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Gearing up for spring

Baseball and softball teams kick
of their season with southern
road trips.

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Defense rests, deliberations likely to begin

◆ *Ex-girlfriend testifies
to Mertz's history of
violence toward women*

By Shauna Gustafson
SENIOR WRITER

The defense rested its case Tuesday in the murder trial of Anthony B. Mertz after only a day and a half of testimony in response to five and a half days of prosecution testimony.

Closing arguments will begin Wednesday, with deliberations expected to begin during the afternoon. Mertz has decided not to testify on his own behalf. One rebuttal witness will be heard for the prosecution before closing statements begin.

The prosecution rested Monday in its case against Mertz, who is accused of murdering Eastern student Shannon McNamara. He is charged with first-degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault and home invasion. If found guilty, Mertz may face the death penalty.

An ex-girlfriend of Mertz testified for the defense Tuesday, saying the rug burns police noticed on Mertz's knees were present before June 12, 2001, the day McNamara was murdered. Tara Hofer also testified that he had a scratch on one side of his face before his arrest.

Hofer said she saw Mertz on June 11, 2001, when she dropped him off at work and not again until late afternoon on June 12, 2001.

Hofer, who was Mertz's girlfriend at the time of the murder, said she had spent the weekend with Mertz at his grandmother's house in Rossville and shopping in Terre Haute, Ind. She testified it was her idea, not Mertz's, to drive by the federal prison to see what was going on at the Timothy McVeigh execution.

Hofer said she had been dating Mertz since 1998 and had lived with him for some time. She was not living with him at the time of his arrest, although they were still dating.

Defense attorneys try to prove reasonable doubt

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Defense attorneys carry the lesser burden in a murder trial compared to the prosecution's "burden of proof."

In a trial, the defense does not have to prove anything, said David Anderson, assistant executive director of the Illinois State Bar Association.

"Strategically, what the defense wants to do is cast doubt, refute what the prosecution has said and draw their own conclusions," Anderson said.

Anthony Mertz's defense attorneys began their questioning Monday, with the one main goal all defense attorneys have — placing doubt on the prosecution's testimony.

When the defense presents a case, it may or may not necessarily need witnesses to show flaws in the prosecution's strategy. In the Mertz case, eight witnesses testified for the defense Monday and Tuesday.

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She also testified she had known Mertz to allow friends and neighbors to use his apartment when he wasn't home and had seen him open doors with credit cards before. She testified she had seen him and Brian Beavers, a friend and neighbor, open doors with credit cards on several occasions. She said Mertz had taught her to open doors with credit cards as well.

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SKETCHES BY MIKE HARVEY

Top: Private investigator Jack Smith testifies in court Tuesday. Smith spoke about work he had done on behalf of the case.
Bottom: Anthony B. Mertz listens during court Tuesday. Mertz has decided not to testify. Closing arguments are set to begin Wednesday, with jury deliberations following.

Counting down to the crows

◆ *Band's Web site shows
tour date, UB members
cannot confirm until
contract has been signed*

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION REPORTER

The possibility of the Counting Crows performing at Eastern hasn't been confirmed by the University Board, but the band's Web site stated the group will come in April.

The Counting Crows, pop music stars of the '90s, broke into the Billboard Top 40 with songs "Mr. Jones" and "Around Here." Their Web site, www.countingcrows.com, gave a tour schedule including a show April 18 at Lantz Arena.

Comedian Dave Chappelle has also been approached by the UB, a source close to the concert's negotiations with the acts said.

The UB, an organization on campus in charge of booking bands, comedians, lectures and other entertainment, has declined to confirm or deny either act performing.

"We can't say anything right now until we have the signed contract," said UB vice chair Ryan Rinchuso.

"We don't want to tell everybody they're going to be here and then they pull out," he said.

Alpha Phi Omega, a non-Greek fraternity that volunteers help to the campus and community, was asked by the UB last Sunday to help with two upcoming concerts, Brian Bellott, president of APO said.

"They just said two concerts are coming," Bellott said. "They didn't confirm or deny who it was."

A member of APO, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said members of the UB told APO to look at the Counting Crows' and Dave Chappelle's Web sites to find out if they were coming to Eastern.

Chappelle is a stand-up comic who has appeared in many movies, including "Half Baked" and "200 Cigarettes," and currently has his own show on Comedy Central called, "Chappelle's Show," a sketch comedy show comparable to FOX's "Mad TV."

Rinchuso said the UB sent contract offers to several bands.

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Entries sought for essay contest

The Daily Eastern News is seeking entries for its African-American Heritage Celebration 2003 essay contest.

Interested students should submit an essay that correlates with the theme "The Ties that Bind: Culture and Heritage."

Essays should be between 500 and 600 words and are due by 3 p.m. Feb. 25 in Buzzard Hall Room 1811. Submissions also can be e-mailed to majones@eiu.edu.

Three faculty members from separate departments will judge the entries, and the top three essays will be published in The Daily Eastern News on March 4.

Simplicity is the key for this Valentine's Day

By Stephen Haas
ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Instead of running in panic trying to find the perfect gift for Valentine's Day, try keeping it simple.

Roses and valentines seem to go together perfectly, said Connie Baker, co-owner of Lawyer & Richie Florists, 1100 Lincoln Avenue.

Baker said her store has sold many roses. Students' checkbooks might be a little tight for roses, so the shop also has other things to choose from.

"We have a lot of people who buy stuffed animals," Baker said. "Valentine arrangements are really popular, too. Red and white carnations can make a really nice arrangement with other spring flowers."

The florist also offers silk flowers, balloons and cards.

Other area businesses are ready for last minute Valentine's Day shoppers. Anything red, pink, white, heart-shaped, cute, cuddly or romantic is being pushed to the front of the aisles to help buyers find the perfect gift to shower their valentine with.

Judy Ermann, manager of Judy's Hallmark shop, 2160 Woodfall Drive, said the two days before, and the holiday itself creates the most business the store sees each year. The store has several promotions that will help students who are on a tight budget. Customers can walk out with a gift for under \$20.

"For the past three years we've set up an area right here in front of the door to help people find things easier," Ermann said. "We have cards, teddy bears, votive candles, Precious Moments collectibles, we have something here for everyone."

*"Red and white
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arrangement with
other spring flowers"*

—Connie Baker

For those who still want to do a little something different, there are plenty of options.

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Lecture to explore cultural identity

By Matthew Kent
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Cultural identity in the workplace and how to communicate are hot topics and receive plenty of headlines.

The topics will be the focus of a lecture Wednesday titled "Cultural Identity and Intercultural Communication in the Workplace."

Cultural identity in society and the workplace is extremely important among all people regardless of race said Norman Greer, associate professor of speech communication.

As part of African American Heritage month, Johnny Washington, professor of Philosophy and African-American studies at Southwest Missouri State University, will discuss cultural identity.

Greer said he has been familiar with Washington's works since they taught at the same institution and have known each other for 15 years.

"He does a great job in the area

of cultural identity and cultural communications — I've had a great love for this," Greer said.

Washington wrote three books, Greer said.

"He is one of the foremost African-American philosophers and is highly noted," Greer said.

Washington recently released his third book, "Evolution, History, and Destiny," which focuses on philosophy and cultural matters. Washington will speak about these issues, social philosophy and destiny models. Identity within cultures and the system of culture will also be addressed at the lecture. Greer said he expects more than 70 people to show up.

"This is very important to all races and he will bring a sense of direction to the program," Greer said. "There is a shared common sense among all people. We all have input to our destiny and we are moderately woven."

The lecture will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Choosing to be happy

By Megan O'Farrell
STAFF WRITER

During the harsh winter months many people may find it hard to seek happiness in their everyday lives.

Cara Pschirrer, a counselor at the Counseling Center, will host a workshop at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to discuss issues pertaining to students' lives at Eastern.

The workshop, titled "Choosing To Be Happy," will focus on nine different choices students can make that can affect the basis of their lives.

Pschirrer said students will be able to use the choices to help deal with the stress of everyday life.

The main focus will have students get involved and be highly interactive, Pschirrer said.

Students will be asked to share their thoughts and experiences, and while doing so will perform a "happy inventory" of their lives at this point, and examine how

they can work to make better, happier decisions.

Pschirrer will also show a video and pass out worksheets to enhance the interactive momentum. Other counselors at the center agreed having workshops benefit the student body as a whole.

"All students can benefit from our series of life skills workshops," said Treva Anderson, a counselor at the Counseling Center. "We try to pick out topics relevant to students and their daily lives."

Learning doesn't stop after the workshops end, but instead students can really use the tips to make better life decisions, said Mark Kiel, a counselor at the Counseling Center.

Pschirrer said she hopes students leave her workshop with a better understanding of how to make happier choices.

"I want the students to go away with nine different ways to make happy choices and how to incorporate them into their daily lives," she said.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

David Radavich, president of Eastern's UPI chapter, listens to campus minister Roy Lanham Tuesday evening at the Newman Catholic Center. Campus groups got together to discuss labor, education and working conditions around the world.

Students, faculty union members find common grounds at meeting

◆ *Project Illinois plan will work to unify students, community*

By Colin McAuliffe
STAFF WRITER

Building a stronger community starts with the individual, said senior political science major Keith Taylor during a meeting with the faculty union and others Tuesday night.

Eastern's chapter of the University of Professionals of Illinois, the Fair Trade Coalition and the student chapter of the Illinois Federation of Teachers met Tuesday to discuss labor and education.

Taylor moderated the discussion that plans to build a foundation for what Fair Trade pushes for: an opportunity for everyone to be fairly paid for their labor, especially in the coffee industry.

Taylor said a plan called Progressive Illinois is being organized, which will work with UPI president David Radavich and alumnus Chris Lempa to unify students, the community and the faith community.

Progressive Illinois will be a model of a similar group called Progressive Maryland, he said.

"The first way is to get people interested, and then to get funding, and later research," Taylor said.

The group will start by e-mailing students, teachers and members of the community regarding campus and area events. Taylor plans to have the group start in the Charleston and Mattoon area, in hopes of spreading it to the Champaign and Effingham areas.

The overlapping interest groups should be able to talk about issues they all have in common, Taylor said.

"It was refreshing to have an open conversation with faculty," said senior sociology major Stefanie Michaelis, a member of the Fair Trade Coalition.

Radavich said he wanted to see students more aware of university or social problems.

He said there should be efforts to see better relationships between teachers and the deans, chairs and students and the university community.

Radavich said the current tenta-

"The struggle is about being treated with dignity and respect us employees. We have to live our values."

—David Radavich

tive faculty agreement is an example of structuring relationships.

Specifics of the contract, which will be described to faculty members at a union meeting Thursday, gained advantages in academic freedom and reasonable workloads, allowing more teacher-student interaction, Radavich said.

"The struggle is about being treated with dignity and respect as employees," he said. "We have to live our values. I still think it's important for us to take a stand."

The university is becoming a corporate structure with the kids as the products — a pattern consistent across the country, Radavich said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

Clayton D. Bayley, 21, was arrested at 12:34 a.m. Feb. 9 at Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, police reports stated.

Thomas L. Prendergast, 23, of Oak Park, was arrested at 1:53 a.m. Feb. 9 at the 1500 block of Ninth Street on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of cannabis, police reports stated.

Criminal Damage to Government Supported Property

Scott A. Adduci, 19, of 266 Thomas Hall, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. Jan. 31, in his room on charges of criminal damage to government supported property and resisting a police officer, police reports stated.

Theft

It was reported on Feb. 4 that currency had been stolen from the Book Store in the University Union Bookstore, police reports stated.

The incident is under investigation.

CORRECTIONS

A story in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly reported last week's action on a tentative faculty contract. No vote has yet been conducted.

The negotiating team for the University Professionals of Illinois accepted a tentative contract agreement last Thursday.

In Tuesday's edition, a softball player was misidentified in a photo. The softball player in the photo is Kristen Becker.

The News regrets the errors.



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Top: Dave Hardwick, a building service worker, shovels snow outside of Taylor Hall on Tuesday afternoon. The Charleston area received three inches of snow on Monday night. Bottom left: Ice covered the campus after the weather system moved through the area Monday night.



Charleston faces a mild winter

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Charleston received three inches of snowfall late Monday night through Tuesday morning.

Dalias Price, local weather observer, said Charleston is in the midst of a heavy winter cycle.

"The six weeks of winter expected from January to mid-February looks like it will be more like two months. We should expect more snow in the week," he said.

Price said Charleston has received four inches of snow this month, most of which came Monday night.

"Typically you have that amount with

"It's truly proving to be below average this winter. It's not an extreme winter; we've only been below zero twice this year."

—Dalias Price

two to three smaller snows. Last night there was one half an inch precipitation in the snow, which created some ice, but otherwise it was a fairly dry snow," Price said.

Price said the chances of more snow are nothing to worry about.

"It's truly proving to be below average this winter. It's not an extreme winter; we've only been below zero twice this year," Price said.

Brad Churchill, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service bureau in Lincoln, said Charleston should experience a break in snowfall until late Thursday into Friday.

Churchill said the snowfall this year has exceeded last year, but temperatures could be in the 40s by next week.

By comparison to the four inches of snowfall in Charleston, Springfield has received 15 inches of snowfall for February, Churchill said.

Quad will not be re-sodded; plans to re-seed in the works

By Kate Henderson
STAFF WRITER

The South Quad has seen better days.

Because of recreation activities taking place while the ground is thawing, the terrain is demolished.

"The South Quad is a wonderful space for students to enjoy," said Carol Strode, interim director of Facilities Planning and Management, in an e-mail.

The problem the University now faces is how to replace the torn-up terrain.

Strode said at this point, there are no plans to re-sod the area, but that maintaining the quad has always been a challenge.

The grounds crew will re-seed the area this year, Strode said, but this will take cooperation from the students in order to get the grass back to a manageable state.

"Installing sod is also an involved process that can prove to be very expensive year after year," said Rick Hayden, a professional landscaper.

To re-sod the quad area would cost around \$4 per square yard,

which would become costly in a large area like the quad, Hayden said.

Hayden said the new sod would need concentrated attention for the first month after being installed.

Freshman chemistry major Bailey McMillen said students should cooperate because the quad adds another visually-pleasing element to campus.

"I think they should do whatever they can to maintain the quad because it adds to the beauty of our campus," she said. "It is a great place for students to hang out and

have a good time."

Some students do not agree.

"Since money is already tight, I think they need to use it for something else, something like a faster internet connection," said Mike Parker, a sophomore athletic training major. "That would have more of a benefit than re-seeding the quad."

Cheryl Goebel, a freshman elementary education major, agreed with Parker and said money used for groundskeeping has other possible uses.

Strode said the re-seeding, unfor-

tunately, will cause temporary problems.

"Anytime we have to tear up an area, it causes problems," she said. "However, sometimes when you want something nice, you have to accept the idea that there is a period of time when it will look unsightly before it becomes attractive."

The process of revamping the quad will begin in April or May, as weather permits. Strode said she is confident the grounds crew at Eastern will complete the job in a timely manner.

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EDITORIAL

Support anti-war resolution

With President Bush preparing to send American troops into war with Iraq, several Eastern students are trying to make their anti-war sentiments felt.

Last Wednesday, the Student Senate tabled a resolution opposing a unilateral, pre-emptive war on Iraq and encouraging the United States to work with and through the United Nations on inspections in Iraq. The senate wanted to take a week to gauge the overall opinion of the student body. After a week of considering the resolution, the senate should realize it should indeed be passed.

When the resolution was presented to the senate, 330 signatures of students, faculty and Charleston residents accompanied it. Resolution organizer Jeremy Pelzer, a junior social science major, said he expects to have 500 to 530 signatures to accompany the resolution when the senate reopens it for discussion today.

To show opposition to the U.S. getting involved in a war with Iraq, the senate should join other universities (University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Texas, Cornell University and others) that have passed similar anti-war resolutions.

Resolutions similar to the one circulating Eastern's campus also have been approved in 76 cities across the country including Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park and Urbana.

If America does go to war, the negatives far outweigh the benefits. We have no way of telling what the repercussions this war could have.

A war with Iraq could cost the American government trillions of dollars and put even greater strain on the already troubled economy.

For instance, to support the cost of war, the government could make budget cuts affecting education.

If the United States does go to war with Iraq, what will the Iraqis do?

If the United States is able to forcefully remove Saddam Hussein from power, who will replace him? Iraq has no history of democracy, only a long line of dictators. Could Hussein's successor be even worse?

If Hussein does possess weapons of mass destruction, will he use them during a conflict with the United States?

The United Nations needs to conduct more inspections before the United States moves to war with Iraq, and the Student Senate needs to pass this initiative.

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

At issue
The Student Senate passing the anti-war resolution

Our stance
The Student Senate should pass the resolution to not go to war with Iraq.

OPINION

What a stripper taught me



Jamie Fetty
Managing editor and bi-weekly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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Last Saturday, I spent a part of my evening in the presence of a stripper who went by Evette. She seemed interested in what my group was studying in school and told us a little story about her education.

During her senior year of high school, Evette said she consistently aced tests in her Advanced Placement psychology class. But she had a tardiness problem and wound up getting kicked out.

I'm not insinuating that her career as a stripper is a direct result of her class-attending difficulties, or even that a career as a stripper is not a respectable one. Still, the story troubled me, and I came to regard Evette as some sort of atheist prophet sent to save me from myself.

To say that I have a "tardiness problem" would be drastically understating my academic problems. A more accurate description is, "this moron doesn't go to these really expensive classes in favor of curling her hair or going to El Rancherito."

In fact, given the choice, I might opt to strip rather than go to class on days I shave my legs, if the price was right.

A life as a journalist and fast food addict has rendered me unable to sit at a table-like surface

"I've managed to force myself to attend class with a crossword tucked into my bag."

for too long without eating or producing something. I can't even sit through a movie like an adult anymore. Some readers who attended a recent screening of "A Guy Thing" may remember me as the colorful character who made plane crash noises when the movie ceased to be interesting.

Watching television is nearly impossible unless I'm also reading, eating and conversing at the same time. Video games are an endless source of frustration — I end the adventure with nothing to show but sore thumbs and a hoarseness from screaming at the set.

I've managed to force myself to attend class with a crossword tucked into my bag. The crossword comes in handy when I want to look like I'm taking notes. I also use it in classes where I openly hate the professor, which has happened only once, to illustrate my disinterest in the subject matter.

But mostly, I find myself in my bedroom with 15 minutes before

class starts facing a mountain of obstacles. I generally keep about a pudding cup's worth of gas in my car, an amount I'm likely to use up in the endless search for a parking space. My boots, glasses and keys all are missing, and my hair is standing on end, mocking me. Not only am I growing out a short haircut, but I've developed a mysterious cowl right in the front of my face that was not there before. Cold wind makes my eyes water so I look like a dejected transient walking to class.

All of this brings me to the realization that it would truly be better to spend the next hour tweezing my eyebrows or eating pancakes.

Other times I don't even make it as far as standing upright and considering what stands between me and my class. Sleep has become an almost narcotic for me, and I am not proud to say I have more than once slept through a class that began later than 1 p.m.

Since my encounter with Evette and her fellow strippers, I have a renewed interest not only in class but also in several new piercings and a pole in my living room. I doubt I'll become a stellar student, but at least I'll be in class the majority of the time.

I wonder what form my next prophet will take.

Cartoon by Mary Beth Marsia

For those of you who take Valentine's day waaay too seriously. . . .

Um, hey sweetie. Remember when I told you I couldn't afford that Valentine's gift you wanted because my landlord raised the rent?



And you were all, "I don't give a crap whether you pay rent or not! You promised me a ring! And if you loved me you'd do whatever it takes to buy it for me." Remember that?



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Details do not need to be so specific

I admit I check *The Daily Eastern News* for information regarding the jury trial of Anthony B. Mertz daily. I am glad I have a source that is accessible by computer and gives me information about the trial, but there is a thing called tactful delivery that I strongly suggest starts to be implemented.

I have read in the paper over and over again that Shannon was killed on June 12, 2001, in her Fourth Street apartment and so on and so forth. OK, I don't think it's necessary to print that every single time there's an article about Shannon. I think we all know how Shannon died.

The DEN's Feb. 5 headline regarding the Mertz trial stated, "Witness says body was 'on display,'" and it was unbelievably dis-

tasteful and unnecessary.

Is it really necessary to tell the public Shannon was put on display? Doesn't the DEN have enough confidence to use a headline and opening line that is tasteful and will still assure that people read the article? This is not a television show or a bad movie. This happened to Shannon, and for many people, it hits very close to home. Shannon was a friend, daughter, sister, niece and sorority sister. Think if this happened to someone you know. Would you want every single detail printed about it? Graphic details are not necessary, and cold, distasteful headlines are an absolute disgrace. We know Shannon died in a horrific terrible way. I don't think it's necessary to haunt people with the horrible

details. The headline makes it sound like a mannequin was put out on display. Don't dehumanize Shannon. She was a human being. She is no longer physically with us, but her spirit is very much alive, and we want to remember her as the great girl she was here on earth.

At Shannon's funeral, the priest asked everyone to stand up and give Shannon continuous rounds of applause because she lived her life in such a great, meaningful, tasteful way.

Patty Cuttone
Eastern Alumna

Students can enjoy Fair Trade for less

A special thanks to Keith Bliss and the folks at Java B & B located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The cost of a cup of Fair Trade coffee is now the same as the other lines of coffee. Mr. Bliss has just made it easier to enjoy a cup of Fair Trade coffee on this campus. Next time you go by Java B & B, ask for Fair Trade and say 'thanks.' Also, the espresso also uses the Fair Trade bean.

Roy Lanham
Adviser
Eastern Fair Trade Coalition

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Concert Committee seeking members

◆ University Board will be accepting applications until Monday

By Lauren Moore
STAFF WRITER

The University Board Concert Committee is now accepting applications for students interested in the planning of concerts at Eastern.

The committee is looking for people to help with marketing and promotions, public relations, hospitality, crew management and talent research.

There is no set number of positions available, according to the UB Concert Coordinator Donna Fernandez, a senior marketing major.

"It would depend on how many apply," she said. "We're looking for self-motivated, responsible and hard-working students."

The tasks of each individual and the entire committee include contributing to the planning of major concert events and providing information to the coordinator to make decisions.

"This is a great opportunity for students to gain marketing and event-planning experience," Fernandez said.

The time commitment would

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—UB Concert Coordinator
Donna Fernandez

be two to three hours a week in which the student would attend the committee meetings and work at the shows.

"There are different jobs at the shows that students would be responsible for such as security, stage crew and merchandising tables," Fernandez said.

The students who are hired are able to stay on the committee for as long as they are able to meet the requirements of the job.

Students interested can pick up applications at the Student Activities Office on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union across from Copy Express. Applications are due by 2 p.m. Monday.



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Steep donation

Mike Steeples, mobile unit assistant with the American Red Cross, prepares bags to be used for donated blood during the blood drive in the Campus Recreation Center on Tuesday afternoon. The blood drive was put on by Mortar Board, an honors program for college seniors.

Deadline approaching for upcoming symposium

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Globalization, human rights, the environment, fair trade and sustainability will be the focus of a symposium titled "Toward a Globalization of Solidarity."

"This symposium is something new. We want to educate others on what's going on in the world and how globalization is affecting the world," said Jen Price, organizer of the event and member of the Fair Trade Coalition.

The symposium begins at 8 a.m. Feb. 20 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union with check-in and ends around 6:30 p.m. The application deadline is Thursday.

Mark Weisbrot, executive director at the Center for Economic Policy Research in Washington, D.C., and Ralph Bronner, CEO of Bronner Soaps, will give the keynote presentations, a press release stated.

Following the symposium, a keynote address by Weisbrot titled "Globalization and You" will be presented at 7 p.m. in Phipps Lecture Hall, located in the Physical Science building.

In addition to keynote addresses, the day will consist of four interactive break-out sessions. The sessions will cover issues such as community-supported agriculture,

"We started a little over a year ago to promote fair trade . . ."

—Jen Price

Third-World concerns, fair trade, grassroots organizing, environmental issues, sustainable development, free trade and the IMF/World Bank, a press release stated.

Some speakers during the break-out sessions include Lindsey Robinson of the Illinois Student Environmental Network, who will speak on grassroots organizing, and Carl Estabrook, a professor at University of Illinois, who will speak on the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), Price said.

"We (the Fair Trade Coalition) started a little over a year ago to promote fair trade and get Fair Trade coffee served in the union," Price said.

Costs for the day, which include materials and a continental breakfast and dinner, are \$8 for Eastern students, \$15 for other students and \$25 for non-students.

Students interested can pick up a registration brochure by contacting Price at eiufairtrade@yahoo.com or by calling the Newman Catholic Center, 348-0188.

Faculty Senate passes three constitutional amendments

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate passed three constitutional amendments Tuesday, all dealing with membership on university council and committees.

The first amendment brings the senate's constitution in unison with other committees' bylaws and current practices regarding membership by university colleges.

The senate helps select membership for university committees filed by elected members, and with the exception of the Council on Academic Affairs, the committees or councils are in the practice of specifying membership from specific colleges.

The senate amendment removed the wording "at large" and added, "any elective council may limit particular seats and the electorate for

those seats to faculty from particular academic units to ensure balanced representation."

The amendment wording may not have been an issue in the past because the senate has not recently looked into the bylaws of other councils, said Doug Brandt, chair of the elections committee.

"I think it's just that it was overlooked," he said.

The Council on Academic Affairs is in the process of revising bylaws to select two representatives from each college and one at large for membership. If passed now by a majority of the faculty, the amendment revision will allow for the bylaw revision.

"In any case, we would simply be catching up with reality, basically," said senate chair Anne Zahlan.

The second and third amendments change the eligibility of

department chairs to hold seats on senate or major faculty councils, while allowing them to vote on membership to the senate or councils.

Because of their job duties and responsibilities, department chairs are often grouped as administrators and so there is some concern if they should be able to vote on membership to major councils, said senate member David Carpenter.

However, the senate passed the third amendment still ensuring the chairs' vote, and the department position offers a "dual status" because chairs sometimes go back to serving only as faculty members, Zahlan said.

With faculty committee elections late March, the faculty must vote on the amendments that will affect membership on the committees.

A two-week waiting period must be held so the amendments can be

distributed among the faculty community. The faculty will then be given the chance to vote by mail ballot or a polling locations.

The senate also heard from the NCAA faculty athletics representative, Gail Richard, on the state of the 22-team intercollegiate program at Eastern.

Richard outlined the difference between external and appropriated monies, saying the latter made up a small amount of athletic funding.

"I think the athletic department's dependency on appropriated funds has decreased," she said.

Richard said with the appropriated \$1.2 million, most goes to coaches' salary expenses that are sometimes seen as an "embarrassment" compared to other universities.

Although athletics are relying less on appropriated funds, they have been used for renovations in

the past, she said.

Part of the department's accreditation requires gender equity in athletics and some external funding must be used or not accepted depending if it will keep the men's and women's programs equal, Richard said.

Richard also provided the senate with a sketch of the program, including average grade point average, graduate rate and minority player population.

She said Eastern's athlete graduation rate is second-highest in state.

The senate will discuss results next week of last month's faculty forum to see what recommendations can be made in the future, along with what senate committees can be formed to discuss them.

The Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Booth Library conference Room 4440.

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Senate to revisit anti-war resolution

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate Wednesday will revisit a number of resolutions that were tabled last week.

One of those resolutions that was tabled for further discussion is an antiwar resolution. The resolution opposes a unilateral, preemptive war on Iraq, and also encourages the United States to work with and through the United Nations in inspecting Iraq.

A resolution requesting the service of an on-campus dentist be made available for students also is up for discussion.

The Student Senate also is looking into changing the compensation of executives from a dollar amount to a credit hour amount. Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson said the bylaw change should be tabled indefinitely because the constitution already addresses compensation by credit hour.

A number of motions asking for money allocations also are up for consideration.

A request for \$75 for senate member name tags is expected to be voted down,

Davidson said, because the amount does not exceed \$50.

Two allocations from the Apportionment Board for the University Board are expected to be passed.

The two allocations are for \$28,000 to renovate the lighting in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and \$11,168 to UB special events for "Crazy Daze."

"These bills should pass, they are ready to get done," Davidson said.

In new business, Student Senate members Ronnie Deedrick and George Lesica are seeking a total of \$273.85 from the Student Government account for travel to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee meeting, which took place on Feb. 2-3 at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Several committee appointments will be made at the meeting. Those include Bridget LaLonde to the Student Relations Committee; Matt Kulp to the Student Action Team; Lee Williams, Jamie Fester, Beth Allen and Heather Schroder to the Housing Committee and Kirsten Wilson as a non-senate voting member to the External Relations Committee.

Powell: NATO risking breakup because of the rift over Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Addressing a historic rift within NATO, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday the future of the 53-year-old military alliance is at risk if it fails to confront the crisis with Iraq.

Distressed by the refusal of three U.S. allies to agree to bolster Turkey's defenses, Powell told the Senate Budget Committee that it is not the United States that is fracturing NATO by seeking support for the option of war to disarm Iraq. "The alliance is breaking itself up because

it will not meet its responsibilities," Powell said in response to a suggestion by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., that the Bush administration was "barreling in" to get Iraq President Saddam Hussein over the objections of allies, Russia and China.

Reflecting widespread skepticism among members of Congress, Hollings said Iraq "is not an immediate threat" and advised Powell "to be a little bit more deliberate" in dealing with other nations about Iraq.

Counting Crows:

Final confirmation expected in a few weeks

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"One of our offers has been accepted. We're just waiting on the signed contract to come back," he said.

He also said he knows of the date posted on the Counting Crows Web site.

"I can't officially say it. We'll just announce it officially when we get the final confirmation." Rinchiuso said he expects to receive the final confirmation in a few weeks at which time information on concert times and ticket prices will

be released.

As for how much the contract was signed for, he said, "contractually, we can't provide that information."

A band-booking Web site, concertideas.com, said the Counting Crows can be booked for \$50,000 per show and that the group is a "hot" item. Dave Chappelle can be booked for \$35,000 per show and is also rated "hot." The site stated both acts were most available in April and May.

Unlike the Counting Crows Web site, Dave Chappelle's list of tour dates did not include Eastern.

Rinchiuso said ticket prices for the first concert should be in the ballpark of \$10 to \$15 per student.

Deliberations:

Witnesses: Different kinds of box cutters used on campus

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During cross examination, State's Attorney Steve Ferguson asked Hofer to identify a letter she had written to Mertz in 1999. In the letter, which was later admitted into evidence, Hofer wrote about a night when Mertz had come home drunk, pulled her hair, thrown her on the bed and threatened her.

Ferguson asked Hofer if she had told police officers about the altercation when she was interviewed following the murder and asked if she thought Mertz had a problem with violence toward women. She said he does not.

Ferguson then went over her statements to police, including a threat Mertz had made the night she had written about to kill her, to break her neck.

"And he doesn't have a problem with violence toward women?" Ferguson asked.

During a redirect questioning, defense attorney Paula Phillips asked Hofer if she was afraid of Mertz. Hofer responded no, excluding the night in question. She testified he had never before been violent toward her.

Private investigator Jack Smith was called to testify to work he had done on behalf of the defense, saying he had been hired when Coles County public defender Lonnie Lutz was handling the case. Smith said he visited Mertz's apartment in July of 2001 to look for evidence, including a broken shot glass. Mertz had told police the shot glass had produced the cuts on his body that were photographed just before his arrest in the early morning hours of June 13, 2001.

Smith said he was able to locate the shot

glass in the wastebasket in Mertz's kitchen, but police who arrived at the scene refused to preserve the pieces of glass and other items from the basket and would not allow him to remove them from the apartment.

Smith also said he interviewed workers at Lantz Arena, where Mertz worked, who said they did not use the kind of box cutters found in McNamara's apartment.

The defense also recalled Charleston Police Department detective Kevin Paddock and questioned him briefly in regards to an atlas taken from Mertz's apartment and other evidence to which Paddock served as custodian.

Richard Stewart, supervisor of building service workers at Eastern, and Bobby Livingston, a building service worker, also were called to testify for the defense Tuesday. Both testified to the kinds of box cutters and knives workers usually use and were asked to identify photos taken of the handle of a box cutter found in McNamara's apartment. Both were unable to say if the box cutter in evidence was the one from Livingston's cart, but they said different kinds of box cutters are used across campus.

In a short testimony, rebuttal witness Terry Tillis, acting jail administrator at the Coles County Jail, said he had not granted free commissary to Michael Jordan or Mark Stabler, as was alleged by defense witness Clifford Baugh in earlier testimony. Jordan, Stabler and Baugh are all inmates either in the Coles County Jail or Illinois Department of Corrections, or were previously. Stabler and Jordan testified for the prosecution.

Tillis also said he had not heard any report of Mertz being beaten up by Stabler or Jordan, also alleged in earlier testimony.

The trial will reconvene at 9 a.m. Wednesday in Courtroom 1 of the Coles County Courthouse.

Doubt:

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Constitutionally, it is up to the defendant whether or not to testify.

"The defendant's decision to testify or not should not be considered by the jury," Anderson said.

Defense strategies can vary from finding flaws in the prosecution's presentation to actually producing evidence contrary to allegations. It is not necessary to prove the defendant is innocent; all defense attorneys must do is display he or she might not be guilty.

"They decide how to manage their side, much like the prosecution did, to put their case in the best light," Anderson said.

Alibis are common defense strategies. Showing that the defendant may not have been at the crime scene during the time the crime occurred casts doubt of guilt to a jury.

Another defense strategy can

be intoxication.

In the event of an intoxication defense, attorneys are not necessarily denying guilt. However, proving intoxication could reduce the charges against the defendant.

"For example, if the defense was to show the blood alcohol content was three times the legal definition of intoxication and the defendant was not aware of his actions, there is a possibility charges of murder could be reduced to manslaughter or the degrees of murder could be reduced," Anderson said.

Anderson also said it is generally unlikely for a court to offer a lesser verdict in a death penalty case, though it has happened before. Proving the crime was not premeditated or that it was involuntary can lessen the degrees of murder, Anderson said.

"In the end it is up to the jury to decide if the prosecution displayed the defendant's guilt without a doubt," Anderson said.



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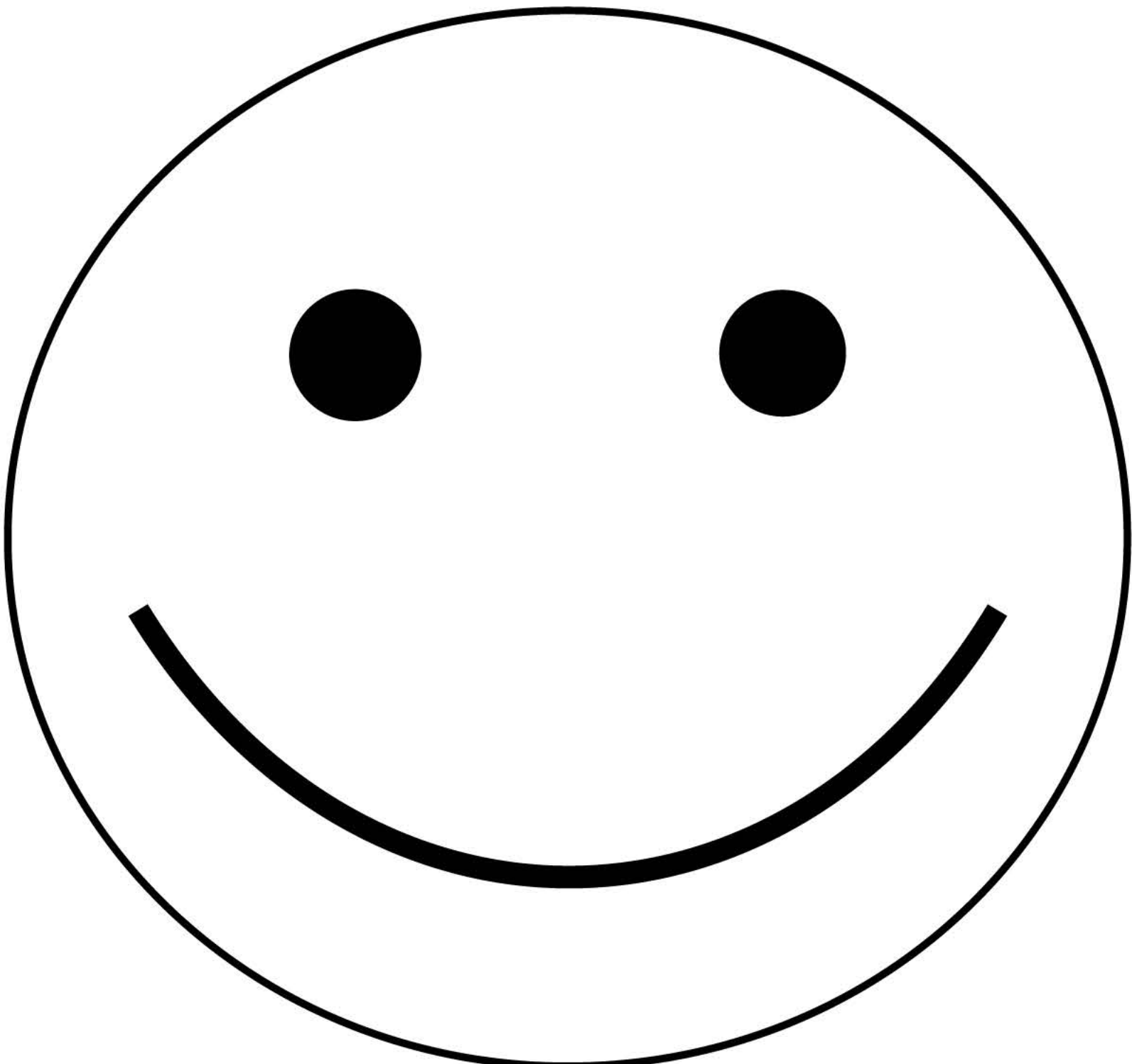


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Bonnie Bollman, an employee at Judy's Hallmark Shop, stocks a shelf full of teddy bears on Tuesday afternoon. The store has planned for people buying last-minute presents for Valentine's Day.

Simplicity: Gifts should come from the heart

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"I'm planning on going home early in the morning on Valentine's Day to surprise my girlfriend with a little love," said Ryan Kemp, a freshman English major.

Kemp said one of the best gifts he received was a bag of M&M's from his girlfriend.

"It meant a lot because we fed each other M&M's on our first date. We also started dating on Valentine's day, so that makes it even better," he said.

Keila Lacy, a junior family consumer sciences major, said her boyfriend picked her up in a limousine and took her out to dinner in Chicago.

"We went out to eat in a nice

restaurant and then walked around the lake. It was cold, but the whole scene was pretty romantic," she said.

But some students show more humbug than romance.

Paul Stalec, a freshman engineering major, thinks the whole holiday is a waste.

"If you are going out with someone, it is kind of like a 'Hallmark Holiday,' like you are expected to do something," Stalec said. "If you do something, you aren't getting ahead, because it is expected. The only thing that happens is you stay even, or you come out behind."

Justin Harris, a freshman speech major, has a track meet this year, so he won't be able to do anything for Valentine's Day. But he offered advice for people trying to find the perfect gift.

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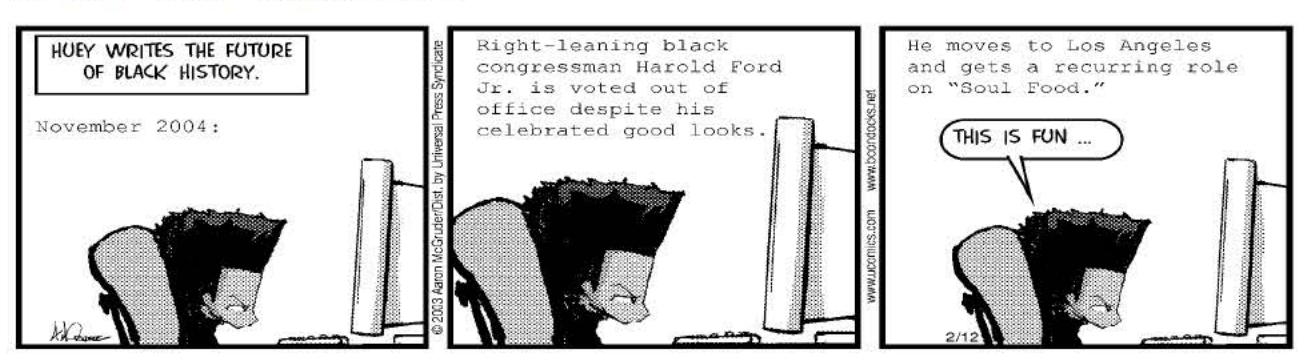
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Springing in the arms

Depth could power Panthers

By Jon Rule
STAFF WRITER

The Panther baseball team begins its 2003 campaign Friday in Fayetteville, Arkansas, when it faces the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Head coach Jim Schmitz's team looks to improve upon last year's overall record of 25-26. Eastern was recently ranked second in the OVC pre-season coaches' poll and hopes to capture the league title after finishing in the runner-up spot last year with a 12-8 record.

Heading into the season, optimism is high. The Panthers are returning 10 seniors looking to lead the team on the field. Schmitz believes the senior leadership, added speed to the lineup and the team's pitching depth will be important factors in the success of his team.

"The addition of junior college transfer Jeff Cammann and junior Marcus Jackson's speed could help us produce runs," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said the speed of the Eastern's lineup will be an important factor in run production for the team since they lack power in their lineup.

"Our team is going to have to produce runs to win," Schmitz said.

The lack of power in the Panthers' lineup could be offset by speed, but the strength and depth of the pitching staff will also be key to their success.

"The depth of our pitching staff is fine," Schmitz said. "The number of games early in the season will test our young arms, but they are ready for it."

After posting a 5.36 team ERA in the 2002 season, second-best in the OVC, the Panthers' pitching staff will feature seniors Damon White, Micah Gray, Nathan Stone, Aaron Shelbourne and Matt Tyson.

Juniors Jared Marshall, Andy Kuntz and sophomore Jason Pinnell will also contribute. Freshman Kirk Miller is also expected to make an impact in the 2003 season.

Heading into the three-game series with Arkansas, the three-man rotation will be led by senior right-hander Damon White. White posted a 2-1 record and led the team with a 3.18 ERA in the 2002 season despite missing a month due to tendinitis.

Andy Kuntz will

fill the second spot in their rotation. Kuntz went 1-0 and posted a 5.51 ERA in eight appearances last season.

Junior Jared Marshall will round out the rotation. After being redshirted for the 2002 season, Marshall will make his first start for the Panthers since recording a 1-2 record and 8.27 ERA in the 2001 season with .

The loss of Pete Pirman and Ben Duke's offensive output leaves a void in the Eastern's offensive production that will likely be filled by senior catcher Bret Pignatiello.

Pignatiello is coming off consecutive First Team All-OVC awards in 2001 and 2002 after batting .321 with 14 home runs and 37 RBI last season.

"Bret had a lot of burden placed on him last year," Schmitz said. "He will be our go to guy again this year."

In addition to Pignatiello, Nolan Cork, Danny Jordan, Kirk Walters and Aaron Shelbourne are expected to contribute to the offense, which ranked fourth in the OVC last season.

Schmitz was quick to note the resemblance of this year's team to the 2001 team.

If that indicates what fans can expect from the 2003 team, the season could be very exciting, considering the 2001 team finished first in the OVC and recorded the fourth-best record in Eastern baseball history (35-20, 19-1).

Many mound masters return

By Aaron Seidlitz
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's softball team starts its season this weekend with a tournament played under the sunny skies of New Mexico.

The Panthers hope to continue on the success from a year ago in which the team reached third-place in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

A fresh start during the spring is an opportunity for all teams to hope for the best in the upcoming season.

This season's version of the Panthers returns an experienced team relying on their pitching staff to carry them through a difficult schedule.

One area of concern for Eastern is they have yet to find the opportunity to practice outside on a regular basis, as central Illinois remains in winter's grasp. Nevertheless, the Panthers will start competitive play this upcoming weekend when they enter New Mexico State's early season tournament.

"The outfielders have been able to go outside and catch some fly balls, but that is all the practice that this team has seen outdoors so far," head coach Lloydede Searle said.

Eastern will look to be competitive and possibly come out of this tournament with a couple of wins, but the players know the main purpose of these early games will be to get their game back into form.

"Right now we look at this tournament as practice games because we haven't been able to play much yet," senior pitcher Kristen Becker said. "We know we can compete in this tournament and be good, but hopefully we will be able to win a couple of games too."

Heading into the season the Panthers will try to copy the way they played in the conference tournament at the end of last season. After finishing strong and placing third in the tournament, the Panthers feel they can play at the same level again during regular season conference play.

Returning key upperclass-

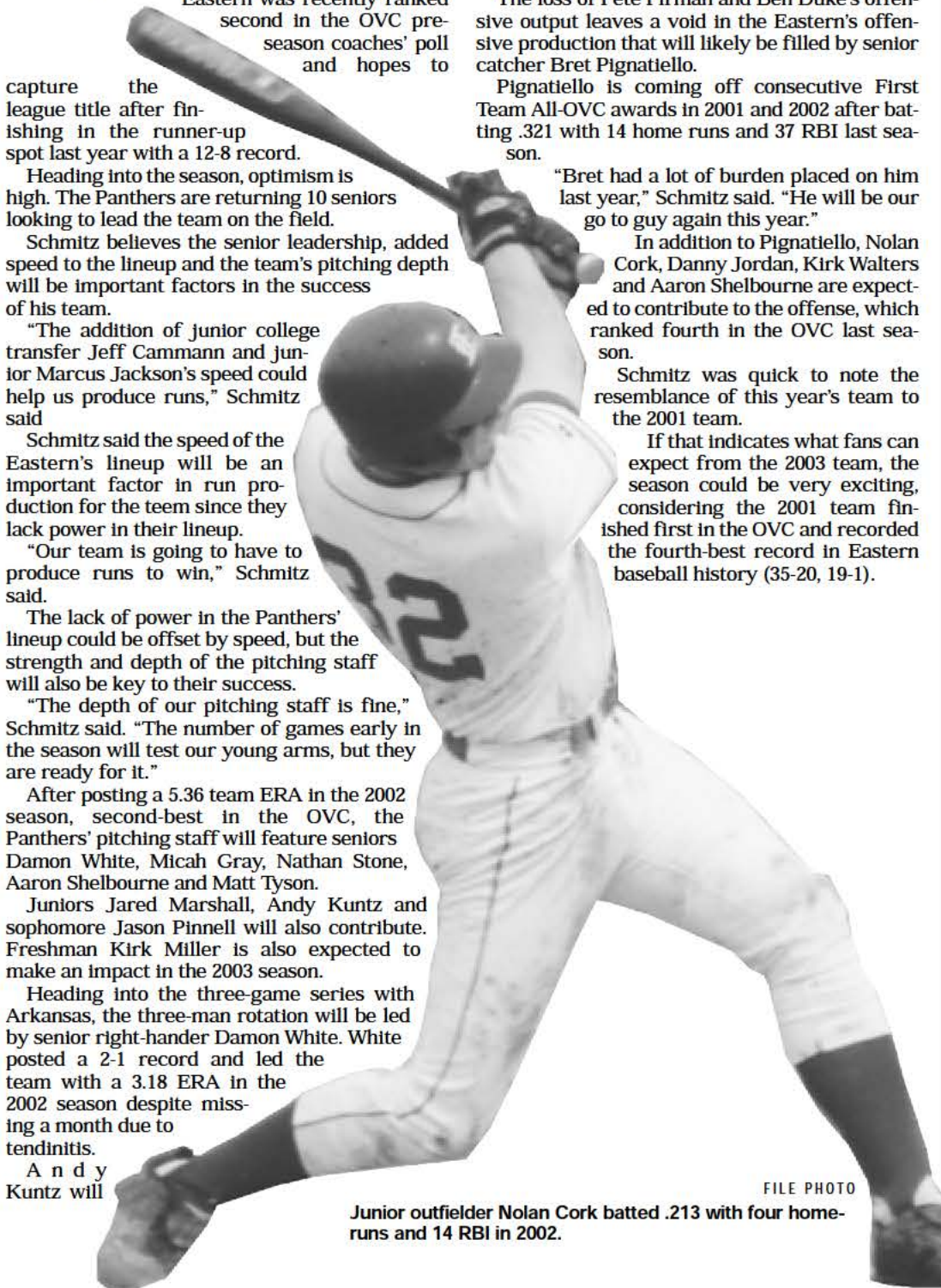
men such as Carrie Ninness, Krisen Becker, Trish Sanders, and Kristen Lovering should make the infield and pitching staff the strengths of the team.

Becker and Sanders share pitching and infield duties, while Lovering is a regular in the infield.

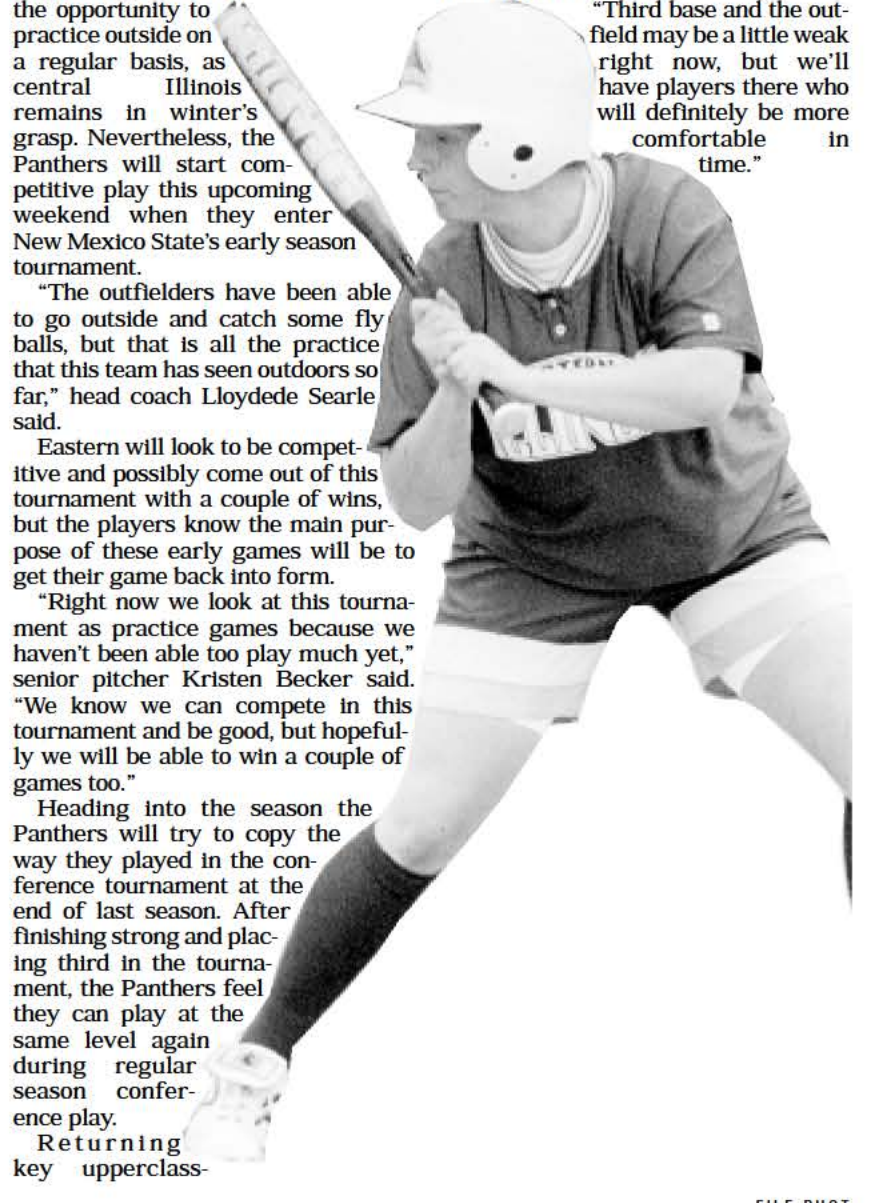
Senior outfielder Ninness is the most solid player the Panthers will have chasing fly balls, while the other two spots in the outfield may be questionable. Searle thinks the outfield will be alright in time as the players become experienced.

"I think pitching will be our strong point this season," Becker said. "We have good balance between me being a senior, two juniors and one freshmen on the pitching staff."

"Third base and the outfield may be a little weak right now, but we'll have players there who will definitely be more comfortable in time."



FILE PHOTO
Junior outfielder Nolan Cork batted .213 with four home-runs and 14 RBI in 2002.



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Senior designated hitter Jen Green batted .302 with four homeruns and 24 RBI in 2002.

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Athletes excel in classroom

By Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The performance of student-athletes and an overview of the university athletics department was one of a few discussions at the faculty senate meeting Tuesday.

NCAA faculty representative Gail Richard reported on the graduation rates of student-athletes, grade point averages and what is necessary for these athletes to perform at the level they do.

The recent statistics show out of about 500 student-athletes in the 22 intercollegiate sports offered at Eastern, 45 percent of them have a GPA above 3.0. Their graduation rates exceed those of undergraduate students by 3 percent and both are equal with an average 2.7 on overall GPAs.

Despite Eastern maintaining the highest graduation rate in the Ohio Valley Conference and second in the state behind the University of Illinois, they still have competitive athletic programs, Richard said.

"These teams are competitive," she said. "It is not like we just put a bunch of players out on the field."

Eastern's athletic department is unique in what the coaches personally expect academically, said senate member Reed Benedict. From his experience at other institutions, he said other schools sometimes will expect instructors to make exceptions for athletes.

"This is the first time a (coach) didn't call me and ask for a favor... an allowance for a student," Benedict said.

Richard also highlighted the extra responsibilities student athletes have to take on. She said students' classroom attendance is looked at very closely to make sure they are performing in both their respective sport and in the classroom.

"(Attendance) is monitored very carefully so students are in classes," Richard said. "If a student doesn't show up to classes they do not play."

Richard also said many of the students coming to Eastern for athletics say they want to stay here because of the academics.

Other topics of discussion consisted of coaches' salaries, the current facilities offered to Eastern athletes and equity among the men and women's sports.

Richard said that they want to do the opposite of what some schools have done when introduced with budget problems by not cutting minor sports.

OVC NEWS

Tennessee State turmoil

◆ 19 ejected, Tigers lose 89-72

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) - Just seven players remained on the floor to finish a game between Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky on Monday night because 19 players were ejected following a benches-clearing brawl.

"It was just complete chaos," Eastern Kentucky coach Travis Ford said. "Nobody really knows what happened."

Eastern Kentucky won the game 89-72 and finished with four players, while Tennessee State was left with three after Jeremy Jackson fouled out. Before that, the teams went 4-on-4 because so many players had been tossed out, either for participating in the fight or leaving the bench area.

The fight began with 8:13 to play and Eastern Kentucky ahead 72-58. Eastern Kentucky's Shawn Fields had the ball when a hard foul was called on Tennessee State's Cedric Bryson, prompting players from both benches to run onto the court.

Bryson, Fields and Eastern Kentucky's Kenyatta Dix and Champ Slaughter were ejected for fighting, while nine players from both teams were ejected for leaving the bench. The rest of those who were playing when the fight started also were ejected.

"It was an unfortunate incident for all of the parties involved," Tennessee State coach Hosea Lewis said. "Both teams just got excited (and came off the bench), and I am very unhappy with the way it was handled. I am disappointed in the outcome, because we have intelligent players and young men at TSU."

◆ Tigers suspend head coach

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Tennessee State athletic director Teresa Phillips will make history Thursday night as the first woman to coach a men's Division I college basketball team.

The unprecedented decision came after 19 players were ejected following a brawl between Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky on Monday night.

Phillips suspended interim coach Hosea Lewis for one game Tuesday and announced she would coach the Tigers when they play at Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn.

It's believed to be the first time that a woman will coach male players in a major team sport.

There are plenty of men coaching women's college basketball teams. Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma has won three NCAA titles and two out of the last three.

But the only women to ever serve as coaches for a men's Division I team were assistants: Mary Fenlon at Georgetown and Bernadette Locke at Kentucky.

Phillips was not immediately available for comment Tuesday.

The Vanderbilt graduate coached the Tennessee State women to a 212-189 record from 1989-2000. She took over a program that had been 2-25 and went 12-14 in her first season.



Hosea Lewis

Group rallies to save wrestling

EDWARDSVILLE (AP) - A group formed to help save the wrestling team at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville from the budget ax for another year says it is meeting resistance from an unexpected foe: the school itself.

"In essence, they wouldn't take the money to keep the program," said John Simmons, an area attorney and former SIUE student president.

Simmons said when the group, which includes local high school wrestling coaches, offered to raise funds to save the 24-year-old program, the school countered by asking for a \$2 million endowment to perpetually fund the program.

Moreover, Simmons said, the school made the request pretty much impossible to satisfy by asking that the money be turned over by next month.

But the school's athletic director, Brad Hewitt, said the program, ranked 15th in the nation last year, needs a long-term source of

funding in order to properly recruit and schedule matches.

David Werner, SIUE's chancellor, confirmed he had spoken with Simmons about the fundraising offer. "I told him I can think of 100 other university programs that are a higher priority than the wrestling program," Werner said.

Werner said the team is being cut because of the budget crunch, and it was singled out because it is a nonconference sport, unlike SIUE's other programs.

Werner said while he appreciated the group's effort, accepting the funding for a single year "merely extends the misery."

Group members disagree, saying that coming up with enough money to save the \$108,000-a-year program both saves wrestling at the school for another year and buys more time to raise even more money.

The school will honor the scholarships of its current wrestlers, Werner said.

Top Cat:

Gomes will have leadership role

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"I think that people believe we are going to be rebuilding next year, but we have a chance to be better with Emanuel Dildy and myself," Gomes said.

Gomes will also find himself in the precarious position of having to lead a team as a sophomore after losing five seniors.

"He's going to have to step up next year because that leadership role will be forced on him," Domercant said.

Schedule:

Tigers one of most improved teams

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"The Tigers are one of the most improved teams in the Big 12 and the proximity to Eastern should allow fans to attend that game," McDuffie said.

This means Eastern's non-conference football schedule is set for the next two seasons with Central Michigan being the I-A opponent for 2004 along with traditional I-AA foes Illinois State and Indiana State.

Stevens:

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Last, but not least, the Panther baseball team plays in the most stunning facility on campus by far. Coaches Stadium was opened last season and is arguably one of the nicest college ballparks in the Midwest.

That cathedral of a ballpark is a big reason why schools like Illinois and Purdue will come to Charleston to play us.

Don't believe this team doesn't get any respect; Schmitz is currently 69 wins away from being the all-time leader at Eastern. He'll probably get the record in the next three years, but will he receive a ceremony like football coach Bob Spoo did?

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THROWING HEAT



Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Recognizing the best team at Eastern

With my sincere apologies to the women's soccer team, the most underrated team at Eastern is without a doubt, the baseball team.

Why? Very simple, they continually win and nobody knows it.

Take this into consideration: since head coach Jim Schmitz (the best thing to ever happen to the program) took over in 1995, Eastern has had only three overall losing seasons and only one losing season in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Neither men nor women's basketball can top that, and even the football team had its stretch of years we'd like to forget.

Since Schmitz's arrival, Eastern has had seven players drafted into Major League Baseball.

Like every other Eastern team (except men's soccer), the Panthers moved to the OVC in 1997 and have never finished lower than sixth. The Panthers have captured the OVC title three times against schools who could essentially play baseball year-round. Thanks to Mother Nature, our squad practices indoors at Lantz Fieldhouse. I'm sure the Tennessee and Kentucky schools don't have to worry about a blizzard wiping out infield drills.

Which brings me to my next point: Eastern plays one of the toughest schedules of any mid-major baseball team in the country. Last season, Eastern competed in a three-game series at Mississippi and Saint Louis. The Panthers also played Illinois and Purdue - in Charleston!

This season it appears the Panthers are ready to run through another gauntlet with a spring break trip that could be less fun in the sun and more hell on the diamond. After traveling to a three-game tilt with Arkansas, the trip to Jacksonville will include games against Michigan State, Notre Dame and Navy.

Later this season, the Panthers will travel once again to Saint Louis, Illinois and Purdue. The interesting part of these games is not the fact Eastern is playing big universities, but Lord have mercy, we could actually win!

This was proven in 1998 when the Panthers qualified for the NCAA West Regional and eliminated nationally ranked Arizona 13-4. Ladies and gentlemen, we are talking about a school in Tucson, Ariz., where Major League Baseball holds spring training while there's still snow on the ground in Charleston.

This ability to compete will hopefully interest Panther fans who have seen the men's basketball team lose to Florida, Marquette, Illinois and also suffered through the football team's two blowout losses to Hawaii and Kansas State.

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FOOTBALL

Cat fight scheduled with Mizzou

♦ Eastern to receive \$180,000 for playing I-A Tigers in 2003 season

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern will take its football road-show to the I-A level once again next year.

The Panthers will open up its 2003 football season on the road at I-A Missouri Tigers Saturday Sept. 13.

"We are looking forward to this game against a competitive school," Missouri Associate Athletic Director Ed Stewart said.

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie confirmed he had been searching for a I-A opponent since last November, but suddenly started contacting Missouri about a month ago.

"I talked to a friend down there and the conversations were off-and-on until Tuesday," McDuffie said.

The Big 12 conference opponent fell into a problem last month when the 2002 I-AA national champion Western Kentucky decided to drop Missouri from its schedule to fill its schedule with a different opponent.

"We originally had the spot filled, but we are now excited to find a new school to play," Missouri Director of Football Operations Mark Allnut said.

"Western Kentucky has dropped both of its I-A games to play Auburn," McDuffie said.

Eastern opened its 2002 season with I-A bowl qualifiers Hawaii and Kansas State and were outscored by a combined 124-49.

"The two main reasons that we take a game like this is obviously money and the ability to test ourselves with better people," McDuffie

TOP CAT

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Surprising no one

♦ Freshman guard Josh Gomes comes off the bench to score 18 points against OVC leader Morehead State

♦ Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selections are made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.

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Freshman guard Josh Gomes surprised Ohio Valley Conference leader Morehead State when he came off Eastern's bench to score 18 points in 28 minutes Saturday.

For his strong game against Morehead, Gomes has been selected this week's "Top Cat."

Surprising people is nothing new for freshman guard Gomes; he has been proving himself to new people ever since high school.

In the summer before his senior season at Heritage Christian High School in Indianapolis, Gomes was told his eligibility had run out because they had switched to the Indiana State Athletic Association.

The nearest school Gomes could find was over an hour away in Frankfort, Ind.

"My old high school coach was helpful in finding me that school and even drove me to school everyday," Gomes said.

The Gomes family is used to commuting at the high school level because Josh's father did the same thing as well and made his son more confident with the decision.

"If my dad had to do it, I suppose I could too," Gomes said.

Gomes put up nearly 30 points per game at Frankfurt Christian High School, but Eastern didn't even attempt to recruit him until the final recruiting week at a tournament in Louisville, Ky.

"I had one of my best games that day while coach (Samuels) was

watching, came back for some AAU games and then took me on two unofficial visits," Gomes said.

Gomes introduced himself to Panther fans Saturday night by scoring 18 points and relieving pressure from OVC preseason player of the year Henry Domercant.

"We obviously knew that he had it in him," Domercant said. "It wasn't a shock."

Gomes came to Charleston thinking he would essentially be a sixth-man contributor right away for the Panthers, but it took more time in practice learning the motion offense than expected.

"He came in with a maturity to his game already so he's never really made all those common freshman mistakes," Domercant said.

Gomes was frustrated by the period of the non-conference schedule in which he was benched for nearly eight games.

"I came into Eastern and everybody was stronger and knew the offense better," Gomes said. "I came to the realization that I had to work harder in practices."

Gomes benefited from talking with Domercant.

"I sat down and talked with him and his goals weren't that impossible," Domercant said.

Gomes may only be averaging only four points per game, but he will be looked upon as a big weapon when the OVC Tournament rolls around.

"You're going to want as much firepower as possible in March," Domercant said.

Eastern (11-12, 6-5) still has five games left on the schedule, but Panther fans shouldn't be surprised if the 2003-2004 team improves with Gomes as a leader.

2003 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Sat., Sept. 13 (TBD)	at Missouri	Columbia, Mo.
Sat., Sept. 20 (6 p.m.)	Illinois State	O'Brien Stadium
Sat., Sept. 27 (1 p.m.)	Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.
Sat., Oct. 4 (1 p.m.)	at Southeast Missouri*	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Sat., Oct. 11 (1:30 p.m.)	Eastern Kentucky*	O'Brien Stadium
Sat., Oct. 18 (3 p.m.)	at Murray State*	Murray, Ky.
Sat., Oct. 25 (1:30 p.m.)	Tennessee-Martin*	O'Brien Stadium
Sat., Nov. 1 (6 p.m.)	at Tennessee State*	Nashville, Tenn.
Sat., Nov. 8 (1:30 p.m.)	Tennessee Tech*	O'Brien Stadium
Sat., Nov. 15 (7 p.m.)	at Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, Ala.
Sat., Nov. 22 (1:30 p.m.)	Samford*	O'Brien Stadium

* Ohio Valley Conference game - All times CDT/CST

said.

Eastern will be paid \$180,000 in return for playing Missouri which is \$70,000 less than the Panthers received from fellow Big 12 member Kansas State last season.

"Honestly, the price of these games are going down every year," McDuffie said.

"We've picked up a newspaper and read about outrageous prices being given every season," Stewart said.

Last season, the Tigers finished 5-7 but earned victories over Illinois, Texas A&M and Kansas. However, if Missouri found itself in a position where they would be one win shy of bowl eligibility, they could use a win against Eastern this season.

"We aren't in a position to win 10 games a

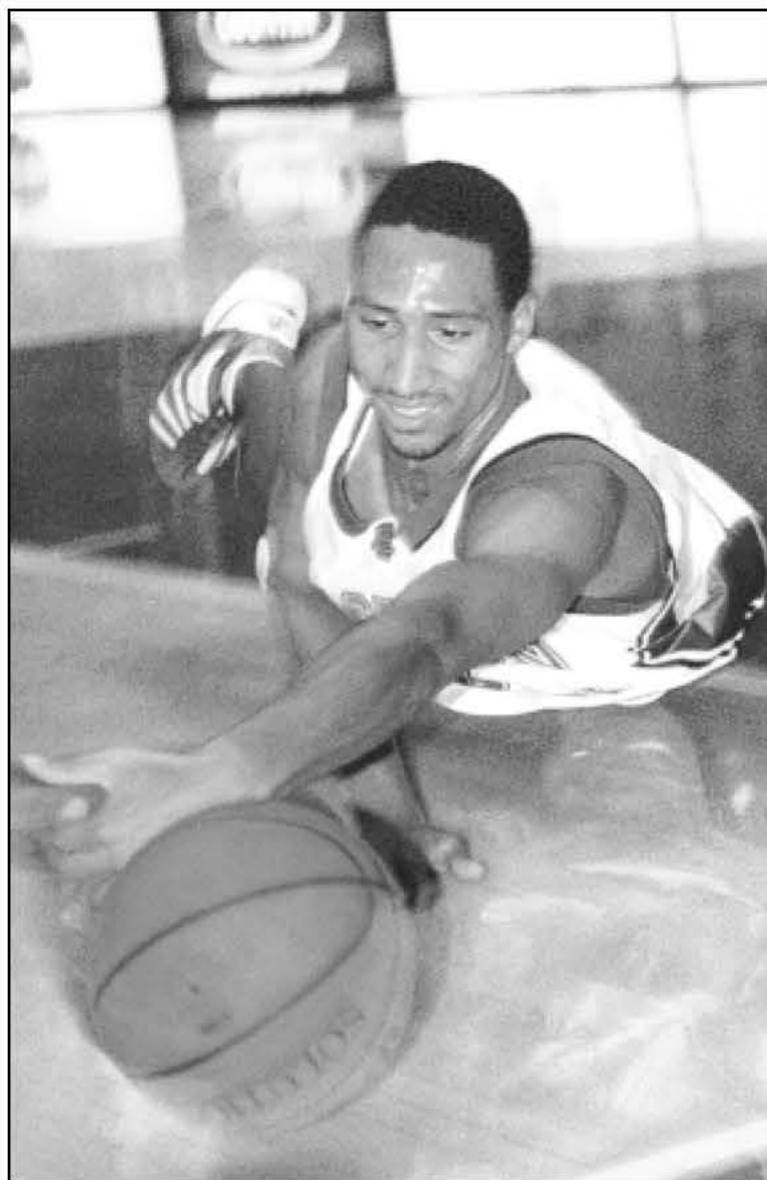
year so we need all the wins we can get," Stewart said. "We considered the rule when we decided to look at I-AA."

The last time Missouri competed against a I-AA school was in 1999 when they played Western Illinois, but the Tigers will treat Eastern no differently than the two previous I-AA opponents they will play (Illinois and Ball State).

"We are going to play them like they are I-AA and stress to our kids that this is not a pushover game," Alnutt said.

McDuffie was very pleased by the location of the opponent and the reputation of the program.

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STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman guard Josh Gomes went from sitting the bench for nearly eight games to Eastern's first option off the bench. Saturday night against Morehead State, Gomes scored 18 points in 28 minutes.

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