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Mike Miller speaks during a press conference Monday afternoon in the Student Recreation Center. Miller was named head ceach of the men's basketball program, replacing Rick Samuels.

'It's Miller time'

Mike Miller announced as men's basketball head coach

BY DAN WOIKE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern men's basketball program took a step forward Monday, naming Mike Miller as its new head coach.

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie said Miller will receive a three-year contract, pending the approval of Eastern President Lou Hencken and the Board of Trustees.

Miller, coming off a five-year stint as Kansas State's associate head coach, said he's excited at the chance to lead Eastern basketball in a variety of aspects.

"The key word there is 'program," Miller said. "It's always been very important to me to have a basketball program not have just a good team or one phase of it.

"We want everything. We want it all to come together." And while Miller will be the new face of the program, replacing Rick Samuels after 25 seasons, he won't be the biggest factor in the program's future.

"The players are the program," Miller said. "They players have always been the program."

Freshman guard Bil Duany said hearing those words gives the Eastern players immediate responsibility.

"When a coach says 'the players are the program,' it's a lot of pressure," he said. "But, it also gives a chance to show what we can do."

Duane is part of what Miller described as a "core group of players in place." Another one of those players, freshman center George Tandy, said Miller's hiring will help the Panthers as they gear up for the 2005-06 season.

"We finally can get things established and start working

SEE MILLER PAGE 9

Candidates for VPSA are chosen

BY JENNIFER PERYAM ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Five candidates have been chosen to interview for the vice president for Student Affairs position, and interviews will begin next week.

The search for the position began in in February when Shirley Stewart, former acting vice president for Student Affairs, resigned. Lynette Drake, director of Eastern's Health Services, has served in the position while the search for a permanent replacement was performed.

The position was advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education and on Eastern's Web site. There were 51 candidates who applied for the position.

Mona Davenport, director of Eastern's Minority Affairs, is serving as the search committee chair for the position.

"At Eastern Illinois University, we are looking for an individual who can build upon our current strengths with innovative, successful strategies as we shape our future," Davenport said. "In short, we want to have a program that will serve as the benchmark of success for other regional public institutions."

Interviews will begin next Tuesday and conclude April 28. It is anticipated a new vice president will be named in May with the chosen individual beginning work Aug. 1.

The candidates who are interviewing for the position are Melvin Cleveland Terrell, vice president for Student Affairs and professor of counselor education at Northeastern Illinois University, Rick Brandel, dean of students at Northern Arizona University, Daniel Nader, associate vice president for Student Affairs at Tulane University in New Orleans, Randy Hyman, interim vice president for Student Affairs and enrollment management at Ball State University and Eileen Sullivan, vice president for student development at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Interview times and dates

April 19: Melvin Cleveland Terrell 11:10 11:45 a.m. and 2 3 p.m. Charleston/Mattoon Room

April 20: Rick Brandel 11 11:45 p.m. Booth Library, Room 4414 and 2 3 p.m. Arcola/Tuscola Room

April 26: Daniel Nadler 11 11:45 a.m. and 2 3 p.m. Charleston/Mattoon Room

April 27: Randy Hyman 11 11:45 a.m. 1895 Room of the Union and 2 3 p.m Charleston/Mattoon Room

April 28: Eileen Sullivan 11 11:45 a.m. Booth Library Room 4414 and 2 3 p.m. Charleston/Mattoon Room



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E.J. Rouzin-Moy, a freshman undecided major, shows the chicken breast shaped like the head of Pope John Paul II Monday in his room in Thomas Hall. Rouzin-Moy found the chicken on his plate on Wednesday while eating lunch in the dining hall with a friend.

Papal poultry hits eBay

Eastern student puts pope-shaped chicken up for sale

ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

Four days after Pope John Paul II died, his likeness was seen in Thomas Dining Center, put up for auction on eBay and removed from the Web site- all within 24 hours.

E.J. Rouzin-Moy, a freshman undecided major, was eating his lunch with a friend Wednesday when he noticed one of his baked chicken breasts looked strangely like a man and decided to inspect it more closely.

"You could tell there was a nose," Rouzin-Moy said. "That's the first thing that makes it look like a man."

The seasoning on the breast is situated in such a way that it looks like the pope's pileolus, his small hat, Rouzin-Moy said.

Immediately, Rouzin-Moy mentioned to his friend Mike Margolis, a freshman biology major, he had seen items that looked like people sell for big money on eBay, and he was going to put the breast up for auction.

"He saved it, put it in a napkin and brought it to his room," Margolis said.

Going hungry did not worry Rouzin-

"I got another piece of chicken so I thought, 'why not?" he said.

He told his parents about his venture into the world of online auctioning.

"They thought it was hilarious," Rouzin-SEE POPE PAGE 9

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

THURSDAY

Mostly sunny

Partly cloudy

SATURDAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005

CAMPUS BRIEFS

9 to 10 a.m. FARS: Fixed Assets, Inventory and Moving in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Book Sale at Booth Library in the Booth Library North Quad. Selections include hardcover, paperbacks, and magazines in all subject areas.

2 to 3 p.m. Key Server Training in CATS Training Lab, McAfee Gym, room 1214. Key Server is a software license management tool that allows you to log, meter and control usage of application programs.

4 p.m. film "A Painful Reminder" in Booth Library, room 3202. Allied cameras - British, American and Russian - recorded the actual moments at which prisoners in Nazi concentration camps were liberated.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

MIAMI UNIVERSITY Campus somber after three student deaths

NOXFORD, Ohio (AP) - Students stunned in the deaths of three Miami University classmates in a house fire left bouquets of flowers at the site and paused for moments of silence in classes Monday - leaving the normally buzzing campus unusually still.

"It's really quiet today everywhere," said Jennifer Hanson, 19. "Even when people are talking, this is what they're talking about.'

Fire investigators were still trying to determine what sparked the blaze in the 19th century brick home early Sunday, sending flames shooting out the windows. Investigators believe the fire started accidentally in the living room or recreation room on the first floor, fire Chief Len Endress said.

The house, rented by nine students, was in compliance with fire safety codes.

Authorities said one of the residents, Sebastian Barsh, used his cell phone to report the fire just after escaping through his first-floor bedroom window. He told a 911 dispatcher that a smoke detector woke him and he saw a red glow under his bedroom door.

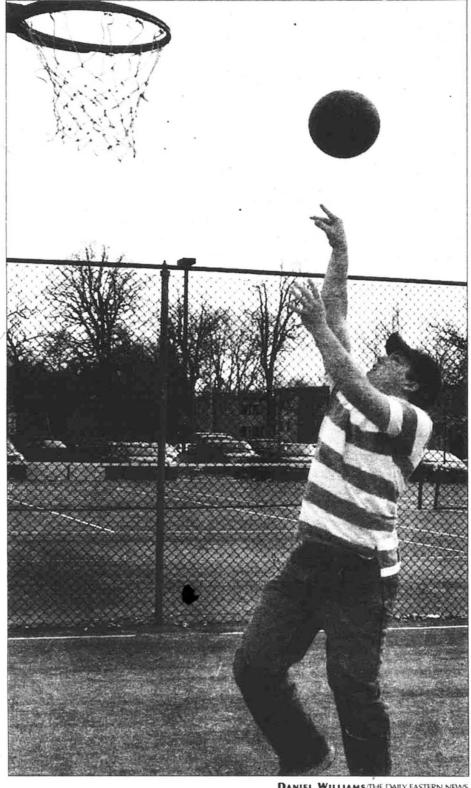
"There's still somebody inside, I think," Barsh said

Fire officials on Monday interviewed the eight survivors, one of whom jumped to safety from a secondstory window. Investigators believe 11 people - seven residents and four guests - were in the house when the fire started.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's edition JC Miller was stated as being the new University Board co-chair. Miller is the new vice chair In Wednesday's edition it was reported that the Lambda Chi Little Men's Tugs team lost to Phi Sigma Alpha when in fact the Lambda Chi team won. The News regrets the errors.

GETTING AIR



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Matt Robb, a freshman industrial technology major, plays basketball Monday on the courts near Thomas Hall. Robb said he was out enjoying the continued good weather.

ONLINE POLL

Will the new city council extend bar hours?

A) Yes. A change in member composition will provide an opportunity for a change in overall opinion. B) No way. It will never happen.

C) Maybe. It depends on whether or not students get their after-hour behavior cleaned up.

D) Unsure. We have to see if the new council really cares about what students want

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WTF?

Hissing goose greets shoppers

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) Customers of a south side print shop beware of the hissing goose. For the second year in a row, a Canada goose has made the front door area of Artcraft Inc., her home. Mother Goose, as she's called, greets customers by hissing at them.

Last year, she hatched a gosling just a few feet from the front door. She has already made a nest this year.

"I had one customer call from a cell phone and ask if she would bite," said Judi Williams, the company's office manager.

PEOPLE

Mom: boy stayed with Jackson

The mother of a boy who received a multimillion-dollar settlement from Michael Jackson in the 1990s testified Monday that she initially refused to let her son sleep in the singer's bed but relented when a "sobbing and crying" Jackson made another request.

The woman testified in the pop star's molestation trial that her son stayed at Jackson's Neverland ranch three times and once asked if he could stay in Jackson's room. She testified that she said no.

Later, on a trip to Las Vegas, she, the boy and the boy's brother stayed in Jackson's suite at the Mirage hotel, she said.

On the second night, she testified, Jackson tearfully asked why the boy could not sleep in Jackson's bed, the mother tes-

"He was sobbing and crying, shaking and trembling," she said. "He said, 'You don't trust me? We're a family. ... (The boy) is having fun. Why can't he sleep in my bed? There's nothing wrong. There's nothing going on."

COUNTING DOWN

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Students go 'all in'

College Poker Championship comes back for round two

BY CATHY BAYER STAFF WRITER

The Second Annual College Poker Championship is taking place, with the online final on May 22 at 4 p.m.

Scholarship money will be awarded to the overall champion, with the grand prize being a \$41,000 scholarship, a \$1,000 donation to the organization of the winner's choice and the right to the title of 2005 College Poker Champion.

Eastern students are eligible to participate in a free online poker tournament. Not only Eastern students, but all registered college and university students worldwide can participate in the competition to find the world's best college No Limit Texas Hold'em poker player.

The championship will be hosted by professional poker player Lou Krieger. As host, Krieger goes around the 100 online tables and chats with as many players as possible.

"I talk to people, see how they like (the tournament) and look for (means of) improvement," he said.

One of the biggest parts of Krieger's job is to see how things can be better for the next year's tournament, he said.

Last year, about 10,000 people participated in the tournament.

"(I had) no idea as to how popular it would be; (we were) just shooting in the dark," he said.

This year Krieger expects at least 30,000 people to participate.

He got into poker at the age of

eight at his father's poker game in Brooklyn, N.Y. He wanted to hang out with "the guys," and was tired of being a little kid.

"My mom finally relented, and I loved every minute of it," he said.

The players that Krieger's father played with would show Krieger their cards and explained what each hand meant, allowing him to learn a lot about the game at a young age.

Krieger is the author of seven books about poker and over 400 magazine articles. He tries to include all his secrets in his books.

"I try to convey as much information (as possible)," he said.

The best way to use a poker book is to read it, come back in six months and read it again, learning and growing in experience, Krieger said.

With poker tournaments now televised, people are becoming more interested in the game.

Poker is becoming America's top card game and is growing in popularity both on and off campus, Krieger said, and students at Eastern have definitely caught the craze.

Poker "blew up a few years ago" with tournaments on ESPN, said Erik Homiak, a sophomore public relations specialist major.



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dan Kuchta (right), a sophomore chemistry major, reacts after he wins a hand with two pair where he bet all of his chips in the Arcola/Tuscola Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Jan. 22.

ary education history major, got into poker because of his uncle, who is a professional poker player

in Las Vegas. Davis plays with Homiak, but

neither of them enjoy online poker as much as the real thing.

"I don't like that kind of poker," Davis said.

D o u g Shrader, a senior communica-

tion studies major, is no stranger to poker competitions, both in person and online.

Shrader started playing poker three years ago in Thomas Hall, playing Texas Hold'em for fun. Over Winter Break in Florida, Shrader realized his talent when he sat down at a table in a room of 200 people at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino at a game where blinds were \$2 to \$4, and he was up \$50.

"At that point, I realized my potential," he said.

He was reassured again in February in a \$5 tournament, which turned into \$60 profit three days later. Two months later, he was up \$250 from playing multiple tournaments, he said.

Poker takes time and patience, and there is much to learn about the game.

Shrader said his keys to success are to diversify your play, play with as many people as you can and learn from the other players. "Play the man as well as the cards," he said.

He learns a lot of skills by watching tournaments on television, including the World Poker Tour.

"It helps to know the hand percentage as well as the pot odds," Shrader said.

Shrader said he never forgets to look at the big picture when he plays.

"The important thing is to realize it's just a game - don't risk your life; don't risk what you can't afford," he said.

Upon registration of the Second Annual College Poker Championship, students are issued a "ticket" for the Lucky Draw contest to win one of 25 iPod Minis. The Lucky Draw contest ends April 30, the drawing will be held May 3.

"The important thing is to realize it's just a game - don't risk your life; don't risk what you can't afford."

DOUG SHRADER, SENIOR COMMUNICATION MAJOR

Homiak began playing poker with his friends in high school and continues to play at least once a week, and up to four times if it's an "on" week, he said.

Rob Davis, a sophomore second-











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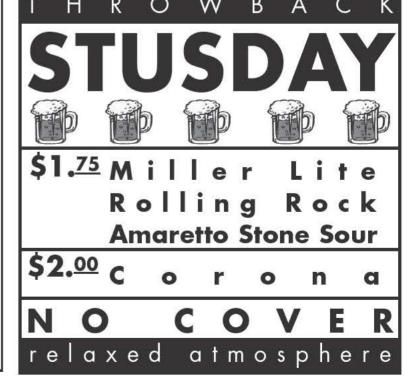
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Sour deal for the candy man



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Sampier is senior reporter for *The Daily* Eastern News. Among the racks of candy cigarettes, atomic fireballs, lemon heads and nostalgic candies stands a victim of fate, bad timing and a city determined to change.

His dream of running a candy shop in downtown Mattoon has become a nightmare, filled with big bills, lawyers and bitterness, leaving him wondering what to do next.

When John Seaman pitched his concept for the Taste of Heaven Candy and Ice Cream Shop to Mattoon city officials, he was told the building at 109 S. 17th St. would need new walls, electricity, plumbing and floors to bring it up to code.

After replacing the carpeted floor with commercial tile, meeting fire code with new walls and spending a total of \$9,968 in material and labor, Seaman was told the buildings on that block would be torn down for a parking lot.

That seems like an important piece of information city officials could have told him before he wasted his time and money, but they say they didn't know of the plans until after the remodeling was done.

The proposed parking lot is part of the Midtown Mattoon Master Plan, which the city began planning as early as 1999. It seems hard to believe the future of such a vital block in the plan could be unknown in December 2004 when Seaman finished the repairs.

"They didn't want me to know there was an investor looking to buy," he said.

Seaman envisioned an ice cream parlor where he could sell a special type of hard ice cream that would be mixed with choice toppings, nuts and flavors and then paddled into a soft-serve consistency. The hard-to-find nostalgic candy was to be the secondary selling point of the shop.

"We're not making any money right now," Seaman said. "Candy just pays the bills. Ice cream is the money."

After hearing the city's parking lot plan, Seaman, 48, scrapped the ice cream idea and is now running the shop with his daughter, who lives in the apartment above the store and is six months pregnant with her first child.

Seaman said Consolidated Communications, the telephone company on the other side of the shop, wants the lot for employee parking, but Mattoon City Administrator Richard Underkofler declined to name the party interested in the spot.

To further complicate matters, the building's owner sold the building to his son, who never had the property put in his name. When the father went into the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Nursing Home in Mattoon, the nursing home put a lean against the property and took the building to cover the cost of his stay. Seaman was buying the building contract-for-deed from the son, but is now paying \$400 to rent the building from the home.

"Tve lost every single dime I've put in here," Seaman said of the brick-front building he painted red and blue. So where does this leave the candy man?

The city still wants to tear down the buildings on the block, including the candy shop, a costume shop and a tobacco shop, but won't take the buildings by means of eminent domain, Underkofler said.

"The plan suggests those be acquired, the buildings be demolished and that area become a park," Underkofler said. "With a little bit of parking for the phone company."

Since the buildings won't be taken by force, the plan could take years to complete.

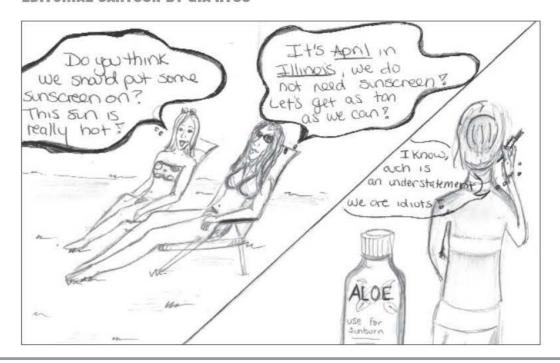
His daughter is in the process of finding a new place to live and as for Seaman's repair costs of nearly \$10,000, the city will not reimburse him.

"I'm kind of aggravated right now because I'm not getting any help," Seaman said.

"I suggested to him that he try to find a different piece of real estate," Underkofler said.

That might be a bit of advice Seaman will take as he contemplates an offer to move the business to Arcola.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY GIA HYOS



EDITORIAL

Mixed results at the Hit-Mix

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Our stance

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WEIU FM radio

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With the initial uproar from the decision to change WEIU radio to the Hit-Mix silenced, the change has shown some positive aspects.

Those who were upset about the change to the Hit-Mix seemed to be mainly angered about the format that would be initiated.

Instead of having a relaxed format that allowed for creativity, including more student interaction for both the employees of the radio station and the listeners, fears were that this would be more of a robotic radio station.

Today, the Hit-Mix is a stricter format that doesn't give the student employees as much of an opportunity to make the shows their own, but the format has allowed for a more professional environment that has paid dividends with listeners.

The largest benefit of the show is that the more professional format is better for the student workers to get jobs. Something that should come first at a college.

But even though the Hit-Mix has found more of a listening base with the new format that extends to more people in town as well as students, there should be a little more effort to involve the university's students.

Now would be the perfect time to do this considering it is finding some of the success it wanted with the format change, which should allow for some flexibility to what it is

At issue currently providing.

As of right now, it is apparent the new station hasn't disregarded its student listening base by providing baseball, basketball and football games over the air; however, more focus would be beneficial.

"Issues and attitudes," is a show Mondays at noon, which discusses local issues. A show similar to this, that would focus on student issues with students debating them, would be a quality addi-

More focused shows during the week, similar to some of the Sunday lineup such as "80s @ 8" or "Illinoise Local Bands," would also be beneficial.

Shows such as these would also allow the DJ's personality to come out more in their shows and the music they play. This is a staple of college

radio.

Certainly what has been provided by the Hit-Mix has squelched some of the cries that the change was going to be a negative when the switch first occurred.

Since then, a strong basis for a radio station has been provided, but a little more tweaking could provide some interesting new facets to the station.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DONKEYS DESERVE TO BE TREATED MORE HUMANELY

We at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals are disappointed that the Charleston High School band didn't try to find a more humane way to raise funds than by holding a donkey basketball game.

Animals do not comprehend or willingly participate in sporting events, yet donkeys are commonly dragged from gymnasium to gymnasium for use in basketball games.

The constant travel, unfamiliar surroundings, loud noise and possible rough handling can be extremely stressful for the donkeys.

The games also teach young people that we have the right to exploit animals for our own entertainment. Animals should not have to pay the price at fundraisers.

There are countless humane and fun ways to raise funds. Concerned individuals can visit PETA.org or call 757-622-7382 to find out how to help animals.

HEATHER MOORE SENIOR WRITER FOR PETA

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Week to unite students with RSOs

BY ERICA MORISCO STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Unity Week started Sunday and will run through April 17 to help students and the community become familiar with Registered Student Organizations on campus and provide entertainment to participants.

Unity week was held last year as well but was not as elaborate as this year's will be, said Matt Kulp, who is the vice president for student affairs and in charge of promoting the event.

"We've been working all semester on (Unity Week)," Kulp said. "Last year's (Unity Week) didn't go over so well due to poor planning and limited events."

"Beyond Words: Experiences" will be held from noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 9 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

The program will include individual and group projects that focus on such topics as white privilege, body image, HIV and AIDS, Fair Trade, religion, the Holocaust, domestic violence, homelessness, sexual assault and Middle Eastern, Native-American, African-American, Asian and Latino heritages,



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Heather Sprinz, a junior elementary education major, looks at the Clethesline Project exhibit in "Beyond Words," the Museum of Oppression, last year in Pemberton Hall.

said Lori Vorazi, University Board Cultural Arts coordinator.

Panther Service Day will be held Saturday and will help unite Eastern and Charleston residents through community service.

The premise behind Panther Service Day is that anything worth doing takes combined effort, said Chris Getty, student body president and event planner.

It is hoped continued community service efforts will help make Charleston a more "aesthetically pleas-

charleston a more "aesthetically pleasing" and united community, Getty said.

ECHOfest (Everyone Can Help Out) will also be held from 1-9 p.m. Saturday in the South Quad to wrap up the week.

"(ECHOfest) is done to raise awareness about various social justice issues in our society and the various things that we can do to change them," Vorazi said.

RSOs will have the option to place a table at the event to raise awareness about what they do.

One RSO on campus, the Haiti Connection, is going to hold a bags tournament as a fund raiser at the event. This festival will not only help raise money for the victims of Haiti, but it will also put the RSOs name out for more students to recognize.

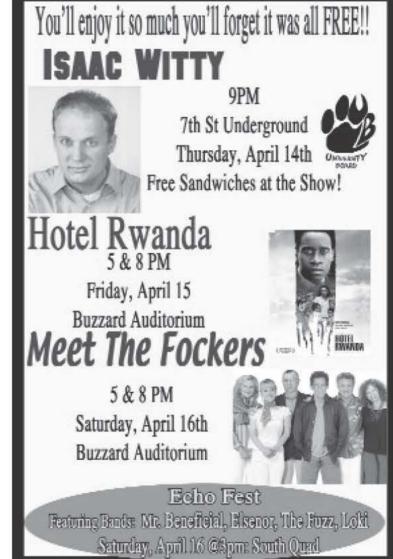
ECHOfest also caters to local bands. Last year, four bands and four speakers were able to perform in front of their community, Vorazi said.

Local bands Loki, The Fuzz, Elisinore and Mr. Beneficial will be playing throughout Saturday for the community.

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Class to recertify storm spotters

STAFF REPORT

Storm watchers will have the opportunity Wednesday to learn more on detecting severe storms.

The Coles County Emergency Services and Disaster Agencies of the Charleston and Mattoon areas along with the National Weather Service will offer a class to recertify volunteer storm spotters and educate interested residents.

Representatives from the National Weather Service will be using computer graphics and recorded footage to point out features that can be spotted to identify a potential storm, said Tom Watson, director of the Coles County Emergency Services and Disaster Agencies

"There are certain cloudrelated features that form in a storm that indicate the possibility for severity, and (the representatives) go into those features and what to look for (when detecting a storm)," he said.

The National Weather Service requires volunteer storm spotters to undergo in-service training to be recertified every two years, Watson said, adding there is usually only one class offered each year in Coles County.

"Whenever there's a potential storm, we activate our volunteers," Watson said. "They are stationed at various places throughout the county to look for storms. To validate those reports, (our storm spotters) have to be verified in storm spotting."

Even if people cannot find time to be recertified at

Wednesday's meeting, surrounding counties have meetings once a year where they can also undergo training.

"Throughout the springtime, the National Weather Service schedules classes throughout the area. They're all basically the same course," Watson said.

The storm spotters meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Burgess-Osborne Auditorium on Wabash Avenue. There is not a fee to take the class, and the public is welcome.

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Looking back, thinking ahead

Student Government **Executive Board** gives advice after recalling past year

By JESS KINSELLA STAFF WRITER

Current executives of Student Government are looking back on their year in office and offering suggestions to the new executive board, which will be announced Wednesday night after the polls are closed.

Members of Eastern's Student Government Executive Board are pleased with what they've accomplished over the year, and they hope next year's board will be able to do the same, said Adam Howell, student executive vice president.

the amount we've accomplished, especially lobbying for higher education," Howell said.

Howell also said every year, each executive board has a different style, but this year's board worked persistently and productively.

In particular, Howell was pleased with the Student Action Team.

"The Student Action Team has done (its) job and surpassed my expectations," Howell said.

One thing members of the executive board agreed on was they did a good job getting students to vote for the presidential elections. The executive board got more students to register for this election than the last one, said Nikki Kull, student vice president for Business Affairs.

Matt Kulp, student vice president

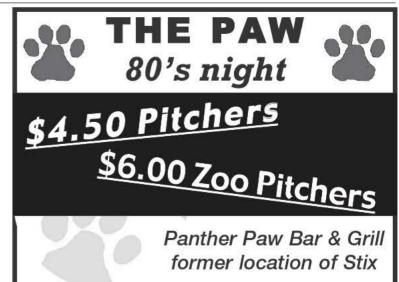
"We have taken incredible strides in for student affairs, said Student Government did well campaigning and signing people up in classes to

> Members of the executive board are also concerned about upcoming elections. Kulp said he hopes new members do research on Student Government in order to continue doing what this year's board has started.

> "I hope new members get to know how things work and continue to build on a foundation that's been set," Kull

> Members of the executive board hope to get their names out there to show why they're important, Kulp said.

> It's wonderful to see people wanting to get involved with Student Government, Kull said, but new members need to build relationships in order to get things done for next year.





Math, science training sees benefits

Nearly \$1 million in grants awarded to Eastern employee

BY JENN FAULKNER STAFF WRITER

Marylin Lisowski from the College of Education and Professional Studies has been awarded over \$900,000 in grants since the start of 2005.

With these three grants from both the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the money will be used to train math and science teachers in graduate programs from universities throughout Illinois that began April 8.

"We had about 70 teachers from all

over Illinois attend," said Lisowski, project director. "We had great weather which made it a great day for field

The grants that took at least a year to write will not only benefit teachers and students at Eastern, but those at Southern Illinois as well.

The other project director, Robert Williams of Southern, said this is the only program that has two universities working together on such a large project. Teachers who participate in these projects will receive graduate credits from both universities.

"For one of the grants, training will last a year (which ends this fall), another one is for three years and the last one is a year and a half long," he said.

Lisowski came to Eastern Illinois University in 1987, and since then has received 31 externally funded grants. On April 14, she will be recognized for her efforts during her time here at Eastern. She will be presented with the Edwin "Bud" May Award from the Office of Grants and Research.

"Edwin May used to work at Eastern and for the first time since this award has been given, he is flying out from Colorado to see it," she said.

The Office of Grants and Research hands this award out "each year to a member of the university community who has demonstrated extraordinary success in securing external support for research, public service, or creative

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Faculty Senate elections over and done with

Announcement of winners to be done today

BY JENNIFER PERYAM ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Election results for the 2005 Faculty Senate elections will be announced today at the Faculty

Faculty elections were April 1 and there were 25 positions available on 10 committees and

Jean Wolski, election chair committee, said she was pleased with the voting process.

"I was pleased it went smoothly getting candidates confirmed," Wolski said.

Wolski said 42 percent of Eastern faculty voted in the faculty elections.

"This is approximately the same as other years," Wolski said. "I'd like to see the number

Wolski said she may suggest that next year's executive council explore means of making voting more accessible to faculty.

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter was also pleased with the election support.

"We had a good turnout and I am sure we will have good candidates for the position," Carpenter said.

Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for Information Technology Services, will present information regarding ITS at the meeting.

"Perhaps the most important thing to do is to communicate with the senate," Chatterji

Chatterji has sent information to the senate about out-sourcing, service levels and the Banner project for the senate to review before the meet-

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, will also give an update to the senate on student life and activities at Eastern.

Faculty Senate meets today from 2-4 p.m. in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Two men charged in Joliet firebombing deaths

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) – Two Joliet men were charged with murder in a firebomb attack that killed a woman and her young daughter, police said Monday.

Juan Santana, 26, and Sergio Anguiana, 22, were charged with two counts each of first-degree murder, Joliet Police Chief Dave Gerdes said. Both men were arrested Sunday night. Gerdes said Santana was arrested at his house and Anguiana turned himself in to authorities.

Lourdes Nunez, 35, and her 4-yearold daughter, Maray, were killed Saturday morning when someone threw a Molotov cocktail through a firstfloor window of their home, police said.

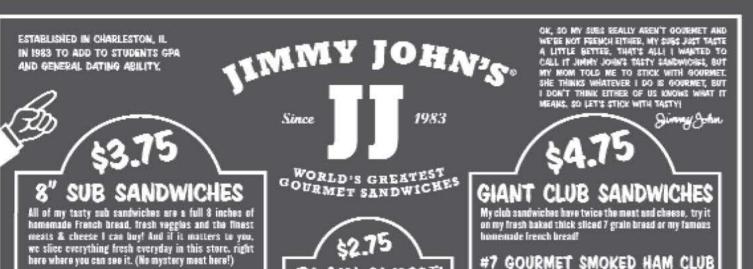
Officers couldn't get inside the burn-

ing home because the heat and smoke were too intense.

Two sons of Nunez, a 12-year-old and a 14-year-old, escaped the flames. They were treated for minor injuries at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet.

A 15-year-old daughter wasn't home at the time, police said.

Gerdes said it appears that the crime was gang-related and in retaliation for something that was done to the sus-



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for next season," Tandy said. "Not having a coach, you might not be working on the right things.'

Miller said he was impressed with the Panther players' work ethic, despite not having a coach to organize workouts.

The commitment to continue working,

even with a shaky future, showed Miller what kind of players he'll be inheriting.

"Everyone needs direction," Miller said. "And, for a short time, they weren't sure where it was at."

The new direction has excited players, along with Miller. Freshman guard Bobby Catchings said he didn't want to wait for prac-

"I'm excited to get started," he said. "I want

to get out there and workout now."

Miller said he's beginning individual workouts this week, forging relationships with current players, before organizing a strategy for the recruiting trail.

Also, Miller said he'd like to begin weekly meetings with players, but not to discuss practices or games.

"We're not talking about basketball," he said. "We're talking about things off the court,

so I can understand how I can help them."

All of this translates to Miller's vision for the Eastern program as a place that can be near the top of its conference annually.

"At Eastern Illinois, we want to be the class of the Ohio Valley Conference," he said.

And Tandy said the players are confident it can be done.

"If he gives us what we need to do to get there, then we'll do it," Tandy said.

POPE:

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Moy said.

Margolis said the breast looks like a man, although he doesn't think it looks specifically like the pope, but Rouzin-Moy, a Christian from Skokie who wouldn't describe himself as an avid churchgoer, disagrees.

Margolis is not the only person who is skeptical.

"I think its kind of ridiculous. I just don't believe that his food was shaped like John Paul," said Jenny Enlow, a student supervisor at Thomas Dining

Once the "pope chicken" was posted on eBay, the bidding was set at 99 cents. The only comments Rouzin-Moy received concerning the item were from one supporter and another person who said the auction of the "pope chicken" was "tasteless," he

After less than a day, the highest bid only reached \$1.29 for the breast.

After 20 hours, 8,000 page hits and a total of three bids, the "pope chicken" was removed from the Web site, but the reason was unclear at first to Rouzin-Moy, he said.

Rouzin-Moy received an email from eBay notifying him about the item's removal, claiming the "pope chicken" was not consistent with the site's material.

He reviewed eBay's auction policies and could not find any rules or guidelines the chicken didn't meet, he said. He sent the site administrators an email asking why it was removed and didn't hear anything back until last

Rouzin-Moy did not properly list the item as a collectible, and therefore it was considered a food item, which cannot be sold on eBay, he said.

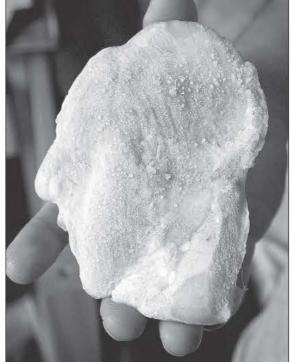
Rouzin-Moy GoldenPalace.com, which once purchased a grilled cheese sandwich for \$28,000 from eBay that looked like the Virgin Mary. Wednesday, GoldenPalace.com paid \$10,600 dollars to purchase a pretzel that resembles Mary holding the baby Jesus from eBay. A Dorito resembling the pope's miter was also purchased from

"I'm trying to get it back on (eBay)," he said about an hour before it was put back up for auction at 5:37

eBay for \$1,200, Rouzin-Moy said.

Rouzin-Moy is preserving the "pope chicken" in a freezer in his dorm room, and he said he isn't too worried about freezer burn. He is curious to see if he will receive any higher bids.

"I saw the other stuff, so I thought why not?" Rouzin-Moy said. "If it doesn't sell, at least I took a shot."



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

E.J. Rouzin-Moy, a freshman undecided major, holds a chicken breast shaped like the head of Pope John Paul II. "I think its kind of ridiculous. I just don't believe that his food was shaped like John Paul," said Jenny Enlow, a student supervisor at Thomas Dining Center.

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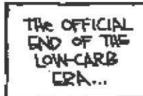
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completely accomplished 50 percent of the deal

Quite frankly, it's not the job of Fischer, Mike Bradd, Brenda Ross and certainly not Bobby Catchings to find a basketball coach.

Not that the players shouldn't have a say but the players attempted to hold the Indiana basketball program hostage unless Mike Davis was named coach.

"If coach Davis isn't named head coach then I guess Indiana won't have a basketball team," Indiana senior guard Dane Fife said in a ESPN interview.

It worked, and I can't see Hoosier fans seeing that move as anything but questionable. I can guarantee the ability to pick my boss would result in a great decrease in productivity.

When asking people inside the world of either athletics or academia why we

conducted the biggest hire in recent Panther history this way, the only answer I get is, "Well, that's how we do things here."

Yes, because that's a logical and proficient reason for doing something.

I can't see him doing it simply for the public relations hit he would immediately suffer, but McDuffie can literally say after three years that Miller wasn't a true fit and he wasn't really one of my guys.

Faculty can protest along with raising hell; students can charge the AD with running an unfair process; and minority organizations can attempt to sue the university for illegal practices (they wouldn't win), but McDuffie was hired to make decisive decisions as an executive not farm decisions out to people who hold no ramifications either way.

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wasn't expecting to go as fast as I did but when I heard that Monty went 48.4 I figured I could do it too."

Knowing how close Buckley was to the regional qualifying time motivated Pegues to put everything into his performance, he said.

"Me and Monty train together so we try to push each other," Pegues said.

The time that Pegues and Buckley spend training is very important, especially for Buckley who is coming off a recent injury that slowed down his training. Since the injury everything has been going smoothly, Buckley said.

"So far it's good," Buckley said. "I'm getting back in shape and coming off an

injury. Saturday was a sign that I'm not hurt anymore and that I'm coming back."

Training despite health problems has been a process for Pegues has been dealing with a number of injuries that date back to last summer, he said.

"I had minor high hamstring injuries," Pegues said. "I also had shin splints and a stress fracture back in the summer."

For Buckley and Pegues, improving little by little will be the key to accomplishing their goals despite adverse health issues. Pegues said that he wants to keep lowering his times as the season progresses.

"Hopefully I will be at low 46's," Pegues said. "Hopefully I will be able to just drop my time and go from there"

EKU names head basketball coach

BY DAN RENICK

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern Kentucky, the reigning Ohio Valley Conference champs, named former West Virginia assistant Jeff Neubauer as the Colonels new head coach Monday.

Neubauer, who was the top assistant coach during the Mountaineers run to the elite eight, will take the reins over from Travis Ford, who took the head coaching spot at University of Massachusetts. Neubauer was an assistant under John Beilein at West Virginia for three seasons and coached with him at the University of Richmond for the previous five seasons.

Last season under Ford, Eastern Kentucky won a school record 22 games and made its first NCAA

tournament appearance in 26 years.

Neubauer signed a four-year contract with Colonels, with an annual salary of \$150,000.

Last week, Austin Peay announced its return scholarship football and to the OVC since leaving the conference in 1996.

The Governors said they will finish out the 2005 season in the Pioneer Football League, and, in 2006, they will introduce 30 scholarships to the program the following year.

With scholarship football back at Eastern Kentucky in 2006, The Colonels will be a 1-AA independent until 2007 when they will officially rejoin the OVC.

OVC football will then have 10 football participants of the 11 schools in the conference.

Piedra suspended for use of performance-enhancing drugs

NEW YORK (AP) - Colorado Rockies outfielder Jorge Piedra was suspended 10 days Monday for violating baseball's new policy on performance-enhancing drugs, becoming the second player to be publicly identified under the major leagues' tougher rules.

The suspension begins with the Rockies game at Arizona on Monday night, the commissioner's office said.

"My understanding is that he is not filing an appeal," said Gene Orza, chief operating officer of the players' association.

Piedra was recalled from Triple-A Colorado Springs of the Pacific Coast League on Wednesday and sent back down the next day.

"It's unfortunate," said commissioner Bud Selig, who was in Boston for the Red Sox-Yankees game. "I'm afraid this probably won't be the last one."

Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez was suspended for 10 days last Monday. He said he tested positive from a supplement he bought over the counter before Jan. 15, when it was made a controlled substance.

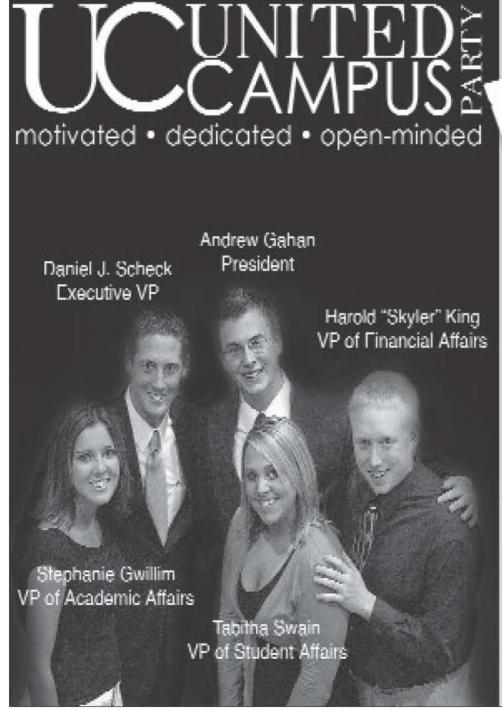
Selig wouldn't say whether he believed Sanchez. "I want to be kind," Selig said. "He did not fight his suspension."

Under the new policy that took effect last month, steroids and other performance-enhancing substances are the only drugs to draw a 10-day suspension. Baseball officials and the players' union agreed they would not disclose the exact substance for which a player tests positive.

The Rockies issued a statement Monday calling the situation "unfortunate."

"As an organization we have, and will continue to support Major League Baseball and its drug testing policies," team president Keli McGregor said.

Piedra has what is know in baseball as a split contract, and gets paid at a yearly rate of \$84,280 when he is in the minor leagues and \$317,000 - \$1,000 over the minimum - when he is in the major leagues. The suspension will cost him \$17,322.





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BASEBALL

Old and new face off

Eastern's current head coach leads team against former skipper

BY JOHN HOHENADEL SPORTS REPORTER

When Eastern travels to Carbondale today to take on the Salukis, two men, who have together amassed 443 wins for the Panthers will be in opposite dugouts.

Current Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz needs 10 more wins to take over as the Panthers' winningest baseball coach of all time. But before the Schmitz era, current Saluki head coach Dan Callahan was the Panther skip-

In fact when Callahan took the Panther coaching position in 1989, Schmitz wasn't even a glint in the Panthers'

Callahan graduated from Quincy College in 1981 and then earned his masters degrees at Southern in 1987.

He returned to Southern in 1995 to take over as head baseball coach after a six-year stint at Eastern and has since rose as one of the most successful coaches in Saluki history.

The relationship between Callahan and Eastern could expectedly heighten the stakes today.

"We haven't had them on the schedule in a while," Schmitz said. "I'm excited to get this rivalry back on

Schmitz's ball club had a rough week last week as they dropped four of five to Murray State, Northern Illinois and Indiana State. But a team meeting last Wednesday night after the Northern game seemed to have the Panthers back on track as they stole two of three from Jacksonville State this past weekend.

"It says a lot about our team to be able to put a bad week behind them," Schmitz said. "They showed a lot of character the way they stuck together."

Not only is the Panthers concept of team at a season high but their team batting average is on the rise and is now at

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JIMMY SCHMITZ, HEAD COACH

"We swung the bats well this past weekend," Schmitz said. "The big key was they came out with fastballs and we attacked them."

The Salukis are batting .279 as a team and five players are batting over .295 on the year.

Although hitting was a success this past weekend, and pitching and defense was also sparkling, it has to be again today against the Salukis.

The Panther team fielding percentage stands at .947, which is below the Ohio Valley Conference average of .952. But this past weekend the Panthers made only three errors, which is below their average per game.

The Salukis aren't fielding much better than the Panthers thus far but are almost a whole percentage point over Eastern at .956. The Salukis do however have two more errors on the season but have played three more games than the Panthers.

Schmitz has stressed the need to establish who his fourth and fifth starting pitchers are and it seems like he's moving closer to figuring that out.

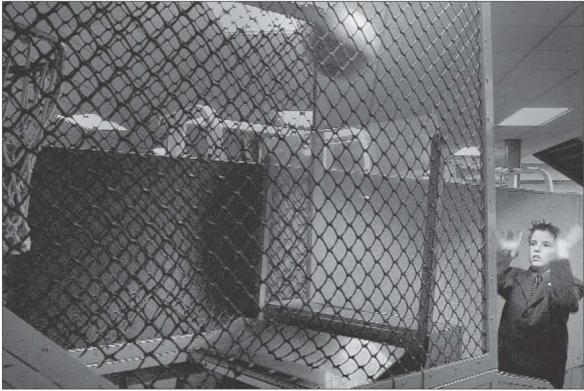
Sophomore Kenny Firlit will start against the Salukis today. He carries an 11.21 earned run average into the game but he has pitched well as of late.

Callahan was unavailable for comment therefore the Saluki starter is unknown.

But Schmitz is impressed with the Saluki team pitching. "They pitch so well and I can't believe their stats," Schmitz said.

After this past weekend where the Salukis and Bradley scored a combined seven runs in a three-game series Schmitz was thunderstruck.

"Hopefully the wind was blowing in," Schmitz said. Game time is set for 3 p.m.



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Joey Miller, 12, youngest son of new men's baske(ball head coach Mike Miller, plays the Hoop Shot game at the Student Recreation Center after a press conference Monday afternoon. Josy, along with his brother Matt, will both be in the Charleston school system as soon as Miller takes his position.

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next year," Miller said.

The Miller boys will both be in the Charleston school system including Matt, who started on the Manhattan (KS) High School team as a sophomore and will be a contributor on the Charleston High School team for the next two years.

"He was a perimeter player there, so we'll see how that goes here," Miller said. "I'll probably have to sit in the living room and sell his mom on the program like everyone else."

During the process, Miller's wife was the one who admittedly was getting more excited as it appeared the Eastern job was looking more promising.

"It's the complete opposite of what you would think because he is the more stable of us," she said. "I'm the one who is more hyper and emotion-

To watch Mike achieve a career accomplishment was big for a family that is a close-nit group.

"Mike has two brothers in Monmouth and the whole Miller gang will be here for every home game," Ron Miller said.

"It's so nice for Mike that he gets to come closer to our family," Kelly Miller said. "We've always been closer to my family (originally from the Dallas area), and we don't move much as a family."

Miller's contacts with high school coaches in Illinois should make for easier local recruiting.

"I think the basketball that is played around here gives Charleston a great recruiting base and there's talent all around here right now," Miller said.

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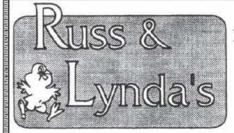
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AD should do his job

Congratulations to Mike Miller. Hopefully wins will pour into Eastern's program; Lantz Arena is rocking and rolling next year and our players continue their current academic success rate. But I can't help but wonder if we acted like the majority of college athletic departments, this Monmouth native would not be the final result.

The search committee had a number of difficult decisions to make in a short process, and, eventually on Saturday morning, they unanimously came up with our new leader of the men's basketball program. My claim is that Bud Fischer, committee member, and company shouldn't have been stressed with the decision at all. Because the job I just described is solely the responsibility of the athletic director, or at least it should be or is everywhere else credible.

"I can understand (Illinois Athletic Director) Ron Guenther being the only man in the decision-making process but that is Illinois, and that's not how we do things here," Eastern director of athletics Rich McDuffie said. "We like to incorporate all aspects of the university into the hiring process."

That's all fine and good if academics and community image was a problem with the Rick Samuels tenure at Eastern. It wasn't, and we all know the conflict was Rick simply didn't win enough basketball games.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I saw two people speak at the press conference today, our AD and our new coach.

When Ron Guenther messes up, he takes the blame and attempts to make it his personal goal to solve the problem (hello my name is Ron Turner and to a certain extent Bill Self). When he succeeds Bruce Weber, he is able to say that's not only our guy; that's my guy.

I'd like to think the university would trust the leader of the department with personnel decisions seeing as how it is part of the job description.

"I'd like to think of myself as being medium when it comes to intelligence, but the more input I can receive is a great thing for everyone," McDuffie said.

Part of what we pay McDuffie to do is fire and hire people, and it seems to me that by using the search committee, he only



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About 100 people watch the press conference naming Mike Miller the new head coach of the men's basketball program Monday afternoon in the Student Recreation Center. Miller will be the 15th head basketball coach in school history and is originally from Monmouth.

Coach comes home to Illinois

Miller returns to home state to take job at Eastern

BY MATTHEW STEVENS SPORTS REPORTER

For the first time in 15 years, Eastern's new men's basketball coach is coming back home.

With the announcement of Mike Miller as the Panthers 15th head coach in school history, the Monmouth. native felt he was in the right place at the right time.

"I think after the Final Four, I started to get the

feeling that this was certainly the right fit for me and my family," Miller said.

Miller was a high school basketball player at Monmouth High School, but was forced to travel to the Lonestar state of Texas to continue his education and never returned to his home state of Illinois until accepting an assistant coaching position at Western Illinois in 1990.

Miller stepped to the podium to officially be named the leader of the Panther program. His wife Kelly was present along with his two sons Matt and Joey. Joining in the family affair was his parents Ron and Connie who drove down from their home in Monmouth.

"It's terrific to have him back close because as a parent you realize that your kids have to leave once college rolls along but it's definitely home for Mike," Ron Miller said.

"Mike left home at 18 and I almost cried today because it really hit me how important coming back home was to him today," Kelly Miller said.

Miller will have a home court advantage behind him while on the bench next season at Lantz Arena, which he sees as a comfort not more pressure.

"Pressure comes when you fail to prepare and I challenge you to find a team more prepared than us

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Sophomore Shane Evans runs the 800 meter dash on Saturday afternoon in O'Brien Stadium during the Big Blue Classic. The women's track team placed third out of 11 teams with 134 points at its home meet.

TRACK AND FIELD

Winning color shines through at Big Blue

Panther men place first, women take third at home meet

BY DERRICK JOHNSON II STAFF WRITER

The Eastern track and field team claimed victory once again at the Big Blue Classic last weekend held at O'Brien Stadium.

The men finished first out of 11 Division I teams with a total of 160 points while the women finished respectably in third out of 11 Division I teams with 134 points. The women finished behind Indiana State University who totaled 146 points

and Marquette University who totaled 138.5 points.

Freshman Brent Pegues and junior Monternez Buckley showed this past Saturday that good performance doesn't always end with a first place finish. Both men ran the 400-meter dash resulting in Pegues finishing with a time of 48.25 seconds and Buckley finishing with a time of 48.44 seconds. The regional qualifying time is 47.26 meaning that both men are tenths of seconds away from qualifying

Being this close to qualifying for regionals feels good as well as unexpected, Pegues said.

"I feel pretty good," Pegues said. "I