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Double dosage

Both Eastern basketball teams win on the road at Southeast Missouri.

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Residents will no longer feel the heat

♦ *Weller Hall to receive air conditioning units during summer*

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Weller Hall will have new wall-mounted air conditioning units after the Board of Trustees approved the purchase and contract.

The BOT approved \$947,343, which includes Gregg Triad utility replacements.

Gary Reed, interim director of Facilities Planning and Management, said Weller Hall currently has no air conditioning; Pemberton and East Halls don't either.

Weller Hall will receive air conditioning units that will mount through the wall similar to those in Ford and McKinney Halls, instead of window units, Reed said.

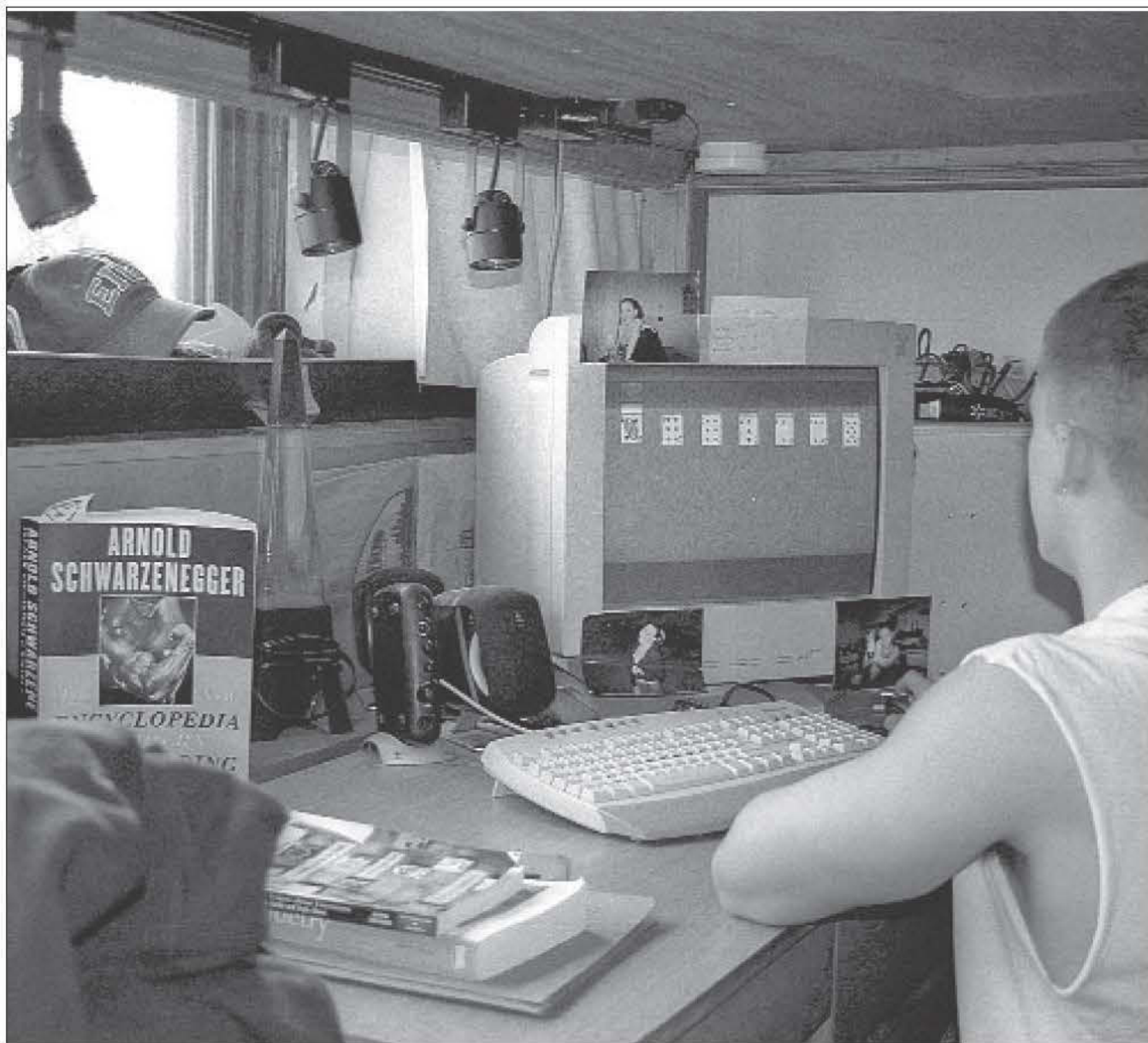
According to the purchase approval from the BOT, the \$947,343 cost includes an \$86,122 contingency and is broken down into three areas: general, \$167,000; electric, \$159,321; and heating, \$534,900.

The purchase approval also described the project: "This project is for the installation of through-the-wall air conditioning units in each residence room in Weller Hall."

In addition to the air conditioner installation, the Triad will have replacements made to its utility system.

"This project would include power distribution, upgrading the power source, replacement of building exhaust systems and modifications and additions to temperature controls for the heating system," the report said.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Robert Patrick, a sophomore athletics training major, hangs out in Weller Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

Museum to have exhibit on famous cinematographer

♦ *Coles County Historical Society receives \$500 grant for exhibit*

By David Thill
STAFF WRITER

A famous Academy Award-winning cinematographer, who was born in Charleston, will be the focus of a new exhibit at the Coles County Historical Society thanks to a \$500 grant.

The historical society was awarded \$500 for its exhibit, "Citizen Gregg: A Centenary Reflection on Gregg Toland (1904 to 1948)."

Debra Reid, a worker at the historical society, was involved in the application for the grant, as well as the Gregg Toland exhibit.

Toland was born in Charleston in 1904 and worked as cinematographer on movies such as "Citizen Kane," "Grapes of Wrath" and "Wuthering Heights."

Toland was nominated for the Academy Awards six times from 1935 until 1941. He won in 1939 for best cinematography for "Wuthering Heights."

"'Citizen Kane' is the best example of the 'deep focus' technique that Toland created," Reid said. "The technique is that of focusing in very close on an object and panning out."

The money will go to pay for the production of labels at the exhibit to convey all the work research students have been doing on the project, Reid said.

Rick Casey, executive director of the historical society, said the display will begin with a collection of Toland's family history in Coles County and continue with his birth and migration to California.

"The exhibit will also contain the influences of his work and the 55 years since his death," Casey said. "It will continue the awareness of the connection between Coles County and a cinematographer of his international renown."

The exhibit will run May through September at the Dudley House on Seventh Street in Charleston.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY DANIEL WILLIAMS
Andy Farnetti, a freshman business marketing major, plays video games Monday evening in his Thomas Hall dorm room.

Residence halls to get new furniture

♦ *The north tower of Carman and the south tower of Taylor to be refurnished*

By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

This summer the north tower of Carman and the south tower of Taylor halls will be remodeled with new carpeting, fresh paint and new stackable furniture.

The south tower of Carman Hall and the north tower of Thomas Hall, were given the same improvements last summer.

Although Taylor Hall is undergoing the same renovations as Carman Hall, Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services, said Taylor will require more work.

"Because we have to remove the built-in furniture," Hudson said, "Taylor is going to be a much bigger project."

The decision to go ahead with this project was based on last year's residence hall satisfaction survey. Hudson said the survey revealed which halls and what things the students thought needed the most improvement.

"Housing and Dining did the project based according to last year's satisfaction survey," Hudson said. "The students' preferences gave us order to which hall and what things to work on first."

Last year's residence hall satisfaction survey came back with all positive feedback. Hudson said the survey revealed 98 percent of students rated the new carpeting,

fresh painting and new furniture as excellent, and 2 percent of students showed no interest.

Kevin Leverage, residence assistant at Thomas Hall, said he agreed with the survey's results.

"I think the improvements make everything look a lot better," Leverage said. "The furniture is a little bit heavier to move around, but in the long run it will definitely be worth it."

Like the furniture put in last summer in Carman's and Thomas' south and north towers, Hudson said the new stackable furniture put in this summer will be assembled by prison inmates.

"We have a contract with the Illinois Prison Industry to do this whole project," Hudson said.

Last summer Housing and Dining Services spent approximately \$600,000 on furniture and more than \$1 million on room renovations and carpets, Hudson said. This time, Housing and Dining plans on spending about \$875,000, with \$500,000 going to Carman and the remaining balance to Taylor.

Funds for this project came from the room and board budget, Hudson said.

As far as security and care issues, Douglas Howell, student housing director of Carman South, said the Residence Hall Association is taking steps in order to keep the improvements looking new.

"Hall Council, through RHA, submitted a recommendation that Carman be a smoke-free building, and we are not allowing students to bring in outside lofts or cinder blocks," Howell said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Smash

University Police and Charleston Police officers direct traffic after a wreck between two vehicles at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Division Street Tuesday afternoon. Both vehicles were towed from the scene, but no one was hurt in the accident.

Role-playing designer visits

STAFF REPORT

Earlier this year, fans of the Star Wars Universe were given their first opportunity to interact with each other in an online role playing game called "Star Wars Galaxies," and now the lead designer of Galaxies is coming to Eastern.

Kirk Black, who has worked on other massively multi-player online role-playing games (MMORPGs), such as "Ultima Online," "Everquest" and "Dark Age of Camelot," will speak at a meeting of the Association of Technology Professionals as part of its series, "Careers in Gaming," a press release stated.

Black will speak from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Lumpkin Hall's Roberson Auditorium.

According to the press release, Black had said he would speak about topics such as "Server Architecture and Development, 3D Animations and Graphics, Marketing, Game Design" and others.

Sit back and soak up the Darwin

By Jason Butler
STAFF WRITER

"A Chat with Charles Darwin" began with a brief introduction by the Dean of Eastern's Graduate School Robert Augustine Tuesday afternoon.

John Wagner from the Field Museum of Natural History was the main speaker at the event and arrived dressed in full late-nineteenth century clothes, with a gray top hat and a black coat with tails.

"I enjoy being Charles Darwin, because I know people will have more fun with it when they don't have to do anything to learn," Wagner said.

Gary Fritz, an Eastern biological sciences professor, is one of the sponsors for Darwin Day. He said he got the idea for the celebration from the Internet.

"Many schools are doing celebrations," Fritz said. "Pretty soon it will be all over the place, when one school does it another will do it and so everyone will be cele-

"I enjoy being Charles Darwin because I know people will have more fun with it when they don't have to do anything to learn."

—John Wagner, Field Museum of Natural History representative

brating Darwin."

Darwin Day is targeted at the public at large, and is a concern for every person in the world, he said.

Wagner went through Darwin's life in about an hour, starting with his childhood spent looking for different kinds of beetles.

He then addressed the controversy about Darwin's way of thinking about evolution.

The controversy started when Darwin published his paper about natural selection in 1859.

Wagner said the religious community clashed with Darwin's natural selection ideas because they believed in creation and would not tolerate any other theories.

Darwin Days

- ◆ "Evolution: What about God?" will be featured in room 2040 of the Life Sciences building.
- ◆ This is the final movie in commemoration of Charles Darwin for Darwin Days.

Darwin Day celebrations continue Wednesday with a discussion about the conflicts Darwin's ideas bring to the table.

Speaker to delve into black male-female roles

By Cari Carlson
STAFF WRITER

The evolution of relationships between black males and females approaching popular culture will be a lecture topic Wednesday night.

Fred Hord, director of black studies at Knox College, Galesburg, will host the lecture "Understanding Black Male-Female Relationships in the Hip-Hop Generation," as part of Eastern's African American Cultural Heritage Month.

Onaiwu Ogbomo, of Eastern's African-American studies department, said he invited Hord to speak at Eastern because he considers Hord a prominent African-American scholar who will address issues relevant to on-campus students.

Hord's lecture will look at the history of relationships between black males and females and how they have been impacted by the majority society's institutions, Ogbomo said.

He will touch specifically on the past 25 years, known as the "Hip-Hop Generation," and the media's impact on relationships during that time.

Ogbomo said Hord plans to use connections with people in the hip-hop movement to support his ideas and present relevant information.

The lecture, Ogbomo said, is relevant to Eastern because many long-term relationships are formed in college and individual social interaction increases.

Dr. Hord is both the founder and current executive director of the National Association for Black Cultural Centers, the largest such association in the country. He has a doctorate in black studies and has written and edited more than five books in four different areas, ranging from African-American studies to philosophy and poetry, Ogbomo said.

Hord is also a frequent public speaker and typically visits 6-8 universities each year. He has totaled 130 lectures.

This particular event is free and open to any and all interested students. More than 100 people are expected to attend the lecture.

A question-answer forum will be open following the lecture and Hord will be around to answer any questions on any related topics.

The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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The News regrets the error.

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Safety now a parking issue

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association/Student Senate parking task force discussed the safety of students when walking from a parking lot at night.

The group consists of three representatives from senate and three representatives from RHA.

An issue the task force discussed in depth was the safety of a student parking far away from where he or she lives, especially late at night.

Howell said he understands if teachers want to be close to their buildings because of the assault on Professor William Feltt in the fall of 2002.

"I can understand the reasoning of wanting to be close to their buildings," Howell said.

RHA parking representatives Becca Finks and Margaret Bookie both said they don't usually feel threatened when walking on campus at night.

"I feel incredibly safe on campus," Finks said. "I don't think my safety has ever been compromised."

"I've never felt unsafe," Bookie said. "I don't think the safety of the campus is that big of a deal."

Bookie said other schools have a program that has a person on call all night to walk someone somewhere if they don't feel safe.

"Other schools have escort programs," she said. "That is something that Eastern doesn't have."

JC Miller, RHA parking representa-



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE
The Parking Task Force has discussed creating an escort service to people's cars.

tive, said the escort service is a good idea, but the people would have to be chosen carefully.

"An escort service would be reasonable," Miller said. "(The escorts) would have to be trustworthy individuals."

Another issue the task force discussed was the freshmen parking situation.

Kyle Donash, senate parking representative, said he thinks other schools don't allow freshmen parking.

"Find me a student that it was their sole deciding factor to go to Eastern because of freshmen parking," Donash said to the other members.

The task force discussed the possibilities of holding a survey or poll to get student input.

"Maybe we could do some kind of parking survey," said Adam Howell,

senate member and chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee. "I think that's a really good idea."

Finks said they would need to find a school that is similar to Eastern.

The task force members discussed finding another school to find new ideas on how to run the parking situation.

"If we need to go out of the state to get a school that's similar to our size, then we have to go there," Finks said.

The members brought up the idea that other schools will be able to help give Eastern useful ideas.

"You can call parking services; they're really helpful," Finks said.

The Residence Hall Association/Student Senate parking task force meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

FACULTY SENATE

University seeks four directors

◆ Senate also gets updates on Illinois Board of Higher Education happenings

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate Tuesday heard a presentation on faculty searches from Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Lord told senate members there are currently four searches for positions in the academic division. The vacant positions are: Director of Admissions, Director of Minority Affairs, Dean of the Honors College and Director of Research, Lord said.

Information from last week's Board of Trustees meeting and the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting was also given by Lord.

Lord told the senate about a new ethics law that will require state employees to record their activities in 15 minute increments.

The new law will go into effect March 4, Lord said. President Lou Hencken will create a plan to implement the new recording process before then.

"I have no idea where this is going," Lord said of the new law. "I think it's a colossally bad idea."

Lord also told the senate the recording and monitoring process might cost more than it is worth.

"How many millions and millions and millions of dollars are going to be used trying to keep track of the records," Lord said.

The law, intended to prevent state employees from lobbying or campaigning while on the clock, is flawed, according to several senate and BOT members.

Lord said if an employee is dishonest enough to participate in illegal activities, the chances they would honestly record their activities is slim.

Lord also said the law will require state employees complete ethics training.

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the discussion on changing the composition of the Council on University Planning and Budget will continue.

Carpenter said the executive committees from each group met last Friday and decided to wait until Hencken gave his opinion on reducing the size of the council.

"They want to hear it from the president first before they negotiate with us," Carpenter said of the proposed reduction in size to the council.

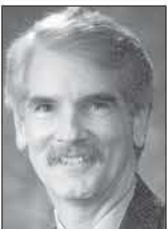
The senate also discussed its upcoming faculty forum and tentatively decided who will speak during the event Feb. 24.

A proposed system that would evaluate administrators was postponed until the senate's next meeting because one of the system's most vocal supporters, senate member Bud Fischer, was absent Tuesday.

Senate members are researching the possibility of having faculty representation on the BOT. Senate member Steve Scher supports the idea and cited the success students had getting BOT representation.

The senate resolved to communicate their interests to Hencken and the BOT.

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



Blair Lord

Senate members picked to attend conference

By Erin Pittman
STAFF WRITER

Four members of the Student Senate will attend the annual Conference on Student Government Associations held at Texas A&M Feb. 21-24.

Each year Student Senate members are given the opportunity to visit the conference and engage in leadership activities.

This year, five members applied and three were selected on a basis of potential leadership skills and most importantly what the conference would do for them, said Student Body President Caleb Judy.

Matt Kulp, chair of the Housing Committee, Adam Howell, chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee and Kyle Donash, chair of the External Relations Committee, will represent Eastern for 2004, joined by Student Senate Speaker

George Lesica.

"All the people who applied were great, but we didn't have the money to send them all," Judy said.

Attending the convention always proves beneficial to the student body, Judy said.

Attendees from the 2003 conference brought back ideas such as the homecoming T-shirts, the scholarship search database and the bucket brigades, which are programs the senate has worked on this semester and last semester.

Howell expressed his excitement in getting started on projects he has been looking forward to for a long time.

"I'm hoping to get a designated driver program started, based on a project they do there called 'Car Pool,'" he said.

Howell said a chance like this doesn't come along very often because senate members are selected to attend the con-

ference only once.

Needless to say, the selected members said they are thrilled.

"I'm actually extremely excited and happy that I was chosen to represent Eastern and bring back a lot of new ideas," Kulp said.

"I'm really grateful I was chosen," Howell said. "It's something I've wanted to do since I joined the Student Senate."

Senate members can expect a positive outcome at the conference, Judy said.

Judy, who attended last year, called the trip a good leadership experience.

"I learned a lot," he said. "You work with other schools and get to know the people you go with. It looks great on resumes."

Cosga will meet on Feb. 21-24 at Texas A&M in College Station, Texas.

An expenditure of \$3,392.50 has been approved by senate to fund the trip.

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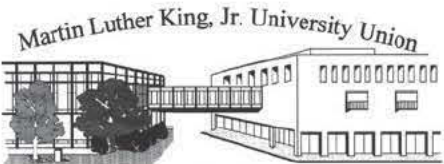
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EDITORIAL

Leadership council needs right plans

The Student Leadership Council is a group created by the Student Government with over-all good intentions to help Recognized Student Organizations and bring more diversity to campus.

The council, started by Lisa Flam, student vice president for student relations, plans to bring changes to the organizations by altering the way they are funded.

The council is recommending representatives from the RSOs attend the council's weekly meetings. Only those RSOs represented 75 percent of the time at the meetings will have a chance to be funded through the university.

Flam is leading the charge to "increase communication among RSOs so as to increase awareness about their group and their projects."

The diversity the council helps bring to this campus can do nothing but help the perception and attitude of Eastern students.

Flam said the leadership council could still function without helping fund RSOs. None of the more than 200 currently receive direct money from the university.

Flam said the council is really created to bring students together. But the group needs to keep in mind what is best for all of the students involved in RSOs.

The funds don't necessarily have to come from raising student fees or related sources, but recognized groups at other universities such as the University of Illinois do receive funding through the school.

The groups deserve at least some of that advantage at Eastern.

"I've always had a strong desire of spreading diversity around campus," Flam said. "That was one of the big things I wanted to do."

The Student Leadership Council wants to give RSOs a chance to get more for themselves, and there is an attempt to develop a way to determine which organizations will be funded.

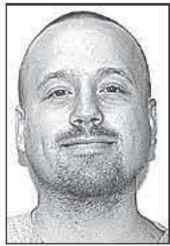
The council will meet for the second time Thursday. Flam ran for her current position in the Student Government on a platform in support of the council, but she is unsure now of where RSOs could get their money.

The council, started for the right reasons, needs to keep RSO funding a top priority.

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

OPINION

Not all comply with Atkins fad



Matt Rennels
Guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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I remember when bottled water first started to surface when I was a teenager. I laughed at it. I never even drank water from the tap, why would I ever set my hard earned weekly allowance down on the counter for water?

Of course, at the time, I would down about seven Mountain Dew cans in the course of an afternoon without thinking twice. What seems to me the most blatant health scam integrated into my generation's grocer sucked me right in as well. I buy a 24 pack of plastic-encased H2O each week.

Yeah. Nice to meet you. I'm a sucker, always have been and always will be. But I still have my pride and my buns.

Being a delivery driver for Chubby's Pizza, I shuttle past the Arby's establishment at least 100 times a week. I can't help but shake my head every time, noticing the marquee sign prompting those seeking low-carb solutions to get their roast beef sandwich without a bun, encouraged by the Atkins diet.

The only time I have opted for that low-carb solution has been when I lost my grip on a sandwich and made a mess.

The first time I heard this ridiculous notion my friends and I had dropped by Hardee's, ridiculous in itself, and showcased in the middle of the menu was a new low carb burger. I

"Power Bars don't come with will power, bottled water doesn't come with a genie inside and drinking Ultra Slim Fast doesn't mean Tommy Lasorda wants to visit."

thought "Cool! Carbs are bad! I'll get it!" I didn't. I got some burger with barbecue sauce on it.

I was still curious how they pulled those carbs out of a burger. On the menu it almost looked like it was just without a bun. When I suggested this possibility, my pals and I rendered it impossible, laughed for ten minutes and ate food crammed full of carbohydrates. Delicious.

At home three weeks later, I came across a Hardee's advertisement plugging the same bunless burger. At that point, the Atkins Diet had been hammered into my mind and alongside water placed in bottles, Americans everywhere were eating their burgers without buns. Ridiculous.

I realize that most diets are unreasonable. We give up something we like for something we would still like. Another fad diet might ask us to give up three course meals for a milkshake chocked full of protein. Sounds unreasonable, but hey, I like milkshakes! The Atkins Diet asks us to give up bread, pasta and pizza? That just sounds unreasonable.

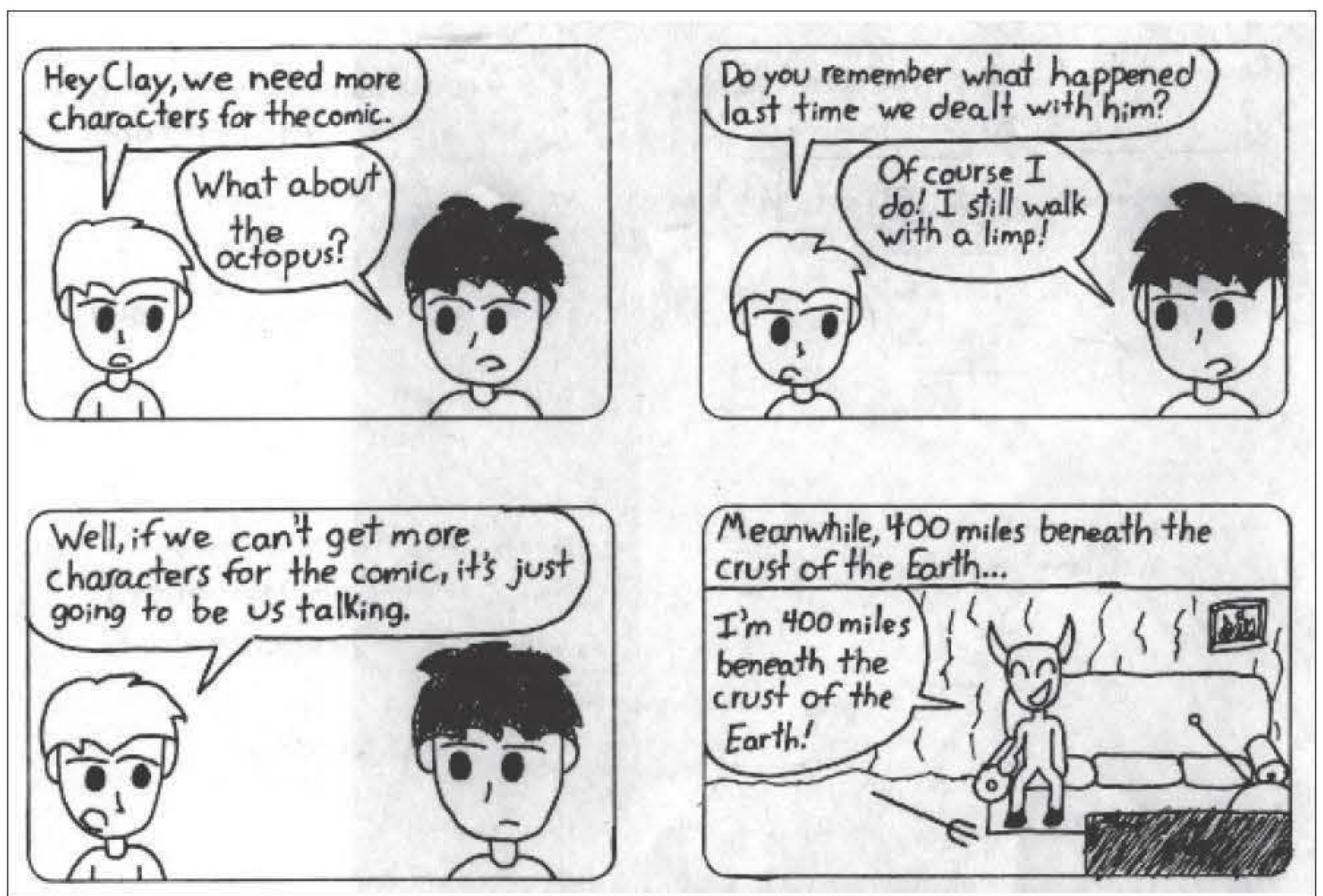
Now the Atkins entity has given Jerrod a run for his money at Subway, TGI Friday's has just introduced an Atkins friendly menu, your local grocer has a full aisle of Atkins low-carb products and you can even get Atkins to deliver you meals, minus the carbs for \$39.95 a day.

Power Bars don't come with will power, bottled water doesn't come with a genie inside and drinking Ultra Slim-Fast doesn't mean Tommy Lasorda wants to visit. The fact is that these low-carb diets specialize in weight loss and that's it. Unless you throw regular exercise into the equation your body will be Jell-o.

Can you have Jell-o on this diet? As long as you don't put it on a hoagie roll.

I may have given into bottled water, but don't count on me giving into this. Just like the next guy or gal I would like to be in shape, but I won't bow down to Atkins.

Cartoon by Adam Kouzmanoff



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support team with attendance

What happened to having a little school spirit? I recently attended an Eastern basketball game, and although it is nearing the end of the season, I was appalled at the lack of students attending in support of our team.

In previous years, students would have to arrive at the game early in order to have a seat in the student section. Not anymore. The student section is comprised of the band, the Blue

Crew and few other students. It is sad to me that the majority of the fans attending the games are adults and even sadder that more people attend high school games than those at Eastern.

Eastern's sports teams may not always win their games, but that is even more reason for us students to cheer them on and show a little school spirit. If I were a player on Eastern's basketball team, it would

definitely give me more motivation to play better. If I felt like I had students there genuinely cheering me on to beat the opposing team.

And hey, we are already paying to attend the games in student fees so why not

get our money's worth and take advantage of being able to root for our home team?

Amy Umbarger,
senior speech
communication major

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Channel 4 to see information boost

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

The news programming on channel 4 is adapting to provide more information about area events for Charleston viewers.

Charleston Information Services Director Todd Kibler said the channel should have a positive effect on the community.

He said that people who do not read the newspaper or use the Internet can obtain local information through this channel.

"We're just happy that we can get more information to the community," Kibler said.

He said the city is eager to make sure people know about the new format of the channel.

Plans are to add even more features once more time can be devoted to the project and the format becomes familiar.

The city has the option of buying new equipment to improve the channel even further, Kibler said.

According to Kibler, annual city events such as Christmas on the Square can potentially be advertised on the network.

"This spring we will announce more public works projects on the channel," Kibler said. This week, broadcasting notices and other

information have been announced on the public access channel.

Testing on channel 4 began in mid-January and the channel is now ready to be run on a regular basis.

According to Kibler, Mediacom is providing the cable line and equipment needed to transmit the information. The city has provided a computer entering this information.

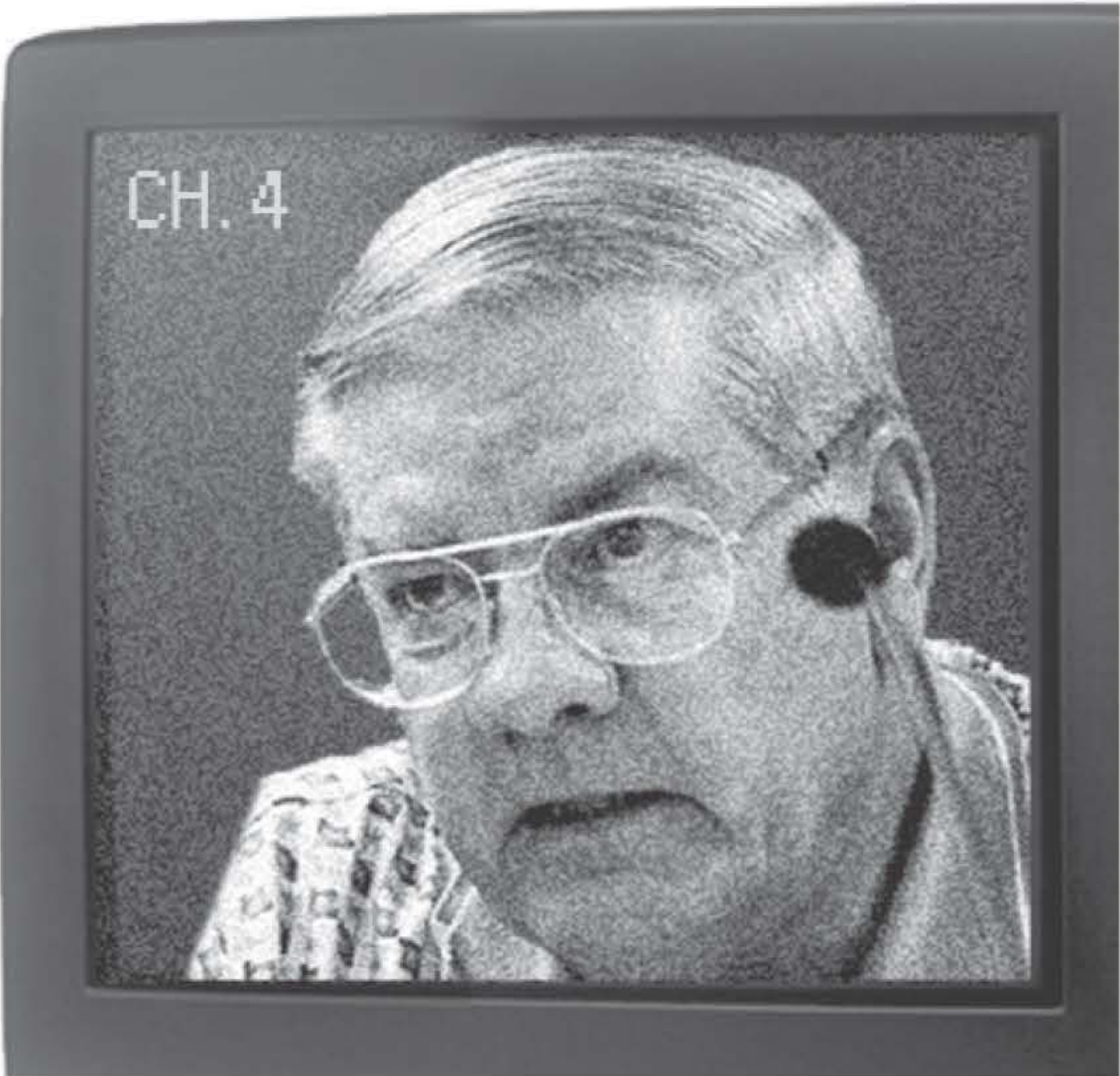
The channel will be transmitted in the form of a slide show presentation.

At this time the channel spotlights city council minutes, Charleston zoning board agendas and a calendar for February, Kibler said.

He also said the group plans to incorporate information on fire and police programs, festivals and parks and recreation events.

Surplus property auctions and advertisements for the Charleston Rotary Pool and Putt-N-Swing will also be featured. Information on the disposal of lawn waste and the snow routes around the area will be available, Kibler said.

The city of Mattoon does not currently have a public access channel, but the city administrator will look into operating one with Mediacom.



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Mayor Dan Cougill's City Council minutes is just one of the services channel 4 will provide

Not just another class at Buzzard

◆ Associate vocal professor Marilyn Coles plays Julliard voice coach in "Master Class"

By Charity Davis
STAFF WRITER

One by one, audience members rushed through the doors anticipating Marilyn Coles', Eastern vocal instructor, performance in Terrence McNally's "Master Class."

Genie Lenihan is in charge of the Community Theater which sponsored "Master Class." Lenihan decided to have the play on Eastern's campus.

"Marilyn Coles is Eastern's own coloratura soprano, and these types of sopranos are hard to find," Lenihan said. "Coles was eager to play the role of Maria Callas."

Callas is a voice coach who teaches three aspiring Julliard singers. Throughout the play, Callas reflects on her past career as an opera singer and her personal life choices.

Coles enters the auditorium of Buzzard Hall transforming the audience into her classroom. "Listening takes concentration, and I don't believe in microphones," Coles said in her opening lines. "So if you can't hear me, you may come closer or leave, but I don't get any louder than this. Do I scare you?"

"Now how do I get off stage?"

— Amanda Alburus-Wesley
Eastern graduate

"Sooner or later you will catch on to my sense of humor. Or maybe you won't. Some people don't think that I have one."

Lucas Goodrich performed as Tony, the tenor of the play, who demanded the opportunity to let his singing be heard.

Goodrich, a senior vocal performance major, sings with the university mixed chorus, concert choir and the musical theatre opera ensemble.

Sophie, played by Amanda Alburus-Wesley, is the first soloist to appear on stage and is timid and emotional, but in the end she gains the approval of her instructor.

"That's the right idea Sophie aye? Did you mark your score as I've pointed out?," Callas instructs Sophie.

"Now how do I get off stage? They should teach us that. They should teach us a lot of things, but they don't," Sophie exclaimed as

she exits the stage.

Wesley, an Eastern graduate with a bachelor's degree in music and vocal performance, was pleased with the production.

"I was excited and nervous," Wesley said. "I've been in lots of plays before. I always enjoy being able to have opportunities like this."

During intermission an audience member said, "It's all right. This is the first community play I've been to. The play is good, but I haven't figured out the meaning yet. It has good singers though. The theme is interesting because it includes the audience."

Toni Beavers, junior vocal music education major, was the second soprano to appear on stage and played the role of Sharon. She studies privately with professor Coles and sings in the university mixed choir and concert choir.

"I was in this play because I love to sing and perform. Plus it was a great honor to work with Dr. Coles," Beavers said. "The music was challenging, but I think we did a fantastic job."

After the play another audience member said, "I enjoyed the play very much. It was excellent. They did an awesome job. It was very moving."

Bylaw change requires reports after conferences

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will discuss a bylaw change that would require any students returning from a conference to file a report and hold a forum to discuss what they learned at the conference.

The bylaw change, co-authored by Senate member Beckie Diehl and Student Body President Caleb Judy, said that any participants in Student Government funded conferences must return with a formal report and forum discussion.

"Participants in conferences should be held accountable for what they learn on student fee funded trips," the bylaw change said.

The formal reports will be a way for the participants to share their experience with the Student Body.

The senate will also discuss \$400 from the student payroll to be given to the Senate Secretary Christine Ruhaak.

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said she is responsible for recording the minutes and taking attendance, among other things.

"That's why she should get paid," Lesica said. "It's not an honorary position, it's a job."

The Apportionment Board

"Participants in conferences should be held accountable for what they learn on student fee funded trips."

— bylaw change

already approved the removal of the \$400 from the Awards and Grants line item and the addition of the money to the student payroll.

"It's to compensate the Senate secretary for her services," Lesica said.

The secretary will get paid a stipend \$25 a week, but will receive it as \$100 a month.

"In the past the secretary has not been paid and finding a qualified person to fill the position has been difficult and the duties have been performed less than adequately in some cases," Lesica said.

The senate will also discuss the approval of the amendments of the University Board bylaws.

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



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Map locates alumni all over United States

◆ *Map shows almost 70,000 Eastern alumni*

By Sarah Matherly
STAFF WRITER

Some students have not thought much about life after college, or better yet, how they will keep in contact with fellow alumni from Eastern.

However, the new Eastern Alumni Map offers just that.

There is a local chapter contact alumni can get in touch with from each state if they would like more information on alumni in their area.

As of now only a map of the United States is available on the Web site, but that doesn't mean the alumni who live overseas are forgotten.

"We do keep track of (overseas alumni)," said Jerilyn Hutson, assistant director of alumni services at Eastern. "But it's a little more difficult to keep up with where everyone is located."

Christy Kilgore-Hadley, assistant director of alumni services, said there are 9,000 alumni currently living overseas and 68,982 living in the United States.

She said while there is no specific program to keep track of the overseas alumni, many of them are registered with the alumni service's Web site.

Hutson said Eastern's alumni services department got the idea for the alumni map from the University of Texas' Web site and contacted them to find out how they could bring the alumni map here to our school.

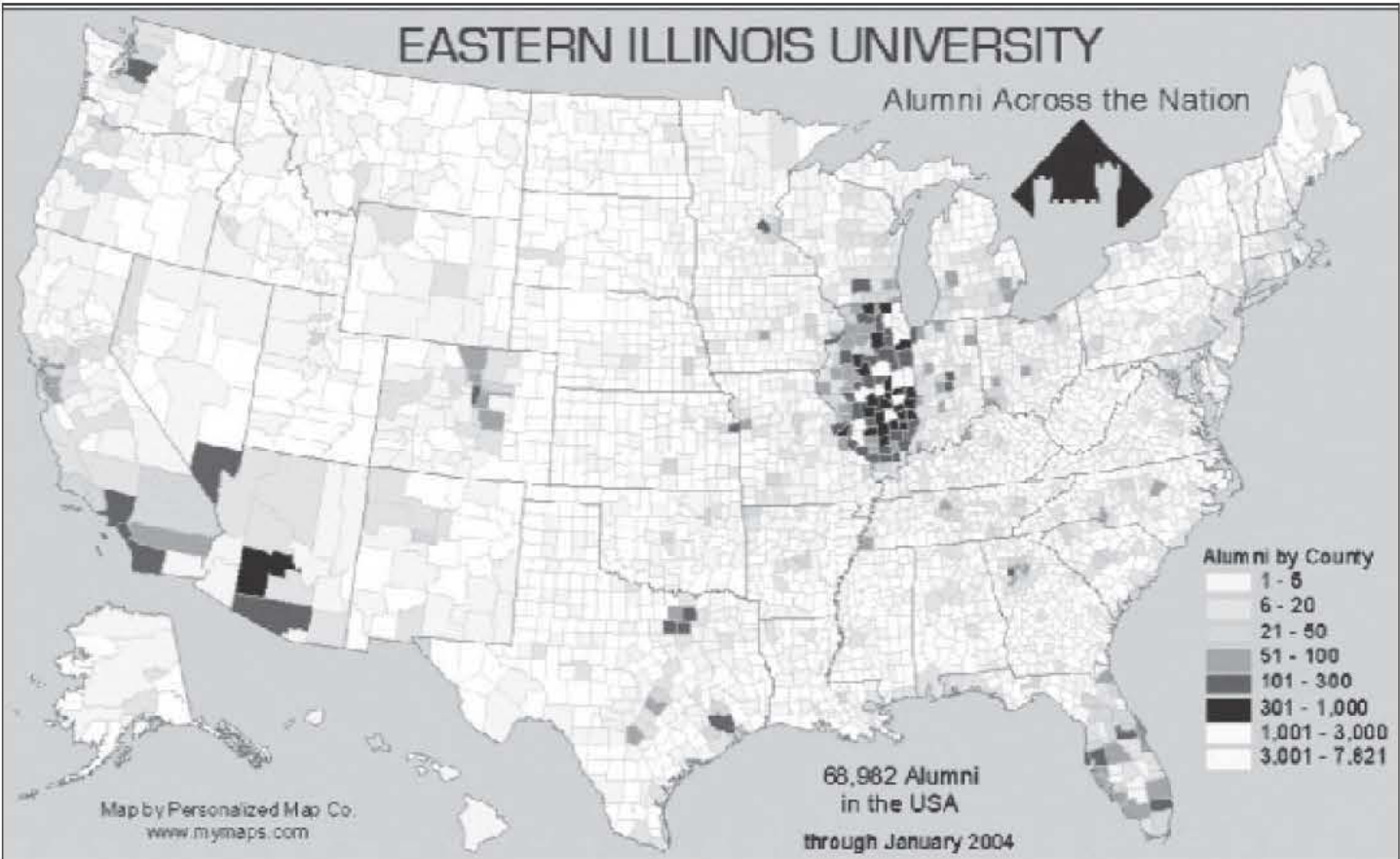
The alumni Web site has been very useful to people, "especially since the online community was started where people can send stuff to each other and locate others," Hutson said.

Information listed on the alumni site goes beyond where people are located.

Hutson said "information on how to purchase merchandise for those who live farther away in a state such as California," can be accessed.

Other information, such as alumni events happening in each area, how to obtain a college transcript, and how to purchase tickets to Eastern's athletic and other special events can be found on the Web site.

Further information about the alumni map and other alumni services can be found on the Alumni Service's Web site: www.eiu.edu/~alumni/text/chapters.html, or by contacting the Alumni Services Office at 581-6616.



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Museum:

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The Illinois Association of Museums has awarded grants ranging from \$188-\$500 to 14 Illinois museums.

Mary Turner, a member of the association, said the goal of the grants is to encourage professional practices in small museums.

"Most small museums are not eligible for federal grants because of their size, the number of days they are open, or the number of people that operate the museums," Turner said.

The money from the grants must go to a professional exhibit, or to bring in a professional to speak, Turner said.

"The best way to encourage professional practices is to provide money to help museums run professionally," Turner said.

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Second student expelled in gun incident

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — A second elementary school student involved in firing a handgun on a school bus last month has been expelled for two years.

The 11-year-old boy was holding a gun that went off accidentally when another boy grabbed his arm during a bus ride home from Sheridan Elementary School, police said. No one was injured.

The second boy, a 10-year-old who also has been expelled for two years, is accused of taking the gun from a relative's home and bringing it to school.

The boys, who have not been identified, might be able to return in the fall of 2005 if they meet certain conditions, including 90 percent attendance at separate instruction that will be provided by the school district, said Bloomington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Nielsen.

"We all deserve second chances. I think this gives them that opportunity," Nielsen said after the school board voted Monday night to expel the 11-year-old.

Jon Backman, an attorney representing the boys in the school discipline cases, said he is pleased that they will receive instruction and a chance to return to school, but he questioned why they were expelled while criminal proceedings are still pending.

Nielsen said students cannot be suspended for more than 10 days without action under the district's discipline policy.

Both boys face felony weapons charges and had been held in a juvenile detention center since the Jan. 26 incident awaiting bench trials Wednesday in McLean County Circuit Court.

The 11-year-old was released for home confinement Tuesday under an agreement approved Monday by Circuit Judge G. Michael Prall. The 10-year-old remains in custody.

Weller:

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"Everybody was walking up and down the halls with just their bras and underwear on. We were all so miserable."

—Cyndi Clement, Weller Hall resident

"Also included in this project would be the removal and replacement of underground steam, condensate and water piping from the present utility tunnel connection to Ford, McKinney, Weller and Gregg Halls including associated site work and asbestos abatement."

Grunloh Construction Inc. from Effingham won the bid for general contractor, while Bodine Electric from Decatur won the bid for electrical contractor. Nogle and Black Mechanical Inc. from Urbana won the bid for heating contractor.

Several residents of Weller Hall are happy to hear the news.

Roommates Cyndi Clement, junior biological sciences major, and Lauren Mitchum, sophomore special education major, said air conditioning for Weller Hall is long overdue.

"I think that's great," Clement said. "Everybody was walking up and down the halls with just their bras and underwear on. We were all so miserable. We had to wear little tank tops and shorts to bed. It was so hot we couldn't move."

Mitchum said she has been anticipating comfortable temperatures.

"We've been waiting for it for a long time," she said. "They told us we were getting it last year, but it never happened."

Information published by Facilities Planning and Management on the Weller and Triad updates said the project will run from May through August.

School chief criticized for meeting with player

STREATOR (AP) — The superintendent at Streator High School has been accused of telling a black basketball player that he needs to pass the ball more often to his white teammates, including the superintendent's son.

The incident has prompted an angry outburst from the team's coach and a call for an investigation by a member of the school board.

According to a memo written by coach Ken Bublitz, senior guard Wes Hood said Mattingly met with him Feb. 2 and told him he needed to pass the ball "to the white kids more" — including Mattingly's son.

The memo also said Mattingly told Hood that from watching game tape and attending games, Hood had to be blind if he didn't see the need to pass more.

Bublitz said the superintendent broke school policy by talking to his player without the knowledge of the head coach, and that the statement by Mattingly creates a scenario that implies "a raced based approach to playing basketball by that specific player."

"As the head coach of the basketball team, I completely resent the intrusion into the varsity basketball team," Bublitz said in the memo.

Mattingly said the comments were not racist. He concedes the meeting should not have taken place without him first talking to Bublitz.

"In retrospect, I should have followed the chain of command," he said in statement. "I regret not doing so and I have dealt with each party involved to let them know I erred and that I was sorry."

Hood's mother has confirmed that Bublitz's memo is what her son has told her about the meeting.

Steve Biroshchik, a member of the school board, said the information in the memo was unsettling.

"I just want to find out all of the details," he said after announcing he will push for an investigation.

Pension costs a big part of budget problems in state

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — State pension costs have been one of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's biggest headaches as he has tried to balance the budget, and a new report Tuesday showed why he may need even more aspirin in the next few months.

Auditor General William Holland reported the state will have to come up with nearly \$2.5 billion for the retirement systems in the upcoming fiscal year — \$500 million of that just for interest on last year's complicated plan to reduce costs.

That's a lot of money under any circumstances, but it's especially big when the state budget looks like it will be more than \$2 billion out of balance for next year.

Blagojevich will deliver his annual budget address next week, offering his proposal for erasing that deficit. Doing that won't be easy, given his promise not to raise taxes and the many one-time revenue measures that were built into the last budget.

The Democratic governor will be looking for places to cut costs, and pensions might be a target.

He has hired outside experts to review the retirement systems and judge whether they need as much money from the state as their in-house experts say. His budget office says the review may find that the full \$2.5 billion is needed, but it also might conclude that pension systems can get by with less, freeing up money for other programs.

Five indicted in license for sale scandal

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Gov. George Ryan's longtime top aide, already serving prison time for racketeering, was charged Tuesday along with four other people and a lobbying firm in an alleged \$11.5 million bid-rigging scheme as prosecutors stepped up pressure on him to provide evidence against his one-time boss.

Scott Fawell, 46, was accused of providing inside information to a contractor, Jacobs Facilities Inc. of St. Louis, that enabled the company to lower its bid on a major government contract from \$18.8 million to \$11.5 million and eventually land the job.

The contract was for an expansion at the massive McCormick Place exposition center on Chicago's downtown lakefront.

Also charged in the indictment were Fawell's top assistant, Andrea Coutrets, two former Jacobs Facilities employees, the Chicago-based lobbying firm of Ronan Potts, and a former Ronan Potts employee, Julie Starsiak.

Lobbyist Al Ronan, a major Ryan fundraiser and head of Ronan Potts, was not charged in the nine-count indictment.

The indictment also alleges that Fawell engaged in a fraud scheme by misusing funds of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, which he headed after Ryan became governor and which operates McCormick Place. Fawell also is accused of awarding bogus contracts and favors to vendors.

"The notion that persons inside McPier provided sealed bid information to a lobbying firm to pass on to a contractor who used the information to win a contract is wrong on many levels," U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald said in announcing the indictments.

The fresh indictments bring to 69 the number of state employees and other charged in the nearly six-year federal corruption investigation, known as Operation Safe Road.

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Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

Tree marks site where girl's body was found

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — More than 1,000 people gathered Tuesday on the church grounds where the body of 11-year-old Carlie Brucia was discovered, standing in long lines to sign posters and lay flowers in her memory.

Children were each asked to pour a small cup of dirt in a hole dug in the front lawn to help plant a magnolia tree in Carlie's honor.

Carlie's abduction was caught on a car wash surveillance tape as she walked home from a friend's house Feb. 1. Her body was found under some brush on the Central Church of Christ property early Friday.

Tests show bird flu on second farm

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Officials responded to a new discovery of bird flu Tuesday by ordering a quarantine of 80 farms and the slaughter of 72,000 more chickens. The swift action was aimed at averting more bans on U.S. exports.

The second case of disease was found in a commercial flock of roaster-type chickens in northern Sussex County, at least five miles away from the farm where the first flock tested positive last week.

The chickens at the second farm were killed Tuesday afternoon, said Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gay marriage ban looms

BOSTON (AP) — Gay-rights activists, conservative leaders and media from around the globe converged on the Massachusetts Statehouse for a historic session Wednesday in which lawmakers will take up a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

As the hours ticked down, Senate leaders feverishly sought a middle ground, proposing a compromise that would ban same-sex marriage but establish civil unions.

"We should not engage in a divisive, all-or-nothing debate that may end by eliminating all rights for same-sex couples," Democratic Senate President Robert Travaglini and Republican Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees wrote fellow lawmakers Tuesday.

The compromise prompted almost immediate criticism, including from House Speaker Thomas Finneran, who called it "highly inappropriate" to use an amendment to craft legislation or pass new law — like one establishing civil unions.

The gay-marriage issue has created an unprecedented spectacle at the Capitol: As many as 4,000 spectators and 300 media members are expected to attend the start of the constitutional convention, and a furious lobbying effort was already under way.

Christian conservatives used a dolly to haul in more than 18,000 petitions signed by citizens from across the country urging lawmakers to pass the amendment.

Meanwhile, children of gay couples traveled to the Statehouse to plead with the Senate president "not to write discrimination into our constitution."

"I've never seen anything like this," said

Charles Rasmussen, spokesman for Finneran, a Democrat who supports the amendment. "And I'm told this building has never seen this kind of scrutiny from the national media that anyone can remember."

Camera crews from London, Japan and Spain are seeking credentials for the event, and authorities planned to beef up security to handle the crowds.

Massachusetts put itself at the very center of the gay-marriage debate when the Supreme Judicial Court ruled 4-3 in November that gays should be guaranteed the benefits of marriage. Lawmakers thought that Vermont-style civil unions might suffice, but the court issued an advisory opinion last week that left no doubt: Only full-fledged gay marriage would pass constitutional muster.

Former Tyco CFO takes stand after co-defendant

NEW YORK (AP) — Tyco International Ltd.'s former chief financial officer Mark Swartz testified Tuesday that he didn't do anything he believed was illegal during the 11 years he worked at the company.

Swartz took the stand after the defense team for his co-defendant, former Tyco chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski, rested its case without calling any witnesses.

Defense lawyer Charles Stillman inquired how long Swartz had worked at the company, then asked: "During the time you were at Tyco, did you ever take any action that you believed was wrong or illegal?"

"Absolutely not," Swartz replied.

The defendants are accused of stealing \$600 million from the company. Kozlowski, 57, and Swartz, 43, are in the fifth month of

a trial on state charges including grand larceny and falsifying business records.

Prosecutors say the two stole \$170 million by hiding unauthorized pay and secretly forgiven loans in major Tyco transactions. They allegedly made an additional \$430 million on Tyco shares by lying about the company's financial condition from 1995 into 2002.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers packed into a crowded conference race

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After finishing last season with a 14-34 record and 7-13 within the league, the Eastern softball team was voted seventh by the head coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference preseason poll.

Eastern received 30 total points, edging out Austin Peay (29 points) for the seventh spot in the 10-team conference. Defending league and tournament champion Tennessee Tech picked up 76 points and six first-place votes. Newcomer Jacksonville State was a distant second with 65 points and two first-place votes. Eastern Kentucky placed third with 60 points, and Southeast Missouri and Tennessee-Martin tied for fourth with 55 points and one first-place vote each.

"I had a chance to look over the rankings and I think they are justified," Tennessee-Martin head coach Donley Canary said. "Tennessee Tech won our conference last year and they are projected first. Jacksonville State fared well in their conference (Atlantic Sun) and last year Eastern Kentucky finished in second and now they are picked third, so the rankings pretty much followed last season."

Although Tennessee Tech dominated the voting, Canary believes the OVC is a circuit up for grabs when the league schedule begins on March 16.

"Anyone can beat anybody in this league," Canary said. "Four or five teams like Tennessee Tech, Jacksonville State, Eastern Kentucky, us (Tennessee-Martin) and even Eastern Illinois can win this conference."

Despite Canary's comments, the Golden Eagles will certainly go into league play with a bull's eye. Tech finished last season 41-16 overall and 17-3 in the OVC. The Golden Eagles will return 12 letter winners and six starters including four members (catcher Kacey Bennett, pitchers Lori Bayless, Tia Benning and second baseman Samantha Lovelady) who were 2003 All-OVC selections.

Eastern Kentucky should keep things in the conference close by returning 12 letter winners including



COACHES POLL

1	TENNESSEE TECH	76
	(6 first-place votes)	
2	JACKSONVILLE STATE	65
	(2 first-place votes)	
3	EASTERN KENTUCKY	60
T4	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	55
	(1 first-place vote)	
T4	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	55
	(1 first-place vote)	
6	SAMFORD	53
7	EASTERN ILLINOIS	30
8	AUSTIN PEAY	29
9	TENNESSEE STATE	14
10	MOREHEAD STATE	13

(TEAMS AWARDED 9 POINTS FOR A FIRST-PLACE VOTE, 8 FOR SECOND, ETC.)

five starters from a team that went 29-18 and 13-7 in the league. Shortstop Diana Barreras finished last season with a .307 batting average en route to a 2003 All-OVC second team selection. Senior Jennifer Christiansen will patrol the outfield and was a 2003

first team All-Conference pick. Christiansen also led the team with a .323 batting average and was near the team-lead with 42 hits and 21 runs batted in.

According to Canary, new clubs Jacksonville State and Samford could contend for a league title right away. Jacksonville State won 40 games last season and finished 12-10 in the Atlantic Sun. The Gamecocks return 10 letter winners including junior Breanne Oleman who split between the outfield and pitching positions. At the plate, Oleman hit .267 with 38 runs batted in and on the mound she struck out 50 batters in 61.1 innings while posting a 1.48 earned run average.

Samford has high hopes this year after a 27-17-1 record in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Bulldogs boast a solid group of upperclassmen to go along with six freshmen. Second baseman Kelly Smith is one of three returning starters with an average over .300.

"Both teams appear to be very strong," Canary said. "Jacksonville State suffered a tragic loss (when three-year starter Tera Ross was killed in a car accident last December) otherwise they would be right up there at the top with Tennessee Tech."

Canary stated Samford's veteran head coach Beanie Ketcham should make the team even stronger.

"She does a really great job with the team," Canary said. "Samford and Jacksonville State will definitely upgrade our conference."

Eastern will hit the diamond without four key seniors from last year. Gone are catcher Kristen Darnell, designated hitter Jen Green, outfielder Carrie Niness and pitching ace Kristen Becker.

The Panthers will rely on senior Kristen Lovering to key the offense. Last season, Lovering was a First Team All-OVC selection after leading the Panthers in batting average (.287), home runs (4) and runs batted in with 21. The pitching staff will be young and unproven as sophomore Ashley Condon becomes the ace of the staff. Condon appeared in nine games last year going 1-9 with a 6.91 earned run average in 50.2 innings.

Eastern opens their season in Charleston, S.C. at the Charleston Southern Invitational Feb. 27.



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- Donley Canary
TENNESSEE-MARTIN
COACH

Seeing:
21-10 run dooms Panthers again

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Eastern actually made the same amount of field goals by making 14 more free throws (19-5) in the opening 20 minutes to take control. For the second straight contest, Eastern had a much higher shooting percentage but still fell in defeat due mostly to the 24 turnovers.

Eastern held a 48-38 lead in the second half but SEMO really summed up its last effort for a 21-10 run to regain a 59-58 lead after a Jessica Aebi 3-pointer.

Both teams traded baskets including the Panthers only three pointer by Melanie Ploger. O'Connor tied the game at 70 with a field goal but that would be Eastern's last basket during the final 3:29.

Free throw shooting kept Eastern in the game as the Panthers made six free throws to take a 76-74 lead with 1:09 remaining.

Unfortunately for Wunder and company, Eastern was unable to stop Otahekians forward Yashika Sidbury, who hit the game-winning three pointer with 15 seconds left to sink the Panthers

Warmer:
Eastern held on after hot start

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In the first half, when Eastern was running their offense as smooth as they have all year, the Panthers were able to build up a double digit lead.

But turnovers in the second half and some clutch shooting from junior guard Mike Nelke helped narrow the margin between the two teams.

The Indians were able to get close enough to make Eastern sweat a little in the final two minutes. The closest SEMO was able to get was three points, after a three from Nelky, but Mackinson was able to ice the game with one free throw.

The four point lead carried the Panthers through the final possession as SEMO could not hit on a desperation three point attempt.

"We ended the game giving up 85 points, but I thought we managed to play better defense than that shows," Samuels said.

The next game for Eastern will be at Tennessee State on Thursday. The game holds additional importance because with a victory, Eastern could be in eighth place. If Eastern finishes the season in eighth, it would be good enough for Eastern to qualify for the tournament.

ILLINOIS 75, MICHIGAN STATE 51

Illini bring down Spartans

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — Luther Head scored 17 points and James Augustine scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Illinois past Michigan State 75-51 Tuesday night.

Fifteen of Head's points came on 3-point shots as the Illini (16-5, 7-3) bumped the Spartans out of the Big Ten Conference lead and into a second-place tie with Illinois, a half-game behind Wisconsin.

Deron Williams added 15 points, and the Illini defense shut down Michigan State's league-leading shooting. The Spartans (12-9, 7-3), who had hit 56 percent of their shots in their first nine conference games, were held to just 42 percent from the field.

Shannon Brown was the only Spartan player to break double-figures, scoring 12 points.

Michigan State's leading scorer, Paul Davis, scored only 8 points and played just 22 minutes. Davis averages about 16 points per game and the 22 minutes tied his low for the season.

Illinois broke the game open with a 12-0 run over the final 5:41 of the first half. After Chris Hill's two free throws cut Illinois' lead to 23-20 with 5:41 to go in the first half, the Illini ran off four straight 3-point plays.

Williams sank a basket and free throw to build the lead to six. Then Head hit a 3-pointer from the left wing and, after a missed dunk attempt by Davis at the other end, Dee Brown hit another three from the top of the key to put the Illini ahead 32-20. James Augustine's basket and free throw gave Illinois a 35-20 lead at the break.

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ASTAR

in the making

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

Josh Gomes grew up on the east coast where he picked up his first nerf ball and at that point, a basketball star was born.

Last Saturday night, Gomes scored a career-high 40 points in a win over Tennessee-Martin. His performance is the highest single-game point total this year in the Ohio Valley Conference. Gomes is also tied for the lead in field goals made with 15.

Gomes started playing organized basketball at age 6 after his family moved to Connecticut. But it wasn't until Gomes' freshman year of high school that he realized he was a pretty good ball player.

"I got cut in eighth grade and it motivated me to start playing more," Gomes said.

Gomes and his family picked up from Connecticut and moved again; this time to Indiana. "I made the freshman team and then the next year made varsity as a sophomore," Gomes said.

After a successful sophomore season, Gomes transferred to Heritage Christian High School in Indianapolis for his junior year.

Gomes said two guys he played with at Heritage Christian now play Division I-A basketball at Ole Miss and Liberty.

"Those were some fun times," Gomes said.

In the summer before his senior year, Gomes was told his eligibility had run out because he had switched to the Indiana State Athletic Association.

An obstacle like this would put a damper on most people's basketball careers, but Gomes refused to sit out his senior season. He transferred yet again to a private school called Frankfort Christian High School which was an hour away from his home.

Gomes sacrificed two hours of his day to and from school all because he would not be denied his senior basketball season.

At Frankfort Christian, Gomes averaged 29.9 points per game under coach John Sherman Williams. Gomes holds the school record for single game points with 41 and field goal percentage (68).

Gomes said Williams is his main influence when it comes to basketball.

"When coach Williams said something, you had to listen," Gomes said. "He played with Larry Bird at Indiana State University."

When it came time for Gomes to choose a college, he was looking at mid-major schools like Western Kentucky, Indiana State and Butler. However, Gomes chose Eastern.

Williams learned about his former player's 40-point game Saturday from Gomes' father and wasn't surprised.

"That's the Josh Gomes I know," Williams said. "I knew it was just a matter of time before he had a breakout game like that."

Head coach Rick Samuels said Gomes has come a long way since he first came to Eastern.

"He had to make a giant leap from that small Christian high school just in terms of competition he faced not only in games, but also in practice," Samuels said.

Gomes said in high school he could just get out on the court and play, relying on nothing more than his talents. He said in college it's harder for him to be mentally focused all the time.

"He knows how important it is to take a different approach to the college atmosphere," Williams said. "He knows he has to practice hard and keep up with his studies in addition to playing basketball."

When Gomes first came to Eastern he expected to play a lot of minutes as a freshman. "I didn't get to play that much last year, but I knew I had to accept my role," Gomes said.

Former Eastern basketball standout, Henry Domercant was a big part in Gomes' maturation process.

"Henry always worked hard on and off the court," Gomes said. "When everyone was out having fun, he was in the gym shooting. Before classes in the morning and before games, he was shooting."

Williams said Gomes was a hard worker in high school and Domercant just helped him work even harder.

"I'll have to thank him when I see him," Gomes said.

Going from being cut in eighth grade to scoring almost 30 points per game in high school, Gomes now finds himself as the Panthers' number one option.

"I don't look at being the go-to guy as pressure," Gomes said. "I just know I have to work harder than most people do. It's something I look forward to."

"He's the go-to guy," Samuels said. "He's a player that can put up big numbers and he makes other people better by moving so well."

Even though he is the star player, he hasn't taken on the role of team leader this season.

"He's not our leader yet," Samuels said. "Josh will become that some day."

Sophomore Josh Gomes slams the ball against Murray State last Thursday. In his next game, Gomes poured in a career-high 40 points against Tennessee-Martin in Eastern's 83-79 overtime win.



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	M Basketball vs. Morehead State	7:35 p.m.



THROW DOWN

Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

The way it should be at Lantz Arena

This past Saturday night was the way it was supposed to be.

The basketball game was entertaining, the Panthers finally won a game and better than anything, there was an atmosphere that would give the impression that if given a good game, Eastern fans love the game of basketball.

The crowd was into the game, Eastern coach Rick Samuels was into the game and the players lived up to the moment.

It helped that the game against Tennessee-Martin went into overtime, because all the extra excitement was needed just to make up for all the dull moments that fans at Lantz Arena have witnessed throughout this past season.

Not to mention that Josh Gomes played up to his potential for the first time this year, and senior leader Jesse Mackinson made the largest impact he has all season long.

Gomes hopefully didn't speak too soon; however, when he mentioned that he did the same kind of pregame routing as the dearly departed Henry Domercant, drawing a comparison should be left on ice for the time being.

But anything that Gomes does that Domercant did in the past probably can't hurt. After last season when Gomes was under the star's wingman, he learned a few things that he has used this season to his advantage.

But if that 40-point performance is what the future holds for Gomes, then whatever he did before Saturday's game, he will probably be doing from now on.

As for Mackinson, the senior's desire to break this losing streak was, for the first time, very noticeable against the Seahawks.

He did what he hasn't done so much this season. He took younger players aside and kept their heads in the game when they needed it.

The team's younger players have shown throughout this season that they haven't exactly learned how to finish off game, and Mackinson is one of the older guys who has tasted that kind of success.

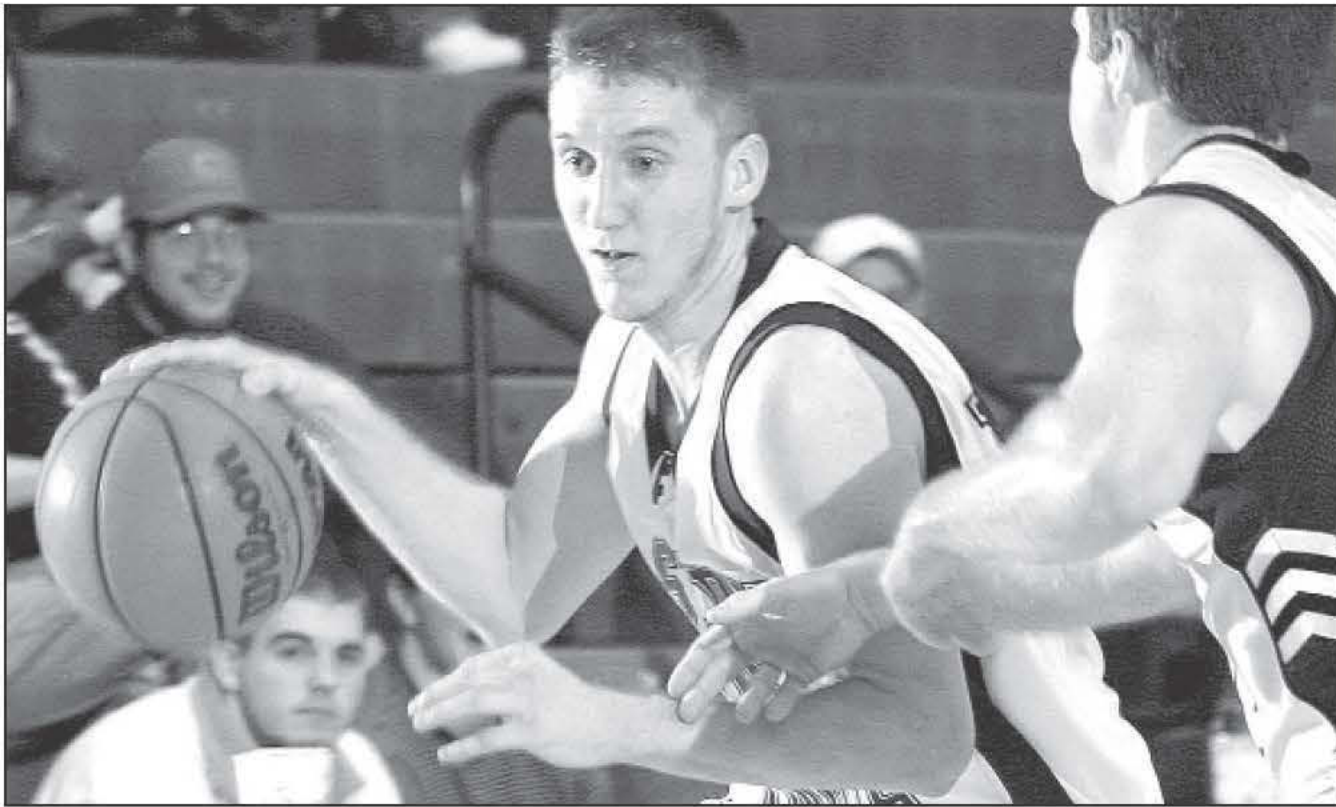
So Saturday night it seemed like he finally put that knowledge to good use for the Panthers. Also, the starting center backed up his talk with no doubt the best game he has played all season.

The leadership on the court and in dealing with the younger players proves that the sloppiness of early Eastern games was mostly due to a lack of quality plays from experienced players.

But as the Panthers end off this season scraping to get the final spot in the OVC tournament, they are hoping to take what they learned from their last victory to improve their play down the stretch.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

EASTERN 89, SEMO 85



Sophomore guard Jake Sinclair dribbles around a Murray State defender last week. Sinclair scored 10 points, had six assists and two steals in Eastern's 89-85 win at Southeast Missouri last night.

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Getting warmer

Panthers win back-to-back games after 8 straight losses

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Eastern was two different teams in the first and second half of Tuesday's game against Southeast Missouri State, but in the end, it was able to come away with its first road victory of the season.

The Panthers started the game off with the best 20 minutes of basketball they have played all season.

But in the second half, the Panthers seemed to just want to hold onto their lead and played tentatively instead of attacking.

That is why a nine point half time lead turned into a close game, and only a four point victory by the score of 89-85.

The biggest reason for that was senior center Jesse Mackinson who tied former Eastern player Kevin Duckworth's record of 10 straight field goals made before a miss. Mackinson missed his next attempt, which could have broken the record but that still couldn't put a damper on the night Mackinson had.

He finished the game with a career high 29 points. In the first half especially, he carried the Panthers on the offensive end of

the floor.

"It seemed like Jesse had his rhythm of old for that first half," Eastern coach Rick Samuels said. "He had that perfect rhythm going and shot the ball tonight the way we know that he can."

Mackinson had to step up his play on offense since sophomore guard Josh Gomes, coming off of his 40 point performance against Tennessee Martin, had only nine points against the Indians.

But instead of an offense that would rely on Gomes like earlier in the year, Eastern won the game because their offensive attack was balanced. The Panthers fin-

ished with four players in double figures.

Junior forward Aaron Patterson came off of an injury in the team's last game to respond strongly with 16 points, only two points less than his high this season of 18 points. Patterson reached 18 points the previous time Eastern played SEMO.

"The offense ran really well because we took quality shots," Samuels said. "We had only two three point shots in the first half, but we moved the ball well and found people off of cuts."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SEMO 77, EASTERN 76

Seeing more of the same

♦ Loss reflects results of last year's OVC tournament matchup

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There must be something about the Show-Me Center for the Panthers.

In a game that eerily resembled the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament game, Eastern lost its halftime lead to fall in a heart-breaking 77-76 decision to Southeast Missouri.

In a contest where Eastern broke school records for free throws converted and attempted, the Panthers seemed to have control 39 and a half minutes of the game.

The Panthers, who came into the game shooting 70 percent on the season, made 41 of 45 from the charity stripe.

Sophomore Eastern guard Megan Sparks ended the game with 22 points. The Mattoon, Ill. native looked to be fouled as she released the ball but no whistle came on the play and the Otahkians escaped with a one-point victory.

Sparks had her second double-double of the season by providing a career-high 11 rebounds Tuesday.

"She had a near perfect game tonight," Wunder said. "She stepped up and made 12 of 12 from the line without flinching."

Eastern had an 11-point lead early in the second half, but at a point, were on the short end of a 12-4 run to close the gap to three points.

Nearly a year ago, Eastern lost a late lead to end its season in Cape Girardeau, Mo. on a first round loss. That 79-76 defeat was the final game of Brooke Gossett's career.

Eastern junior center Pam O'Connor was the Panthers leading scorer with 23 points, six points higher than her season average.

Fans were treated to a back-and-forth contest that included 14 lead changes and 12 ties.

In a game where the tempo constantly changed, Wunder was impressed with her team's ability to handle the SEMO full court pressure.

"We really did a good job with their defense," Wunder said. "We really used a point guard by committee formula to keep everybody fresh."

In a first half that was less than pretty for both teams with Eastern turning the ball over 12 times (24 for the contest) and SEMO reaching double-digits in giveaways.

The Otahkians went into the locker room down 12 points after a 23-7 Panther run to end the half due mostly to their poor shooting against Eastern's 2-3 zone defense including 29 percent (10 of 34) from the field and two of 13 from beyond the arc.

"In the first half, we really scrambled on defense well," Wunder said. "In the second half, they were better against it and really broke it down."

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Junior center Pam O'Connor was absent from Eastern's roster when it met SEMO in the OVC tournament a year ago. Her 23 points last night didn't prevent a similar result.