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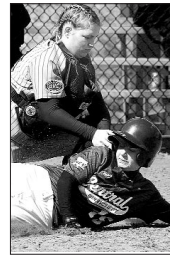
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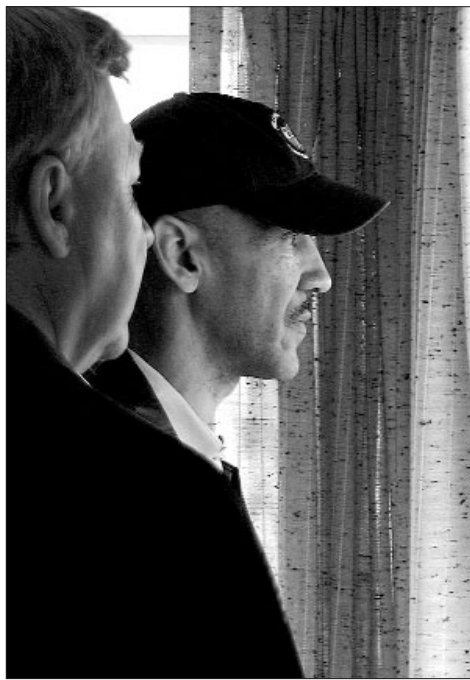
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Double dose of losses

Eastern softball loses both
games of a double-header
Tuesday to Indiana State.

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Dungy scopes out Eastern Colts head coach surveys campus facilities

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Welcome to the neighborhood.

Representatives from the NFL's Indianapolis Colts franchise, including head coach Tony Dungy and Director of Player Development Steve Champlin visited Eastern's campus Tuesday to examine its facilities for a possible training camp site this summer.

At approximately 11 a.m., Dungy,

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Champlin and Eastern Associate Athletic Director John Smith landed their helicopter at the Panthers football practice field which marked the beginning of what Dungy called "our inspection process".

"I've watched John Smith work so hard to get a professional training camp and he is just glowing today," Jeanne Gustafson, Executive Director of the Coles County Economic Development Council said.

Once Dungy arrived at Eastern, he was greeted by Eastern President Lou Hencken, Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie, Charleston mayor Dan Cougill, Mattoon Mayor David Carter, the trio from the governor's office and Eastern head football

coach Bob Spoo before he ever hit O'Brien Stadium.

"I think this is a fantastic opportunity for the university to generate some dollars, great for the public image of the school and it brings in additional attention to Eastern as a whole," Hencken said. "This team is a legitimate Super Bowl contender with one of the best quarterbacks in the league. People will see this and be able to say this is what my tax dollars are going toward and be impressed."

Smith and Dungy made their way through the media to the stadium where Smith began stressing the solid aspects of the field turf surface, currently Eastern's playing field.

"Having the pro grass is a real big, big plus because when there's inclement weather, we can still get work done," Dungy said in the morning press conference. "We put that in our indoor facility and our players just love it."

Dungy stated during the 10-minute conference that he had been to Eastern before on college scouting trips while an assistant at Minnesota and Kansas City. He also said the Colts have been in discussion with the St. Louis Rams about Eastern's features, seeing as how the Rams contemplated coming to Charleston before ultimately opting to go to Western Illinois' campus for training camp.

"When we've been talking to the Rams, they said the facilities were first class all the way," Dungy said. "We've enjoyed the atmosphere around this event, it's a little overwhelming."

The Colts have recently been holding training camp at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., but are searching for a new site now that the contract with them is up.

"Obviously, we'd like to stay in Indiana but it's a matter of competing no matter where you have to travel," Dungy said.

Once the press conference came to a close, Dungy was escorted to tour the campus, viewing the facilities in Lantz. The tour continued on to the three residence halls closest to O'Brien, which include Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas. Dungy was taken to the first floor of Lincoln and the sixth, ninth and 10th floors of Stevenson. Douglas Hall is being considered for a

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Right: Steve Champlin (left), director of player development for the Indianapolis Colts, and head coach Tony Dungy joke with University President Lou Hencken (right) and Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining, Tuesday morning while walking through the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Above: Dungy looks out the window over O'Brien Stadium and Lantz Building from the 10th floor of Stevenson Hall on his Tuesday morning tour of Eastern's facilities with Hencken.



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STEPHEN HAAS

Funding issue remains heated

By Tim Martin
SENIOR REPORTER

Desiring to keep pace with the Ohio Valley Conference competition, the Eastern Athletic Department has requested increased student fees to maintain the university's athletic quality and help negate a crumbling state budget.

The Student Senate on Wednesday will vote whether to approve athletic and grant in aid fees that will swell student sports expenses to \$187.79 on July 1, 2008, the first day of Fiscal Year 2009.

Students pay for sports with two fees: the athletic fee that covers a portion of the operation costs, such as referees, travel and player meals; and the grant-in-aid fee, which helps pay for athletic scholarships.

The increases would hike the athletic fee from its current \$63.50 to \$87.65 in FY 2009, while the grant-in-aid would jump from \$62 to \$100.14. The boosts would help better fund things like meal stipends, team travel and game officials. The amounts proposed were lower than

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what the Athletic Department requested. "We're meeting them halfway," said Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs, who served on the Student Senate's Tuition and Fees Committee. "Athletics are a very positive thing here at Eastern, and we'd like to see them receive a good amount of money; however, we have to keep best interests of 11,000 students in mind."

The proposed sweeping increases come at a time when Gov. Rod Blagojevich has sworn to slash higher education spending because he perceives colleges and universities to be inefficient.

As a result, some Eastern professors and academia question whether athletic funding, which draws from state and uni-

versity-generated revenue, should increase when academics have been told to cut back.

The topic is sure to spark debate. The Senate's Tuition and Fees Committee has already spent hours discussing the issue, and Ward said Tuesday he's unsure of how the Senate will vote.

At the heart of this athletic funding issue is a philosophical debate of what begets what, similar to the age-old chicken or the egg argument.

Supporters of the increased fees point out successful sports teams provide free publicity for the university, boost alumni donations and swell the number of applications. By attracting attention on the

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Proposed athletic fee increase being challenged

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

An athletic fee increase proposed by the Athletic Task Force is being challenged by an Eastern professor who said important information was left out of its report.

Chemistry Professor Jonathan Blitz gave a presentation Tuesday to the Faculty Senate and said the report made by the task force did not include information that would have shown Eastern got more money for its athletics department.

"I believe this data is somewhat selective in the way it is presented," Blitz said of the report made on Jan. 27 to the Faculty Senate by Gail Richard, Athletic Task Force chair.


The task force was created at the request of Eastern President Lou Hencken and was asked to find ways to lessen Eastern's dependence on state appropriated money.


The council recommended Eastern keep all 22 of its sports, not cut any appropriated funds and raise student fees in several areas to offset the costs.





Jonathan Blitz


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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY SCOTT BUTLER

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum, located at 126 E St., is looking for volunteers to help with their exhibits.

Museum seeks volunteers

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum in Charleston is searching for volunteers to work at the museum in various capacities.

Volunteers host the museum on weekdays and weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The good thing about the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum is that volunteers can choose their level of involvement," said Corinne Russell, the director of the Charleston Tourism Office.

A press release said the job of the volunteer includes greeting visitors, answering questions about the local area and staffing the gift shop. Volunteers also assist with school programs.

Schedules are flexible and a morning or afternoon commitment is offered.

The morning shift runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., while the afternoon shift runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Commitments may be weekly, bimonthly or monthly.

Any adult who can give at least three hours per month may volunteer.

Russell said that training is required to volunteer and potential volunteers are given a manual with tips on hospitality and a background of the museum.

Those still interested then undergo two hours of onsite training to become more comfortable with their position.

"The volunteer's main job is to provide hospitality services," Russell said.

She added that most volunteers are retired and have some knowledge of the history of the museum and debate. Russell encouraged those who volunteer to have some background so they may assist the public even further.

The museum has a library where volunteers can learn more about the debate, Russell said.

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum, which opened in July 2000, features illustrations, videos, photography and displays of the 1858 political debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas in Charleston.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering at the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum may contact the Charleston Tourism Office at 348-0430.

Health fair swims into the rec center

By Jaclyn Gorski
STAFF WRITER

The Health Education Resource Center and the Student Recreation Center will host the Annual Health Fair Wednesday.

The Health Fair, operating since 1998, will be held in the Student Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will cover health and safety information.

"It's to increase health knowledge," said Eric Davidson, assistant director of health services.

"It's to help people move towards health change."

There will be 60 exhibitors ranging from statewide exhibitors to local social service agencies, according to Davidson. Some topics to be addressed are sexual assault and substance abuse.

The fair will offer a series of health tests and screenings.

"There are a lot of different evaluations that are done," Davidson said.

There are cholesterol and vision and body fat screenings done. A chiropractor will be at the Health Fair. This is done so students can see if they have a medical condition that needs to be addressed.

There will also be self-evaluations available where students can get feedback from the resource center.

Some exhibitors will also provide information on internships. The internships do not just apply to health services majors like psychology.

Davidson said the exhibitors may have openings for marketing majors and majors dealing with computers.

Hawaiian artist reflected through Japanese influence

By Nicole Nicolas
FEATURES REPORTER

From far away there's only so much the naked eye can see of Sally French's art, but if people take a closer look they can see French's personality shine through her artwork.

French, an artist from Hawaii, presented her work Tuesday night at the Tarble Arts Center, using paintings and prints to take people through a journey of her life.

Highly influenced by Japanese artists such as Murakami and Tadashi, French uses that as her edge.

"Hawaii is close to Japan so (by placing) comic imagery into my work, I think it enhances my work and (it is) part of my voice," French said. "I like their simplicity."

Many of her works are paintings but she also has prints painted on negatives in reverse colors.

"I keep coming back to (painting). It's a very private thing," French said. "It's all about color because I float color and I watch what the colors do when they come together. The color field affects me and all of us."

Her journey begins through her whimsical dreams when she paints vivid images with bright colors. Another one of her paintings displayed Hawaiian gardens with a volcano erupting in the back-

"Olive is a good symbol for aging and symbolizing flaws."

—Sally French

ground.

French said the piece was done before the volcano erupted that destroyed her home and many others.

She created a series of Spud, Mr. Potato covered by beeswax paper, when she inherited her families potato farm.

In many of her pictures there are tiny bees if people take the time to look closely.

French said the bees symbolize a highly developed culture much like ours, but it is a selfless culture.

Many of her works include Olive Oil, a character that is symbolic of her.

"Olive is a good symbol for aging and symbolizing flaws," French said.

The painting she is working on now is called, "Mending and Repairing Working on Flawing" which pertains to the Olive Oil symbolism.

French's art is currently in the traveling art show, "Comic Release: Negotiating and Identity for a New Generation." Many of her pieces are displayed in the Contemporary Art Museum in Honolulu.

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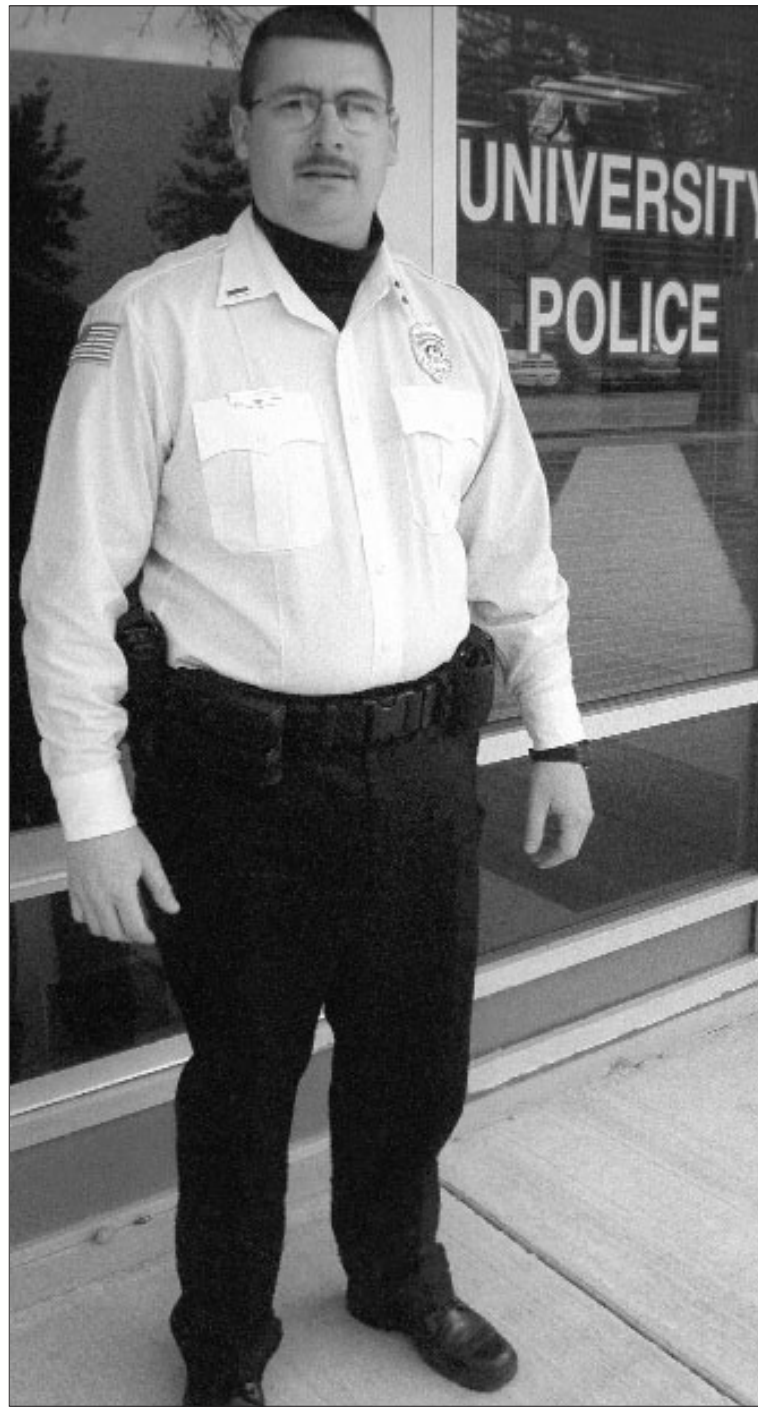
The News regrets the error.

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If you have any suggestions or ideas for articles you would like to see in *The News*, feel free to contact us at 581-2812 or jpchambers@eiu.edu



Ranking UPD officers update uniforms



By Marcy Workman
STAFF WRITER

For the past 10 years, Eastern's University Police Department officers have all worn the same uniform. Now the chief, the two lieutenants, and the four sergeants of UPD can be recognized by wearing their newly designed white shirts.

These white shirts have replaced their usual navy blue shirts. The remaining 16 patrol officers still wear. In addition to the color, they decided to change the design of the patch on each sleeve.

On the navy shirts, both sleeves had a patch with the emblem of Old Main. On the new uniforms, the left patch is an outline of the state of Illinois with a star signifying where Eastern is located. The right arm patch is an American flag.

With time, they plan to replace the patches on the other officers' uniforms, but they will remain the color navy.

Along with the change in shirts, a few officers are trying a new pant style featuring six pockets with double pockets on the side of each leg. Most of the officers said they like how the pants look and are considering purchasing them for all officers.

Lieutenant John Hatfill said UPD Chief Adam Due decided to make this change because of UPD's involvement with the public. When they are out working on the scene it will make it easier for people to tell who is in charge.

"It helps in recognition for people when they are dealing with us," Hatfill said.

Officer Art Mitchell said the new white shirts are also more convenient at nighttime.

"It makes the officers more visible. You can see them better," Mitchell said.

Each of the seven officers received four white long sleeved shirts, and later they will put in their summer order for short sleeve shirts of the same style.

Marilyn Hills, a secretary for UPD, said each shirt cost the department \$47.10, a total cost of \$1,318.80 for the 28 shirts.

The funding for this comes from the parking operations account, which consists of money coming from such things as parking permits and parking tickets.

The UPD also has a contract with a dry cleaning service for the majority of the officers' uniforms, however some officers choose to wash the uniforms themselves.

Hatfill said one downside to the white uniforms is trying to keep them clean.

"We're not going to be able to eat pizza and spaghetti all the time now," Hatfill said.

Getting adjusted to anything new always gives people problems, he said.

"I like them. I don't know if I like them any better, but I think in the long run it's going to work out," Hatfill said.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY

Lt. John Hatfill sports the new uniform for the University Police Department Tuesday morning in front of the station.

Agency provides public relations experiences

By April McLaren
STAFF WRITER

It is not every day students are able to get direct experience with something they are interested in. The Agency, a student public relations Recognized Student Organization, does just that.

"The Agency

is a group of students that meet for the sole purpose of expanding their public relations knowl-

edge through hands-on experience," said Lauren Brody, a senior journalism major and director of The Agency.

Terri Johnson, journalism professor and adviser of The Agency said students work on various projects for their clients and anyone else interested in The Agency's public relations work.

"It's a great opportunity to build your portfolio," she said.

This is Johnson's first semester with The Agency after she took over for The Agency's founder, Dr. Mary Kelly-Durkin, when she retired from Eastern last year.

Kelly-Durkin is currently the public relations director for the University Professionals of Illinois in Chicago.

Brody said the biggest current project is raising money for the endowment of the Mary Kelly-Durkin Agency Scholarship.

"We thought the scholarship would be a good way to pay tribute to her," she said.

She said The Agency is currently sending letters to alumni, producing work for a small fee and planning an event to raise money for the scholarship.

Brody said The Agency is also producing bimonthly newsletters for public relations minors and journalism majors, a newsletter for the Public Relations Society of America's Central Illinois Chapter and promoting on-campus events, such as speakers, through fliers, posters and news releases.

Johnson explained that while The Agency has clients they work with on a regular basis, students are also seeking new clients.

She said The Agency's prices are fair, reasonable rates. Prices for fliers, posters and newsletters range from \$15-\$25.

Johnson said they also welcome nonprofit organizations but still asks for a small donation for The Agency's work.

While The Agency is primarily for students in public relations, anyone is welcome to join and no experience is necessary.

"Students come and go on a volunteer basis and only participate in the activities they are interested in," Brody said.

"Also, if a student would like to pitch an idea to a client and take on larger responsibility, we will help them every step of the way," she said.

Brody first developed an interest in The Agency her sophomore year when the teacher of a public relations/magazine editing course mentioned the RSO. She said she did not have much to show in her portfolio so she decided to check it out.

Last year, she was chosen by Kelly-Durkin and the director of the time, Jessica Personette, to take over the responsibility as director.

"I saw it as a great leadership opportunity," she said.

Brody will be continuing her public relations interest and abilities after graduation. She was recently hired as an associate communications specialist for the America Medical Association.

She will start in May and will work with internal and external communications.

"Public relations is such a huge field," she said. "This is just one small part."

The Agency meets at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 2434 of Buzzard Hall.



False alarm rouses Thomas residents

By Michael Habschmidt
STAFF WRITER

It was 1:13 Tuesday morning. Students were settling down or were already asleep, some still up and doing their homework.

Suddenly, a loud buzzing could be heard in the hall, and the students in the north tower were taken from their rooms in Thomas Hall by the warning of a fire alarm.

"It looked like a system malfunction," a representative from the Charleston Fire Department said. "That is all we have right now unless we find something else."

Groggy, confused and somewhat annoyed, the students piled out of the building into the 25 degree weather, and some students escaped the cold into their heated cars.

Andrew Ehrlich, a junior history major and Thomas Hall resident, was among the students outside.

"I just want to go back inside and finish playing 'Tiger Woods Golf' on my Playstation 2," Ehrlich said while waiting for the resident assistants to let the residents back into the building. "I want to toss on a robe and grab a cup of coffee so I can warm myself up."

The resident assistants of each floor made sure there was no one left inside what they had to assume was a burning building and helped to evacuate it.

Shivering and shaking, the students watched as units from the University Police Department and the Charleston Police and Fire departments arrived on the scene, ready to put out any fires.

Fortunately for the students, the fire alarm was a mistake and there was no actual fire.

Somewhat annoyed, the students returned to the building, some still upset about the false alarm.

Daniel Freberg, a freshman history major

living in the north tower of Thomas Hall, said, "I was watching TV when the alarm went off and I was concerned about it."

Students parading back toward their rooms complained about being taken from their rooms with comments like "It sucked," and "It pissed me off."

The UPD arrived at the scene at 1:17 a.m., and the Charleston Fire Department arrived at 1:22 a.m.

The police report on the false fire alarm stated, "the location of the alarm was in the [Building Service Worker's] room on the lower level, and the alarm went off at 1:13 a.m. The fire department responded and evacuated the building."

One student threatened to move out because he is frustrated with the frequent fire alarms. He said he was tired and had midterms to study for and take later that day.





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EDITORIAL

Veto decision will benefit Student Senate

Student Body President Caleb Judy was right to stand by his beliefs and exercise his power to veto motions passed by the Student Senate.

Last Wednesday, the senate suspended the bylaws to vote on the two motions. The bylaws require the senate to table the motions for one week before voting.

The motions Judy vetoed were a 4 percent increase to the Health Service fee and a 3 percent increase to the Student Recreation Center fee.

Kyle Donash, chair for the external Relations Committee, said the veto is a good way to give everyone more of a chance to have their questions answered.

"None of the senators knew it was on the agenda," Donash said. "I just think it's ridiculous when we pass something we're not informed about."

Today's veto hasn't happened in many years.

The senate can suspend the bylaws in case of an emergency to vote on what it calls a bill.

Judy vetoed because he didn't think last

Wednesday's decision was an emergency.

This took watchful eye, consideration and thought by Judy to take action.

Instead of just moving things along quickly, Judy recognized issues need careful consideration and should not be rushed.

Instead of sitting back and keeping quiet, he interjected within his right to do so. He stood by his commitment to uphold his elected duty and help regulate activities of the student senate. He is looking out for the best interests of the university as well as its students.

The senate had passed both motions, but Judy's veto means the motions basically fail until Wednesday when the senate will have to override the veto with a two-thirds vote or his veto will not be overturned. This presents the opportunity for the senate to evaluate their decision and take another look at the issue.

The Senate could learn from this because the power given to Judy to veto, as well as the issue, itself protected by the power, both provide senate members another chance to consider the issue.

The responsibilities of the the Student Government should not be taken lightly, and most issues, no matter how big or small, should be treated with equal consideration and commitment by the governments representatives.

When Student Senate votes on the suspension of the bylaws, they should not vote to overturn Judy's decision, but instead learn to demonstrate patience in decision-making to ensure thorough consideration in handling all issues presented.

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

At issue

Student Body President Caleb Judy vetoed two motions passed by the Student Senate last week.

Our stance

Judy was justified in his decision. The senate had not had prior time to consider the motions that dealt with student fee increases.

OPINION

Experience beyond degree vital



Karen Kirr

Senior writer, Warbler editor in chief and guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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If there is one thing I have learned during my past 3 1/2 years at Eastern it is that getting involved will pay off tremendously in the long run.

Students can study for hours on end for tests and compose the most polished term papers, but what really earns them a job is immersing themselves in organizations revolving around their field and in turn building the concrete skills crucial to the field they plan to enter.

As a journalism major, getting heavily involved in two student publications while I've been at Eastern has garnered me two internships thus far and undoubtedly will secure me a job in the field by the time graduation hits. Still, I can't help but ask myself, what if I hadn't done much of anything with the resources at my fingertips here at the university?

It can be assumed I would be scrambling merely to nab an internship come May because I would inevitably be squashed by the competition in the job market.

But the scary thing is many people sit back on the fact they are earning a degree. In reality, it only gets a students' foot in the door. Employers, as I've discovered after enduring countless interviews, won't ask you about your grades. They want to know what sets you apart from the status quo, what kind of relevant skills you've accumulated over the college years and/or what makes you so qualified over the next person.

Many times what barricades people from allowing themselves to get involved in such things as RSOs, clubs or Greek life is the intimidation factor. For instance, last year while toiling away in *The*

"... come to grips and accept the idea that improving and networking with others and learning and applying those skills requires a painstaking amount of time."

Daily Eastern News office, a woman telephoned concerning her freshman daughter and how she would be interested in taking photographs for the staff, but insisted she needed us to call the girl to persuade her to join the staff because she was much too scared to walk in the door herself.

Linda Moore, acting director for career services, said many students enter college with the wrong mind-set regarding involvement.

"I think they carry ideas from high schools," Moore says. "A lot of times in high school the same people ran everything and it was kind of just something to keep them busy."

But in college, the vast number of opportunities provided by organizations require extensive responsibilities and considerable planning, Moore said.

Since there are such an array of options and resources, joining a RSO or club can be overwhelming. Moore used the analogy of running track to illustrate the process of slowly getting involved.

"You are stiff at first. (Then)

you walk, jog and then work up the ability to run fast," she said. "It doesn't happen overnight. If they start early, ... by sophomore or junior year they can take on a leadership role in the club. It is a step, by step by step."

Often times it is difficult not to get too hasty. It is human nature to want fast results, but come to grips and accept the idea that improving and networking with others and learning and applying those skills requires a painstaking amount of time. And remember partying and joining an organization are not mutually exclusive.

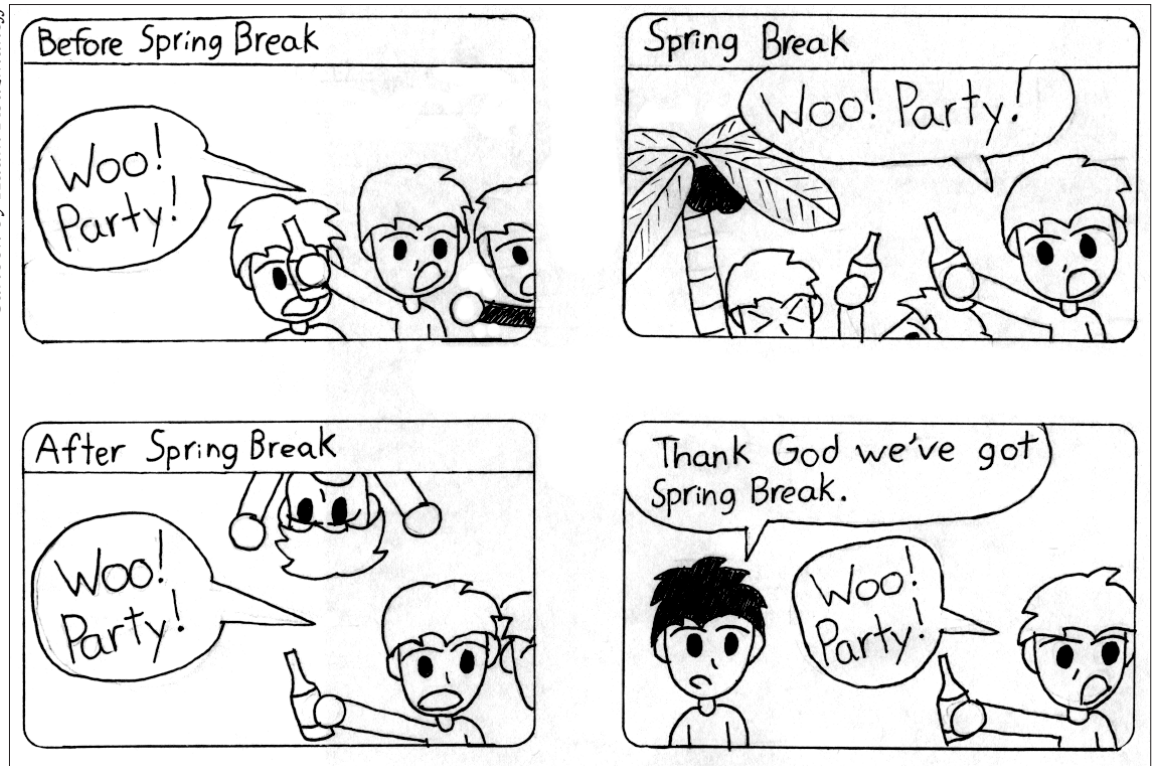
Keeping yourself busy forces you to manage your time well, and therefore, most students won't have trouble finding time for both.

Ultimately, if you take advantage of extracurricular activities particularly pertinent to your field, you will be much more comfortable come senior year. If you are a freshman or sophomore still hesitant about at least taking taking a stab at getting involved, reflect on Moore's assurance that "If you start getting involved freshmen year, and then job search your senior year, it's a piece of cake."

Whenever I would get discouraged or downright sick of devoting too many hours working under The glaring fluorescent lights of the DEN newsroom during the past few years, I would catch a glimpse of a cartoon that used to be adhered to one of the beams in the room. It depicted a man drowning in paper work and stated, "a lot of work now will mean a lot less work later."

Now that is a statement that can resonate with every college student if you just discipline yourself and put in the extra effort.

Cartoon by Adam Kouzmanoff



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landlord reporting unbalanced

This letter is in response to "Charleston Landlords Still Renting For Next Academic Year" published in *The Daily Eastern News* March 1. The writer of the article, Jennifer Smith is a tenant of ours and she had requested some information about our properties, including our new building on 9th Street. We were very surprised to see the content of the article when it appeared on Monday.

Along with general information comparing different landlords, Smith described a survey she conducted of our tenants. We were the only landlord in the article

that had its tenants surveyed.

The issue of all apartments at the Atrium being charged \$20 per apartment is false. No one was actually charged for this incident. Her roommate was the only one of our tenants quoted in the article. We have a hard time believing the survey that she conducted was representative of our tenant's overall feelings.

The News has already decided to print a correction and clarification of the article, but we wanted to express how we felt about this article. We are a family owned and operated busi-

ness devoted to serving our tenants the very best way possible, and our reputation is extremely important to us. Articles that are untruthful and misrepresentative of the facts are frustrating and completely unnecessary.

Melissa Phillips,
property manager
Unique Properties

Correction

Editor's note: This following paragraph was cut from the column in Tuesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News. It is written by Associate News editor Carly Mullady.

"I'm not a cynic. I'm just using the power I have with this edit page to voice my concerns and hope it will make a difference."

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FACULTY SENATE

Psych professor wins Distinguished Faculty

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate named psychology professor John Best as the 2004 Distinguished Faculty Award recipient Tuesday.

Senate Member Steve Scher, who served as chair of the Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee this year, recommended Best be selected because he excelled in service to the college and community, development and teaching.

Senate members voted 13-0 to approve the committee's recommendation.

Best was unavailable for comment at the time of publication.

"All the committee members had good things to say about (Best)," Scher said.

This year the committee reviewed 11 nominations for the award, some of which were submitted last year but not selected, Scher said.

"The nominations that came in this year will be retained for consideration next year," as is the policy, Scher said. The committee only received one updated nomination.

Nominations for the award sometimes come with letters of recommendation from students, but that is not a requirement, Scher said.

"Many nominations do have student letters and those tend to influence the committee," Scher said.

The nominations the committee evaluated were harder to choose from than in the past, Scher said.

"We had six or seven (nominees) who we would have felt comfortable giving the award to," he said.

The due date for petitions from faculty who wish to serve on boards and councils was extended from Wednesday to March 22 because only five petitions have been turned in.

Barbara Lawrence, faculty senate vice chair, said the lack of petitions could have been because faculty members did not read messages sent out about the topic.

"Petitions are due tomorrow and I have received very few petitions so far," Lawrence said. "I have about five petitions."

Lawrence said faculty members interested in running for a position must have at least 10 signatures and the elections will be held on March 31 and April 1 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Talk to your colleagues and urge them to run for these positions," she said to the senate.

A Faculty Senate self study and a bylaw change that would create a faculty forum committee were postponed until the next senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the bylaw change will be proposed the Tuesday after spring break.

RHA auctions off underwear, services

By Ashley Haussy
STAFF WRITER

An underwear and services auction was held by the Residence Hall Association Tuesday night to raise money and support a good cause.

Students bought a pair of underwear and then attached a note with a certain service to be performed. Students could offer such services as piano lessons, wake up calls or tours of their building. The students then bid on the underwear without knowing the service first.

Freshman undecided major Kristin Cilek provided a service for the event. She is a part of Andrews Hall Council and will be making a goodie bag to relieve stress for the winner of her underwear.

"If there was a better turnout for this event it would have been great, especially because of the cause, but there will be other fundraisers to help out RHA," Cilek said.

JC Miller, a freshman international studies and political science major, is a member of the RHA Financial Advisory Board in charge of holding the event.

She said the idea for the auction came from another school at the Illinois Residence Hall Association Conference this year. Because of the success of the event, the board decided to try it at Eastern.

"Not only does this event raise money for a good cause, it encourages students to make friends and get to know other people

better," Miller said.

The money raised will go toward two scholarships the RHA gives out each year. The Shawn McKinney Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman that displays good leadership qualities.

The Brad Wright Memorial Scholarship is given to an upperclassman who has had a positive impact toward on-campus housing at Eastern.

This is the first series of events hosted by the RHA board, which was formed this semester. The head of the Financial Advisory Board, freshman math major Lindsay DiPietro, also hosted the same auction two weeks ago in Carman Hall and made \$40.

"The turnout was not as good as we expected, but the people who attended really supported the cause," DiPietro said.

The turnout for Tuesday's event was also not as successful as RHA hoped for. The auction was moved from Andrews Hall to the karaoke event in Taylor Hall at 9 p.m.

DiPietro said the lack of support from the halls contributed to low attendance at the event, but that the concept of it was also very difficult to understand.

Even though this fundraiser did not go as well as the board planned, there are other RHA fundraising events planned for this semester.

There will be a bowling fundraiser held on March 23 at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Teams can enter by hall and the cost is \$25 per team.

STUDENT SENATE

Senate will vote to override president Judy's veto

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate Wednesday will vote to override Student Body President Caleb Judy's veto on two motions senate passed last week.

Judy said he vetoed two fee increase motions because not everyone knew what the motions involved.

"Everyone should have sufficient knowledge of the bills before they are passed," he said. "I don't think we should rush through these."

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said a veto means the passed motion is tabled until the next meeting. The senate will need a two-thirds vote to override Judy's decision. If they fail it or don't reach a two-thirds majority decision, the motion fails.

"If (the senate) passes something, (Judy) can fail it himself," Lesica said.

The motions Judy vetoed were a four percent increase to the Health Service fee and a three percent increase to the Student Recreation Center fee.

"He felt that they were passed hastily, so I support him on that," Lesica said.

The Health Service fee increase motion was passed 13-9-1, which is not a two-thirds decision. If the senate votes the same, the motion will fail.

Jeff Collier, chair for the Academic Affairs Committee, said he voted against the Health Service fee and voted for the Rec Center fee, which the senate passed 19-0-2.

"The reasons for his veto were simply in the best interest of the

senate's decision," Collier said. "He justified his own veto, whether you like it or not, he justified his veto."

Senate member Harold King said he voted for both fees and that Judy had good reasons to veto the motions.

"Obviously they were big decisions to be made and he didn't feel that we discussed it enough," King said. "As president, it's a gut feeling. It's his call."

Kyle Donash, chair for the External Relations Committee, said the veto is a good way to give everyone more of a chance to have their questions answered.

"None of the senators knew it was on the agenda," Donash said. "I just think it's ridiculous when we pass something we're not fully informed about."

Donash said the senate should not have voted so quickly on the

motions.

"There was no need for it to be rushed," he said. "I think that most of (the senate members) agree with Caleb."

Chemistry Professor Jonathan Blitz will speak about the athletics fee increase motion the senate failed last week.

Blitz has put together a report about the athletics fee he presented to the Faculty Senate Tuesday, Lesica said.

The senate will also vote to approve the Student Leadership Council's bylaws.

Lisa Flam, student vice president for student affairs, said the council has attracted about 30 Recognized Student Organizations in its five meetings.

"It's already doing big things, just make it official," Flam said.

Lesica said the bylaws will help

the council stay a consistent group.

"I feel that as long as the bylaws are followed and the (council) lasts for a few years, then the bylaws were worth it," Lesica said.

The senate will also discuss, and possibly vote on, a resolution offering students on academic probation the chance to take a study skills course before they fail out of the university.

Collier said the current course is only given to students who already have failed out of Eastern.

"I feel that students should be offered assistance before failing out," Collier said. "It won't be required, they will have the option."

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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Students encouraged to have safe spring breaks

◆ *Bacchus holding informational meeting Wednesday*

By Heather Long
STAFF WRITER

All students are encouraged to attend Safe Spring Break, sponsored by Bacchus.

The informational event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Mattoon/Charleston Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University

Union.

Safe Spring Break will include tips for problems that may occur, in hopes of keeping students safe during Spring Break.

The night will be filled with plenty of door prizes ranging from free Pizza Hut pizzas to coupons from Steak-n-Shake activities for students to enjoy. Students even have a chance to win a Jeep Wrangler at the door.

Bacchus, which has been sponsoring Safe Spring Break for the last four to five years, is an organization promoting safe sex and a

drug-free lifestyle.

They also teach students how to become more aware of problems they could face. Bacchus supports Condom Club, which goes around to different residence halls promoting sex education and helpful tips to students.

"The annual event is to increase awareness, give information, and to help people develop skills later in life," said Eric Davidson, assistant director of Health Services and adviser of Bacchus.

"The event is run mainly by students, they have been working

hard on it," he said.

"It seems like a well thought out event; it's (Safe Spring Break) covering many topics ranging from tobacco to (Driving Under the Influence)."

Safe Spring Break will include a total of five tables set up to help students become more aware of problems that could arise during Spring Break. Skin care, tobacco, alcohol, sex health and club drugs are the topics Bacchus will cover at the tables.

Mia Segroves, junior health studies major and president of

Bacchus, said there would be a lot of interactive activities for students to enjoy.

"This is my third Spring Break, we are expecting around 50 people to attend," Segroves said.

Liana Shapiro, sophomore social science major and vice president of programming, and Genevieve Magila, sophomore nursing major and Condom Club chairperson, are also in charge of planning the event.

"It is to get everyone into Spring Break, and its just a subtle reminder to be safe," Magila said.

LaBamba's suspects' trial set

By Michael Schroeder
CITY REPORTER

The jury trial date for two of the three remaining suspects in the fight that took place at La Bamba's Sept. 26 has been set for May.

Lee E. Graham, 36, was given the jury pretrial at 9 a.m. May 10, according to his defendant Bob Dunst of Mattoon.

He is charged with aggravated battery to an arresting peace officer and two counts of obstruction of justice, according to Coles County Circuit Court docket information.

Seniece A. Graham, 28, who was involved in the same altercation, was also given the jury pretrial time of 9 a.m. May 10, according to the dockets.

Lonnie Lutz, her defendant, said she is being charged with aggravated battery to an arresting peace officer.

The third remaining suspect, who is charged with two counts of threatening a police officer, is William Graham; he has a motion hearing set for April 16, dockets said.

He also has other charges stemming from the burglary of Audio NXS Car Audio and Accessories in Mattoon and unlawful use of a credit card, a Coles County Circuit Clerk said.

The charges read that on July 11, 2003, Graham entered Audio NXS with the intent of burglary and took property valued at greater than \$300, but less than \$1,000, she said.

Funding:

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playing fields, the classrooms will indirectly reap the benefits from larger shares of student fees and fundraising money.

Critics question whether the funding is being misallocated in this tight budget situation and if academic quality is given lower priority. They wonder: "Should funds go to the university athletics fee or to support things like undergraduate research, or going to conferences where students would benefit directly?" asks Charles Delman, president of the University Professionals of Illinois.

Unlike some Illinois universities considered mid-majors, or those sports teams not from large athletic conferences like the Big 10 or the Pac-10, Eastern struggled this year resulting in "If they can do it, why can't we?" attitude. For example, the basketball team at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and the football team at Northern Illinois University both achieved high national rankings this year.

Some Panther sports achieved great success – the women's soccer team qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third straight year, the men's indoor track team won the conference title for the fourth straight time – but many of the marquee sports that generate publicity and happy alumni stumbled.

The football team, with a 4-8 record, failed to make the Division I-AA playoffs for the first time since 1999. The men's and women's basketball teams both missed qualifying for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament – the first time both squads had failed – combining for 14 wins against 40 losses. The volleyball team also missed the conference tournament finishing eighth out of 11 teams.

Still, Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie said the increases only cover the basics because of inflations or salary increases.

"The amount of money we're asking for in a five-year plan doesn't get us to this next level," he said.

In a phone interview last week, Nikki Kull, chair of the Student Senate Tuition and Fee committee, said although the committee understands athletics' importance, they didn't want to make them any more important than other organizations, especially for a five-year time-frame.

"You always have to be thinking of those in the

HISTORY OF ATHLETICS/GRANT-IN-AID FEE

Year	Athletics	Grant-in-Aid	Totals
1999-2000	\$48.55	\$48	\$96.55
2000-01	\$56.05	\$55	\$111.05
2001-02	\$61.05	\$58.92	\$119.97
2002-03	\$61.05	\$58.92	\$119.97
2003-04	\$63.50	\$62	\$125.50
2004-05	\$72.04	\$70.96	\$143
2005-06	\$77.92	\$77.63	\$155.55
2006-07	\$81.04	\$84.70	\$165.74
2007-08	\$84.28	\$92.19	\$176.47
2008-09	\$87.65	\$100.14	\$187.74

future," said Kull, a nonvoting member. "I'd be upset if people four years ago made the decision to set my fees high."

Task Force created to find ways to deal with budget crunch

President Lou Hencken appointed the nine-person task force in the summer of 2003 to investigate possible ways to reduce the reliance on state appropriated dollars. Eastern receives approximately half of its total budget from the state, while the other half comes from university funds, such as tuition or student fees.

Task Force membership included five faculty members, two students, one staff member and Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie.

"I don't think anyone on the Task Force ever thought we'd be competing with Duke in basketball," Hencken said of the group's intentions, "but we want to be able to compete with Murray (State), SEMO, Tennessee Tech and other teams in the OVC."

Charles Delman, a math professor, said, "I would really love to see the day when our administration says no matter what we do our academic programs can't be compromised."

In January, the Task Force Chair Gail Richard presented to various campus entities their suggestions. One scenario severely reduced the university's reliance upon state appropriation, but the burden on students jumped dramatically.

The other scenario, endorsed as the better one by the Task Force, called for a steady 4 percent increase over the next five fiscal years. The 4 percent increase was the watermark set for all of the 11 student fees by Shirley Stewart, acting vice president for student affairs.

"Instead of coming back to the students with a

surprise each year," Richard said last week, "let's have a long-range vision here and be innovative in knowing where we want to get, but get there gradually so we just don't dump it on students."

The Task Force asked for a bolder increase in the grant-in-aid fee – some 6.1 percent – over the next five years. Athletics receives 80 percent of the grant-in-aid fee funds, the university scholarship funds are dis-

persed based upon academic or physical talents.

"You come down to: Why are you even offering (a sport), if you're not going to scholarship it, and fund it appropriately?" Richard asked. "So we said to the Office of Civil Rights, we're committed to funding these sports, and we want to increase the funding in them."

Cutting any sport, Richard previously said, would be difficult because of Title IX stipulations.

Actually, cutting a sport, an option the Task Force did investigate, could lose the university money, as athletes may not attend because of a lack of scholarship money, Richard said. One university honors student, she said, could only receive \$1,000 for academics, but received \$5,000 for running track.

Eastern offers 22 sports — a figure higher than any other university in Illinois or in the Ohio Valley Conference – that not only gives the campus a diverse number of athletics, but also ensures 463 student-athletes, many of whom pay for the majority of their school, stay here.

Packaged with the additional tuition and fees, the university also receives money through the NCAA revenue sharing program that grants funds based upon the number of sports and student-athletes.

While Eastern's athletic budget ranks first in the OVC, the actual funding per sport ranks in the middle. Still, other schools, especially those struggling to attract strong enrollment, wish they had athletics as a forum to bring in tuition and fee money.

"All of us should be as smart as you guys and bring in more teams," said Frank Harrell, the director of athletics at Tennessee Tech University, a school with 16 sports. "You can bring in more students you wouldn't normally bring in."

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"Is this increase truly necessary to keep our athletics program halfway decent?"

—Jonathan Blitz

Challenge:
McDuffie says Blitz proposed cutting sports, Blitz denies

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"The task force never really made the comparisons that needed to be made," Blitz said.

Specifically, Blitz said the task force did not compare Eastern's overall athletics budget to other Ohio Valley Conference schools and did not compare the amount of money in the athletics budget given to each sport.

"That's one thing they didn't do that seems to me an obvious thing to do," Blitz said.

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie said comparisons like these would not accurately reflect Eastern's cost because it offers 22 sports while other schools offer less.

"I don't think he's in a position to evaluate the task force's work," McDuffie said of Blitz and added, "the task force report didn't include everything they looked at."

McDuffie said the task force compared Eastern to other OVC schools on how much state appropriated funding they received.

As for not comparing the budgets of each sport, McDuffie said, "I don't know whether they did or not. Some information is not readily available. The task force could have spent 10 years looking at different budgets."

Blitz will make a second presentation during the Student Government meeting Wednesday and said he will inform students about the proposed fee increase.

"I think what the students want to know is if this increase is really necessary," Blitz said. "Is this increase truly necessary to keep our athletics program halfway decent?"

McDuffie said he will also be present during the meeting but has not yet asked senate members if he could speak.

Blitz and McDuffie met for an hour Monday and discussed the issue but disagreed about possible solutions. McDuffie said Blitz suggested cutting some of the sports; a claim Blitz denied.

"There's two ways to look at funding athletics," McDuffie said. "(Blitz's) answer was '22 sports is too many sports and should be cut.'"

Blitz said, "I did not propose cutting sports. I don't think the athletic department should be funded at the level (McDuffie) wants to be funded at," he said. "I think (the fees) are too burdensome on the students."

McDuffie said, "We don't want to cut sports. We'd rather have some help internally, meaning from student fees, and we will continue to work externally."

The feeling of athletic over-funding has been expressed by several faculty members during previous presentations made by the task force.

"I feel the Athletic Task Force is not being asked the hard questions," Blitz said. "The athletics department can't have it all, nobody can."

McDuffie said, "You can look at the numbers in all different ways, depending on what your perception is, and his perception is a little different than mine."



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Tony Dungy, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, and Steve Champlin, director of player development, look out over campus during their tour of the athletic facilities of Eastern Tuesday morning.

Colts:

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media/guest room for Colts press conferences. The Colts' head coach was then taken to the Physical Science building where the Phipps Lecture Hall was evaluated for a meeting room for players and coaches. The Colts' representatives were impressed with the quality of the facilities and the centralized location of Eastern's campus.

"What I saw today was good facilities, good meeting rooms and basically all the physical things are in place to meet our satisfaction," Dungy said.

The luncheon in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union gave the pair of mayors in the Coles County area were given an opportunity to discuss what their expectations of the towns are to secure the Colts in Charleston.

"It's very similar to what we are experiencing when the Chicago Bears were thinking about coming here," Cougill said. "We are dealing with a lot of 'what if' stuff right now with our proposal to them."

Cougill and Carter stressed that a Colts training camp would not only help the Charleston and Mattoon area and he wants people to look beyond Coles County.

"I think this could help out all of East Central Illinois with fans coming over to see the Colts, finding out there's a lot to

do in this area and putting money into the community," Cougill said.

"These are rough economic times and anything that could help the financial situation of the area would be greatly needed," Carter said.

Coles Together, the Coles County Economic Development Council, was adamant about the training camp being an event that could raise the marketability of the surrounding communities.

"By looking at other towns with pro camps, we've found this is a destination event which brings new people in your town which we've found stay for an average of 2.7 days with 40 percent of them returning again," Gustafson said. "This is a situation that creates 100-150 jobs for students that could stay around the summer. Our two main objectives are to create an environment for the team and environment for fans to have fun."

The final visit after the meal was a meeting back at the O'Brien Stadium conference room to discuss the findings of the entire day.

Upgrading certain aspects of the Panthers' facilities were considered, especially the practice fields outside of O'Brien Stadium.

"Our practice fields are not adequate for our team, let alone a half billion dollar organization like the Colts," McDuffie said. "It was discussed that they would want better fields and we told them that we could certainly get them ready before they come back in the summer."

The other concern of the athletic department is the potential overlap of the

Colts' training camp along with the summer workouts for Eastern.

"That has always been a concern that we understand could potentially be a problem but I promise you that our own student-athletes will not be short-changed in this process," McDuffie said.

At the end of the meeting, Dungy was positive about what he saw at Eastern and was surprised at the attention Tuesday's event was given.

"What impressed me was the incredibly efficient staff here at Eastern, great facilities, a high caliber football program and most importantly was the ability for our team to come together at a place where there is not a lot of distractions. I believe Eastern has that," Dungy said. "It's always fun when you have support from a community like this who will watch us and maybe we can turn some of them into Colts fans."


After about a four hour day at Eastern, Champlin left via helicopter for Colts headquarters. Dungy took a car to Champaign where he will be discussing more aspects of Eastern over dinner before traveling back to Indianapolis.

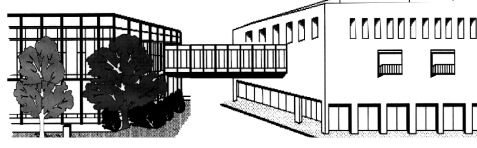
The timetable was never given or set on Tuesday when the Colts will either make another trip to Eastern or make a decision on the location of its training camp; however, Dungy stated Eastern may be a top candidate.

"I think Steve Champlin has been doing the leg work for all of this, but this is the only other trip I've taken so I guess that's a good sign for Eastern," Dungy said.

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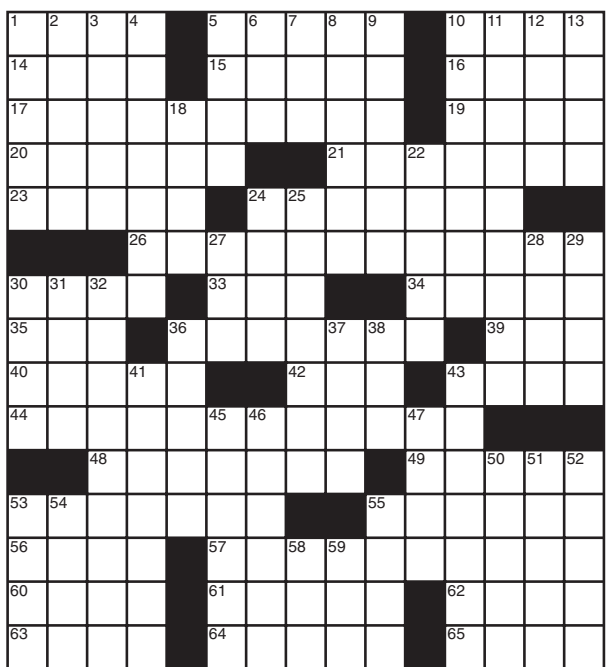
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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Sniper convict gets death

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — Sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad was sentenced to death Tuesday by a judge who called the Washington-area shootings that left 10 people dead “so vile that they were almost beyond comprehension.”

Muhammad denied any involvement in the October 2002 rampage, echoing a claim of innocence he made in his opening statement to the jury when he briefly served as his own attorney.

“Just like I said at the beginning, I had nothing to do with this, and I’ll say again, I had nothing to do with this,” Muhammad said Tuesday.

Study: teens who pledge abstinence have same rate of STDs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Teens who make a one-time pledge to remain virgins until marriage catch sexually transmitted diseases about as often as those who don’t pledge abstinence, according to a study of the sex lives of 12,000 adolescents.

Those who make a public pledge to delay sex also wind up having fewer sex partners and get married earlier, the research shows. But the two groups’ STD rates were statistically similar.

One of the problems, researchers found, is that virginity “pledgers” are less likely to use condoms.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Poll: Obama, Ryan lead race

CHICAGO (AP) — With a week left until the Illinois primary, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Jack Ryan were ahead in their nomination battles for the U.S. Senate, a poll released Tuesday showed.

The Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV poll of statewide voters found former Democratic front-runner Blair Hull has seen his support plummet, to 16 percent from 24 percent in a similar poll three weeks ago.

Hull has poured \$29 million of his own money into television ads and held the early lead, only to see his margin crumble after the unsealing a week ago of papers in his 1998 divorce that said he threatened to kill ex-wife Brenda Sexton, hit her on the leg and called her crude names.

Obama was the choice of 33 percent of

registered voters, up from 15 percent in a poll taken Feb. 11-17. Democrat Dan Hynes also benefited from the controversy. Nineteen percent of voters polled favored the state comptroller, compared with 11 percent three weeks ago.

The poll showed a rapid decline in the number of undecided Democratic voters. Sixteen percent of Democrats polled said they hadn’t chosen a candidate, compared with more than a third three weeks ago.

At the same time, attempts to raise questions of character against Ryan over his divorce from actress Jeri Ryan have been unsuccessful. Thirty-two percent of Republican voters said they would support investment banker-turned-teacher Ryan, compared with 30

percent three weeks ago.

Eleven percent of Republican voters said they would vote for dairy owner James D. Oberweis and 10 percent picked suburban Chicago businessman Andy McKenna. Thirty-five percent of Republicans polled said they were undecided.

The poll of 602 Democratic and 580 Republican voters was taken March 3 through March 6 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Completing the list for the Democrats, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas had 8 percent, former Chicago school board president Gery Chico polled six percent, and health care executive Joyce Washington and radio talk show host Nancy Skinner each had 1 percent.

Police: Mom admitted spiking kids’ drinks with Xanax

NAPERVILLE (AP) — A Naperville woman has been accused of spiking the juice of her three children with the anti-anxiety drug Xanax, police said.

Michelle Helgeson, a licensed pharmacy technician, was charged with felony aggravated battery. She allegedly served the tainted drinks Sunday to her 10-year-

old son and two daughters, 9 and 4, police said Monday.

“Between her interview, interviews with her children, physical evidence a the scene and interviews with a few other people who either live there or were there at the time, the decision was, this was not an accident,” Naperville police

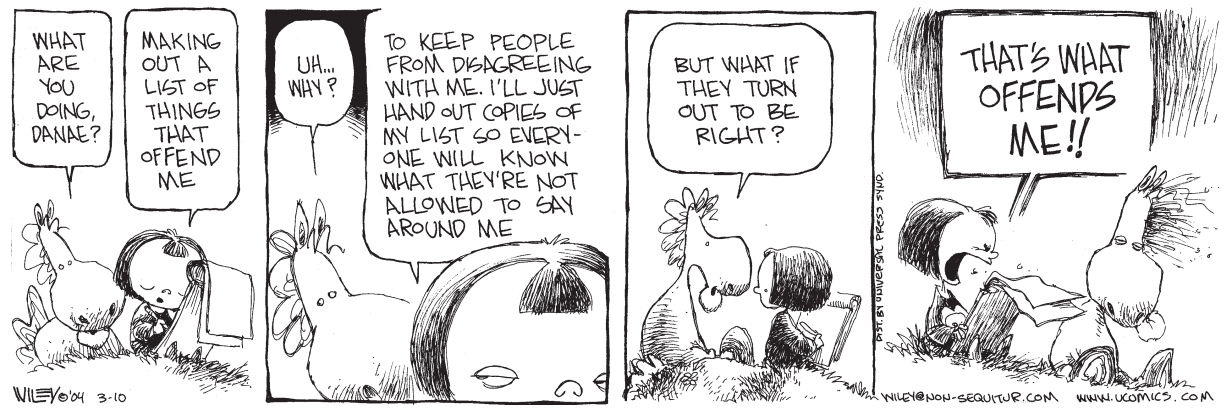
Sgt. Joel Truemper said. “This was intentional.”

“She had crushed some pills, put them in orange juice and gave them to the kids,” said DuPage County State’s Attorney Joseph Birkett. Helgeson called 911 when one of the children became sick, Birkett said.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Eastern picks up win after two losses

By Kurtis Allen
STAFF WRITER

After losing their last two matches, the Eastern men's tennis team picked up a big win over Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis 4-3, in the "Hoosier State" last Sunday.

Eastern won four out of the five singles matches, including CJ Weber's first victory in his last three matches. Weber defeated Brian Slack in straight sets 6-4, 6-3.

Brandon Blankenkaker won in straight sets over Luke Recker 7-6, 6-1. Blankenkaker and

Weber continued their winning ways as they remained undefeated in doubles action.

Weber and Blakenbaker beat the team of Brian Slack and Ross Gehlhausen earning Eastern their only doubles match victory of the day.

Also in singles action, Chuck LeVaque and Ryan Blankenkaker earned victories. LaVaque beat Marc Pyatt in straight sets 6-3, 6-3, while the younger of the Blankenkaker brothers handily defeated Gehlhausen 6-3, 6-4.

In doubles action, the tandem of LeVaque and Blankenkaker couldn't outlast IUPUI's team of Nick Tarvin and Juan Mas. Tarvin and

Mas defeated LeVaque and Blankenkaker 9-8.

In a marathon match, IUPUI's Mas outlasted Brandon Lenfert 4-6, 6-4, 10-8.

In the final singles match of the day, IUPUI's Ken Rachon beat Eastern's Eric Stuertz in straight sets 6-1, 6-3.

In the final doubles match of the day, IUPUI's Recker and Tarvin defeated Eastern's team of Colin Priestner and Lenfert 8-2.

Eastern was back in Indianapolis on Tuesday to take on Creighton and will go back on the road Friday to take on Eastern Kentucky.

Eastern is currently 5-4 this season.

Learning:

Spoo, Dungy have known each other since the 1970s

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Bellantoni said he has always admired Dungy's defensive philosophy and the way he is able to scheme gameplans.

"I'm excited to have him here," Bellantoni said. "I'd like to be able to have the chance to copy what he has done. I'm interested in figuring out why they do things and how they fix things when they have problems."

According to the coaching staff, the perception NFL scouts have of Eastern is the program could change for the positive.

"I think the players would get something out of watching the pros perform," Spoo said. "They already idolize them, but seeing them live is something different."

Spoo said the presence of an NFL team on a college campus where a top high school recruit is thinking about attending can be a huge advantage when it comes time for that recruit to decide what college he will play for.

He said a few years back the St. Louis Rams were holding their training camp at Western Illinois University. There was an offensive lineman both Eastern and Western were recruiting. The lineman eventually chose the Leathernecks and cited the presence of an NFL team as one of the biggest reasons for heading to Macomb.

Spoo and the entire Eastern staff hope the Panthers can acquire that advantage.

Weber has hand in two NCAA-bound teams

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — There were times this season when Bruce Weber wasn't sure he had the makings of a championship team.

Criticism came easy for Illinois fans after the team was blown out by Providence, after a rare loss at home to Purdue, and especially after get-

ting trounced at Northwestern and Wisconsin.

"You were skeptical, there's no doubt about it. I would think everyone was," Weber said.

But in southern Illinois, Weber's old home, basketball fans were chuckling.

"They were laughing at the IQs of the Illinois fans," said Southern Illinois coach Matt Painter, who took over the team that Weber left last spring. "They'd seen him win with average talent, with good talent and with great talent at our level. They knew it was only a matter of time

before (Illinois) started winning."

Illinois started winning after that 20-point loss at Wisconsin on Jan. 24 and hasn't lost since. The Illini won six road games during a 10-game winning streak that propelled them to their first outright conference championship since 1952.

Softball:

Young pitchers struggle second time against Sycamores

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Control wasn't an issue for Hoeschen as she walked only one batter, but the Sycamore bats picked up the slack and took

advantage of the young pitcher while she was in the game.

Fellow freshman Brittany Whelan stopped the bleeding for 3 2/3 innings, but the game was forced to end after the fifth inning because the Panthers had only brought in one run and the eight-run rule could not be avoided.

The lone bright spot for Eastern's offense was freshman catcher Sandyn Short who had two hits in her three at bats. She also drove in the one run the Panthers

pushed across the plate.

The second game was not much different as the Panthers again struggled to slow the Sycamore offense. This game also ended by the score of 9-1.

This time, however, Eastern manager Lloydene Searle turned to experienced pitchers like senior Keri Haggerty and sophomore Ashley Condon.

The two pitchers split the brunt of the Indiana State attack with Haggerty giving up four runs in


her two innings pitched, while Condon gave up five runs in 2 2/3 innings pitched.

The Panthers couldn't extend the game passed the fifth inning because they only scored one run. This game, the Panthers had one less hit (four) than in the first game. Not one player finished with multiple hits in the game and only one player besides the top three hitters in the lineup worked their way on base thanks to a base hit.

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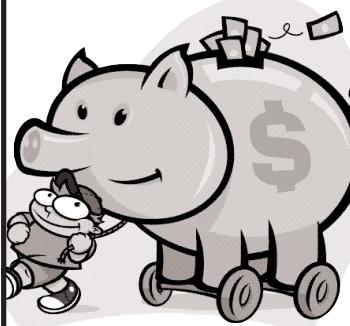
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"After my first win I was hooked. It was the greatest feeling I ever had," - Pat Dowty

FOR THE LOVE OF THE SPORT

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

The ups and downs of Pat Dowty's career have given him a new perspective on wrestling.

Dowty, a 133-pound senior, took first place at Saturday's NCAA West Regional. Dowty had two second place finishes at the tournament before, but the three-time NCAA qualifier said, despite his win he was still disappointed.

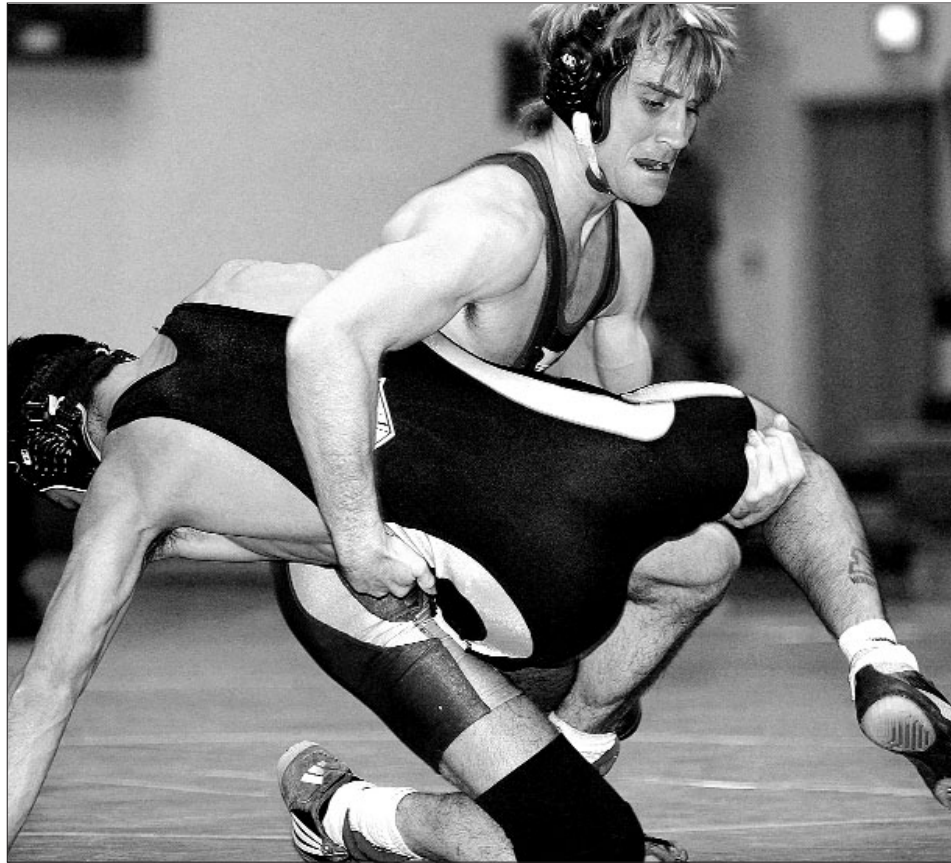
"I wasn't pleased with the way I performed," Dowty said, "but when I won, it was like 1,000 pounds were lifted off my shoulders."

On Thursday, March 18, Dowty, 24, will compete in his third and final NCAA championship, but his experience in wrestling has given him a different perspective than he had before. Dowty said he's going on to the mat and forgetting the pressure and having fun.

"That kind of relaxed attitude comes from experience and confidence," head coach Ralph McCausland said. "There's no one he doesn't think he can wrestle with, and I agree."

After dropping basketball to wrestle his freshman year at Franklin High School in Franklin, Ind., it didn't take him long to get his first taste of victory.

"After my first win I was hooked. It was



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Senior Pat Dowty qualified for the NCAA championship for the third year in a row. He said in his third and final NCAA tournament he will forget about all the pressure and just have fun.

the greatest feeling I ever had," Dowty said. "It was like I was addicted to that feeling."

Although he was an inexperienced, reserve wrestler, that year he set high goals for himself. When his high school coach took him to watch the Indiana State Wrestling Tournament, Dowty was amazed and promised himself to make it to that level. He did his next year, and again his junior year.

As a senior he had one last shot to top the competition like he promised himself he would, but to his disappointment he finished fourth. That was nearly the end of Dowty's career, in which he posted a 130-16 high school record.

"I decided to hang it up," Dowty said. "I didn't think I was good enough to wrestle in college."

Dowty started work as a carpenter's

apprentice making \$20 an hour. He kept with wrestling, sparring at his old high school, wrestling three-time state champion Brice Hoffman.

"I weighed about 135 at the time and he was 165 and I beat him sometimes," Dowty said. "I started thinking about wrestling again."

When he heard about a friend who transferred from Oklahoma to wrestle at Lincoln College, he decided to give wrestling another shot. His high school coach helped him get on the team and two years after his disappointment at state, he returned to wrestling. He left Franklin,

already three days late for classes, to begin a new career three and a half hours away from home living alone and out of state for the first time.

"The time off rekindled the fire and I



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THROW DOWN

Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

What if they actually came here

This visit from Tony Dungy and the Indianapolis Colts on Tuesday turned into quite an extravaganza for the campus and perhaps caused more of a stir than any other sports news this year.

From the grand entrance, in case you didn't know, the representatives of the Colts rode into town via helicopter, to the golf cart rides around campus with top university officials. Dungy and company seemed to be set up well at Eastern from the moment they arrived. Even though the signs indicating they had left the big city for a country town had to be quite apparent, most noticeably, the fact that the helicopter they flew in on was provided by Rural King.

It also seemed apparent the coach enjoyed his time spent in the city of Charleston.

So what if this actually happens and the NFL franchise with one of the most recognizable players in the league, Peyton Manning, makes its way to Eastern each and every summer for training camp?

If the Colts were to be here on campus, they will probably make quite a difference in the environment of this little town for their short stay. Plenty of players will be here and the diehard fans will eat up the opportunity to meet and greet some of their team's players in a less business-like atmosphere.

For those of you who think not many people would show up for just training camp, think about what kind of opportunity it is to actually get some sort of access to these professional players.

Usually the NFL keeps its players locked up tight enough that barely any fans get to meet their favorite players. But the tone at a training camp is loose and fun with players interacting with the fans and vice versa.

At some camps, like the Green Bay Packers; the top players get relieved of some of the simple duties like getting themselves to the practice field. Instead of walking, they hop a ride on some of the kids' bikes and make them ride on the spokes.

It might seem corny, but at least it shows the true personality of the players. Most fans probably show up just for that sort of atmosphere.

It seems odd enough to have the city of Charleston invaded with big name people and highly recognizable faces, but if this happens than the entire month of August will seem different.

It should also be interesting to see how the players react to where they are staying because the housing and amenities won't be up to what these multimillionaire players are used to.

Last year, while I was staying in Thomas Hall, the idea of living in Stevenson Hall seemed like quite an upgrade to me, but if I had been staying at five star hotels and eating at the best of restaurants, staying at Stevenson would be quite an adjustment.

The reality of the situation may be the Colts will never make their way over to Eastern's campus, but it would make for an interesting time if they did.



Eastern head coach Bob Spoo and John Smith, assistant director of athletics, greet Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy on the field of O'Brien Stadium Tuesday afternoon. If the Colts decide to hold training camp at Eastern, Spoo and the rest of Eastern's coaching staff might get to sit in on team meetings and learn from the Colts.

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Learning from the pros

Colts could teach Panthers how they play the game

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

It was not an ordinary day at the office over at O'Brien Stadium.

"I walked into work today and except for maybe gamedays, I never felt the same buzz around the office," defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said.

If the Indianapolis Colts were to set up shop in Charleston for their training camp, it would benefit Eastern's football program in several ways, including learning directly from the professionals.

"Hopefully the college coaches can come in to our meetings and learn from us," Indianapolis head coach Tony Dungy said.

The feeling is Dungy can teach the Panther coaching staff much about the specifics of the game, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo ran

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— Tony Dungy, Indianapolis Colts head coach

across the former Tampa Bay coach when Dungy was quarterbacking the Minnesota Golden Gophers from 1973-76. At that time, Spoo was the University of Wisconsin's quarterback coach.

"Coach Dungy and I go way back, when I was at Wisconsin and Purdue he was at Minnesota and we went up against each other at least once a year," Spoo said. "He's everything that they say he is. He's a pleasant man and an all around great person."

Dungy began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1980. The Spoo-Dungy relationship continued.

Dungy broke into the NFL with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the mid 1980s as a defensive coordinator. He then latched onto the Minnesota Vikings with the same position from 1992-95.

After his stint with the Vikings, Dungy landed the Tampa Bay head coaching job in 1996 and was let go in 2001 after four playoff appearances in his six years at the helm.

In 2002, Dungy went to the Colts and led them to the playoffs. Dungy followed his 2002 playoff appearance with a repeat trip to the postseason in 2003.

Since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger, only 10 teams have scored as many as seven defensive touchdowns in a season. Four of those have come under Dungy's guidance.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers lose two in Indiana



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Freshman catcher Sandyn Short tags Central Connecticut State freshman infielder Allie Falco out at the plate Sunday morning during the 2004 Wolfe Sycamore Classic in Terre Haute, Ind. Short went two for three in the first game of a double header against Indiana State University Tuesday afternoon, but Eastern fell 9-1 in both games.

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

Familiarity must have bred a little contempt as far as Indiana State University was concerned because only two days after losing to Eastern, the Sycamores won both games of a double header on Tuesday.

Indiana State not only won both of the games, but did so with a vengeance as it was victorious by the eight-run rule in each game. Neither game made it past the fifth inning in Terre Haute, Ind., and the main culprit was the Panthers' pitching.

The three freshmen who have been solid for Eastern earlier this year struggled in the two games along with sophomore hurler Ashley Condon.

The Panthers gave up nine runs in each of the games, and this came from an Indiana State team that only gathered two runs in their previous meeting.

It was a different story as soon as the double header started. Before freshman pitcher Heather Hoeschen could retire the second batter of the inning, she was removed from the contest. She had given up eight runs and was able to get one out, and during that time she had faced seven batters.

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