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BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Illinois State Capitol is located in Springfield and is home to the political processes of the Illinois State Senate. The rally was part of Higher Education Legislative Coalition Lobby Day, an opportunity for Illinois college professors, staff and students to talk to their elected officials. This is the second year Eastern has participated in the Lobby Day.

Individuals lobby in Springfield

Students, faculty talk with local State Rep. about funding cuts

Staff Report

SPRINGFIELD — The only public official to extensively meet with representatives from Eastern during Wednesday’s Lobby Day at the state’s capital was Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet.

Rose spoke about how Gov. Rod Blagojevich has cut higher educa-

tion funding since fiscal year 2002.

Rose encouraged the Eastern lobbyists, who consisted of six students and 12 faculty members, to convince students from Chicago suburbs to contact their representatives so that more voices can be heard about the opposition to the cuts.

Materials used for talking to the lawmakers were distributed to the Eastern contingent when the group departed from campus at 8 a.m.

“I think there was somewhat of a disconnect between the material we were given and what we were told,” said Eric Wilber, the leader of East-

ern’s Student Action Team. “Part of that problem, unfortunately, is that research was outsourced to the External Relations department instead of Student Action Team.”

The Student Action Team is an entity within Student Government and is controlled by Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president. Bulgar could not attend “Lobby Day” because he was meeting with the Governor’s task force on campus safety.

Wilber said the goal of the day was to be a voice for all higher education.

“Then we tried to mesh our goals

with the faculty’s goals, which were general for all higher education and not just Eastern,” Wilber said. “Unfortunately, all the meshing was left until this morning.”

He said he appreciates the university’s help, but hopes all arrangements next year will be worked out well before the day of the trip.

“Under the circumstances, I feel like it went well and gave newer people such as Marsheela Stinson and Chris Kromphardt experiences to build on for next year,” Wilber said.

Stinson said she believed if more student senate members attended

the event, it would have been more successful.

“If we would have had more (student) senators, then we could have met with a lot more people today,” Stinson said.

She said the lack of involvement displays poor leadership to the student body and discourages students from attending the events.

“I’m taking 18 credits, I have a seven-year-old daughter, and I’m working 20 hours a week, but I still find time to do Student Government work,” Stinson said. “I expect the same from others.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

No vote on Textbook Rental fee

By Rick Kambic

Student Government Reporter

Designs for a \$4.2 million Textbook Rental facility were presented to the Student Government during Wednesday’s meeting.

The project would be paid with a loan and a proposed \$1 per credit hour increase to the Textbook Rental Service fee would produce annual payments toward the loan.

The fee is currently \$8.95 per credit hour.

Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs, said the additional dollar would be placed in a separate account and he anticipates approximately \$300,000 to be generated annually.

The annual payment could be more or less depending on enrollment, Nadler said.

The loan’s interest rate would be about 5 percent, he continued, and the \$1 fee would go away after the loan is paid off.

The facility, which is to be located on Edgar Avenue next to Carman Hall, would have a parking lot with approximately 60 spaces and a shuttle bus stop would be located near the entrance of the parking lot.

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UNIVERSITY | FACULTY FEATURE



PHOTO COURTESY OF MINORITY TODAY

Mona Davenport takes pride in being a mentor to Eastern students. Davenport, the director of Minority Affairs, earned bachelor’s degrees in sociology and African-American studies and a master’s degree in educational psychology from Eastern. She has also worked in Illinois State’s housing department, but wanted to have a position where she could “truly help mold students,” she said.

Her goal: making the campus more culturally aware

Eastern grad, head of Minority Affairs Mona Davenport now mentors students

By Emily Zulz

Activities Reporter

When Mona Davenport was a sophomore at Eastern, she was placed for the first time with a white roommate.

Davenport, director of Minority Affairs, said she and her roommate were always finding out something different about each other.

“It took me about, probably about four weeks to ask, ‘Why are you washing your hair every day?’” Davenport said. “It was just little things like that that you never know.”

She said she and her roommate made a point of doing something together at least once a month.

They had one requirement: they had to do something they would never do with people of the same race.

Whether that was a movie with an all African-American cast or a night of country music, Davenport and her roommate learned

not only about each other, but also about their different cultures.

“We just really, to me, opened each other’s mind,” Davenport said. “It was so different.”

Davenport went to a predominately African-American high school and elementary school in Chicago.

“When you step on a campus like Eastern Illinois University, you’re like, ‘Wow,’” Davenport said.

She understands what it is like for students today when they walk onto Eastern’s campus, and they see and experience something different than they are used to.

This is why the Office of Minority Affairs has four different months devoted to showing the campus another culture.

This month is Asian Heritage Month, with activities and events throughout the entire month of April.

Latino Heritage Month, Native-American Heritage Month and African-American Heritage Month celebrate other cultures on campus.

“One should know about people different than themselves,” Davenport said.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Priest pleads guilty in O'Brien stalking case

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A priest accused of stalking Conan O'Brien and calling himself one of the talk show host's "most dangerous fans" pleaded guilty Tuesday to disorderly conduct.

The Rev. David Ajemian, 46, admitted in Manhattan Criminal Court that he sent letters and DVDs to O'Brien's home and office as well as sending mail to the home of O'Brien's parents.

Judge Rita Mella ordered Ajemian to pay a \$95 court charge and signed a two-year order of protection directing him to stay away from O'Brien.

The Roman Catholic priest was arrested in November 2007 while trying to enter the building where NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" is taped. In a letter to security officials at O'Brien's network, Ajemian called himself "a stalker of a very different order than the kind

you are used to dealing with."

Ajemian, who was accused of writing to O'Brien beginning in September 2006, has been placed on leave by the Boston archdiocese.

Ajemian, son of former *Time* magazine journalist Robert Ajemian, attended Harvard University the same time as O'Brien, but it is unclear whether they crossed paths.

Diamond to perform at Fenway Park for fans

BOSTON — Neil Diamond will perform in concert this summer at Fenway Park.

The singer made the announcement in a big-screen broadcast at the Boston Red Sox home opener Tuesday, during the traditional eighth-inning sing-along of his "Sweet Caroline," which has become an anthem for Boston fans. The Red Sox unveiled a new scoreboard video of Diamond in a Red Sox jacket singing his 1969 hit. Red Sox owner Tom

Werner also appeared in the video.

The Aug. 23 concert will be part of Diamond's upcoming world tour.

Gossip blogger to hit radio with twice-daily show

LOS ANGELES — Gossip maven Perez Hilton will soon be dishing it up on the airwaves as well as in the blogosphere.

The celebrity blogger, whose real name is Mario Lavandeira, will be the star of twice-daily radio minishows that begins broadcasting on May 5, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday on its Web site.

"It will hopefully introduce me, potentially, to a whole new audience," Hilton said.

The three-minute-long radio shows will air during morning and evening drive times in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and other big cities, with more markets planned for the next few months, the paper reported.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Toughened teamwork



KRISTINA PETERS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the Kappa Delta tugs team fight to stay dry during Greek Week's Tugs event Monday afternoon at Campus Pond.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Louisiana Senate rejects Sazerac as state cocktail

The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — A proposal to honor the New Orleans cocktail known as the Sazerac has gone down the drain.

The Louisiana Senate on Tuesday rejected legislation that would have made the whiskey-based beverage the official state cocktail.

The bill's author, Sen. Ed Murray, a New Orleans Democrat, noted that the drink was created in his hometown and has become world famous. But Sen. Buddy Shaw and others said it was inappropriate to

honor an alcoholic beverage.

"Is there a possibility that we could be encouraging folks, who were not intending to drink, that it would be acceptable and they could become an alcoholic?" Shaw asked.

"No," Murray replied.

Three other senators who spoke in opposition said passing the bill would "send the wrong message" about the state. The legislation failed by a vote of 27-8. Five of its supporters represent the New Orleans area.

A Sazerac contains whiskey, sugar, bitters and absinthe, or a substitute anise-flavored liquor.

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UNIVERSITY | SECURITY

Fighting a 'big, big problem'

Thieves becoming more clever, avoiding detection

By Jordan Crook
Senior City Reporter

Identity theft is a growing concern in Illinois. Kevin McClain, owner of Kevin W. McClain Investigations LTD, is an expert on identity theft in Illinois and says, for all the attention that has been given to the problem, people are still not prepared to handle the threat of identity theft.

"It's a very new field and a lot of people don't know how to deal with it," he said. "They need all the help they can get."

McClain has provided advice to many different banks, credit agencies and other venues about the perils of identity theft.

On Friday, he will address a convention of the Illinois State Bar Association about the problem.

He said informing lawyers about identity threat will not only help them learn how to avoid identity theft, but also allow them to help their clients who deal with identity theft.

He said by giving lawyers the tools they need to handle identity theft, he is helping them to provide sound legal advice to their clients who deal with identity theft.

McClain said it is important for these lawyers to know how to handle people who have been victims of identity theft because it is so economically and emotionally draining for those victims.

He said he gives speeches and seminars because of the growing threat that identity theft presents and because of how unprepared most people, including law enforcement agencies, are to handle it.

"In this day and age, identity theft is becoming the big white collar crime and most agencies don't know what to do about it," McClain said.

Coles County has not been immune to this fact. Last week, a Mattoon woman was forced to pay a fine, restitution and serve jail time for stealing a man's identity in order to get utility service from AmerenCIPS in 2006.

University Police Chief Adam Due said Eastern has had some problems with identity theft in the past on campus, but such activity has been minimal recently. He said if there were such a case, UPD would report it and investigate it if it came under their jurisdiction.

Due said the only way the Charleston Police Department or other law enforcement agencies would get involved would be if the case involved a local business or some other special circumstance.

McClain said local identity theft cases like these are the most common, though there are many examples of Internet and mail fraud as well.

While this case only involved the procurement

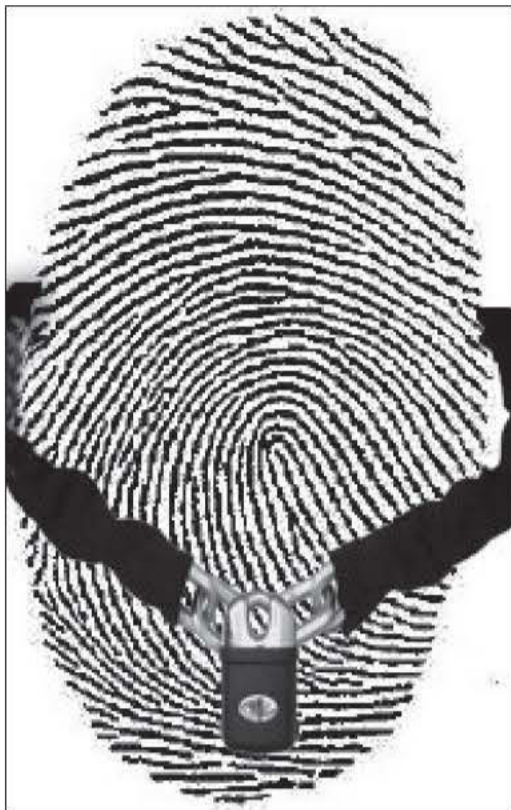


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Identity theft can happen to anyone and should be protected against by using the Identity Theft Resource Guide found on the Illinois State Attorney General's Web site.

of utilities, McClain said such examples of identity theft often lead to more elaborate and costly effects on the victims.

"If they're doing something with utilities, they will probably try to do other things with it," he said.

Natalie Bauer, a spokesperson for Attorney General Lisa Madigan, said Illinois has taken an active stance against identity theft.

She said a law was passed that required police officers to take reports of identity theft. The law also made provisions that would make restoring people's lives and credit easier.

Bauer said Illinois was one of the first states in the nation to institute such a law.

She also said the Attorney General created the Identity Theft Hotline which helps victims report stolen information and begin to get their on track as soon as possible.

The number of the toll free number for Identity Theft Hotline is (866) 999-5630 or (877) 844-5461.

Bauer also pointed out the Identity Theft Resource Guide, compiled by the Attorney General's office, to help deal with the problem of iden-

tity theft. The guide is available at the Attorney General's Web site.

If a person does become a victim of identity theft through any of the many ways a person, even the most protected person, can become a victim. McClain has several suggestion for how to weather the storm.

He said, if a case of identity theft were reported to his agency, the first thing he would do is make certain a police report had been filed and the person's credit agencies had been notified.

McClain said this must be done first because these are the only two agencies that can ask for or receive a report from stores about the use of a person's credit card or personal information.

He would then suggest the person file a fraud alert with the major credit bureaus. This will put a red flag on all use of a person's credit. This initial fraud alert only lasts for a period of 90 days before needing to be renewed by the victim.

McClain said many identity thieves will wait until this period of time runs out before they try and use any of the information they have stolen.

"A smart identity thief will know that fraud alert will be on the information for 90 days and won't use it till that time is up, so they will sit on that credit card for that time," he said.

McClain said this is because most people do not renew the fraud alert after the 90 days is up and so identity thieves take advantage of this and begin using the information after that time.

In order to avoid all of the problems associated with identity theft, he suggests people keep a constant eye on their personal information and credit rating.

McClain, who has investigated many cases of identity theft, said the best piece of advice he gives to people is for them to be proactive in protecting their identity.

He suggests people get criss-cross paper shredders for their personal and business documents, personally pick up checks rather having them delivered, do not put full name on checks, keep as much personal information on checks to a minimum and use a gel pen when signing checks.

McClain said identity thieves, through a certain chemical process called "smudging," can actually erase some of the information written by normal, ink-based pens. This would allow them to erase intended names or amounts on checks and re-write information for their own benefit. Using a gel pen makes "smudging" impossible.

The main point behind all of these suggestions is essentially to not leave oneself open to the possibility of identity theft.

"Be diligent about everything," McClain said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

From Jitters and Bliss to Bliss BBQ Works

Keith Bliss, owner of Jitters and Bliss, 424 W. Lincoln Ave., said after seven years the coffee shop would close at 1 p.m. on Saturday to reopen as Bliss BBQ Works.

Bliss said the new restaurant would serve authentic regional barbecue.

For the last day of Jitters and Bliss, he said free syrup would be offered along with other specials.

Panther Service Day deadline approaching

The deadline for students interested in volunteering for the "Panther Service Day: One Campus, One Community" event is Friday.

Students wanting to donate can pick-up a Panther Service Day information brochure at the Student Activity Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Alumni Services, Eastern's student government and the city of Charleston are sponsoring the event, which takes place April 19. The event lets students, faculty, staff and alumni participate in service projects such as book drives, food drives, street clean-up, recreational clean-up and charity walk/run events.

Contact Justin Barrett at 581-2281 for more information.

Mraz tickets still on sale for April 25 concert

Tickets for the April 25 concert at Lantz Arena featuring singer Jason Mraz are on sale.

Tickets are \$13 for the public and \$10 for Eastern students.

Mraz's performance is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. and feature opening acts Bushwalla and magician Justin Kredible.

For tickets, call 581-5122 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Movie to show for Asian American Month

The movie "Please Take Care of My Cats" will be played at 5 p.m. today in Room 2030 of Lumpkin Hall.

After the movie, which is a part of the Asian American Heritage Month activities, English professor Tim Engles will conduct a discussion about the film.

The movie depicts four young Korean women in a transitional stage of life and friendship.

Contact Jinhee Lee at 581-6065 for more information.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto and City Editor Matt Hopf

CORRECTION

The women in the photo on Page 2 of Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News were misidentified as belonging to Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The women are members of Delta Delta Delta.

The DEN regrets the error.

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CAMPUS | HOUSING

Resident assistants work later, harder

Eastern looking for more night assistants

By Marine Glisovic
Staff Reporter

Two intoxicated people were caught stealing campus property.

Breanna Hardy is one of 45 to 50 students who work as a night assistant. She works at Carman Hall and was one of the assistants that caught the intoxicated people.

"One of my very first weekends, we had some people that do not go to this school steal the sign off of Carman Hall that says 'Welcome to Carman,'" Hardy said.

She said her and another night assistant found them trying to steal the 'Feed the ducks sign,' and confronted them.

One person got away, while the other stayed and took the blame.

Hardy said she thought that was "pretty crazy" for her first weekend.

When an incident does happen, the night assistants are to contact their supervisors and the supervisors call UPD, said Chris Agans, night assistant coordinator for Housing and Dining Services.

Jason Younglove, a night assistant at Thomas Hall, has had to call his supervisor for an incident recently because of a few individuals who were walking around the hall.

"One walked down with a 40-oz. in his hand," Younglove said. "I didn't get IDs at the time, but I called the supervisor."

A way for night assistants to stay in contact with emergency personnel and supervisors is by having walkie-talkies connected to the UPD at all times. Eastern Chief of Police Adam Due said the radios are monitored, and that they have a training process that the UPD puts the students through.

In case of an emergency, calling 911 is always an option, Due said.

Besides having to deal with ram-

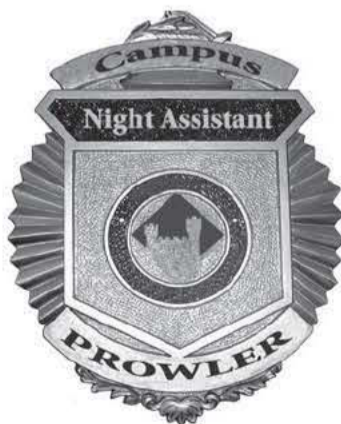


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Night assistants have a large amount of authority even without a badge.

bunctious students, night assistants find their jobs beneficial.

Christopher Banks, a night assistant at Andrews Hall, said staying up late is a good way to do homework if nothing serious happens.

"It actually helped my school

work. I had a reason to be awake," Banks said.

However, working from the hours of midnight to 4 a.m. can be difficult for some. Jerrica Smith, a night assistant at Lawson Hall, advises future night assistants to get their classes later in the day.

"When I had a 9 a.m., I would be late, oversleeping," Smith said.

Once she got the hang of how things work, she scheduled better class times to be able to remain a night assistant.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining services, is currently accepting applications for future night assistants.

Any student can apply, Hudson said. After the application process, background checks and interviews are conducted.

"We hire people that it best fits," Hudson said.

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Other views on news

EVERYONE DESERVES RESPECT

The other day, I sat in a class full of students who were tearing a professor apart for the wording of some questions on a midterm. I agreed with them: The test wasn't perfect, but I was shocked. It wasn't what they were saying, but how they were saying it: There was a tone of total dismissal in the air.

The whole situation showed me again one of the greatest weaknesses of our generation: our lack of respect.

Lively debate is the foundation of a liberal arts degree, but students cannot forget the importance of experience and first-hand knowledge. A lot of great things have come out of challenging the ideas of previous generations, but we need to not be so sassy and mean about it.

Today's students grew up in a youth-oriented culture, one that has attempted to value their opinions and ideas more than most any other in recent history. Rather than demanding our respect, our parents' generation asked for it. We have been treated well. I hope we are ready to return the favor.

We may not agree with all the stances of our professors, but there are ways to express dissenting arguments without demeaning the person on the other side of the issue.

We young people may have knowledge our professors don't, but that doesn't make us smarter or more in touch with the world.

If we are going to get hired for good jobs and lead society in the future, we must demand and graciously receive respect from others and ourselves. I know the world won't crumble if we don't listen to our elders; it's not the demise of society if we speak our minds in a respectful manner, but we are all primates here. As such, we need each other; I think that is reason enough.

Shane McMillon
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Drawn to amuse | Ian Winston



STAFF EDITORIAL

Home rule more beneficial than not

Charleston city officials are considering switching its local government to home rule status, as 191 other Illinois cities have done since 1970.

Though the city's population is less than 25,000 and home rule is not required, Charleston should adopt it anyway.

James M. Banovetz, professor emeritus at Northern Illinois University, defined non-home rule governments as being bound to exercising only the powers given to them by established state laws.

Governments under home rule can exercise any power on the level of local government, which is not denied by established state laws.

Home rule cities have a little more legislative legroom.

The benefits outweigh the disadvantages of home-rule systems.

It's been successful in Illinois since the Constitution made it possible for cities to adopt home rule in 1970.

"(T)he system of home rule in Illinois has been described as one of the most comprehensive in the nation," said Judy A. Temple in a 1996 *Economic Journal* article.

So what are the advantages and disadvantages of home rule?

Banovetz nicely breaks down how cities like Charleston may or may not benefit from home rule in "Illinois Home Rule: Evidence from Home Rule Elections," written in 2000.

A home-rule position allows cities more flexible powers to settle neighborhood disputes, improve the quality of rental properties and give more support to public education.

Home rule would remedy a few of Charleston's problems with getting the go-ahead from the state for endeavors such as the latter.

Home rule would make Charleston less dependent on the state legislature and freer to solve capitalization rate problems; something homeowners and buyers may encounter when buying or selling income property.

Home rule would also give the city more power extended toward non-residents — such as students.

It would allow the city to tax students in university communities, which may not sound all that great to students, but it would help the city in the long run.

Plus, students would have nicer places to rent off campus because home rule would allow the city to regulate housing standards — something Charleston certainly doesn't have jurisdiction on now.

Home rule would protect not only students from bad landlords, but landlords from bad tenants because it would give the city the power to

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Charleston officials are considering becoming a home rule city, putting broader power in the hands of city officials.

• **Stance:** Home rule has worked well in other Illinois cities and would make Charleston less dependent on the state.

prevent neighborhood deterioration. Keeping homes and apartments in nice condition will be required for both parties.

Plus, Charleston is bringing in a new hotel next year and home rule would give the city more control of hotel and motel taxes.

If it went into effect, home rule would enable more flexibility in the way local government runs.

While the arguments against home rule are few in comparison with the benefits, they should still be considered.

Banovetz says home rule would not limit the city's use of property tax powers. He also said all these broadened powers given to city officials could potentially be abused.

The home rule system is based on trust, which naturally makes citizens under these broad powers uneasy.

But, voters can always vote down and eliminate home rule if powers are being abused.

Overall, 31 Illinois cities voted against home rule, mostly because voters didn't have trust in their local governments, according to Banovetz.

Of the 31 cities, 27 cities chose to maintain their home rule.

That means only four cities have voted to eliminate home rule. It's also been 20 years since any city has voted to recall its home rule status, Banovetz said.

In his study, Banovetz looked at how communities have improved development under home rule.

Most cities choose to share costs with developers and negotiate tax concessions. Some cities impose impact fees on parks, schools, transportation, libraries and fire districts.

Impact fees are generally charged to private developers for residential projects so the cost of building is not a burden on residents or business owners.

Banovetz concluded that about 72 percent of city officials in home rule cities found it easier to enact ordinances because it allowed them to be more innovative.

Making Charleston a home rule city makes it less dependent on the state. It will help Charleston move ahead with economic development that would otherwise be permitted only by the state.

And, keep in mind, voters can always rescind if home rule isn't for them.

"Home rule would protect not only students from bad landlords, but landlords from bad tenants because it would give the city the power to prevent neighborhood deterioration."



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"It is the Congressmen who make the laws and keep bureaucrats under control and they need to know we want them to work harder at it."

-Nicole Milstead



MARCO SANTANA

Choosing racism

I don't remember the set-up. Nor can I remember the punch line. In fact, I was hardly paying attention to the table next to me.

My focus was on the sporting events on the televisions in front of me. To my right, a group of what I can only assume were enlightened college students was hanging out, seeming to have stayed at the bar after watching a Cubs loss.

That's when the jokes about African-Americans began.

It was brief. They threw out a couple of quick "What do you call" jokes before they headed for the bar's exit. And, no, they did not use the term African-American.

Some people often think minorities overreact to some incidents and are too eager to pull out the race card. This can be true.

But when the N-word gets thrown around so nonchalantly in a public setting, almost as if the term is perfectly acceptable to everybody around them, what else is there to think? Are minorities supposed to assume that nobody sees them as inferior?

Last spring, a forum was held that allowed minorities to share stories of discrimination on this campus. It was a success and a lot of people attended. I doubt if any of the kids at the bar last week were there. To them, a word filled with a long history of hate and vitriol is funny.

Racists exist. That will never change. So you can't blame people for looking at situations with a cautious eye. While it'd be great to assume everybody loves everybody and all people are equal in everybody's eyes, that just is not the reality of today's society.

This happened at a local bar with several people sitting around trying to have a good time. A good time does not consist of listening to racist epithets at a table next to mine.

The name of the establishment does not matter. You can't test for ignorance before letting people through the door. And as I mentioned, the members of the group left not long after they spewed their stupidity.

One sane and conscious person in the group tried to stop the stupidity. Of course, the guy who seemed to think being drunk gave him license to be an idiot justified it by saying there "weren't any n****s in the bar anyway."

Has the problem gotten to a point where people think this is enough justification?

Another explanation is "he was drunk." But is that a good reason for that behavior? He was certainly level-headed enough to observe that there were not any black people in the bar. Would he have said it had he been drunk and with black people at the bar? I doubt it.

In the past I have made it clear: I don't absolve black comedians, rappers or plain citizens who use the word either. But I choose to listen to those entertainers. I did not choose to listen to the racism next to me.

This is not my first column about the N-word. Unfortunately, because the word will never disappear, and because people can still justify to themselves its use in private life, it probably won't be the last.

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» Textbook

FROM PAGE 1

The current facility in Pemberton Hall would become either the new office for the Honors College or the Nursing Program, said Steve Shrake, associate director of Facilities Planning and Management.

Carol Miller, director of Textbook Rental, said having a main floor, a basement, and an upstairs to the Pemberton location has been problematic to the staff's efficiency.

The proposed 19,000 square-foot-facility would be completely on ground level with book storage directly in the center of the building.

A geothermal energy system has been included in the planning of the facility.

A geothermal system involves several deep holes in the Earth underneath the building, in which heat from the Earth would be utilized instead of solely using electrically powered furnaces, Nadler said.

Shrake said the geothermal system might be removed from the project if the anticipated power plant is built at the same time.

The power plant would be built adjacent to the Textbook Rental building on Edgar Avenue and shorter electric lines could be routed to the facility.

The power plant would, therefore, provide free electricity to the structure instead of paying Ameren for electricity or spending money to build the geothermal system, Shrake said.

A grant opportunity is available to cover one-third of the cost difference between using geothermal power and using Ameren electricity, Shrake said.

He anticipates the grant would be approximately \$40,000 and he intends to apply for it if the project is approved.

Eastern can always withdraw later on if it is awarded the grant and decides not to build the geothermal system.

Members of Student Senate had mixed opinions about the proposal.

Senate members Isaac Sandridge and Eric Hiltner said too many questions were unanswerable and voting would not be appropriate.

Student Senate member Karen Armor said the university should have already sought out fundraising options before deciding to charge the students for the entire cost.

Nadler said naming the building could generate funds to help pay the loan quicker.

Student Body President Cole Rogers said Textbook Rental is a cornerstone of the university and the current facility and operations options do not reflect its reputation.

The resolution was tabled and will be voted on next week.

The vote will be a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on behalf of the student body.

The board will vote on the increase during the summer.

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» Davenport

FROM PAGE 1

She said the celebratory months give people the opportunity to learn something different about someone else – just like Davenport did with her roommate.

She said she knows it is hard for college students especially to attend all the events, but she said imagine the cultural awareness students could have if they went to just one event for each month.

A history with Eastern

Davenport graduated from Eastern with a bachelor's degree in African-American studies and sociology. She then went on to get her master's degree at Eastern as well.

Johnetta Jones, the previous director of Minority Affairs, was Davenport's adviser at Eastern, but ended up becoming her mentor.

After Davenport graduated from Eastern with her master's degree, she went back to Chicago to work at a social service agency with runaways and people who attempted suicide.

Following that, in February of 1990, Davenport received a call from her mentor Jones asking her to come back to Eastern to start the Minority Admissions Program.

It would be Davenport's first time working with college students.

Davenport worked in that position for seven years and she said she never thought she would ever truly leave Eastern. Professionally, though, she wanted to progress.

Davenport said when in higher education, even though one may love working at one institution, it's better to gain experience from other institutions.

In 1997, she took a job at Governors State University, a school for juniors, seniors and graduate students, and where the average student is 35 years old. Working there made her realize she wanted to work with traditional-aged students.

"As much as I loved that job, to me you don't have the opportunity to truly help mold students," Davenport said.

Davenport next took a job at Illinois State University, which has more traditional students but a larger population than Eastern. At ISU, Davenport worked in housing – another first for her.

Davenport said it gave her a true appreciation for what housing does and the dedication involved with the housing department.

"I think all of that helped me or prepared me to when I interviewed for this position," she said. "It was a diverse amount of experience in working with different folk."

When Jones died suddenly in October 2003, Davenport came in as interim director of Minority Affairs at Eastern. She was offered the position permanently in April 2004 and has been here ever since.

What Davenport likes most about her job is helping students, although she can't see them as much as she'd like.

"With administration, sometimes, I am so removed," she said.

She said sometimes her calendar is full with meetings. She knows those meetings are benefiting students, but wishes she could see students more.

An inspiration to students

Maggie L. Burkhead is the director of TRiO, one of the programs housed under the Minority Affairs department, and she said Davenport

is passionate about working with underrepresented students.

She said Davenport wants to see people grow and develop into the people they want and strive to be.

Burkhead said students know they can go to Davenport if they have a problem, want an internship, are applying for graduate school or anything in general.

B. James Griffin, a sophomore accounting and finance major, has worked with Davenport many times while being involved with the Black Student Union and EIUUnity.

But when Griffin transferred to Eastern last spring as a freshman, Davenport was one of the first people he met on campus. He said, ever since, she has been like an adviser to him.

"She's a great person," Griffin said.

He added she is always there to help students and knows if he needs anything, he can call her. He said she encouraged him to get involved and make a difference.

"She makes me want to do something – do more – on this campus," Griffin said.

He said Davenport has made him want to be a better person and be a leader on campus.

"For me, she's just been that guide that I needed when I got here," Griffin said.

Burkhead said Davenport encourages students to get involved in a positive way on campus.

"I think being able to identify with a minority person who's positive in doing good things, I think that helps students and impacts them in a lot of ways," Burkhead said.

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CAMPUS | EVENTS

UPI to hold AIDS fundraiser in fall

Group wishes to spread awareness of global epidemic

By Barbara Harrington
University Reporter

The American Federation of Teachers reports that around 1,000 South African teachers will die of AIDS this year.

Sue Songer, international student adviser, said Eastern's University Professionals of Illinois chapter hopes to help lower that number.

UPI is partnering with AFT to address the human rights issues of the AIDS epidemic.

Charles Delman, Eastern's UPI president, said the chapter will hold a weeklong awareness and fundraiser event in the fall.

Delman said the AIDS fundraiser was originally scheduled for the 2007-2008 academic year, but the speaker UPI hopes to bring to campus for the event, Zimbabwe native James Thindwa, was not available.

An exact date for the fundraiser will be set once Thindwa's visit has been finalized, Delman said.

"I think there's a lot of ignorance about the

AIDS STATISTICS

- By 2006, about 65 million people had been infected with the AIDS virus.
- Sub-Saharan Africa is the most affected region in the world with 24.5 million people affected by the virus. That's two-thirds of the infected population worldwide.
- Worldwide, less than one in five people have access to basic treatment services. Only one in eight people who want to be tested are doing so.
- Everyday, 1,500 babies are infected with HIV. A vast majority of them are newborns.

Source: www.unaids.org/en/

forms the disease takes, the way it spreads and who's affected," Delman said. "But AIDS is not the death sentence that it once was. Working together there are ways that we, as a campus, can help reduce the impact."

Delman said the money from the campus drive will go towards AIDS education materials for African teachers and students.

"There is such a social stigma with the testing for AIDS that it's causing just unnecessary transmission of the disease," Songer said. "If people aren't aware, the disease will continue to spread."

Frances Murphy, family and consumer sciences professor, led a study-abroad trip to

South Africa in the fall of 2006. Murphy will lead another study abroad trip to the region this fall.

While the legal apartheid era in Africa is over, Murphy said many parts of the continent are still suffering economically, making extremely poverty-stricken areas easily accessible in most regions of South Africa.

However, Murphy said she thinks the picture many Americans have in their heads of Africa is unrealistic.

"There is poverty, but there is also extraordinary physical beauty," she said. "South Africans don't want to be identified as, 'Oh yeah, we're the poor people who are dying of AIDS.'"

That's not how they see themselves. There's a new democracy there. They have made great strides and they have a lot of hope."

Songer said her involvement with international students on Eastern's campus has led her to discover, like Murphy, African students don't view themselves the way many Americans do.

"Just as the United States is misinterpreted by the world, we tend to have a myopic view of Africa," Songer said. "Many of the African students have expressed to me that they don't appreciate that the first thing people think about in Africa is AIDS."


Songer said she hopes UPI's awareness effort will help Eastern students learn not only about the AIDS epidemic, but also about how to be more sensitive to other cultures.

She said she believes cultural sensitivity and international dialogue are our "links to world peace."

International students from Africa will have the opportunity to be part of panel discussions that will take place during UPI's AIDS awareness week, Songer said.

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LOCAL | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Chambers help create leadership in Coles County

Courses designed to draw out useful personality skills for leading businesses

By Jordan Crook
Senior City Reporter

For the past eight years, the Charleston and Mattoon Chambers of Commerce have jointly presented the Leadership Coles County course.

Cindy Titus, executive director of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, said the course was designed to develop leadership skills within community members.

The program has five full-day classroom courses and requires that participants in the course work with a local organization to help them with a certain problem or issue the organization is facing.

She said community organizations often provide her with ideas about projects they need help with or issues they are facing that could be used as projects for leadership cultivation.

While the classroom portions are important in providing participants with more information about themselves, Titus said the practical aspect of involvement that the projects provide is important as well.

"It's kind of a nice blend of leadership theory and real world application," she said.

This semester's courses, which end April 20, were held at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and included several community members from various career paths and organizations, including Eastern.

Titus said more than 200 community members have graduated from the program since it started in 2000.

When the course first started, Titus said she had to personally recruit many of the community members for the course.

Over time this has been less necessary as more businesses heard about the course and sponsored their employees for it, she added.

She said many area businesses often send at least a few representatives to the course each year because they have seen how effective the course is at making people better on the personal and professional level.

Titus said people who go through these classes are given many of the skills necessary to become successful in the area, and the results of these skills are evident by the kinds of positions many graduates have attained.

"We see many of these people popping up in various positions of leadership in the community," she said.

One clear example of this is Coles Together President Angela Griffin, who credits the course with giving her many of the skills that allowed her to attain her position in Coles County.

"It just makes you a lot more open to people," Griffin said.

Griffin said the main component of the course that helped her was learning how to be accepting of other peoples' ideas and then working together to help come up with solutions to problems.

"First you learn about yourself, then you learn about other people," she said.

Griffin said the Charleston/Mattoon area, which was once divided by conflicts, need to learn this kind of cooperation.

She said this course could help achieve this goal. She said by working together regionally, communities like Mattoon and Charleston, and area citizens, can make Coles County a much better place.

One former course participant is Cheryl Noll, assistant chair of the School of Business at Eastern, who took part in the fall 2007 Leadership Coles County Course.

She said her time in the class taught her how to assess herself and see the positive and negative parts of herself.

It also taught her how to extenuate those positive parts and improve those negative ones, Noll said.

The project she was involved with during her time in the course was improving the recruitment methods of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Noll said her group focused on giving suggestions that could be used throughout the area in how to lead more Mattoon citizens to become involved with Habitat for Humanity.

Titus said that most of the area residents who were involved with Habitat for Humanity are from Charleston.

She said Noll's group went to many Mattoon residents and recruited them to join the Habitat for Humanity board.

Titus also said the group suggested ways to eliminate paperwork for potential Habitat for Humanity homeowners and tried to eliminate certain misconceptions about Habitat for Humanity around the area, like the idea that homes built by them are free to the owners.

Noll said by working with the group and other Leadership members, she learned skills she could apply to her everyday job at Eastern, which makes her involvement well worth the time and effort.

"I'm glad I could take advantage of this opportunity," she said.

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27 Belief in a life of harmony with nature

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35 Repeated setting for Georges Seurat paintings

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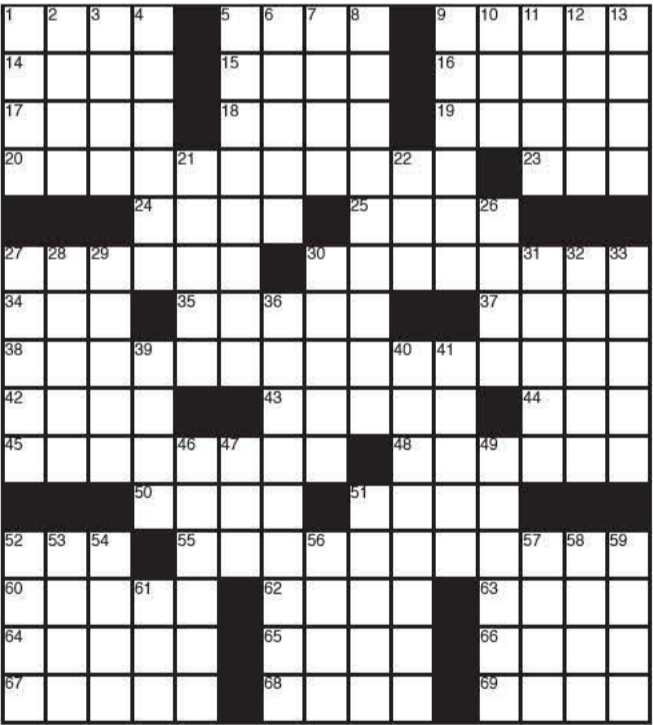
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21 Martini's partner

22 Paris accord

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27 Fair housing?

28 Welcome to paradise?

29 Commonly

30 ____ ring
- 31 Away from the office

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39 Equine ankle

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47 Non-std.

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RICHIE DERBAK

Top Cat is a weekly feature that displays one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the player and moments from the sporting event.

CLUTCH HITTER COMES THROUGH

Lebanon native consistent behind and at the plate, sets stage for Eastern victories

By Micky Deming
Staff Reporter

Richie Derbak helped the Eastern baseball team to a much-needed sweep at home this weekend with clutch hitting.

The sophomore catcher from Lebanon had six hits in nine at-bats in the weekend series against Tennessee-Martin with one home run and nine RBIs.

The sweep came at a great time for Eastern, which is now tied for third in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 6-3 league record (14-14 overall).

"We had a bad series getting swept last weekend (at Tennessee Tech on March 29-30)," Derbak said. "It was extremely important for us to get this sweep at home."

Eastern has now won five straight games, all at Coaches Stadium, where they are 8-1 this season. Derbak said the Panthers benefited from extra batting practice on their own field before the five home games last week.

"We've finally had some good weather and have been able to get some extra swings," he said. "It makes a huge difference getting used to the surroundings that you're going to play in."

The added number of swings helped Derbak see the ball well in the series with UT-Martin. He raised his average to .333 and now leads the Panthers with 23 RBIs.

Eastern sophomore left fielder Curt Restko said he could tell Derbak was zoned-in from the first game of the series.

"He's clutch," Restko said. "Every time we need a run and someone's in scoring position, we know Richie's going to do the job."

Derbak has only struck out six times in his 81 plate appearances



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore catcher Richie Derbak had nine RBIs in nine at bats during the three-game homestand against Tennessee-Martin last weekend at Coaches Stadium.

this season.

"I can't stand striking out," he said.

He said by protecting the plate with two strikes and being aggressive as a hitter, he can keep from giving away an at-bat with a strikeout.

"Richie is always going to put the ball in play, and he's usually going

to hit the ball hard," Restko said. "When you don't strike out, you just give yourself a lot more opportunities to find holes and get hits."

Restko said he believes Derbak could hit better than .350 this season, and that Derbak's ability to come through with men on base is a key to the team's success.

Derbak has been able to succeed

CURT RESKO | EASTERN
SOPHOMORE LEFT FIELDER

"Richie is always going to put the ball in play, and he's usually going to hit the ball hard. When you don't strike out, you just give yourself a lot more opportunities to find hole and get hits."

in those situations by hitting pitches to the opposite field and swinging at fastballs early in the count.

This approach helps Derbak consistently put the ball in play and put pressure on the other team's defense.

While his bat has certainly helped Eastern this season, Derbak said his biggest responsibility is not at the plate, but behind it. Derbak is responsible for leading the defense and keeping the pitchers comfortable as the Panthers' starting catcher.

"The pitchers have been wonderful all year, and I want to help them anyway I can," he said. "It's important for them to have confidence in me behind the plate."

Derbak hopes his leadership behind the plate in addition to his clutch hitting will help Eastern get to the OVC Tournament.

"It was a bummer to miss the conference tournament last year," he said. "This year we are really focusing on making it."

The Panthers will have a chance to continue to climb in the conference standings with a three-game series this weekend at Murray State.

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» Daniels

FROM PAGE 12

My father taught me how to keep score while watching the St. Louis Cardinals at the old Busch Stadium. Instead of grabbing as much cotton candy as my 7-year-old hands could, I had to keep my hands free of the god-awful sticky substance.

Who knew when Tony LaRussa would make a pitching change, and I had to total up all the runs his starting pitcher had allowed?

My score keeping evolved through the years.

I started to understand more of the rules of the game and developed more detailed symbols, numbers and abbreviations to help keep track of the game.

I can look at a scorecard now; even from 10 years ago, and remember almost every play, pitch or out recorded.

Basic rules to remember when keeping score:

Every position has a number (see fact box for more detailed explanations) and every out or hit has a symbol or abbreviation. It's usually up to the individual scorer about what to write.

The famed baseball writer Roger Angell used to keep notes on his scorecard about what he thought about a particular play or sequence of events.

Don't try that until you've mastered the basic elements of solid score keeping. But first, you should try keeping score at any game.

You'll find out how enjoyable it truly is and how it connects you to the game unlike any other way.

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HOW TO KEEP SCORE

Position numbers

1 – Pitcher; 2 – Catcher; 3 – First baseman; 4 – Second baseman; 5 – Third baseman; 6 – Shortstop; 7 – Left fielder; 8 – Center fielder; 9 – Right fielder

Abbreviations to keep in mind

1B – Single; 2B – Double; 3B – Triple; HR – Home run; K – Strikeout swinging; backwards K – denotes a strikeout looking; BB – when a pitcher throws four balls to a hitter; HBP – When a pitcher hits a hitter with a pitch; WP – When a pitcher throws a pitch that the catcher can't stop; PB – When a catcher doesn't catch a pitch he should catch; SB – When a runner steals a base in the game; SF – When a hitter drives in a run with a fly ball out; SAC – When a hitter lays down a bunt that moves a runner on base over to the next base; FC – When a player reaches base, but another player that was already on the bases is out; E – When a fielder commits an error in the field

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | EASTERN AT MURRAY STATE

Racers graduate some of the best

Panthers play critical conference matches, expect no easy wins

By JC Clark
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams' opponents have lost key players.

The Panthers will challenge Murray State and its roster changes when Eastern plays the Racers at 2:30 p.m. today in Murray, Ky.

The Murray State men's team has struggled this season after losing No. 1 and No. 2 players Fadi Zamjaoui and Dmytro Hryhorash. Zamjaoui won Ohio Valley Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Year honors in 2006 and 2007.

Hryhorash teamed with Zamjaoui at No. 1 doubles, and the duo compiled an 8-5 overall record in 2007.

This season, the Racers (1-12, 1-6 OVC) have struggled, with their only win coming against Tennessee



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Junior tennis player Natalie Martin eyes the ball for her backhand volley during Saturday afternoon's match against Samford at Darling Courts.

State on March 25.

After last weekend's play, Eastern's men's team (10-8, 4-3) will play what has thus far proven to be a talent-depleted Racers.

With only three matches left in

OVC play, Eastern sophomore Jeff Rutherford said the team has a sense of urgency.

"This is definitely a must-win," Rutherford said. "This is the time of the season you have to bear down

and play your best tennis."

Eastern head coach John Blackburn views the final three conference matches more as a window of opportunity.

"We have three matches left, and that's almost a third of the conference matches," Blackburn said. "A lot can happen between now and the end of the season."

On the women's side, the Racers (12-6, 6-3) have had to adjust without standout twins Anna and Rachael Lask.

Anna Lask was the 2007 OVC Women's Tennis Player of the Year and the Racers' highest-win women's tennis player with 197 combined singles and doubles wins.

Rachael Lask was also a strong player in her own right, notching All-OVC honors three times during her college career.

Despite the massive void left in the duo's absence, MSU's women's team has responded well.

Sophomore Angela McGahee and junior Anne Pennington (14-2, 7-2) are one of the best doubles

teams in the conference.

Junior Natalie Martin doesn't think it is prudent to judge a team based on what it has lost on its roster.

"You can never underestimate a team after it loses players," Martin said. "We've played some teams this season that we thought had lost some really good players, but they brought in good players to replace them."

Getting the win would help the Panthers (11-6, 3-4) move up in the conference and qualify for the six-team OVC Tournament. The Panthers are currently in seventh-place.

Even with last weekend's tough losses, Martin says she and her teammates have kept their composure, and that will be key to finishing out the season.

"We've managed to stay pretty calm about it," Martin said. "We just need to keep our morale high."

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Late Innings

FROM PAGE 12

"I think, like us, when (Eastern) got behind and had to challenge people with a fastball on a day like today you're taking your life in your own hands," Meggs said. "No different than us, when they got behind they paid the price."

Morrell said getting behind in the count hurt the Panthers.

"A lot of them were just sitting on the fastball," he said.

After the third inning, Eastern wasn't able to do the same. Schmitz said he was disappointed with how Indiana State's pitching staff was able to set the Panthers down after Eastern scored six early runs.

"Offensively I thought we should have battled," Schmitz said.

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Wednesday's Game
Indiana State 10, Eastern 6

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
ISU (10-17)	1	1	0
EIU (14-14)	3	2	1

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E Del Real, P (12); Dawson, (1) -ISU. LOB: EIU 8; ISU 7. DP: ISU 2. 2B: Schmidt, C. (8); Shoemaker, B., (11); Chavez, Z., (1); Brumagin, D., (2); -ISU. Tokarz, J., (6) -EIU. HR: Strausborger, R., (2); Oliver, B., (3); Del Real (1) -ISU. Nommensen, B. (3); -EIU. HBP: Chavez, Del Real; -ISU. Facer, T., Lindquist, R.; -EIU. SH: Thyer, B., (1); -EIU. SB: Strausborger (5); -ISU.

Key Inning: Top of the seventh
Indiana State's David Brumagin hit a three-run double on a hanging slider to the wall in right center field that gave the Sycamores the lead.

Corner

FROM PAGE 12

Although Holtz and Jackson share the same experience of starting as freshmen, that doesn't make them completely alike.

"They both have strong personalities, but they're not the same person by any means," Stake said.


Stake said Jackson is feistier and Holtz takes information and inter-

nalizes it.

"They both have a fire about them, which is good," Stake said. "They certainly are freshmen, but in terms of experience, they are just as experienced as some of our upperclassmen."

Jackson has started 26-of-28 games, and Holtz has started the same amount and played in 27.

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MATT DANIELS

Keeping score: a lost art

To some, it's just a bunch of lines, random numbers and weird abbreviations.

To others, it's a historical record that documents every pitch, every out and every play in a baseball game.

Open almost any sports section in the United States from April until October and baseball box scores are present.

But those condensed box scores don't convey the whole game. Not even game stories or various notes about the game in the newspaper can capture the essence of every situation that happened.

The true box score comes from a scorecard, makeshift or official, which details all the action.

It comes from keeping score.

The art of keeping score is indeed just that: an art form.

It's rare, it's different for every individual and it's open to many interpretations.

But not many people seem to realize this or take much notice of it.

A quick glance from the Coaches Stadium press box during last weekend's series between Eastern and Tennessee-Martin revealed not one of the roughly 200 people keeping score in the stands.

That's not a knock against those in attendance. It's just an observation about how unusual it is these days to find people who actually keep score at baseball games.

Keeping score can spark conversation between fans at a stadium.

It can also relieve the boredom that may set in at some point when a game starts to drag on.

It's done to make fans feel like they're a part of the game.

And sadly, it doesn't appear to exist much in today's society.

Baseball lends itself to the pace of keeping score.

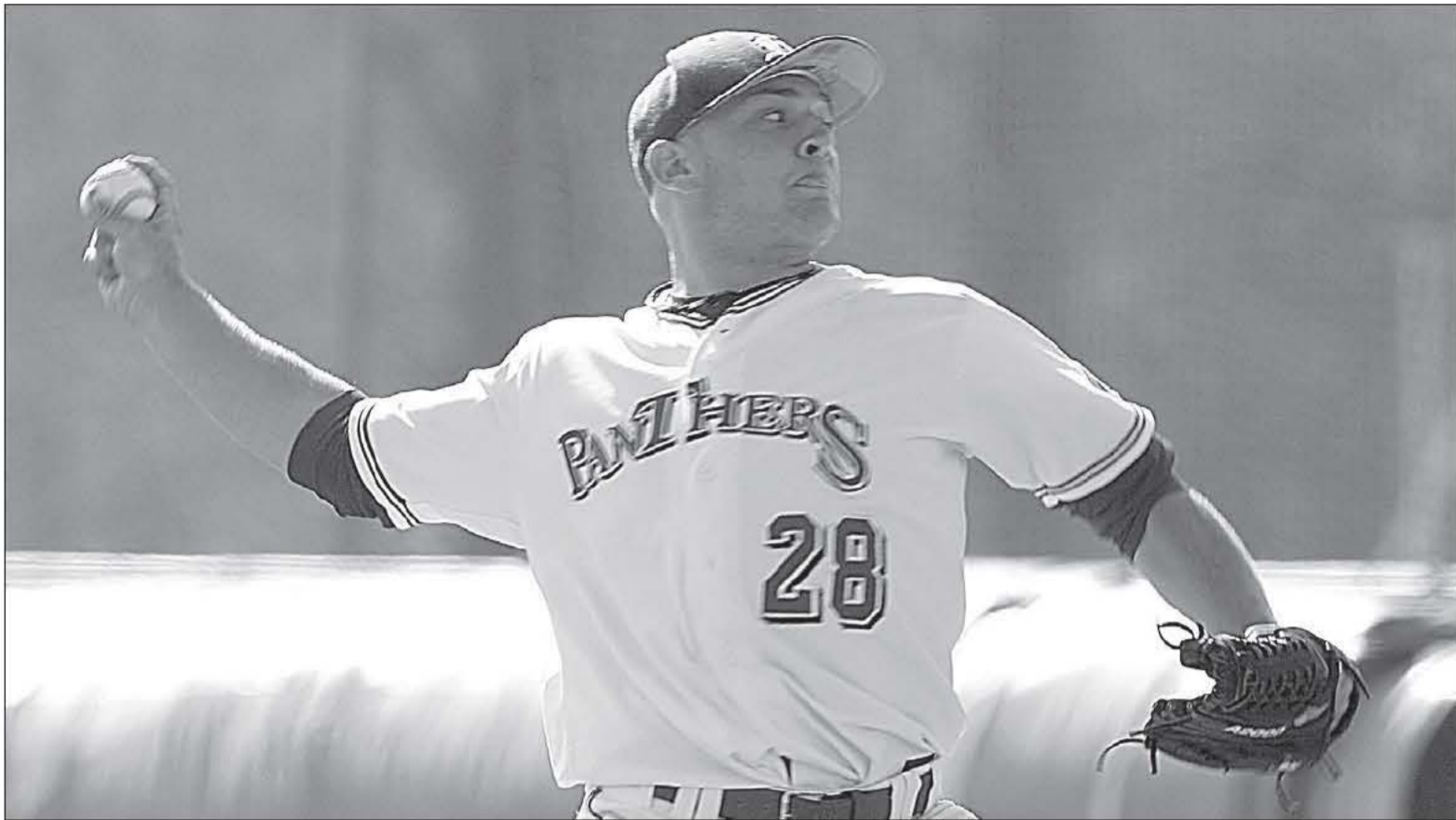
Basketball and football have box scores. So do soccer, rugby and volleyball, among other sports.

But none of those sports have an easy way to keep score so the fan sitting in the stands can keep score too.

A person can carefully draw lines to represent the bases after a base hit, or the slow, meticulous, much-anticipated 'K' after your favorite pitcher strikes out the cleanup hitter.

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BASEBALL | INDIANA STATE 10, EASTERN 6



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Freshman pitcher Mike Recchia had a rough outing on Wednesday afternoon, giving up three home runs in 3 2/3 innings at Coaches Stadium against the Indiana State Sycamores.

LATE INNINGS SEAL SYCAMORES' WIN

Pitchers struggle with location; reliance on fastball proves costly

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Indiana State used a four-run seventh inning to get a come-from-behind victory against Eastern on Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers (14-14) opened up a 6-2 lead after three innings, but four-run innings by the Sycamores in the fourth and seventh gave Indiana State a 10-6 win.

Indiana State sophomore second baseman Ryan Strausborger led off the top of the seventh with a single between first and second base off

Eastern junior reliever Ross Jeske. Senior center fielder Chris Schmitz reached on a bunt single down the third base line and advanced Strausborger to second.

ISU junior left fielder Brady Shoemaker drilled a double down the right field line to score Strausborger.

Jeske was pulled after Shoemaker's double, and junior reliever Brian Morrell came in to face Indiana State junior catcher Zane Chavez. Chavez fouled off three pitches with a 1-2 count before grounding out to first base. Morrell then struck out junior designated hitter Brian Oliver.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz then called for an intentional walk of Indiana State junior first baseman Brian Jett to load the bases. Indiana State senior third baseman David Brumagin laced a 0-1 pitch to right-

center field for a three-run double.

"In that situation we're just trying to get a ball elevated a little bit in the strike zone, so we can hit it hard somewhere," said Indiana State head coach Lindsay Meggs. "(Brumagin) got a good pitch to hit a little up in the zone, and he put a good swing on it."

Morrell said the pitch Brumagin hit was a slider. He said he made close to the pitch he wanted, but it wasn't low enough or away enough in the strike zone.

"A lot of our pitches were up, which doesn't help with the wind blowing like it was," Morrell said. "But we still have to know with the wind like this, you've got to get the ball down to be successful."

Schmitz said he discussed the intentional walk to load the bases

with Eastern pitching coach Skylar Meade, and Schmitz said he would make the same move again.

Schmitz said Morrell gets in trouble when he throws consecutive sliders. He said a better pitching strategy for Morrell would be to mix in fastballs for a change of pace.

"Morrell throws good sliders, but then he misses one," Schmitz said. "Hanging sliders are normally hit."

Meggs said he didn't think either team did a good job of working the ball down in the strike zone, and he said that wasn't good because of the steady wind blowing out of Coaches Stadium.

Meggs said both pitching staffs got behind in counts and had to throw fastballs to try and get strikes.

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SOFTBALL | EASTERN AT BUTLER

Corner freshmen help anchor infield

Young players have good chance to keep positions four years

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern's softball team is a combination of young and experienced players.

But where the team is the youngest, it has the hottest corners in the game.

Eastern freshmen third baseman Kiley Holtz and first baseman Melinda Jackson anchor the Panthers at the corner infield positions.

They plan to continue to do that today in Eastern's doubleheader against Butler at 1 p.m. today in Indianapolis.

Jackson's height (5 feet, 11 inches) works perfectly for first base.

She has a long reach to catch any overthrown or under-thrown balls

"I think she's pretty flexible," said Eastern assistant coach Katie



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Freshman first baseman Melinda Jackson fields a bunt during last week's series against Samford in Ohio Valley Conference play at Williams Field.

Stake. "She's been working a lot with Coach (Al Schuette) at first base. He's helped her to develop more range on the bag."

Holtz has good hands at third base. She's only made five errors in 27 games this season. She has 19 putouts and 42 assists from third base this season.

"We've been working on her range to the left," Stake said. "She's been doing better and better on the year with (fielding) bunts. She's been getting up there quicker, so she's been learning that position and taking it as her own."

Holtz and Jackson have the chance to play at their positions for four years.

"It's neat," Holtz said. "We're the corner freshmen. It's a good opportunity for us to play together and to start at a young age in the infield."

Holtz said the bond and connection she has with Jackson off the field has helped them on the field.

"I enjoy playing with Mel," Holtz said. "We're always together. We always hang out. It just seems like we're coming together."

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SOFTBALL
Today at Butler (DH) |
1 p.m. — Indianapolis

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS
Today at Murray State |
2:30 p.m. — Murray, Ky.

MEN'S GOLF
Friday, Saturday at Illinois Invitational |
All Day — Urbana

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
Saturday at Lee Calhoun Invitational |
All Day — Macomb

BASEBALL
Saturday at Murray State (DH) |
1 p.m. — Murray, Ky.