puts a lot of manpower into seasonal decorations

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how durable they are and how well they withstand the effects of the elements over the years.

"Over the past several years we added additional lighting on the Square," Combs said. "We also added 10 new wreaths this year on the Square. We do it on an as-needed basis. We try to look at the condition of the decorations as they deteriorate and try to replace them if needed."

Purchases made by the city this fall also included 10 new Christmas banners that bear a message reflecting holiday tradition and the inevitable replacement bulbs for the strings of lights adorning the city, he said.

Before even stringing lights throughout Charleston, workers comb through bulbs to double check that all of them are in proper working condition. But Combs emphasized the process of replacing bulbs is a tedious and grueling one.

"We replace a thousand bulbs each year," he said. "(The city) has all different colors, but the majority are white. To just install them, it takes three days. We use several people to do this and spend two to three days just to repair them."

Combs, who has been affiliated with the Street Department since 1981, said as more businesses have blossomed on Lincoln Avenue, he has observed the trend in decoration placement gradually shift over the years.

"Most of the retail businesses are on Lincoln, so more decorations have moved toward Lincoln," he said. "Ideally, we would have decorations up and down Sixth and Seventh streets. With the wiring though, it is virtually impossible. We would have liked to have tied decorations from the Square up to EIU. We

looked into it and it wasn't feasible though."

Combs said most holiday lighting at one time was encouraged by the Chamber of Commerce, but it recently has turned over the responsibilities associated with the materials to the individual entities.

The majority of the lights and the décor primarily have been funded by the Chamber of Commerce, the Uptown Association and donations, while the city also has footed the bill for certain materials, Combs said.

"It's kind of a joint effort," he said.

In 1993, Eastern and the city of Charleston made a mutual agreement to have the iconic Old Main bathed in a sea of Christmas lights throughout each year's holiday season, said Gary Reed, interim director of Facilities Planning and Management.

And the lights have since become a staple on the exterior of the structure. While the city purchased the lights, Eastern was under the understanding it was responsible for displaying, operating and maintaining them, Reed said.

No debate has yet ensued regarding whether the university should have holiday lights draped on top of any of the residence halls or academic buildings, said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services. Hudson said hall council members in residence halls only can decide what the interior of the residence halls can be decked in, not the exterior.

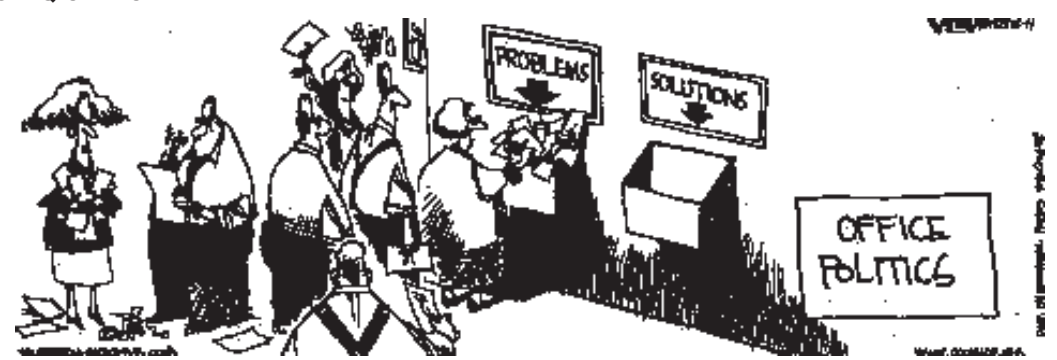

Reed and Hudson both offered explanations as to why Eastern has prominently placed lights solely on Old Main, while leaving them absent from other university buildings.

"Old Main is an awesome structure and the icon for our campus," Reed said. "Also, Old Main presents a great visual impact for the city when you are heading south on Sixth Street from downtown."

Hudson reiterated Old Main, often referred to as the 'castle,' is the symbol of Eastern as an educational institution.

"The whole thing about Old Main is it is such a distinctive shape, such a landmark," he said.

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Show me a new symbol at SEMO

◆Two more separate votes are required to get rid of Southeast Missouri State's 83-year-old nickname.

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Ohio Valley Conference member Southeast Missouri State is considering dropping the nicknames "Indians" and "Otahekians" and adding a university symbol.

SEMO's men's teams are referred to as "Indians", while the women's teams are named the "Otahekians" in reference to a Cherokee princess while walking in the Trail of Tears march of the 1830s.

According to director of university relations Diane Sides, discontinuing the names will not be made anytime in the near future. A change does appear on the horizon, however, after the school's National Alumni Council and the student government voted to drop the names.

"It's still a while a way," Sides said. "The National Alumni Association voted in July against using the names and the student government also voted against the names. Next, the faculty senate and the athletic booster club will vote and then the decision will go to the president and his board."

Many colleges have changed their nicknames that may be deemed offensive. Miami (Ohio) changed from "Redskins" to "RedHawks" and schools such as the Florida State University Seminoles and the University of Illinois Fighting Illini have been criticized for its use of possibly offensive names.

Sides said the possible name change for SEMO isn't in regards to troubles Miami (Ohio), Florida State and Illinois have experienced, but rather a switch in Cape Girardeau, Mo. has been talked about for many years.

"It's been something we've looked at since I arrived here in 1990," Sides said. "Gradually students have wanted some mascot they could have pride in and we haven't dressed a mascot since 1985."

SEMO's steps to a new nickname and mascot

- ✓ National Alumni Association vote
- ✓ SEMO student government vote
- ◆ Faculty Senate vote
- ◆ Presidential and board vote

Unlike other colleges which have been accused of using derogatory dances and chants with their Native America mascot, Sides pointed out that SEMO doesn't promote the nickname in a way that could be considered offensive.

"We never use the mascot in an offensive way," Sides said. "We don't have anyone who dresses up in character at sporting events."

In 1997, SEMO addressed the issue on whether to change the mascot, but the school committee decided to retain the names and attempt to educate the public on the American Indian heritage in the Southeast Missouri area.

Over the last few years SEMO has had many guest speakers, either of Cherokee or Native American descent on campus to discuss Indian heritage. According to Sides, many of those speakers commented that they would prefer a switch in names.

"Any who has spoken on campus is always asked that question," Sides said. "The majority of them would prefer that we don't use those names anymore."

Recently, the National Collegiate Athletic Association has asked schools who use Native American nicknames and/or logos to reconsider the use

SEMO has used Indian nicknames since the 1920s. The school does not use Indian depictions on merchandise opted to go with the letters "SE" with an arrow in the middle.



Braves upset Sweet 16 Bulldogs



BUTLER BULLDOGS - 55
BRADLEY BRAVES - 59



Peoria, IL (Sports Network) - Phillip Gilbert tallied a team-high 18 points while leading the Bradley Braves to a 59-55 victory over the Butler Bulldogs in a non-league battle.

Marcellus Sommerville netted 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Bradley (6-2), while James Gillingham contributed with 14 points and seven assists for the Braves.

Bruce Horan scored a team-high 15 points for Butler (3-3), while Duane Lightfoot chipped in 13 points and Avery Sheets added 11 points in the losing

effort.

Butler used an 18-9 run midway through the first half and held the Braves to just 35 percent shooting from the floor to take a 31-20 advantage into the break.

The Braves used a 14-7 run late in the second stanza and shot 57.9 percent from the floor en route to the four-point victory. Bradley held Butler to just 38.1 percent shooting over the final 20 minutes.

Bradley shot 46.2 percent from the field in the contest, while the Bulldogs connected on 41.7 percent from the floor.



TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS - 64
VANDERBILT COMMODORES - 85



NASHVILLE, Tenn. — David Przybyszewski scored 17 points and Matt Freije added 16 points and four rebounds to lead undefeated Vanderbilt to an 85-64 victory over Tennessee State on Wednesday night.

Corey Smith added 13 points for the Commodores (6-0), while Julian Terrell had nine rebounds.

Tennessee State (1-5) has lost five straight games under new coach Cy Alexander after opening the season with a win over Trevecca.

Roshaun Bowens scored 22 points to lead the Tigers, while Garret Richardson added 18 and Jeremy Jackson scored 10 off the bench.

Vanderbilt controlled the game from the outset, building a 20-8 lead in the game's first 11 minutes en route to a 46-28 halftime lead.

Following a 3-pointer by Smith with 17:00 left that put Vanderbilt up 51-30, the lead never dipped below 19 points.

The victory for Vanderbilt was the 600th in the 52-year history of Memorial Gym.

Vanderbilt leads the series between the two Nashville schools 4-0. This was the first meeting since Vanderbilt beat TSU 94-64 in 1997.

Commodores coach Kevin Stallings owns a 40-2 non-conference home record in five years at Vanderbilt.

Gilbert:

Huskies, Rockets and Herd will be unfairly left out in the cold for the holidays

NCAA schools that failed to receive a bowl invite

- ◆ Northern Illinois Huskies
- ◆ Toledo Rockets
- ◆ Marshall Thundering Herd
- ◆ Connecticut Huskies

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The Rockets lost their chance to represent the MAC West in the MAC title game when they dropped a 31-23 decision to Bowling Green in Bowling Green, Ohio, Nov. 29.

Still, Toledo had impressive wins over Pittsburgh, NIU and Western Michigan and with sophomore quarterback Bruce Gradkowski, the Rockets have the next big thing in the MAC. This hype would have been further demystified with a bowl game.

For the first time since 1997, the Thundering Herd of Marshall failed to win the MAC East division and therefore needed to find an at-large bid to go bowling. That didn't happen even though the Herd disposed of Kansas State in Manhattan and followed that shocker with a win against the bowl eligible Akron Zips.

Three of Marshall's four losses were against quality opponents (Tennessee, Miami (Ohio),

Toledo) and two of those opponents (Tennessee and Miami) were ranked in the top 15.

Even with a combined 26-10 record all of these MAC teams are done for the season and much too early. Take a look at some of the teams that are bowling and you'll see a slew of 6-6 squads such as Kansas, Georgia Tech and Northwestern.

The problem with the bowl season isn't with the top teams and a computer, but rather with mid-majors schools which lack bowl tie-ins while the Big XII and Big Ten can send eight teams apiece.

There are 28 bowl games now but apparently that isn't enough. If Hawaii, Boise State, TCU and San Jose State all can host games it's time for three more: Northern and the Corn Bowl, Toledo with the Glass Bowl and Marshall in the Mountain Bowl.

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Eastern point guard Joey Cortez driving the lane in Eastern's 80-57 win over St. Francis Wednesday night at Lantz Arena. The red-shirt freshman ended the night with seven points, six assists and was part of the perimeter player rotation defense on Fighting Saints guard Bob St. Leger.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

St. Leger keeps Saints in game

◆Senior guard leads St. Francis in scoring with 16 points, but was contained in the second half

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

The St. Francis Fighting Saints lost to the Panthers Wednesday night at Lantz, but left the arena with their heads held high.

According to St. Francis head coach, its leading scorer was not the reason for the defeat.

In fact, team leader Bob St. Leger tries to bring his best game to the biggest stage.

The senior looks at playing teams like Eastern and the University Illinois-Chicago as a measuring stick.

"In high school, everyone wants to be playing Division-I basketball," St. Leger said. "This is a great opportunity to try and show we're a good team."

St. Leger is listed at 6-foot-1 and 195 pounds. Sometimes when teams list players height and weight, they add a couple of pounds, or a couple of inches. This is certainly the case in regards to St. Leger and the St. Francis sports information department. The Orland Park native showed size isn't everything at Wednesday's game against the Panthers.

St. Leger averaged 16.3 points coming into contest with Eastern and came out of the game maintaining consistency with a total of 16 points. St. Leger did everything in his power to keep his team in the game.

Samuels main concern going

into the game was containing St. Francis' offense which is based upon placing the ball in St. Leger's hands.

"We almost completely took away their strength which was their high-low offense," Samuels said.

"I just wanted our team defense to get loose and play with their instincts," Samuels said.

Close to the end of the game, the fourth-year starter picked up his fourth personal foul and was taken out of the game. The Fighting Saints were down 17 points when St. Leger went up for a lay-up and was called for a charging foul. As he was walking down the floor he said something the referee didn't like and was slapped with a technical foul.

"We have a young team," St. Leger said. "I know the system like the back of my hand and I do anything I can to help coach."

All the heart and effort St. Leger showed was not enough to overcome the Eastern motion offense, who Sullivan was very impressed with.

"The motion game Eastern runs is the most difficult one to defend of the 25 Division I schools we've played," Sullivan said.

When St. Leger was on his way out of the locker room, Sullivan told St. Leger that he played a good game.

"I'm proud of our guys," Sullivan said.

Domercant:

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His former college coach isn't surprised that his greatest offensive threat is having immediate success in European professional basketball.

"Henry has the qualities that European teams look for in American players and that's the ability to score," Samuels said. "He just has that gifted mentality that works well in that league."

Domercant's Turkish team has similarities to the 2001 Eastern team he was on that won the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Domercant has another scoring threat alongside him in Turkey similar to the Panther guard combo of Domercant and Kyle Hill. The second half of the current one-two punch is former Tulsa guard Kevin Johnson.

Johnson is averaging 18.2 points per game along with 8.6 rebounds per contest.

Overall, the Pinar Karsiyaka team is

sixth in the 14-team league at 5-4 early in the season.

Domercant is also 12th in assists (3.3 per game) and 14th in field goal shooting (42.8 percent) in a league that consists of notable former college players like Connecticut guard Khalid El Amin, Maryland's forward Taj Holden and Duke's Trajan Langdon. Part of Samuel's Tuesday conversation with Domercant involved the Eastern star telling his former coach how well he performed against the Duke star.

"He told me, 'coach I was really burning him' and it was just funny for him to hear a translator say 'you've gotta start guarding him,'" Samuels said.

With these impressive numbers, Samuels believes Domercant is looking to move away from Turkish basketball and into a more developed European league with higher salaries.

"Turkey is just such a different culture that isn't in Western Europe and this a job right now for Henry," Samuels said. "His goal is to get back in the United States."

One of the reasons Henry wants to get

back to North America is because he misses all that he took for granted while at Eastern for five years.

"He's very lonely," Samuels said. "The one thing he said that stuck out was, 'coach I really miss college, even that math class at eight in the morning' and this was a kid who when he was here would say he's really interested in moving on."

Domercant left for Turkey in the middle of August and hasn't been back to the states since, which means no face-to-face contact with his mother, girlfriend and friends back home.

"He thinks he'll get to come home around mid-January and he's really looking forward to visiting people for the first time," Samuels said.

Samuels still has faith his favorite player in his 24 consecutive years at Eastern could still be suiting up in the National Basketball Association in the future.

"Henry could still be wearing an NBA jersey before it's all said and done," Samuels said.

Domercant may have aspirations about making money in the business world by

using his economics degree from Eastern.

"Henry has mentioned a job in financial services by using a economics background," Samuels said. "Henry will go where the big money is, that's for sure."

However, Samuels believes Panther fans and the coaching staff would love to have Henry return to Charleston in a coaching capacity possibly as an assistant at his alma mater.

"I've talked with Henry about that specifically and he just currently has not expressed any interest in coaching but that attitude might change once his playing career wraps up," Samuels said. "I would love to see Henry back at Eastern as an assistant coach and I liken he has the qualities to make a fine head coach."

The only thing that hasn't changed about Domercant's role as a basketball player now that he's overseas is the responsibility of being a role model wherever he goes.

"He told me (Tuesday), 'coach they always have me talking with the kids and he asked me why does it always have to me?'" Samuels said. "I told Henry that's because it's you, it's what he does best."

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Panther sports calendar

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| SATURDAY | Track at Indiana State | |
| | W Bball at Chicago St. | 1 p.m. |
| | M Bball at Evansville | 7 p.m. |
| SUNDAY | Wrestling at Indiana Duals | All Day |



TEERING OFF

Michael Gilbert
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Need to take the 'C' out of the BCS

Maybe I'm in the minority, but after watching the ESPN college bowl selection show last Sunday I didn't feel much sympathy for the University of Southern California.

The Trojans are ranked number one in both the Associated Press and the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll, but that didn't earn head coach Pete Carroll and his team a spot in the Nokia Sugar Bowl for a chance to automatically win the coaches' vote for the national title. That opportunity was taken from USC because of their sorry strength of schedule, so Louisiana State and Oklahoma will battle it out in New Orleans for at least a share of the national championship.

Instead, those Pacific-10 champion Trojans will have to settle for a short trip to Pasadena, Calif., to take on the Michigan Wolverines in "The Granddaddy of them all" The Rose Bowl. USC will still get the \$13 million payout for a BCS game and if Trojans win the Rose Bowl they could get voted as the AP national champion and the title would be split. Not to mention, I'm sure the over/under for ABC's Keith Jackson uttering something along the lines of "Whoa Nelly, the Trojans look like champions regardless of what the computer says" has to near 30, making them a bigger story than the Sugar Bowl winner.

With so much still going for USC, I'm not about to shed a tear for the school that introduced us to former Raider quarterback quarterback Todd Marinovich who got hooked on maryjuana and Bear receiver Curtis Conway.

I don't believe USC got jobbed out a bowl, but after all the postseason berths were announced, I definitely think three teams: Northern Illinois, Toledo and Marshall all have a legitimate beef for being home for the holidays.

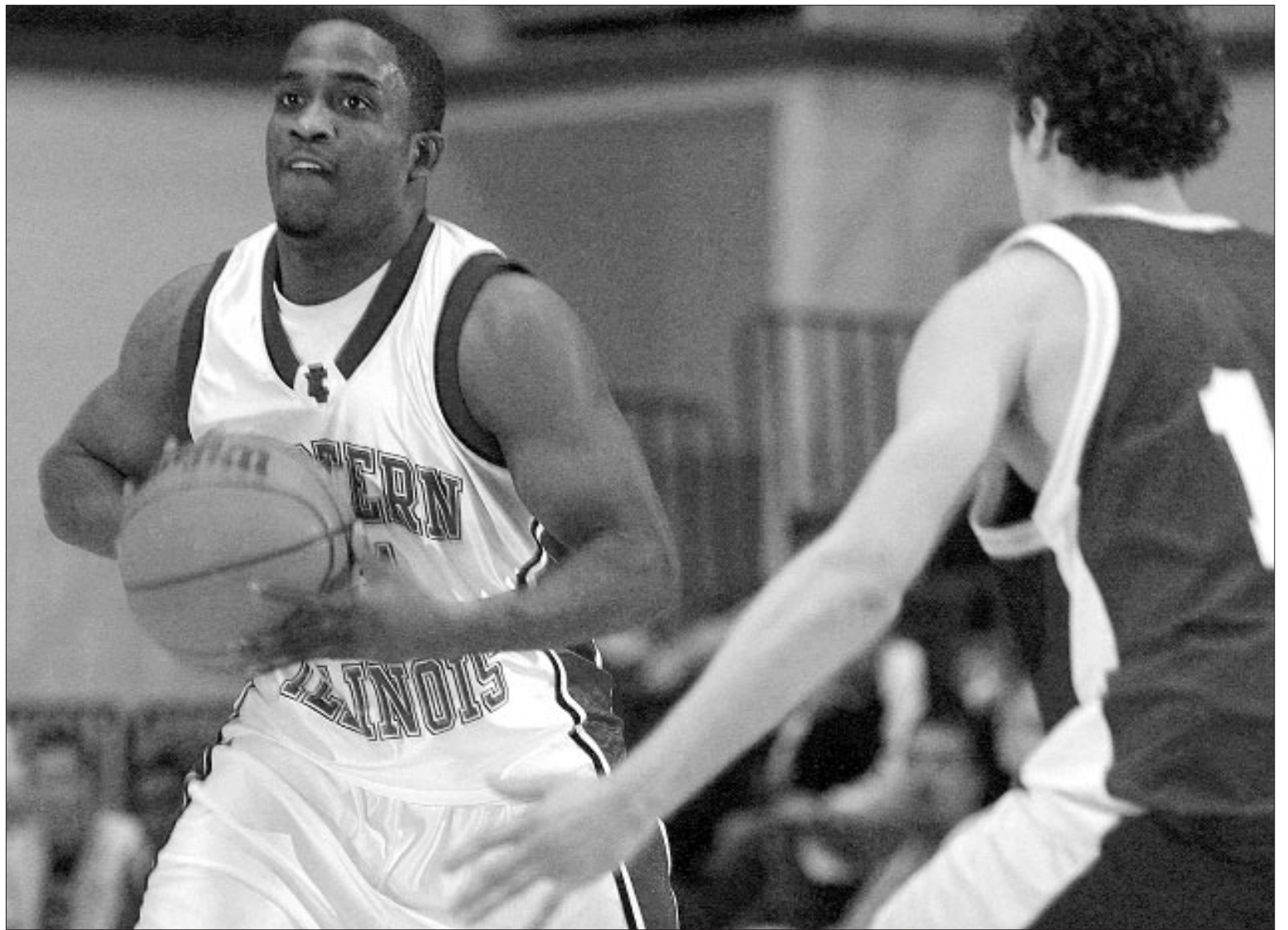
All three schools are in the Mid-American Conference and each team was listed on the ESPN selection show as being snubbed from a bowl.

NIU should carry the biggest gripe about not being named to a bowl after a 10-2 season that saw the Huskies defeat BCS schools Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State. Northern had a Heisman Trophy candidate in running back Michael "The Burner" Turner, and the Huskies offense provided more fireworks than your average July 4th show.

Despite a ranking of 28 from the Coaches poll and 29 in the AP poll, the Huskies bowl hopes ended when the Fort Worth Bowl selected Boise State and the Motor City Bowl opted for Bowling Green.

After winning the MAC West Division last year, Toledo followed up a 9-5 season with a solid 8-4 mark this year.

EASTERN 80, ST. FRANCIS 57



Eastern senior guard Jason Wright passes the ball from the top of the key Wednesday evening at Lantz Arena against St. Francis. Wright ended the game with 10 points and one assists in the Panthers 80-57 win over the Fighting Saints.

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Panthers outlast Saints

◆ Eastern uses 29-11 run over an eight-minute stretch in the second half to earn season's first victory

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

An all-around solid performance was just what the Panthers needed Wednesday night when they defeated the NAIA member St. Francis College (5-7) out of Joliet, Ill. by a score of 80-57 for the first Eastern win of the season.

While the Fighting Saints did manage to hang around in the first half, mostly due to the offensive effort of shooting guard Bob St. Leger, the Panthers managed to put the team away in the second half behind a 29-11 run.

"The defensive intensity picked up for us in the second half," Eastern red-shirt freshmen Joey Cortez said. "All week coach has been stressing ball pressure, and tonight we went out there and answered the call."

In perhaps the team's best defensive game of the year, the Panthers were led by a solid man-to-man defensive effort. Early on, the team struggled against St. Leger, who scored 11 of his 16 points in the first 20 minutes of the game, but tightened up against him in the second half

when he was mostly guarded by Eastern guard Derik Hollyfield.

"Tonight, I think Derik (Hollyfield) proved what I thought, that he is our best individual defender," Samuels said. "We just didn't want to start him against their best perimeter player, because the last few times we did that he got into foul trouble early."

When we moved him over to play against St. Leger he wasn't in foul trouble and was much more effective than most of the people we had on him tonight."

Eastern's up tempo game was mostly effective because the Panthers had more bodies on their bench, allowing each player to play as hard as they can. When one rotation of players got tired, another was ready to be put into the game, however St. Francis was unable to match the amount of players the Panthers had.

"Our depth was a key tonight because everyone can go as hard as they can," Cortez said. "Coach will give us a breather if we need it and get us right back on the court, but most other teams don't have that advantage."

Also, Eastern was more effective in an up-

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◆ St. Francis guard Bob St. Leger burned the Panthers early

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tempo game when Cortez was pushing the ball up the court. Cortez was making his first career start, and his nerves could have been part of the reason the Lisle, Ill. native turned the ball over six times. However, he also had a team-high six assists, and made fundamental plays all night long for the Panthers.

In response to Samuel's challenge for the team to find some consistency, the bench did more than just come in and give a breather to the starters. The reserves managed to score 45 points in the game.

Guards Emanuel Dildy and Jason Wright provided scoring off the bench, as they scored 12 points and 10 points respectively.

The leading scorer out of the starting five was Josh Gomes who scored 11. The rest of the starters could not reach double figures, which according to its head coach, shows how this team has not figured the role each player should have yet.

"I still haven't figured out who I'm am going to play on a regular basis," Samuels said. "We need to define, on this team, a good rotation so each player can fit into their roles."

The Panthers will have time to figure out their rotation after their next game against Evansville Saturday, since they won't play again after that game for a week.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Domercant dominating Turkey

◆ Eastern's all-time leading scorer is averaging nearly 22 points per game and is top 15 in three categories at Turkish pro league.

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Just because Eastern's all-time leading scorer is playing professional basketball overseas, doesn't mean the Charleston faithful has forgotten about him.

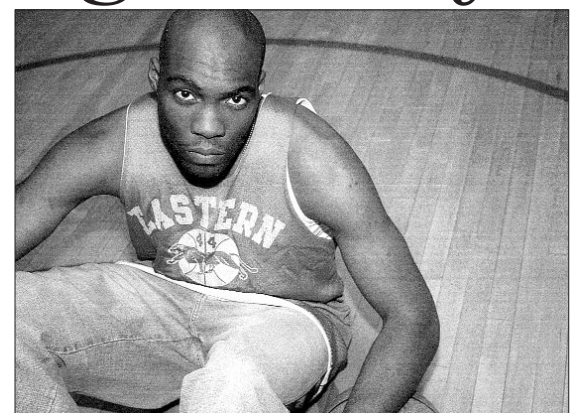
Eastern head coach Rick Samuels had spoken with Domercant on the phone twice since August including a conversation Tuesday between the professor and student.

"We just talked (Tuesday) and Henry loves hearing American voices while being in a different culture," Samuels said.

Samuels stated he and assistant coach Steve Weemer converse with Henry regularly through e-mail and the rare phone call.

"Every time I hear from Henry, it's an enjoyable conversation," Sameuls said. "I'm sure he has that infectious smile over there."

Henry Domercant, the three-time Ohio Valley Conference first team selection, is second in the Division I Turkish basketball league averaging 21.6 points per game for his Pinar Karsiyaka squad.



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Domercant is averaging 21.6 points a game in Turkey.