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March 20, 2003 ♦ **THURSDAY**

Opening day

The Panther softball team plays host to Indiana State Thursday to open its home season at Williams Field.

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COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Jake Pollard, a freshman undecided major, Andy Whyte, a freshman English major, and Jerry Vanderhei, a sophomore undecided major, watch CNN about the US bombings of Baghdad, Iraq Wednesday night in Thomas Hall. Pollard has been watching CNN since 6 Wednesday morning.

Campus life moves on as Iraq attack begins

♦ *Students express wide range of opinions, but show little fear*

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

Two students sat outside Taylor Hall smoking cigarettes. A group of guys were on their way to play basketball. A couple walked down the South Quad sidewalk holding hands.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, the deadline for Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq came and went.

And student life went on.

Some want to go to war. Some don't want it. And some just don't care.

"It's time," said Kristi Spray, a senior business management major, who is pro-war.

"The grace period is over and America is done waiting."

Although most students did not share Spray's pro-war views, they did agree that military action needed to be taken.

"We're just doing what we got to do to remain Americans," said Rob Elston, a sophomore music education major, who is apathetic. "If we don't do something about Iraq, the terrorists may come over here — I don't know if we have a lot of choice."

President George W. Bush confirmed U.S. military action began, with the aid of 35 countries, in a statement Wednesday night.

Some students agreed with Bush's

actions so far.

"I thought he was fair," said Kevin Devany, a junior music education major with pro-war views. "He laid down an ultimatum to Saddam and gave him a chance."

"He's been pushing a lot of buttons — he kind of gave the United Nations the finger, though."

Other students were disgusted with Bush's decision to invade Iraq.

"I think (Bush) is a little maniacal," said Carly Riley, a freshman early childhood special education major, who has neutral war views. "Nobody is agreeing with him and he still wants to go to war."

"Even our allies aren't by our side," Chrissy Kamide, a sophomore biology major with anti-war views, had no specific dissent for Bush, but rather for military action in general.

"War is a pretty powerful word," Kamide said.

Freshman English major Rachel Irwin said she believes in another powerful word.

"For me, my perspective is that I believe in the Lord. The Bible said that wars are coming, and they are a sign of end times when Jesus Christ is supposed to come back," she said. "I am not afraid of anything — dying or anything — because if I die, I go to Heaven to see the Lord."

Amanda Murphy, a junior biology major with neutral war views, sees the

U.S. strikes 'target of opportunity' in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces launched a military strike against a "target of opportunity" near Baghdad after U.S. intelligence detected the possibility Iraqi leaders were in the area, a senior government official said Wednesday night.

"The opening stages of the disarmament of the Iraqi regime have begun," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer told reporters.

Bush planned to address the nation at 10:15 p.m. EST, little more than two hours after the deadline the president set for Saddam Hussein to flee his nation or face war.

Fleischer spoke as anti-aircraft fire and explosions were heard across Baghdad after air raid sirens went off at the capital at dawn.

The U.S. official declined to identify the leaders who were targeted or to say whether the attack was successful.

However, a second official said the plan for targeting Iraqi leadership included using F-117 stealth bombers and a handful of cruise missiles.

Fleischer did not elaborate on his statement, but U.S. officials said it

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Not your average (GI) Joes

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

They look just like normal students.

When passing by a cadet from Eastern's ROTC program, the cadet gives no tip-off or inclination suggesting he or she isn't a typical Joe or Jane.

But in their free time, the cadets train for future jobs in a United States military force that will be tested in the coming weeks and months.

"My academic major is very important to me," Joseph Rusey, a senior industrial tech major, said. "My job (when I get out of college) is to be an army officer, so I focus more on (ROTC) and on my military science minor."

Saddam Hussein and his sons did not go into exile at 7 p.m. or after the 20-minute extension President George W. Bush gave them. As a result, Bush and his advisers have decided to take military action.

Although the cadets were supportive of Bush's decision, Ryan Purdey, a senior psychology major, would have preferred not going to war.

"I'm not going to take a 'We must go to war' stance, I'd opt that Saddam exiles, but if we have to go in, we have to do it," Purdey, an ROTC public relations manager, said. "Everyone (in ROTC) has their own opinion. There is no specific majority."

Bush gave Hussein and his sons a 48-hour ultimatum to exile or face military action in a speech broadcast worldwide Monday night.

Supporters said the speech was necessarily straight-forward, while critics said he sounded like a cowboy and was overly brash.

"Bush has had to deal with two different things (with his speeches): the language of diplomacy and the language of action," said Douglas Bible, a history graduate student and ROTC cadet battalion sergeant major. "The time for diplomacy is over, and we're looking at war so Bush couldn't use the same diplomatic language he had in the past."

"I thought his speech was very forthright. He had to use the language of action, so he's talking about bullets flying and people dying," Bible said.

Jason Ward, a senior sociology major and the ROTC operational officer in charge of training coordination, said Hussein's procrastination was a behavioral trend that was allowed to continue far too long.

"Twelve years, 17 UN resolutions — how long do you wait?" Ward said while sitting on a desk in a Klehm Hall classroom with his fellow cadets. "People ask that we wait a little longer, but it has been more than a decade."

Bible said he knew the United States and Iraq would go to war years ago.

"I thought there would be a war when the UN passed resolution 1441, which pretty much said Iraq would disarm or there would be war," said Bible, 27, who had been previously activated in the military. "Personally, I didn't believe Saddam

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IBHE's deadline draws nearer for budget cuts

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Twenty-two hours and counting.

From the time they left the higher education meeting, Eastern administrators had less than a day to find university areas that can survive with less money.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education met in Springfield Wednesday with mostly legislative liaisons, university vice presidents and the Bureau of the Budget to hear questions on Fiscal Year '04 budget reductions.

"We've got until the close of business," said Jeff Cooley, vice president of academic affairs. The IBHE expects cost cut reports from university executives by late afternoon Thursday.

The state has already announced cuts of 10 percent for administration costs and permanent improvement projects. Areas of grants and contracts will feel 5 percent losses and operative cost 8 percent.

Eastern has no definite ideas of what will receive fewer funds, Cooley said.

"We'll certainly look at all areas

of university budget," he said.

The first cuts can initially come from deferred maintenance, projects not already started and travel fees not committed.

"That's easy pickings," he said.

It all depends on Gov. Rod Blagojevich's budget address in April.

Cooley said that is the reason for the 22-hour time limit.

The state realizes the situation universities are in, one expressed through frustration by all university representatives, he said.

"There was a high degree of

frustration for the timing of this," he said. "They're receptive, they're listening, but they're also under the time constraint to get this pulled together," for the budget address.

The universities also realize the plight of the state and are willing to work with the Bureau of the Budget, Cooley said.

The budget cuts are still unsure for this fiscal year ending in June.

Early this month, the government asked public universities to set aside 8 percent of this year's operating budget.

The 8 percent reserve would

total about \$113 million across higher education schools and agencies.

Interim President Lou Hencken has called a meeting with executive committees of major university councils for Thursday.

The Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government, Civil Service Council and chair of the Council on University Planning and Budget will be present.

The meeting will discuss "the latest happenings with the budget," said Judy Gorrell, executive secretary to the president.

TONIGHT'S BEST BETS

Jazz combo features throwback music

By Matthew Kent
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Latin music, bebop and even a little funk music will be offered to those who attend a jazz combo concert performed by student musicians.

Three of Eastern's jazz combos will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Tarble Arts Center.

Simon Rowe, noted pianist and instructor of music, will direct two of the group's combos while graduate assistant Scott Hargis directs the other.

"It will be quite a mixture of music," Rowe said.

Instruments used in a jazz combo include bass, piano and drums in the rhythm section while the trumpet and saxophone are included in the front-line sections.

"There are usually about six to eight students in each combo ranging from freshman to graduate student levels," Rowe said.

Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea and Miles Davis are a few of the composers to be featured. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

"It's beautiful outside and the Tarble Arts Center is a nice venue, so I expect a nice spring crowd," Rowe said.

Other jazz events include Jazz Lab Band playing host to St. Louis saxophonist Willie Akins and his quartet as part of another 'Jazz and Java' series, April 17 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Jazz combos will perform small group jazz at Friends and Company on April 29.

How to stay high-tech

◆ Eastern alumnus presents lecture on trends in information sciences

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

John Ziebarth, Los Alamos National Scientific Laboratory administrator and Eastern alumnus, will present a lecture Thursday addressing the recent trends in information sciences.

"The lecture will cover computing and information technology as it relates to science and education," Ziebarth said.

Ziebarth said he will talk about some of his experiences with information technology in schools and share some of his experiences with computing at NASA.

Ziebarth, who received a bachelor's degree in physics and math, a master's degree in math at Eastern and a doctorate in aerospace engineering from Mississippi State University, is involved in Los Alamos' supercomputing operations.

Until recently, he was an administrator at NASA's

Advanced Supercomputing division.

During his 25-year career, Ziebarth has done research in computational fluid dynamics in industry and with research institutes and has taught undergraduate and graduate computer science, engineering and mathematics courses.

Ziebarth said he also worked for five years at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Ziebarth said he has spoken at a number of other universities and colleges on different parts of information sciences.

The presentation is sponsored by the Center for Academic Technology Support, the mathematics and computer sciences departments and Information Technology Services.

Ziebarth's lecture will be preceded by a reception at 2 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Mark Kiel, a doctor and counselor and Beth Cavallero, a nutrition education coordinator and FCS grad student talk to students about food, body image and healthy living, Wednesday night in the Effingham room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Beating a body image battle

By Megan O'Farrell
STAFF WRITER

Many people throughout their lives experience peaks and valleys with their eating habits. A workshop given Wednesday titled "Food, Body Image and Healthy Living: A Psychological Perspective," gave students an insight into lifestyle changes that could help them in their every day lives.

Many people place faith in fad diets, although 90 percent of the diets fail and 50 percent of participants gain more weight than they started with.

Mark Kiel, a counselor at the Counseling Center, said people must not put all their faith into

these diets, but must use integrating methods in order to achieve their ultimate goal.

Students must use integrating methods to help accomplish lifestyles instead of using other ways that may work fast but have a shorter shelf-life, Kiel said.

By using this method, many people can still reward themselves and treat themselves by using certain amounts of food in quantities that are beneficial, not harmful.

Beth Cavallero, a nutrition education coordinator for Health Services, said people should follow the food pyramid and concentrate on food grains, vegetables and fruit, which will help

with their lifestyle change.

"There shouldn't be a list of bad or good foods in your life because you're setting yourself up," she said.

With society's pressures upon both women and men, lifestyle changes can be hard. However, Kiel said, "If your process is getting to where you want to be, throw the scale out and concentrate on the process."

Students should take a look at their relationship with food and see which aspects are positive and which are negative, and focus on the things that can be improved. Focusing on balancing certain aspects of life will help other things balance in the end Cavallero said.

Professor's cancer research receives widespread attention

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

An Eastern professor's research on breast cancer prevention and cure has gained international attention.

Mathematics professor S.K. Dey will discuss his research in a presentation titled, "Computer Simulation of the Anatomy of Breast Cancer."

Admission is free for the presentation, which will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Conference Room 4440, of Booth Library.

"It is a deadly disease. One of eight women have breast cancer in the U.S.," Dey said. "In general, it is very invasive. It's a silent killer."

Dey's research has taken him around the world as he confers with doctors and fellow scientists. Monetary support through grants, including \$175,458 from NASA in the past year-and-a-half, allows him to continue this work in his fight against cancer.

"Our objective is how this particular disease strikes the body, how the body reacts and how this response from the body could be

made much stronger and very efficient," Dey said. "What we did is set up a system of equations. These equations show or reveal how the defense mechanism of the body fights cancer and under what conditions cancer can be eliminated."

"And the second part we wanted to see if cancer still persisted, what kinds of medications, what kinds of immunotherapy, radiation therapy and chemotherapy could be conducted to keep cancer contained even if cancer has spread as well."

Women should worry about stress, estrogen levels and diet, Dey continued.

"If you could take care of these problems, that strengthens your immune system," he said. "Women should practice stress management, eat good, healthy, food, get screened for estrogen levels, exercise and sleep well and the body will develop a natural immunotherapy."

Genetics also plays a role.

"Women with the (Breast Cancer) 1 gene, a mutated gene with abnormalities, are high risk people," Dey said. "High risk peo-

ple should be screened by a doctor regularly."

Dey has developed a mathematical model to look into the cure and prevention of breast cancer, including analysis of how the disease grows, metastasizes and, most importantly, how it could be destroyed or contained.

"Through these mathematical equations, we can see these effects. We don't have to talk about them, we can see them. In the presentation we will see cancer cells in motion," Dey said.

"When you do this model and move backward — you come in and try to find out — what a woman should do, then you look into how stress could affect the body, how estrogen levels can affect the body and how diet can affect the body."

His presentation will feature a computer solution simulating medical imaging of the disease in progress and recession. In a three-dimensional configuration, motions of cancer cells, lymphocytes and dispersions of chemicals and radiation to destroy cancer cells will be shown.

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Local law officers prepare for possible terrorist aggression

◆ *Statwide program uses lectures and video to educate enforcement*

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

In preparation for the possibility of terrorist attacks, local law enforcement officers are taking part in an extensive training program.

Denny Stewart, director of the East-Central Illinois Law Enforcement Training Team, said the training is a statewide education program in response to the raised terror levels.

"We are working under the premise that with high terror alerts we need to give police officers some guidelines on what to look for," Stewart said.

The upcoming training program will teach officers warning signs of potential suspects and how to react to such situations.

"It will give officers tips on how to talk to people and understand who they are, where they've been and where they are going," Stewart said.

Officers will know how to review passports, other identification documents and other forms of paperwork foreigners should have in the United States.

"If officers are to, say, pull over a carload of Middle-Eastern men who speak poor English, we want to train them to talk to the people," Stewart said. "We want to teach officers how to talk to people about where they have been and where they are going to make sure the stories piece together."

Stewart said one worry about the program is a fear of being insensitive to different ethnic groups.

"We do not want to pass judgment or offend anyone," Stewart said.

The objective is to educate officers on Islamic culture and to create a better understanding of the religion and values.

In addition to the lecture informing officers of necessary background information, the program

features a video session.

"We will review videotapes of vehicle stops and other instances where questionable people were encountered," Stewart said.

The tapes display the proper technique for managing a potentially dangerous situation.

"The lecture and videotapes will give officers a practical overview of what to do," Stewart said.

This portion of the program is an eight-hour class, repeated three times locally to give all officers an opportunity to attend.

"Attendance is voluntary for this program that all of 16 state districts have pooled together ideas and resources for," Stewart said.

Charleston's terrorism training program is one of more than 50 classes being offered statewide.

The program is not mandatory, but it is offered enough for anyone interested to have an opportunity.

"Any police officer is eligible, but it is mainly focused on patrol officers because they are the first to encounter suspicious individuals," he said.

The videotape program will take place April 30, June 16 and June 18.

"We have already done other training programs," Stewart said.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, officer supervisors have been trained with information about chemical and biological weapons.

"They were educated on how to deal with things like anthrax and dirty bombs," Stewart said.

Proper courses of action to deal with emergencies were established and have been taught often, especially since 2001. These courses were a part of the "Critical Incident Response" program.

This program contained lectures and field response programs. A model miniature city is built and officers are taught where to position and how to approach any critical problems.

"Officers know how to react to emergencies, whether it is a fire, bomb or plane crash and whether or not it is a terrorist attack," Stewart said. "Training teaches them how to take charge of a scene."

Discussion group battles feminist assumptions and stereotypes

By Tara Dunham
STAFF WRITER

"What's the deal with shaving our legs?" asked Lynnea Magnuson, a history professor who led a group discussion on feminism Wednesday night.

The topic of the discussion was "What is Feminism?" In a small room of about 20 independent feminist women and one man, the question was not fully answered.

It is assumed by some that being a feminist means women don't shave their legs, don't wear make-up, and definitely don't wear "feminine" clothes, Magnuson said.

Chuckles were heard around the room as those assumptions were read and Magnuson, along with other women in the room, came up with a few ways to define feminism.

nism.

Ummeh Al-Wazedi, a graduate student in the English department, said feminism is "How I look at things — different from the way a man looks at things."

Magnuson said, "It's not about thinking we're better; we want to be equal. It's advocacy for women."

The audience was asked to think of the ideal model of a woman. Magnuson asked what audience members would think of — the mom on "Leave it to Beaver."

This was an example brought up of a time when "women were of the home and men were of the world," Magnuson said.

Kathy Armstrong, a Charleston resident, thinks of a woman who can do anything as being the ideal woman. She said she thinks of

women who have husbands and kids and also careers as well.

Everyone can express their feminism and what it means to them. There's a local group in Champaign called the Women's Direct Action Collective. Magnuson said WDAC is "the most dedicated group of women to their cause." She said people can always get involved.

Magnuson talked about where the theory of feminists being "man-haters" came from. The idea is simply a stereotype.

The feminine movement is trying to get feminism where more people can relate to it. It is trying to be more regional, cultural, and racial.

"It's not just for women. Men can be feminists too," Magnuson said.

Artist presents youth to audience

By Christopher Hightower
STAFF WRITER

For many artists, success is something that takes a while to achieve, but for Scott Anderson it did not take as long.

The 29-year-old Anderson was a visitor to Eastern's Art Department Wednesday and gave a lecture to about 75 people at the Tarble Arts Center.

Anderson, a graduate of Kansas State University and the University of Illinois, gave a short overview of his experiences and showcased some of his work. He graduated from Kansas State in 1996 after five years of under-

graduate studies. After taking one year off, he moved on to the University of Illinois where he produced most of the work viewed by the audience.

Anderson touched on some of his early influences which include Dali, Bosch, Tanguy and Rauschenberg. Other influences were his father, an architect, who helped feed his love for landscape style paintings.

"Many of the paintings feature sci-fi style landscapes and weird cityscapes," Anderson said.

He said he is an abstract and surrealist painter, and does not use political views to influence his art.

Patrick Monahan, an freshman undeclared major, said the lecture would be interesting and was pleased with it.

"I am glad I came. It was pretty neat to see some of his work," Monahan said.

Christine Keniley, a freshman theater major, summed up the audiences feelings.

"I did not know what to expect, but hearing about his early success and how he uses his imagination in his work was very cool."

The lecture was put on by the Illinois Art Council in conjunction with Eastern's Art Department and Tarble Members Funds.

RHA to discuss housing prices

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association will hear a presentation from Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, on increases in room and board prices for fall, which will bring the RHA up to speed on what the Bond Revenue Committee has been discussing in its meetings over the past month.

The RHA and the Student Senate each appoint three students to the Bond Revenue Committee to analyze the figures and decide on a reasonable increase.

Hudson presented the Student Senate with the same topic Wednesday night, which included a proposal for next year's rates.

Hudson said that the rates will be finalized in May or

June.


The RHA will also take nominations for executive board positions.

"All of the positions are open, president, vice president, vice president of finance, and the vice president of diversity and programming. The election will be next week," said RHA president Stina Heldmann.

The RHA will meet at 5 p.m. in Ford Hall.

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EDITORIAL

Manifesto needs publicity

When a proposal isn't getting acknowledged, it needs to be further developed and exposed to others.

In the case of a Manifesto created by a group of students all members of Black Greek Organizations, initially as a class project, more student support and publicity needs to be drummed up to get the document acknowledged and then passed by the Student Government.

The purpose of the document, which states the need of proactive support in the surrounding community and on campus, is that would it add to the African-American heritage the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union currently lacks.

While it was encouraging that a group of students created a Manifesto and brought it to Student Government as a proposal last spring, the authors need to publicize the project more and seek out more support for the document if they really expect it to be acknowledged.

Co-writer Steven Blackmon identified one of the biggest problems. "We don't get the proper publicity that is needed to let people know that there is something out there that is for us," he said.

Without properly publicizing the Manifesto, the authors of the document can't expect Student Government to pass the proposal simply because a cause lies behind it.

With anything else, it takes work to garner support and to bring attention to a matter. The authors in this instance have an admirable idea, but they need to do more.

Promoting the Manifesto on campus with a signature campaign or the like will further help attach student support for the document.

It is uplifting to see students willing to create a document that would shed more light on the amount of African-American activities and functions on campus.

Although the population of minority students at Eastern comprises about 10 percent of the university, a document such as the one proposed would give a boost to the minority community with the additional exposure it would provide in the union.

Designing ways to combat the lack of publicity should be the focus of the writers right now.

The Manifesto can't be passed if no one is informed about it.

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

OPINION

Protesters, stay the course



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

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Some opinions about the war floating around are simply ludicrous.

Among the absurd rises a notion that protesting war is unpatriotic. Critics of the protesters claim the practice shows disrespect to troops overseas.

They'll cry out, complain and call for a stop to such "anti-American sentiment."

Someone should burn whatever flag this group carries and set these strayed people straight.

Roy Lanham, a protest leader and campus minister at the Newman Catholic Center, said he and fellow protesters have only the utmost respect for the troops abroad.

In fact, Lanham said protesting is a means to justify an end to the war and to show the troops how much they care.

"I'm not protesting the men and women following orders," Lanham said. "I have the utmost respect for them. We're doing this because we care so deeply about our men in arms. We say no war — not in our name."

Lanham said the similarities between King George II's current war and his father's frolic in 1991 number too high to count. But Lanham predicts a key difference this time around.

This time, they'll keep protesting.

Lanham said he had more than 200 protesters on board leading up to Operation Desert Storm. When

"So keep pushing the protest envelope — go ahead, mess with Texas."

the conflict began the numbers dwindled to less than 30.

"The unfortunate reality is that people are afraid that protesting doesn't support the troops," Lanham said. "But that just doesn't make sense to me."

Although he has an anti-war bias, Lanham could walk side-by-side with many passionate pro-war activists in patriotism.

Many pro-war activists take a pro-protest stance, hopefully they'll become more of the rule and not the exception.

Douglas Bible, a history major and ROTC cadet said he isn't necessarily pro-war, but thinks the diplomatic stage of the Iraqi debate ended.

"People have the right to protest," Bible said. "That's why we have a military, to fight to protect that right. But I just find it interesting that you could boil it down to them supporting someone who is up there at the level with some of the really bad people from the 20th century."

Fellow cadet and senior psychology major Ryan Purdy won't join protesters and questions their

credibility and education about the issues involved.

"I think it is right for people to voice their opinions," Purdy said. "But I want to know how many of them out there didn't vote. I think protesting is OK and I believe their rights are there, but they should do their part."

But democracy isn't a merit-based system. While many have shed life and limb to protect democracy, that doesn't mean people don't have the right to take it for granted. Democracy exists as divine rights, which in part is why America works to settle conflicts in places where democracy plays far less than divine.

Protesters don't go through a civic duty checklist to be OK'd for their right to assemble and petition.

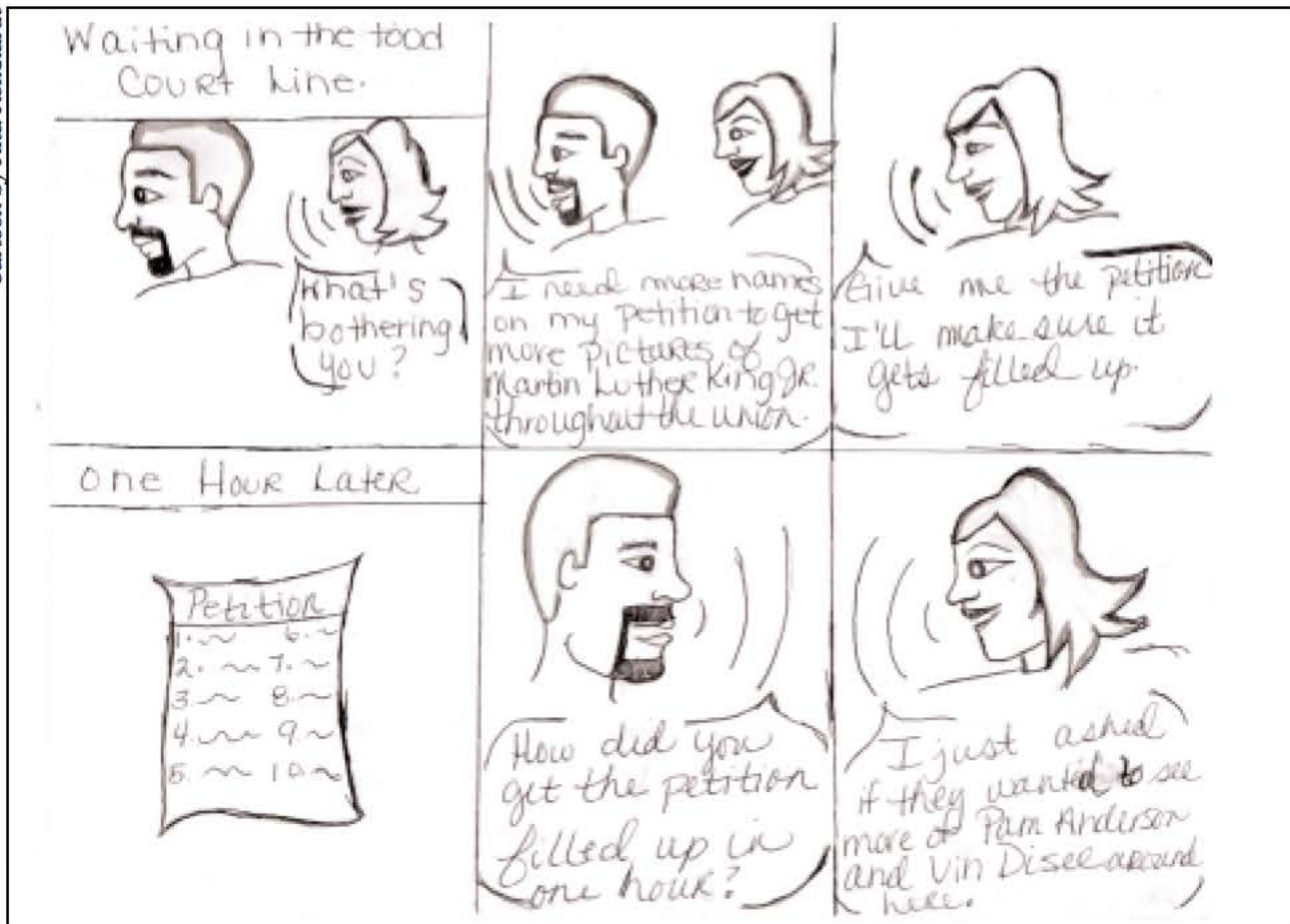
I'm staunchly pro-war, but why fight for another country's freedom if we didn't have those rights first? Our inalienable rights include the right to petition, even at times of war.

We don't shed these rights at the brink of war and in times when popular sentiment says don't exercise your rights. If that happened, slavery would exist and only white property owners would have the right to vote.

So keep pushing the protest envelope — go ahead, mess with Texas. Don't get discouraged by unpatriotic nay-sayers.

Keep on protesting — few things more patriotic exist.

Cartoon by Rita Reinhardt



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter tossed Bible verses around

Eric Zilch makes interesting points in his letter published in the Feb. 28 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. Mertz sure isn't Jesus. And those who strongly oppose the death penalty should also be quick to go visit Mertz and tell him about eternal life through Jesus as Zilch suggests. Otherwise if all you do is protest and don't do anything from there, have you really done anything for Mertz?

However Mr. Zilch is in error when he begins throwing Bible verses around to justify his position. Remember, the Bible also shows Jesus Himself says in the New Testament that "... it has been said, An

eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say to you, That you resist not evil: but whosoever shall hit you on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also... it has [also] been said, You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.

But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which use you, and persecute you... (Matt. 5:38-44).

Jesus also said "And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will

your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:25-26). Jesus also warns in Matthew 18:21-35 what happens to people who are unforgiving towards others. Read it if you do not believe me.

Jesus died and forgave all sin, even murder. Murderers will make it to Heaven if they ask God for forgiveness and accept Jesus as Lord (Even King David was a murderer in Israel, but repented.) Mertz still will reap the evil he has sown,

but forgiveness from God is never far away...for if he asks God for forgiveness of sins, God will accept his apology ... "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9).

Are we therefore any greater than God not to forgive Mertz? I think not.

Pete Grant
 Graduate student
 Technology major

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Tarble Art Center to attract poetic rhymes

By Holly Myers
STAFF WRITER

"At night's ledge, the mind frays. The body, heavy climber, that sudden twitch. Slipping, slipping- darkness, a rotten branch."

The excerpt from the poem, "Falling To Sleep," is just one of the many Bruce Guernsey, a professor at Eastern, wrote in his 35 years of writing verse.

Guernsey retires from teaching in May. Guernsey will read a collection of his poetry as part of the visitors writing program at 4 p.m. Thursday in Tarble Art Center.

Because of his retirement, the visitors writing program board decided this would be a good time for Guernsey to share some of his work.

"Guernsey is a very good

writer. He's a much published poet and essay writer," Martin Scott, assistant professor and a member of the Visitors Writing Program, said. "It seemed like a good idea for him to do a reading not only for the faculty but for the students as well."

Guernsey moved to Charleston in 1978 from New Hampshire. He was hired at Eastern to teach creative writing courses, help develop a creative writing program and make part of the program a visiting writing series which Eastern has had for over 24 years.

The visitors writing program involves writers coming in from throughout the world to read their poetry, fiction and non-fiction to students.

He teaches American literature as well as creative writing and a couple of core courses for

*"Slipping, slipping-
darkness, a rotten
branch."*

—Bruce Guernsey

English.

"I've taught freshman English more times then you would want to take it, I assure you," he said.

Guernsey has been a full time teacher since he was 23.

"I want to go out while I'm still good," he said. "I still feel young and vigorous. That's another reason to retire- I don't want to go out with a walker."

One of his most important experiences to him personally was taking part in and teaching in a program called

Partnerships for Excellence, which is no longer on Eastern's campus, but was a minority program for children in middle school over the summer. Most were from from Chicago's South Side. He spent two weeks of every summer with 80 eighth graders helping them learn how to write poetry.

"It was difficult, it was funny, it was touching, it was a pain in the neck, it was everything combined, but it was really worth it and I learned a lot," he said. "The greatest thing about teaching is that you continue to learn."

It was the teachers he had who made him want to teach, he said. He said they meant a tremendous amount to him in his own life and he thought it was time to pass the baton.

Guernsey does not plan to quit teaching entirely. He plans to

teach a course every once in awhile.

He has published countless poems and plethora of creative essays. Guernsey plans to focus on works which reflect something about his experiences at Eastern in numerous ways.

Guernsey said the reading will last less than an hour.

"I'm sure I'll be nervous. It's much easier to read in front of people you don't know," he said.

Guernsey has published 11 books; three full length books and eight smaller books.

He received the Board of Governors Award in 1992 and the Distinguished Professor Award in 2001.

"I've been treated extremely well since I've been here as a faculty member and I'm deeply grateful," he said.

GIs:
**Cadets predict
technology will aid a
decisive, quick victory**

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would line up to those terms," Bible believes Sept. 11 increased public support for war.

"Sept. 11 changed how we view the world," he said. "Before we looked at the world as a benign place of freedom, of prosperity. But after the terrorist attacks, many people realized the world is a hostile place."

Because of Hussein's actions (or lack thereof), the United States will take military action.

"If we go to war, I believe with our advanced technology we will

*"I think we'll see a
mass surrenders by
the Iraqi military, and
if they stay and fight
they are going to die."*

—Ryan Purdey

be able to unleash a lot more firepower than in 1991," Purdey said.

Shortly after the exile deadline passed, 17 Iraqi soldiers surrendered to the U.S. military.

"I don't think we'll see a real pause between the bombs and missiles to the tanks coming in," Bible said. "I think we'll see mass surrenders by the Iraqi military, and if they stay and fight they are going to die."

"Not only is our military the best equipped and most advanced in the world, we are also the best prepared and trained."

The cadets will soon become official members of the military, but, for now, they are undeployable.

They are college students, if only by name.

Rusey takes 18 credit hours while working two jobs — one at a ceiling and wall cleaning business and the other at the Mattoon Papa John's — and his ROTC obligations.

"I stay fairly busy," Rusey said.

Purdey reads both U.S. and foreign newspapers in his free time to stay caught up on current events. He has 21 credit hours this semester.

"I try to get involved as much as I can — I'm in the national honors society for psychology, and I am very active with that," he said.

Ward said because he has a military job waiting for him when he graduates, he sees more of a need to pay attention in class than maybe other students do.

"Most the students come to school not knowing what they want to do," he said. "The people in ROTC have a strong purpose, and they know what they want to do so they have some different priorities."

"When you get out of school, you're going to be put in a leadership position and be in control of people's lives — you just can't take anyone off the street for that."

The ROTC program accepts students with at least 54 credit hours and provides education and training.

Major David John said freshmen and sophomores participate in ROTC, but are not accepted into the program until they have met

the above credit hour requirement.

"We refer to all the students as cadets, but with each year in school they sort of fall into a rank," John said. "Freshmen are like privates, sophomores are like sergeants and juniors and seniors are like the commanding officers."

The cadets are required to fulfill two years of training. They have the option to request deployment, but John said that has never happened.

After a few years of involvement in ROTC, Ward said nothing Hussein and Iraq do will surprise him.

"In the military, you don't worry about something until it happens," said Ward, who also said his fiancée could be deployed May 23, and two groomsmen were already deployed.

"You just let it roll."

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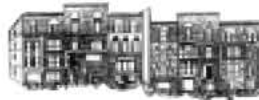
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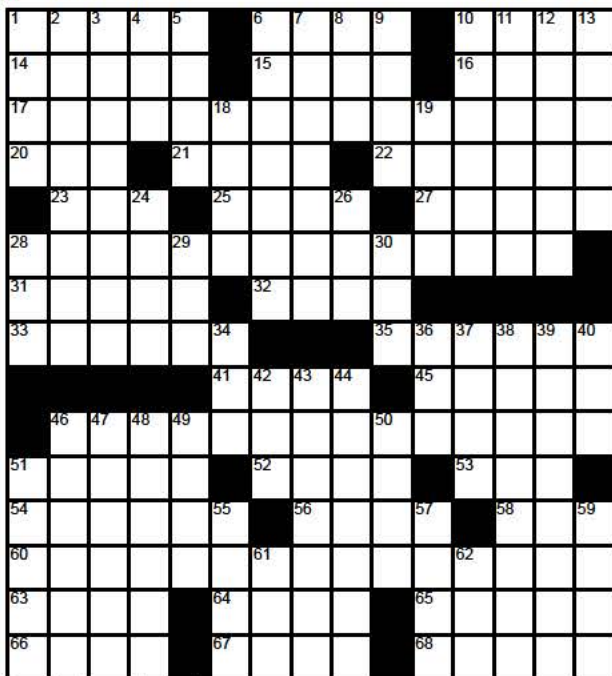
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War:
Some students fearful
for soldiers' families

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Iraqi conflict as the war she believes every generation has.

"Before this, war was only something we heard about from our parents," she said.

The war also hits home with Holley Friesz, a senior speech pathology major who has pro-war views.

"I'm old enough that the war hits home," she said. "My friends can get drafted — this isn't a war on paper anymore."

Kamide also expressed fear of the draft.

"I don't want Bush to reinstate the draft, because I have brothers," she said.

The reinstitution of the draft is a misconception Douglas Bible, a history graduate student and ROTC cadet, scoffs at.

"There's not going to be a draft, that is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard," he said. "The military is so well-trained we don't need the manpower."

"I don't see the draft being reinstituted for anything short of a full-scale World War III."

Kamide said she would hold pro-war beliefs if a draft was not instituted.

"Just as long as we win and it's short, it's OK."

—Chrissy Kamide

"Just as long as we win and it's short, it's OK," Kamide said. "But if lots of people are dying — I just think Bush is trying to avenge what his father did."

Spray disagrees with the theory Bush is only trying to finish his father's job.

"This isn't a rebuttal, but rather a sequel and we will end it here," said Spray, who was wearing red, white and blue sandals to display her patriotism.

Students mainly expressed fears, not of potential nuclear attacks, but for the families of lost soldiers.

"I mostly feel scared for the families of the troops," Devany said. "I feel for them and it has to be hard not knowing what is going to happen."

In the end, any military action the United States takes, whether it be large or small in scale, there will be critics.

"You can't please everyone all the time," Spray said. "I think the United States had to do what is right for the greatest number of people."

Strikes:
Bush makes his case to
Congress for Iraq attack

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signaled the beginning of military action against Iraq.

The statement came at the end of an anxious day of waiting at the White House.

Bush scrutinized final battle plans and told Congress why he was poised to launch the largest pre-emptive attack in U.S. history.

"The disarmament of the Iraqi regime will begin at a time of the president's choosing," said his press secretary, Ari Fleischer, moments after the deadline passed. "The American people are ready for the disarmament of Saddam Hussein. They understand what's at stake. The military is ready, the nation is ready and the cause is just."

After meeting yet again with Pentagon officials, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Bush had just finished dinner Wednesday night and was in the living room of the White House residence with first lady Laura Bush when his chief of staff, Andrew Card, called. Card informed the president hat intelligence

officials had no information that Saddam had left Iraq.

Earlier, Fleischer spoke of somber realities of war.

"Americans ought to be prepared for loss of life," he said.

Extra security enveloped the executive mansion while aides inside whispered rumors of Iraqi defections and surrenders.

One official rushed past the Oval Office at lunchtime, glanced at his watch and grimaced. Eight more hours, he said.

The president began his day with the usual briefing from FBI Director Robert Mueller and CIA Director George Tenet. He also met throughout the day with his war council, including Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

They reviewed the final details for war in Iraq, aides said, poring over weather forecasts and troop positions.

Bush also discussed battle plans by telephone with Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has sent 40,000 British troops to the Persian Gulf.

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BASKETBALL

Austin Peay takes on Louisville in opener

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Let the madness begin.

The NCAA Tournament starts for the Ohio Valley Conference Champion Friday as the No. 12 seed Austin Peay Governors (23-7) look to upset the No. 4 seed Louisville Cardinals (24-6) at Birmingham, Ala., in first round East Regional action.

Austin Peay is making its first tournament appearance since 1987, but returning to the scene where the 14th-seeded Governors knocked off No. 3 seed Illinois and went on to lose to Rick Pitino's Providence Flyers Final Four team 90-87 in overtime.

Sixteen years later, Pitino is now the Cardinals coach after being away from college basketball as head coach of the NBA's Boston Celtics. However, the last time Pitino was involved in the tournament was 1997 when his Kentucky Wildcats cut down the nets in New Jersey.

Pitino is also the fourth coach in NCAA history to lead four different schools to the big dance and has won eight consecutive first round games.

"It's my favorite time of year," Pitino said in the press conference. "It's as much fun as there is in sports - not only concentrating on your game, but watching some of the other things that go on."

Austin Peay became the cardiac kids of the OVC Tournament by winning all three games by six points or less after capturing the top seed after winning the regular season title.

The Governors were picked to finish fifth in the OVC preseason poll, but had an excellent start and finish to their campaign this season.

Austin Peay began its season with an 81-80 upset of the NCAA Tournament qualifier Memphis Tigers and ended the season winning 15 of its last 16 games. A come-from-behind 80-76 loss to Eastern is the only blemish on the Governors resume since mid-

January.

The Cardinals season would look like a tidal wave on a graph. Louisville was ranked as the number two in the country in the AP nearly a month ago after 17 straight wins, but the bottom dropped out on the Cardinals with four straight losses during a stretch where starting center Marvin Stone (10.6 points per game) was deemed ineligible after investigators looked into a relationship the Kentucky transfer had with a AAU coach. However, Pitino rallied his troops and won the Conference USA Tournament on its home floor at Freedom Hall.

This matchup will be a contrast of styles because the OVC-champ will attempt to bore television viewers and play a half-court game against a Louisville team that will look to push the ball.

The Governors will rely on a defense that has kept opponents under 64 points in eight of its last 10 games and the shooting of its pair of leading scorers - forward Adrian Henning (15.4 ppg) and guard Anthony Davis (14.0 ppg). The problem is Governors are at a major size disadvantage with their tallest player being 6-foot-6.

"It's never been offense that made this team stand out," Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos said. "It's been our defense."

Louisville began playing the same brand of basketball it accomplished a month ago when Stone and the starting center will allow the Cardinals to dominate in the post and beyond the arc with leading scorer - point guard Rece Gaines (18.4 ppg).

Since Gaines moved from shooting to point guard, he's been crucial to Louisville being able to run the fast break and dumping the ball inside.

"I'm just excited to play in the tournament," Gaines said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity."

The winner of this contest will take on the victorious Mississippi State-Butler game Sunday.

FOOTBALL

Interviews continue for coaching vacancies

By Matt Meinheit
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo is closing in on filling another coaching vacancy for the 2003 season.

Spoo has interviewed two candidates to replace departed defensive secondary coach Edmund Jones, and said he will probably not interview anyone else for the position.

Spoo would not release any names of the candidates he has interviewed, but did say he hopes to have a decision made sometime Thursday.

"Until contracts are signed, I'm not supposed to divulge any names; it's just the way it is," Spoo said.

Eastern's secondary was a problem area for the Panthers in 2002. The Panthers were ranked 111th in the nation among Division I-AA schools this past season in pass efficiency defense, allowing a pass efficiency rating of 141.98. Eastern also allowed 414 yards of offense a game (107th in the nation) and 32.9 points per game (109th in the nation).

The Panthers' secondary struggled with several injuries forcing younger players onto the field.

Junior All-American strong safety Fred Miller led a group consisting of two seniors, cornerbacks Obinno Coley and Roosevelt Williams, sophomore corner-

"Until contracts are signed, I'm not supposed to divulge any names; it's just the way it is."

—Bob Spoo

back Nick Allison, red-shirt freshman strong safety Chad Cleveland and freshman defensive back George Love.

This past season was the second year at Eastern for Jones. His was responsible for recruiting in the St. Louis area and in Chicago's inner city schools and served as the staff's contact with professional scouts.

Before coaching at Eastern, Jones was a defensive coordinator in the Arena Football League with the Toronto Phantoms during the summer of 2001 after filling the same position for the New England Sea Wolves in 2000. In 1998 Jones was an assistant coach at Western Illinois, American International College (1999) and Central State, Ohio (1994).

Jones is originally from St. Louis and served as interim head coach at East St. Louis Senior High School in 1995 and assisted with the St. Louis Stampede, also of the Arena League, in 1995 and 1996.

Seidlitz:

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I understand he has apologized since making the comments and backed off his comments, but how can any knowledgeable American make comments such as these.

A dark cloud surrounds athletics when

players who are not high profile get the platform to speak their mind even though most people don't want to hear it.

These athletes tend to bring other controversy onto themselves with comments like these.

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BASEBALL

Rain does in home opener

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's home baseball opener for Eastern against Indiana State was postponed due to rain. Junior pitcher Jared Marshall said he thinks every game is important right now. "Everyone would rather play than practice. We just need to get some games under our belt so we are ready when conference games come around," Marshall said. Sophomore outfielder Eugene Oliver said getting those games in is important because the players are preparing their games and the only way to fully prepare is to play in the games. "Our opening goal is to win conference and to win the tournament," Oliver said. "Everything

counts whether you are winning 14-2 or losing 14-2." Head coach Jim Schmitz said of all the calls the coaches made and with the radar it just seemed like the teams could not play the game. "At 1 p.m. when the clouds started going the other way, I was really disappointed that we couldn't get this game back in, and after yesterday when we did so poorly we wanted to get out there and play," Schmitz said. Schmitz said they were able to reschedule the game for Wednesday. "We were looking forward to playing our home opener but we got a good practice in anyway," junior infielder Chris Uhle said. Eastern (4-9) will make up the game Wednesday at 2 p.m.

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Head coach Jim Schmitz said last year Eastern really struggled with having only one guy to end the game with. This year it feels really good about having Stone. "I think it just says a lot about him, and that part of the rotation is very important in the play, it is nice to give the ball to Stone late in the game,"

Home:
Panthers hope to improve offensive production against Sycamores
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Sycamores. Eastern has failed to score more than three runs in its past 10 games leaving little room for error from its pitchers and fielders. "I still think we can hit so much better," Searle said. "We will go after it Thursday with our bats a little more. The bottom line is being more consistent." The Panthers are hitting just .209 in their 17 games this season compared to their opponents'

Schmitz said. Schmitz said it is really excited to have him on the team. Stone realizes the pressure that's on him when he closes a game but said it's what pushes him to be better. "Being a closer there is a lot of pressure in that position, but it is a spot that needs to be filled and my whole team is counting on me at that point," Stone said. "That is my drive for success, in not letting my team down."

.287. Eastern is led by freshman outfielder Cassandra North with a .317 average. North is also the only Panther who has hit a home run this season. The next closest is senior lead off hitter Carrie Ninness with a .264 average. Searle thinks the team is close to breaking its slump and just needs to get some more games under its belt. "Even though we have had some very good performances by our pitchers, we now have to put it all together," Searle said. "It takes games and we just have to turn that corner." Searle said she hopes the team will be motivated by making its home debut. "We are starting our homestand, and we really want a good showing for our fans," Searle said. "That will be our surge."

TENNIS

Tennis teams open conference play

By Dallas McKenzie
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's tennis teams are on the road this weekend to match up with Ohio Valley Conference foes Tennessee-Martin Saturday and Austin Peay Sunday afternoon in Clarksville, Tenn. The women's team hold an impressive record of 6-2 and is looking to strike again this weekend in conference play. The men's squad just returned from its spring break trip to future OVC member Samford and hopes to have a good start in conference play this weekend away from home. Both the men's and women's teams will open their conference schedule during this road trip. The women's squad has played well and plan to improve its record this weekend. Eastern Kentucky's 2-0 conference record places pressure on the women's team to record some OVC victories. The men adapted well to the long trip they took over spring break and are ready to go to Tennessee Saturday. The stakes are high at Tennessee-Martin Saturday. Both teams have developed a tense rivalry with each other, and both are coming off victories. Even though it is early in the conference season, Eastern head coach Brian Holzgrafe believes this weekend sets the tone for the rest of the year. The Saturday match against the Skyhawks is a big match for both the men and women. "We have played some competitive matches so far, and have come away with some big wins," Holzgrafe said. "We are playing great, but the season rides on this weekend." The women are putting together a

brilliant season and know they could be a top contender in the OVC this season. They have a great opportunity to gain some big wins this weekend and walk away holding the No. 1 spot in the conference. "The girls have an amazing year going, and they have to respect that every time they play," Holzgrafe said. Eastern's men have come up with some big upsets already this year and have had some huge chances throughout the season. This weekend could be a big stepping stone for the rest of the season. "The guys have played in spurts all year," Holzgrafe said. "What we need this weekend is for them to find their competitive selves, and play the best tennis they can." The women not only have to make their mark this weekend in the conference, but they need to gain some wins so they can take the momentum into the meeting they have with Butler March 25. Holzgrafe is looking forward to this weekend so he can see what players are going to take their performance to the next level. With C.J. Weber leading the men, the team is looking good. Junior Brandon Blankenbaker is expected to have a great weekend as well. "Brandon (Blankenbaker) is incredible when he plays to his capability," Holzgrafe said. "I expect him to have a great weekend, and help the team walk away with some wins." The women are looking toward their star, Jana Matouskova, to lead the way. She has been playing great all year long and has helped the team earn its impressive record so far this season. Junior Amber Lenfert is coming off a knee injury, but Holzgrafe is still looking to her for some help.

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OUT OF BOUNDS



Aaron Seidlitz
STAFF WRITER

The games should go on despite war

There is a delicate balance between sports and a world dealing with a military conflict in Iraq. Sports are fun, and they are a diversion for people in trying times.

When citizens enter a situation like the United States is entering now, sporting events should not be shut down. Why should sports be different than Broadway productions or music concerts doesn't make any sense. Giving respect to the U.S. troops with a moment of silence before each game would be pertinent.

Though these moments, sporting events have a tendency to become to syrupy in these times.

Over the past two days, both the NCAA and Major League Baseball executives tussled over the idea of whether their games should go on.

While the two organizations made two different decisions, both groups made the right decision.

The NCAA decided to go on with the tournament as scheduled with no delays or cancellations. While the NCAA make the wrong decision most of the time, the governing body of college athletics, headed by President Myles Brand, seems to have made the correct decision this time.

Major League Baseball, on the other hand, decided to cancel its opening series. The difference here was that the Oakland Athletics and the Seattle Mariners were scheduled to open the baseball season in Japan.

In this case, the hesitancy of the players to go overseas and to take their families with them is understandable.

For once it seems both the NCAA and MLB managed to put two-and-two together and come up with the right choice. But players remain skeptical of athletes as they are now forced to answer questions about war instead of just their games.

During times of war, it seems some athlete spouts off and gives an answer to a question about conflict that seems completely off the wall.

The award for this has already been given to Washington Wizards back-up point guard Tyrone Lou. On Tuesday, a Washington reporter asked every Wizard his opinion on the situation in Iraq.

Lou answered this question by drawing a comparison from the Wizard's effort to make the playoffs to the efforts of United States troops in Iraq. He said he felt the challenge the Wizards were going to have to face were similar to what the soldiers were doing, and the Wizards were going to have to battle to get into the playoffs.

This couldn't be said any worse or at any worse of a time.

SOFTBALL

Panthers make home debut



FILE PHOTO

Senior pitcher Kristen Becker winds up against Morehead State last season at Williams Field. The Panthers make their home debut Thursday in a double-header against Indiana State.

♦ *Indiana State visits Williams Field for second meeting in two weeks*

By Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After a long Alabama road trip, the Eastern softball team will make its home debut at 2 p.m. Thursday at Williams Field in a double-header against Indiana State.

The Sycamores (4-9) come to Charleston looking to change their past two results against the Panthers (5-12). Eastern beat Indiana State during the fall and then again in the Western Kentucky Tournament last week in a 5-0 shutout.

"The last time they played us, they were out to get us because we beat them in the fall so I expect that again," senior pitcher Kristen Becker. "I think we will have to turn it up and play even harder."

Becker earned All-Tournament honors in both the Western Kentucky Tournament and Samford Invitational, but it was junior pitcher Trish Sanders that dominated the Sycamores in the last meeting.

Sanders pitched seven innings, gave up six hits, struck out seven and walked one in the shutout.

Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle hopes the previous meetings gives her team the upper hand Thursday.

"We have had an opportunity to play them a couple of times so that gives us a scouting report on them," Searle said. "That's good but they also have that on us."

Despite having solid pitching from Becker, Sanders and freshman Ashley Condon, Eastern has still struggled to win games, with many of its losses being by only one or two runs. The difficulty to produce offense has been the Panthers' main difficulty since their last win against the

WRESTLING

Dowty makes return to NCAA tournament

♦ *Eastern junior 133-pounder faces Cleveland State's Phil Manseuto in first round*

By Jason Blasco
STAFF WRITER

Junior Pat Dowty will make his second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Wrestling National Championships Thursday.

The 133-pound wrestler will face Cleveland State's Phil Manseuto at noon Thursday in Kansas City, Mo., in first round action.

Dowty's first-round pairing with Manseuto will be a rematch from last year's NCAA National Championships, where Manseuto defeated Dowty in the first round.

However, Dowty earned Eastern's only win of the NCAA tournament faring 1-2 in the 2002 tournament.

Dowty's attempt to avenge last year's

loss to Manseuto will not be easy. Manseuto's record is currently 25-6 and he owns the No. 11 seed in the tournament.

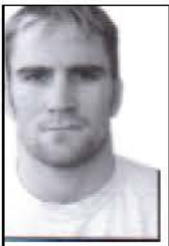
Prior to the West Regional Tournament, held in Lantz Arena March 8, Dowty lost four consecutive matches.

A final-round loss in the regional against Northern Iowa's Pat Garcia prevented him from receiving the automatic bid to the national tournament, but Dowty was selected as one of the 11 wild-card wrestlers to participate in the tournament.

If Dowty can defeat Manseuto, he could also have a chance at revenge against Garcia in round two if Garcia can get by No. 6 Cory Cooperman of Lehigh University.

Last season, Dowty and his teammate Frank DeFilippis qualified for the tournament in Albany, N.Y.

Dowty had to overcome a laundry list of injuries during the regular season, but was able to qualify for the tournament again. Dowty's extensive collection of injuries limited him this season. In 2002, Dowty had a record of 33-13, but only competed in 31 individual matches this season while compiling a 16-15 record.



Pat Dowty

BASEBALL

Rock solid

♦ *Senior pitcher Nathan Stone named OVC Pitcher of the Week*

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The Ohio Valley Conference named Eastern senior relief pitcher Nathan Stone Pitcher of the Week.

Stone was awarded the honor this week after he earned two wins for Eastern (4-9) in the Kennel Club Classic in Jacksonville, Fla., during spring break.

Stone made honorable mention all-conference honors last year, but this is his first year to receive a weekly award.

Stone closed against Central Michigan and earned his first save of the season.

In the third game against Jacksonville he came in during the ninth inning and got his second save of the year for Eastern. He held Jacksonville to a shutout in the one inning he pitched.

In the final game in the Classic against Creighton, Stone pitched 3 2/3 innings to get another win for Eastern. He equaled his career-high of 3 2/3 scoreless innings. Stone only allowed two hits and had three strikeouts.

Stone earned his fifth career save in his 67th career appearance last week. He has had a role in all four of Eastern's wins this season.

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