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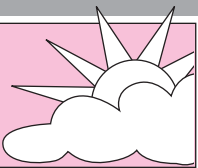
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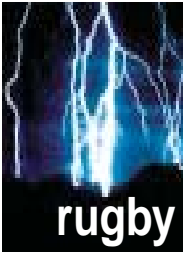
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Robin Williams, editor of the *Minority Today*, voices her opposition Wednesday night to a Student Senate resolution that calls for the student fees for *Student Publications* to be approved by the Apportionment Board. The senate voted 14-6 to pass the resolution.

New senate members seated, Piket voted to return as speaker

By REAGAN BRANHAM
Student government editor

The Student Senate passed a bylaw change in the attempt to give senate members more initiative to attend required meetings.

The change, authored by senate member Dennis Alexander, states that if senate members are unexcused for three student organization or residence hall meetings, it is the equivalent of an unexcused Student Senate meeting.

Student Body President Michelle Gaddini said three unexcused Student Senate misses is punishable by being removed from the senate.

"When you accumulate three unexcused absences, you are

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Senate approves budgeting measure

Publications budget voted to come under AB control

By REAGAN BRANHAM
Student government editor

The Student Senate voted 14-6 Wednesday night in favor of a resolution that could put Student Publications' funding under the control of the Apportionment Board.

More than 50 students attended the meeting, mostly showing disapproval of the resolution, expressing their worries that the resolution would give AB the authority to take student fee funding away from Student Publications.

Senate member Bryan Gutraj, author of the resolution, said he had no intentions of taking away funding from the publications when he brought the resolution forward.

"That was not the aim and is still not the aim of this piece of legislation," Gutraj said. "I think the senators did their jobs with going out and talking to the students."

Heidi Keibler, editor in chief of *The Daily Eastern News*, said she was not surprised by the vote totals.

"I knew going into the meeting, our chances were thin, but I'm still disappointed," Keibler said. "I felt like we did make our case, but they just didn't listen to us."

Senate members who voted in favor of the resolution were Tiffany Abbott, Nicki Best, Dan Crowley, Trevor Griffin, Bryan Gutraj, Katie Himes, Paige Parker, Keith Ryniak, Deanna Smothers, Jason Stipp, Courtney Stone, Josh Tucker, Rick Tucker and Jeff Zilch.

Those against the resolution were Kelly Brown, Debi Gagliardo, John Hanley, Kevin Piket, Nora Strong and Gina Zamboni.

The only abstention was Dennis Alexander.

Audience members opposing the resolution dominated most of the open discussion, focusing on the possibility of funding being taken away from Student Publications.

Keibler said even if funding is completely removed from Student Publications, *The News* would not be affected near as much as the other publications.

Currently *The News* operates on a \$485,000 budget and only about \$33,000 of the budget comes from student fees. The other \$44,000 in fees goes toward the Warbler yearbook, the Vehicle and *Minority Today*.

LaShinda Clark, editor of the Warbler, said if AB had the

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Chinese university lacks enrollment, boasts prestige

By CATHY THOELE
Staff writer

Low female enrollment and award-winning graduates are two characteristics of China's most prestigious university.

Xianzhang Hu, vice-president of Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, spoke Wednesday night about the most prestigious school in China.

Through an interpreter, Hu described the Chinese university's academic accomplishments and student backgrounds.

Hu said Tsinghua University has an enrollment of 15,000 students, but only 10 percent are females. Female enrollment is low because China is mainly agricultural and 80 percent of the population live in rural areas where education is very low.

"Chances for women to go to school is relatively low," Hu said.

Hu said China has more freedom than it use to, saying "we have

made much progress, but we need time to make more transitions."

Tsinghua University was established in 1928 and started out as mainly a science university. However, it is now a comprehensive university offering colleges in humanities, economics and other areas, Hu said. The university has produced many scholars including two Nobel Prize winners.

Hu said in 1994 about 80 percent of the best students from each province in China, and 60 percent of the top 10 students from each province came to Tsinghua University.

All students of the world are invited to attend the university, and they are in the process of a discussion concerning inviting the top 10 students from each of the top universities in the world, Hu said.

About 300 foreign exchange students mostly from Korea, Japan, North America, and Europe, now attend the university.



SARAH WONG/Staff photographer

Xianzhang Hu (left), vice president of Tsinghua University in Beijing, explains the differences in higher education systems in China and the United States to history professor Roger Beck (right) and Mujun Zhang (middle), vice chairman of Committee for International Academic Exchanges.

Artifacts suggest humans roamed more of Africa

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have discovered a partial jaw some 3 million to 3.5 million years old that suggests early human ancestors roamed over much more of Africa than previously thought.

The remains were found in Chad in central Africa, far from previously known fossil sites on the continent's east coast and southern tip.

The find greatly extends the known range of australopithecines, human predecessors that appeared after the evolutionary split away from the ancestors of modern apes. Australopithecines gave rise to the group called Homo, which includes modern people.

In a second report, scientists presented new evidence for the relatively recent idea that Homo had left Africa and reached Asia by around 2 million years ago. Researchers reported that a partial jaw, a tooth and some stone tools found in a Chinese cave are 1.78 million to 1.96 million years old, making them the oldest known remains of human ancestors in China and maybe all of Asia.

“Now I think it is an east side story and a west side story.”
—Michael Brunet,
researcher at University of Poitiers in France

The Chinese report also suggests that one member of Homo, called Homo erectus, evolved in Asia rather than immigrating from Africa.

Both studies appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Before the Chad finding, australopithecines had been known from sites in South Africa and the Rift Valley in the east African nations of Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania. The Chad site lies some 1,500 miles west of the valley.

The finding suggests australopithecine remains may also be found even farther west, because the deposits that held the new fossils extend into Cameroon, said researcher Michel

Brunet of the University of Poitiers in France. He reported the finding with colleagues in France and at Harvard University.

“If we want to understand this first time of our story, now we know that it's necessary to know all that happened in west Africa, too,” he said. “Now I think it is an east side story and a west side story. Both are very important.” Eric Delson, an anthropologist at Lehman College of the City University of New York, said the Chad finding means scientists can't be sure that the evolutionary split between the human lineage and the ape lineage happened in eastern Africa.

The finding opens a new area to look for

early results of that split, Delson said. “Previously our window into what happened in evolution between 3 million and 5 million (years ago) was quite restricted in area,” he said. “They've opened a new pane in the window.”

Brunet said the partial jaw shows some resemblance to Australopithecus afarensis, the best known fossil example of which is a partial skeleton from Ethiopia nicknamed “Lucy.” The Chad fossil also shows some differences, but it's too soon to know whether it represents a new species, he said.

The fossils from south-central China appear to come from a primitive, tool-making member of Homo that may have given rise to Homo erectus in Asia, said researcher Russell Ciochon of the University of Iowa.

The teeth look like those of early Homo members known from Africa and differ from those of erectus found in Asia, Ciochon said. It's not clear whether the Chinese Homo is a previously unknown species, he said.

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basically kicked off senate,” Gaddini said.

The change is an effort to make senate members more accountable to their constituents. A memo will be sent to all the recognized student organizations so they are aware of the new policy.

In other senate business Wednesday:

- Old senate seats were

replaced with the new senate members from the Nov. 7 election and the new senate voted for a Speaker of the Senate.

Kevin Pickett was unanimously voted Speaker of the Senate for a second term.

Pickett said he sees the re-election as a vote of confidence and was grateful for the support from senate members.

“It gives me confidence that

they have confidence in what I've done,” Pickett said.

The senate seated 18 senate members from the election, eight of whom were non-incumbents.

■ Vice President for Academic Affairs Amy Decker said the new student deans had their first meeting and a dean for the College of Sciences will not be appointed until Dec. 1.

Love-struck student opens fire in school

LYNNVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A student who had quarreled with his girlfriend opened fire at a high school before classes began today, killing a teacher and wounding two other people, officials said.

School superintendent Sam Collins said the gunman walked into Richland High School and began firing at teachers who were standing in a doorway waiting for classes to begin. He hit two of them, then walked down a hall and critically wounded a student, Collins said.

“I heard two shots and then a girl started screaming,” said Daniel

Davis, 16. “Everybody was eating breakfast when it happened. There was one shot and then the other after a couple of seconds. Then a bunch of teachers started running around.” The gunman was identified as Jamie Rouse, a senior at the school. Teachers wrestled him to the ground and seized a small-caliber rifle, Collins said. He was taken to a juvenile detention center in Pulaski.

The dead teacher was identified as Carolyn Foster, a business teacher. The wounded were Carol Yancey, a science and math teacher who was in stable condition, and Diane Collins, 16, who was in criti-

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control to take away funds for Student Publications and did so, students may not have a yearbook next year.

Robin Williams, editor in chief of *Minority Today*, mirrored Clark's concern over the publications possibly losing funds if AB gains control.

“If you take this away, minorities will not have as much voice,” Williams said. “You will have a big problem on your hands with the minority community, they will not stand for this.”

Other senate members said the resolution was about letting students see where the \$3.65 in fees money goes to in the publications.

Senate member Rick Tucker said the resolution was intended to have a check over Student Publications.

“It's not about control ... it's about the finance's and the control there of,” Tucker said. “Of the approximately \$19.50 in student fees, \$3.65 is taken off the top and set at their (student publications) doorstep without a fight.”

Currently, Student Publications receives a flat fee of \$3.65 per student per semester in student fees from the university.

A similar resolution to Gutraj's also was brought up

at Student Government last year, but was voted down 15-9.

Senate member Trevor Griffin voted against last year's resolution because he found it “reeked of unconstitutionality” but was one of the 14 senate members who voted in favor of this year's resolution.

“Under this resolution it's possible to get additional allocations,” Griffin said. “But when your paper is spending these funds on stories that stir up rumors, that's not being a quality paper.”

Many audience members' worries about funding being taken away revolve around the senate being able to pull funds if they are dissatisfied with stories that were run, which is a breach of the First Amendment.

AB member Jeanie Rzepka agreed with those against the resolution.

“They should have freedom ... so they don't have to feel the constraint,” she said.

The resolution passed through the senate Wednesday will need signatures of approval from: Michelle Gaddini, student body president; Dave Milberg, Student Government adviser; Lou Hencken, vice president for Student Affairs; and President David Jorns.

Correction

A story in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* erroneously stated the Student Senate

has 35 members. The 35 students actually make up the Student Government, not just the senate.

The News regrets the error.

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Workshop to promote better leadership qualities

By JEREMY MARKHARDT
Staff writer

A workshop promoting better leadership qualities in the workplace is being offered by Eastern to faculty and staff in January.

The three day workshop is based on the bestselling book by Steven Covey, "Habits of Highly Effective People," and will be held January 15, 22 and 29 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

The workshop will present ways to become more effective in both the work

place and at home.

"The program includes a series of questions presented to each participant which lets the individual know where he or she needs help," said Garret DeRuiter, a professor in faculty development.

Registration for the three day program ends Nov. 24.

The cost of the three day program is \$390 for a supervisory profile, and \$360 for a non-supervisory profile. The price is a third of the normal cost as the Sarah Bush will provide the remainder.

Dara Diel, director of training and development at Sarah Bush, calls the program "foundational to our leadership program at Sarah Bush."

The program is not just for leadership persons, but others as well, Diel said.

Materials included in the cost are a participants manual, a paperback copy of the book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People", and a complete profile which analyzes strengths and weaknesses.

"When People are trained in ethical management principles through a natural

step-by-step development process they become liberated from old limits, old habit patterns, and are increasingly motivated and directed from within," said Covey in a press release.

Some of Covey's clients include IBM, Pillsbury, Hallmark, and Metropolitan Life. Covey was featured in "Dun's Business Month" as "the new wizard of corporate culture."

For further information or details concerning the seminar, contact Garret DeRuiter at 581-6325, or Marilyn DeRuiter at 581-2913.



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Playin' around

(Left to right) Bryan Tucker, Andy Bagwell, Danny Terrio, Larry Weaver and Scott Brown, a traveling group called Selected Hilarity performs Wednesday night in the University Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Another former student killed in car accident

A former Eastern student was pronounced dead early Tuesday morning after being involved in a one-vehicle accident in Pocahontas.

Christopher Gramlich, 20, of Pocahontas, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland after the accident, said Madison County Coroner Allen Young. Gramlich was pronounced dead at 3:01 a.m. Tuesday.

"He was fun loving, he was a good kid," said Nancy Haber, Gramerlich's aunt. "He enjoyed everyone and he had a lot of friends."

He attended Eastern in the 1993-1994 and 1994-

1995 school years majoring in physical education and minoring in social studies.

Bond County Sheriff's officials said they weren't certain of the circumstances surrounding the accident. However, Young said he believed the vehicle was involved in a roll-over accident.

Funeral services will be at the May Funeral Home in Pocahontas from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, another former Eastern student, Brandon Hoefle, 24, of Freeport died as a result of a car accident on Interstate 57 near Vandalia.

Taylor discussion covers recent News coverage

By JODI POPE
Staff writer

Homecoming coverage and other recent stories in *The Daily Eastern News* continue to be the main topic of debate at open panels across campus.

About 40 students gathered in Taylor Hall lobby Tuesday night to discuss *The Daily Eastern News*, the Million Man March and Affirmative Action issues on campus regarding race. Patrick Byrd, President of African American Studies Association, guided the discussion.

The majority of the forum surrounded around issues in *The News*.

The audience complained about the lack of coverage of Eastern's historical Homecoming coronation. They were upset that the coronation of a majority black Homecoming court was not covered in the paper the next day.

The crowd was also upset at the picture of the Homecoming King and Queen was placed directly under the "Untrue rumor of frat Violence re-emerges after assault"

story.

Heidi Keibler, editor-in-chief of *The News* apologized for the placement of the picture and the lack of coronation coverage in the paper.

"Every newspaper makes mistakes. We're constantly trying to improve," Keibler said.

She said the purpose of writing the story was to dispel the rumor which students had passed on to her. Some audience members also said they thought it was printed at the wrong time.

Keith Weatherspoon, former staff editor of *The news*, said after the article was printed, black students got on the defensive - they felt empowered after the show of unity at the Million Man March.

"We got together and burned papers," he said.

The answer to clearer coverage of black events is for more minorities to join the newspaper staff, Weatherspoon said.

"Even after black students burned the papers, there is still only one black news writer for *The Daily Eastern News*,"

Weatherspoon said. "Any student can walk in there and write."

Besides the newspaper, the Million Man March was discussed by the panel. "Many people get this whole topic confused," Byrd said.

It was a day of atonement where black men could come together and rectify their own community, not to say they hate white men and the racist society they're in, he said.

Some panel members and the audience agreed that the Million Man March was good for the black community and that the media didn't fairly report on it.

The media reported 400,000 men marched, but that was an unfair number, Byrd said. "The media took pictures from a helicopter and counted heads. That's bizarre!"

Nikki Jenkins, president of Black Student Union said she commends the efforts of the large attendance.

"To see a million men come together was all good," she said.

Another topic that came up in the forum

was the upcoming hair salon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union whose hairdressers will specialize in black students' hair. Weatherspoon said it frustrates the white community because black students got what they wanted.

"Is it wrong for us to want to get our hair done?" he asked.

Many black students have to rely on friends to cut their hair, or they have to go to a major city because there are no hair salons in this area that are trained to do a black person's hair.

"Just because they're helping somebody doesn't mean they're taking away from someone else," said Kim Purham, a resident assistant in Taylor Hall.

Affirmative Action also was discussed and the proposal to cut programs which allow many minority students to attend college.

"I could not be here without financial aid," Byrd said.

The audience commented on the need for students to write to their congressmen to give themselves a voice.

Eastern trademarks its school and sports logos

By JEANINE FOLLERT
Staff writer

All of Eastern's school and sports logos have been trademarked through the Collegiate Licensing Company for sale on school-related merchandise.

"The reason for the trademarking is to protect the way the university names Eastern logos and to provide financial resources to the university," said Steve Rich, Eastern's licensing coordinator who is also the assistant athletic director and acting director of alumni services and community relations.

"A 7.5 percent royalty is paid to the university through Collegiate Licensing Company," Rich said.

A royalty is a share of the profits from the licensing

which goes to Eastern.

Eastern's school seal also had to be changed before being trademarked to reflect the elimination of the Board of Governors on Jan. 1 1996. The contract was signed with the Collegiate Licensing Company March 9, 1995.

Some of the items that are trademarked with the logo include: clothing, furniture, wall hangings, beverage containers and bags.

The Collegiate Licensing Company produces art sheets and distributes them to licensed manufacturers, such as local businesses and other universities, Rich said. The company also deals with a number of other universities, including the University of Illinois at Champaign and Southern Illinois at Carbondale.

Rich and several other athletic officials said trademark-

ing is good for Eastern, despite some protests from local businesses.

"The funds generated will support women's athletics and scholarships to the general student body," he said.

John Klein, the head women's basketball coach, agreed that the trademarking is a good idea.

"The trademarking keeps the logos and school colors consistent," Klein said. "I'm sure the athletic administration will get money from the trademarking. They're doing a great job administering money on an equal basis."

Betty Ralston, the head women's volleyball coach, also agreed with Klein.

"(Trademarking) is a good way for the university to raise money. Besides, most universities are doing it," she said.

Opinion page

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Disabled Student Union formation best step for students

Organizers should be congratulated for the formation of Eastern's Disabled Student Union.

For many years, disabled students on campus had to deal with curbs with no ramps and buildings with no elevators.

But the representation of disabled students has now reached a new level with the addition of this organization. It compliments the Office of Disability Services, which was started two years ago.

The federal government's American's with Disabilities Act started the ball toward change and its been rolling ever since.

Krista Erickson, co-coordinator of Disabled Student Union, said the new union is "open to all joining us in addressing issues that affect students with all kinds of disabilities."

That decision is one of the best for disabled students. Granted, the university has helped many disabled students through the Office of Disability Services, but the office does not have as effecient communications with every disabled student on campus as other Eastern students will have.

This union will pick up the problems disabled students run into that the office is unaware of. This coupled with the issues other students can bring to the group will help to eliminate almost all of the current and future barriers facing disabled students on and off campus.

Good communication between the leaders of Disabled Student Union and Martha Jaques, director of the Office of Disability Services will be the final factor that determines how far the campus can reach in eliminating problems for disabled students.

Despite the ever-increasing representation disabled students have, there still are several things left unfinished at Eastern. Several buildings do not have disabled access to all floors, a point which the university must continue to take care of for students.

The new organization needs to continue its push toward access into every building and every floor.

The initiative was good. Now continue the objective.

today's quote

I get by with a little help from my friends.

- Paul McCartney

Celebrities misuse traditional Chinese dress

I have not watched any award programs on television this year, partly because I think those awards are all the same.

Another reason is because I am getting tired of celebrities appearing at these award shows wearing traditional Chinese clothing the wrong way.

In China, there's a special dress for rich people to wear when they go out. Most of the time, people wear it on special occasions, such as the Chinese New Year or to evening parties.

In the old days, only noble ladies like the Queen or the King's other wives could wear it, usually because only they could afford to buy those dresses, which were high priced because of the silk there were made out of.

Over the years, I have seen American celebrities wear this same kind of Chinese dress skin-tight, just to show off their bodies.

I would rather they wear something else. Why do they want to pick my country's clothing? Why don't they choose something else?

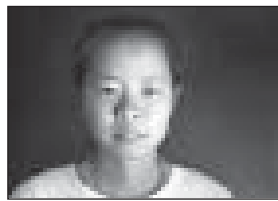
When ladies wear a dress from another country, they should wear it with respect for that country. They should not wear it just because it can help to show how thin or beautiful their bodies are.

Sometimes, I wonder why these celebrities don't wear a Japanese kimono or a South African Kinte?

I guess they wear the Chinese dress because it is one of the dresses which can show off their body language.

Maybe the celebrities saw a Chinese woman wearing the dress on some traveling show or some television program. Unfortunately, some television programs give their audiences the wrong impression of other countries' cultures.

Some people think the Chinese dress can help them to



SARAH WONG
Guest columnist

"When ladies wear a dress from another country, they should wear it with respect for that country."

show off their bodies, so they wear it. But do they really know the meaning of wearing that dress?

Along with showing respect for the country, it also shows the beauty of the lady who is wearing it, without wearing the dress skin-tight, the way most Americans think.

With this dress, ladies are supposed to wear very little make up or jewelry because

they do not want to take away the beauty of the dress. If anything, they will wear family jewelry passed down from the older generation.

Most Chinese dresses are made out of silk. The designs are stitched by human hands, and are not machine made.

In China, the dress can inform men as to whether the lady is married or not. For married women, the dress's length is shorter, usually right around the knee. If the woman is not married, the dress almost touches her ankle and she always wears high heels.

Ladies stitch designs on their Chinese dresses, so they can also show men they know how to do craft work.

In modern times, however, some Chinese use machines to help them make these dresses. This may make the process quicker and get more money from the tourists who buy them, but those Chinese dresses are not as beautiful as the handmade ones.

I hope if someone wants to wear this Chinese dress, she will wear it with respect, not just treat the dress as something she can use to show off her body.

That means not too tight and not to let it wrinkle.

And she should act like a lady.

- Sarah Wong is a staff photographer and guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



Campus racial groups causing a rift instead of solving problem

Dear editor:

I am a freshman here on campus and I am concerned about the racial tension on campus. Instead of working together, the races are dividing and causing a rift that will grow even deeper if steps aren't taken to curb this problem.

I was disturbed by the boycott of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union by members of the Black Greek Council and the Black Student Union. *The Daily Eastern News* reported that black students were unhappy with the coverage that black achievements and organizations were receiving. I think the *The News* does a great job in covering what they deem as worthwhile to its readers. The BGC and BSU say that they do not get enough coverage in the newspaper and on campus. Since I have been here, I have seen them in the newspaper quite frequently. The problem is when they are covered, it is usually negative. There are always stories about protest and unhappiness. If the BGC and BSU would concentrate on the positive and refrain from accusing

your turn

and blaming someone when something doesn't go their way, progress would be made.

People are turned off by a group that is always complaining. I am by no means a racist person, and I do recognize that there are problems created by both sides. However, it does no good to fuel an already tense situation. Racism is a big problem and only when whites and blacks can

Explanation needed in BSU, BGC boycott of campus newspaper

work together can there be harmony.

Matt Roberts

Dear editor:

I am baffled by the continuing reaction to the article that appeared in *The Daily Eastern News* on Oct. 24 concerning an alleged black fraternity initiation practice ("Untrue rumor of frat violence emerges after attack"). Did I miss something in my reading of it, or did that article very clearly expose as a lie the destructive rumor that a black fraternity raped white women as part of their initiation process? It seems

logical to me that Heidi Keibler would be applauded for trying to end this hateful untruth. Instead, *The News* has been boycotted and the opinion page flooded with letters attacking Keibler's article.

Do the authors of these letters think the way to fight a vicious lie it to just leave it alone and hope it goes away, or did they just misinterpret the intention and content of Keibler's article? Or, have I just misinterpreted all of these events? Enlightenment would be appreciated.

Bryan Phillips

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Dorms opening early during Panther playoffs

Residence halls to open Nov. 25 for playoff game

By SCOTT BOEHMER
Campus editor

If the Eastern football team gets into the playoffs and is host to the Nov. 25 first-round game, residence halls closed over Thanksgiving break will reopen a day before originally planned.

Patrick Bradley, assistant director of housing, said the residence halls closed over break will reopen at 1 p.m. Nov. 25 rather than at 1 p.m. Nov. 26 if the Panther's host a first-round playoff game.

Bradley said a survey was taken Tuesday night in residence hall dining service areas, which gave a good indication students might be interested in returning early to attend a playoff game.

"We didn't have a whole lot of students asking and requesting, we just were trying to take some precautions in case it took place," Bradley said.

Lincoln, Stevenson, and Douglas halls, the International House, Greek Court, University

Court and the University Apartments will all be opened during the break and are unaffected. The remaining residence halls are closed for the week-long Thanksgiving break and would open a day earlier.

Students will have to pay \$7 if they wish to return early.

Despite the survey, Bradley isn't sure how many students will opt to return early.

"Optimistically we'd love to say that most students would want to come back and support the team. Realistically who knows," Bradley said, adding low temperatures could lower game attendance.

Bradley said the biggest problem with opening the halls early would be forming a staff because Eastern will not know it is hosting the game until Nov. 19 when playoff schedules are formulated.

"We have to get on the phones and call staff who said they might be able to come back early," Bradley said. "It'll be a skeletal staff."

Bradley said there will be staff members in the housing office through Nov. 20-22, and students can call to find out if Eastern will be hosting the playoff game.

American Embassy threatened, but make no changes in security

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) – The U.S. Embassy received threats prior to the bombing that killed five Americans but did not make major security changes because Saudi Arabia was seen as "one of the safest" places in the world, the U.S. ambassador said today.

Ambassador Raymond Mabus said the embassy received faxes in April and June from Islamic fundamentalists calling for the thousands of American and British military personnel to leave the kingdom before July.

The group, the Islamic

Movement for Change, opposes all Western troops in the kingdom and vows in its statements to "exert all available means to evict these forces." The movement is one of three groups that has claimed responsibility for Monday's bombing at a U.S.-run military training facility that killed seven people and wounded 60.

"We take these things seriously and do what is necessary for security," Mabus told reporters today. "We investigated but we could not find anyone behind the faxes. You cannot let somebody with a fax

machine paralyze you or keep you from doing what you do day-to-day," he said.

Saudi Arabia posted a \$800,000 reward today for information leading to those responsible for the bombing.

The modern, three-story office building targeted in Monday's blast was extremely vulnerable by Middle Eastern standards.

Many buildings used by the U.S. government and the military in the region have fortress walls at least 10 feet high and multiple concrete barriers to prevent suicide car bombings and other ter-

Militants offer to free Westerners in exchange for six Indian guerillas

JAMMU, India (AP) – Kashmiri separatists scaled back their demands today, saying they would free four Western tourists if India released six of their jailed comrades, an offer which India rejected.

Indian negotiators instead demanded that two sick hostages – an American and a Briton – be released immediately. The guerrillas from the little-known Al-Faran group refused and also turned

down medical assistance, said Indian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The guerrillas said in a statement Tuesday that one of the hostages was critically ill and could die if he is not freed soon.

When the abductions began in July, Al-Faran's demanded the release of 15 jailed Kashmiri guerrillas. India has rejected any swap for fear it would only encourage more kidnappings.

The guerrillas had broken off communications with Indian negotiators for two months, but got back in touch last week, saying Donald Hutchings of Spokane, Wash., and one of two British hostages were ill.

Besides Hutchings, 42, the guerrillas are holding Britons Keith Mangan, 33, of Middlesbrough, England, Paul Wells, 23, of London, and Dirk Hasert, 26, of Erfurt, Germany.

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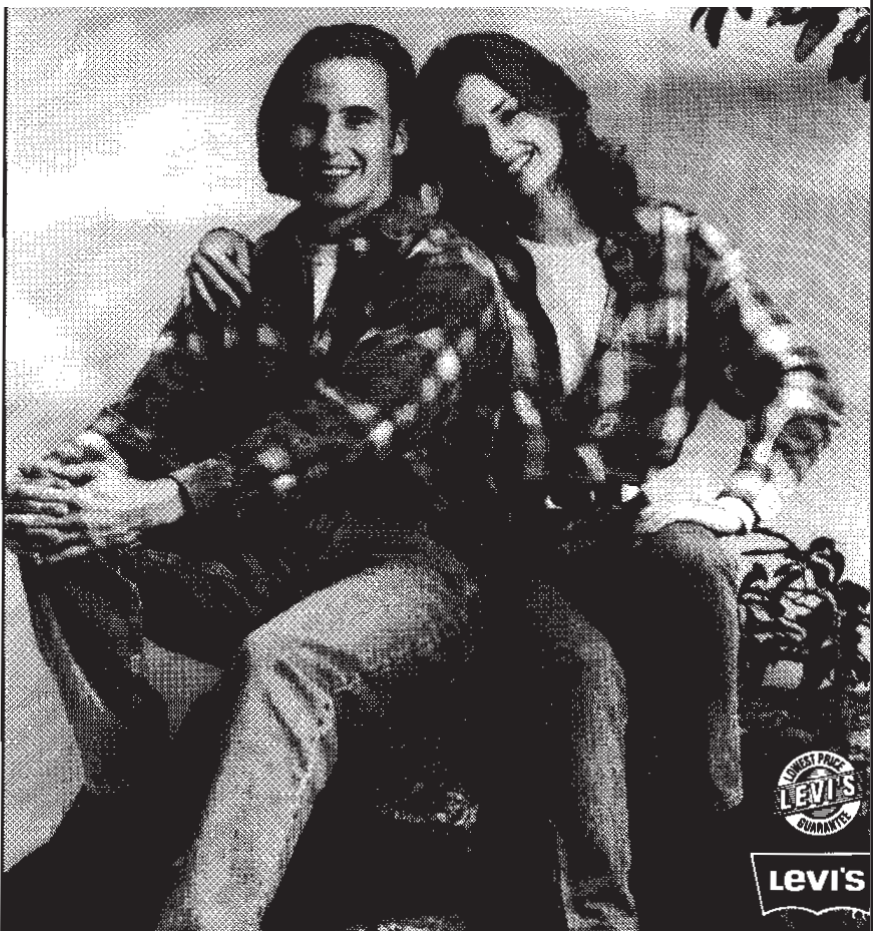
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2 seminary students arrested for desecrating Rabin's grave

JERUSALEM (AP) — Police arrested two ultra-Orthodox seminary students for desecrating Yitzhak Rabin's grave today. Both confessed to spitting on the site while one allegedly tried to urinate on it.

A judge called their actions tantamount to "undermining the foundations of the state" and ordered Avraham Birenbaum and Yaakov Kugel, both 20, held for six days while police investigate whether anyone incited their behavior. The two face a maximum three years in jail.

Kugel, a gaunt, bearded young man with long side curls and a black skullcap, told the court that although he did spit several times on the grave, he did not enter the cemetery about 3 a.m. with intent to desecrate the grave.

"I did it without thinking. I had a thought, it happened in a second. I'm very sorry about it. Really, I can't think why I did it. It's as though I was crazy." Birenbaum said he spit once and "might have made an obscene



gesture" but did so without evil intent.

He added that he was not urged to desecrate the grave by anyone at the Beer HaTorah Yeshiva, or seminary, in Jerusalem where the two study.

Rabin's grave at Mount Herzl has become a pilgrimage site for tens of thousands of Israelis since the Nov. 4 assassination of the prime minister.

Yossi Beilin, the minister of economy, called the desecration an act of "lunacy" and said he would press for a cutoff of state funds to religious organizations that encourage extremists.

Beilin is expected to play a leading policy-making role in the new government of acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

"I think it is crazy on our side

to finance these extreme institutions," said Beilin. "If it is true that there is any connection between these institutions and the very extreme right which acts against the state, then the state should not subsidize those people." The government provides \$380 million a year to religious institutions, including \$200 million to yeshivas, or seminaries.

Also today, a 20-year-old woman from the West Bank settlement of Beit El was arrested in what police say was a conspiracy to kill Rabin.

Her arrest brought to eight the number of people jailed for investigation in the Rabin assassination, carried out by a right-wing Jewish militant opposed to the government's peace policies.

Police sources said the woman studies at Bar Ilan University near Tel Aviv, the same school attended by confessed gunman Yigal Amir, a third-year law student.

She was to be brought before a magistrate in the Tel Aviv suburb of Petah Tikvah later today.

Consumer prices rise 0.3 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices rose 0.3 percent in October, a modest advance but the largest in five months, due in part to a surge in the cost of electricity.

The Labor Department said today the increase in its Consumer Price Index was the largest since prices rose a similar 0.3 percent last May. It had advanced a barely perceptible 0.1 percent in both August and September.

In another report, the Federal Reserve said industrial production fell 0.3 percent in October, due in part to a strike at Boeing aircraft. Excluding the effects of the work stoppage, production fell 0.1 percent.

In some encouraging news for inflation, there was more slack at the nation's factories, mines and utilities. They operated at 83.6 percent of capacity last month, a decline of a half percentage point.

Financial markets were unfazed by the inflation news. Bond prices were steady, and at midmorning the Dow Jones industrial average was off less than 3 points at 4,868.92.

In the consumer price report, energy costs, which had dropped in the three preceding months, rose 0.4 percent in October. Food prices slowed to a 0.3 percent gain after rising 0.5 percent in September, when the summer drought wilted harvests and cut supplies.

The core rate of inflation, which excludes the volatile food and energy sectors, was up 0.3 percent after rising just 0.2 percent for five straight months.

Still, for the year so far, inflation at the consumer level has been rising at an annual rate of just 2.9 percent, little changed from the 2.7 percent increase during 1994.

The modest gain in consumer prices gives the Federal Reserve latitude to lower interest rates if it decides the economy needs a boost. Its policy-making Federal Open Market Committee was meeting privately today to consider the possibility.

However, many observers believe the Fed will postpone any decision until its December meeting, in part to avoid the appearance of taking sides in the White House-congressional budget debate.

The central bank had raised interest rates seven times over a year to slow the economy and avoid any inflation spiral, but reversed course last July and lowered a key short-term rate a quarter percentage point. It has not acted since then.

Except for economic indicators compiled by the Federal Reserve, the CPI will be the last report on the status of the nation's economy pending the return of furloughed data collectors and analysts. The report was completed prior to the government shutdown Tuesday. The Federal Reserve is not subject to congressional appropriations.

War, persecution have forced 50 million from their homes

GENEVA (AP) — War, atrocities and persecution have forced a record 50 million people from their homes around the world, according to the U.N. refugee agency.

But the nature of the world's refugee problem is changing, with displaced people increasingly staying in their own countries, the agency said in a report released today, "The State of the World's Refugees." The number of people considered refugees — a status technically reserved for displaced people outside their home country — has actually declined to 14.4 million from its peak of 18.2 million, when UNHCR presented its previous report on refugees in 1993.

But the number of people displaced within their own countries has skyrocketed. The number uprooted is up 6 million from the 44 million reported in 1993.

"Although the number of conflicts taking place now is about the same as 10 or 15 years ago, the nature of those conflicts ... and the scale of civilian casualties, destruction and displacement have shifted dramatically," the report said.

The U.N. agency appealed for a new emphasis on spending money to prevent conflicts before they occur.

"What might have happened in Rwanda if the estimated \$2 billion spent on refugee relief during the first two weeks of the emergency had been devoted (beforehand) to keeping the peace, protecting human rights and promoting development?" the report asked of the ethnic slaughter in Rwanda in 1994.

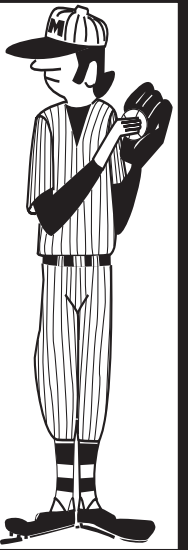
U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata told a news conference today that the agency's appeal for spending

more on development and peacekeeping might be falling on deaf ears.

"I cannot tell them to take away the money that they give me, because I have a very clear mandate and a responsibility, but the implications are real," she told reporters. "If the peacekeepers go, who's going to protect security?" The U.N. agency is currently caring for 27 million people, up from 17 million in 1990, the report said. Much of the problem has resulted from the breakup of the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, but Africa has also been hard hit.

Africa now has 6.7 million refugees, nearly 2 million more than Asia and 5 million more than Europe. Africa also has more internally displaced people under UNHCR's care — 2 million — than any other continent. Asia has 1.8 million and Europe 1.7 million.

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THE Explosive Sport

Rugby draws a few brave men

By BRIAN LESTER
Staff writer

Imagine 30 guys running around on a snow-covered field wearing shorts playing a sport that is a combination of football and soccer.

They haven't lost their minds; there is some form to their frenzy.

They're simply a different breed of athletes who take the field to compete in a game that is known for its brutality and non-stop action — rugby.

Members of Eastern's men's rugby team finished up their season Saturday with a 6-2 record.

Scott Loeffler, a senior industrial technology major who has played rugby since his freshman year, thinks a person must have a certain mindset to step out onto the grassy battlefield.

"A person can't come out here and be soft," said Loeffler, a team captain. "You have to have a tough mentality and if you love football, than you'll fall in love with rugby."

Rugby is known as one of the more brutal sports. But Matt Karstrand, a team captain and

senior health studies major, said injuries do not occur as often as people think they do.

But as you can imagine, this is the type of game that makes protective mothers cringe.

"Half of the parents don't want us to play but we play anyways," said Karstrand, who has played rugby for four years. "The thing about rugby though is that there are less injuries in rugby than there are in football."

Rugby has rules regarding injuries, Loeffler said. Once a player leaves the game because of an injury, he usually can't come back in. But if one of the players receives a cut or bloody nose, he can still play after getting it treated.

"Our players have gotten injuries like broken noses and stitches but they always seem to bounce right back up and play again," Loeffler said.

This rugged sport has a long tradition at Eastern. For the past 26 years it's been considered a club sport by the university.

Rugby consists of two 40-minute halves with 15 players on the field



JOHN BATES/Staff Photographer
The 30-member Eastern men's rugby team finished their season Saturday with a 6-2 record. During their fall and spring seasons they travel to compete against teams as close as the University of Illinois as well as other states. Throughout the grueling seasons on the gridlock, players sometimes endure broken noses and other injuries that require stitches from collisions (top). Players from opposing teams form a scrum to restart play after an infringement (below). While the two sides bind together, one player slips the ball in from the side, and then any player can advance it.

at a time and the halves are non-stop unless an injury occurs. A player must release the ball when tackled.

The action virtually never stops; consequently, a new set of players take the field in the second half to give the first players a rest.

Passes must be underhand and can only be passed backwards. If a player is tackled he must let go of the ball.

The team competes in the spring as well, facing off against other schools in the state like Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University and the University of Illinois. They also play against college teams in other states and against club teams. The spring season tends to consist of more tourna-

ment play.

The popularity of the sport has grown in recent years, and Eastern's team doesn't have trouble drawing crowds. But according to Loeffler, the team could use a little help filling its roster. Only 30 men joined this semester's team.

"Rugby has become more popular as far as fans coming out to watch the games, but as far as guys coming out to play on the team, we still need more guys to join the team," Loeffler said.

Loeffler joined the team because he enjoys contact sports.

"I played football in high school and when I got here I missed playing it," said Karstrand. "So I started playing rugby and it was great."

To play rugby, Karstrand thinks a

player has to have a strong love for the game.

"To play it takes a lot of dedication and the willingness to learn has to be there," Karstrand said. "Basically though, people play to play because it's fun."

One of benefits of the sport is the friendships that are formed on the now-frozen fields. These friendships transcend geographical and competitive borders, Karstrand said.

"There is a certain comradery between the players, especially between members of the other teams," Karstrand said. "The road trips are also a lot of fun because we do a lot of partying with the players from the host team after the game is over."

Women of the Gridlock

Women rugby players seek intensity, friendship

By BRIAN LESTER
Staff writer

As Heather Seger watched from the sidelines of a men's rugby game, she instantly became interested in this unique sport and wondered if there was a women's team.

She was shocked when she found that Eastern had its own female team.

"At first I couldn't believe there was a women's team, but it looked fun and so I joined the team," said Seger, a senior psychology major who has played on the team since her freshman year.

Although women have thrived in sports such as basketball, tennis and track, some of the more physical sports such as

rugby and football seemed out of their reach or at least their interest.

But during the past few years this sport has grown in popularity, as close to 40 players were on the team in the spring season.

"The sport is becoming more popular because we're having a lot more players joining the team and everyone who plays loves this game," Seger said.

As for the season, it ended over Homecoming weekend. But there is a spring season, which will give this team another chance to play the sport they love so much.

During the season, the team plays against other schools such as the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Illinois and St. Louis University. The team usually plays about eight games per season.

These brave Eastern women have put their heart, soul and especially their bodies on the line for the sport they love.

Seger, who tore her ligaments in one game, said slight concussions and other minor injuries occur.

"Things can happen, but I think the guys are worse as far as injuries are concerned," Seger said.

Due to the physical nature of the sport, it takes teamwork to be successful, Seger said.

"The best thing about this game is that one person can't win this game," Seger said. "It takes teamwork to win and our teammates are our friends which makes the sport a lot of fun."

Erin Duke, a sophomore speech communications major, thinks players need a desire to win and a strong work-ethic to be successful in this rugged sport.

"We have a pretty diverse group of players who love to compete," Duke said.

"To play this game though, players have to have a willingness to give it their all every time they are on the field.

"I like it a lot because it's not like other sports."

Practices can also be grueling at times as they consist mainly of running and scrimmaging. Seger said they usually run laps and sprints before scrimmaging, but said scrimmaging is the most important part of practice because it gives the new players a chance to learn the game. Seger added that although her team does run a lot in practice, she doesn't think the team has as rigorous practices as other sports.

Through all of the sweat, bruises and sprains, wins and losses, the players are drawn together.

"The team is based around friendships," Duke said. "It's a great place to meet people; it's kind of like a sorority."

RUGBY at a glance

■ Penalties

If a player tackles above the neck or doesn't let go of the ball after being tackled, a penalty is called. Penalty kicks are worth three points.

■ Time

A game consists of two 40-minute halves. The halves are non-stop unless an injury occurs.

■ Turnovers

When a person is tackled, they must release the ball.

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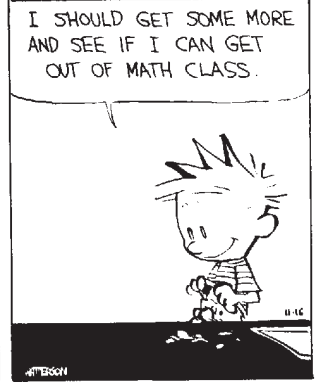
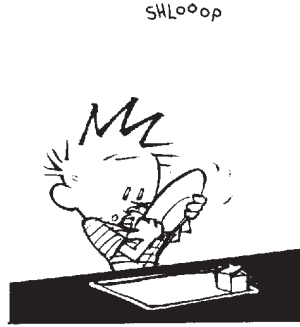
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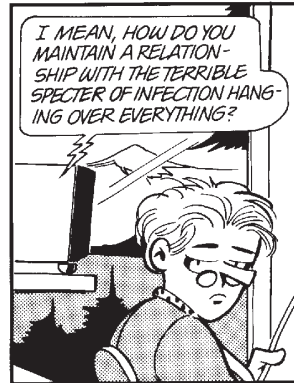
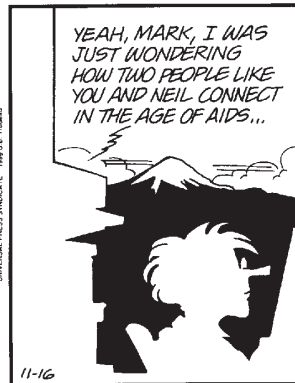
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Penguins missing 2 key scorers

Editor's note: This is the seventh in a nine-part series previewing the men's basketball teams in the Mid-Continent Conference.

By **MARC SARGENT**
Staff writer



Youngstown State University

As the minutes roll closer to opening day, the Youngstown State basketball coach grows more anxious.

It is Dan Peters' third season as head coach of the Penguins and it could be his finest. Last year, he coached his team to an 18-10 overall ledger and a 10-8 conference record.

But the championship this season isn't going to be handed down to him like he would want it to be. There are a few problems that are facing him.

How is he going to fill up the positions left by graduated seniors Andre Smith and Derrick Simmons?

Last year Smith (guard) led his team in scoring by averaging 16.3 points per outing while Simmons (forward) averaged a little above 13.

Coach Peters said, "We've got

two guys, Anthony Hunt and Devon Lewis, who will try to fill the gap left by Smith." Hunt, a native of Chicago, might have to bear the burden of point guard. If so, he will have to step his game up a notch and learn a lot in a little amount of time.

Besides scoring, the Penguins will also lose their rebounding men. Simmons led the team last year and Smith finished in second.

The man Peters is looking for to break out of his shell is senior Allister Green. This 6-foot-9, 235 pound center can be a valuable asset for Youngstown if he can stay healthy and work hard.

The question of who will lead the Penguins this season is a very frequent question asked to Coach

Peters.

"I think (Hank Raber) is a good shooter. He takes shots out of the flow of the game," Peters said.

The junior from Ohio was third on the team in scoring last year and showed major improvement over the summer, Peters said. Raber was his team's leading three-point shooter and scored in double digits 15 times. One of those was a 23-point career-high game against Eastern in the regular season finale.

Unlike other guards Peters has coached, he says, "He's not a guy who forces his shots."

When the elements of any successful team are broken down, unity is what holds everything together. The Youngstown State basketball team is young and hungry for wins.

If the team wants to stay in contention in the Mid-Continent Conference, it must remain healthy and keep its players focused.

With five juniors, two sophomores and one freshman on the team, look for Youngstown State to be very competitive for the championship in the future.

Holtz not a fan of coaches poll

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) - Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz knows he can't do it, and he doesn't think his colleagues can, either.

Nothing personal against his fellow coaches, but they have no business ranking the nation's top teams, Holtz said. No one does.

"I don't think coaches are qualified to vote," he said Tuesday. "I think I've watched as much college football as anybody ... but most coaches don't see many teams play."

"I think it ought to be done by a computer, I've always felt that," he added.

A panel of sports writers determines The Associated Press Top 25, while coaches vote for the CNN-USA Today Top 25.

Debate over the rankings has been raging since last year, when Penn State finished No. 2 behind national champion Nebraska even though both were undefeated.

College football officials thought they'd solved the problem this year by creating a bowl alliance that will almost always pit the top-ranked team against the No. 2 team. The only exception is if one of the teams

belongs to either the Pac-10 or the Big Ten, as Penn State does.

The winners of the Pac-10 and Big Ten play in the Rose Bowl, and are not part of the alliance.

Despite the new alliance, a rankings controversy is brewing again this year. No. 1 Nebraska is undefeated, as are No. 2 Ohio State and No. 3 Florida, but there's no way the Cornhuskers and Buckeyes can play each other.

If Ohio State wins the Big Ten, it's committed to the Rose Bowl.

That means if Nebraska wins its remaining game, it will play, at best, the No. 3 team in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2.

So who's No. 1 if both Nebraska and Ohio State finish undefeated and win their bowl games? "I'm not qualified to say is Nebraska No. 1, Ohio State or Florida No. 1," Holtz said. "I can't and don't think anybody else can. It should be determined on the field." The lack of a clear No. 1 isn't the only reason Holtz doesn't like the current ranking systems. With people voting, there's always the possibility someone will vote based on their like or dislike of a coach or his

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in high school.

Farella, Mensone and Drucker are a few freshmen with high school swimming experience, but there are some who have little or no experience and are providing the team with depth as well.

Jessica Stowell, who competes in the 100 and 200 butterfly, never swam for a high school team. She instead started swimming for a club team when she was 16. In addition, last year was her first year swimming fly.

Despite her inexperience in the fly, Stowell had two fourth place finishes in the 100 and 200 butterfly events at the Panther Invite, earning team bests for Eastern in both.

An addition to the backstroke events is Julie File, who only swam summers for the park district in her community.

She enjoys the new atmosphere swimming for a college team, but finds it more competitive than her past swimming experiences.

"It's more competitive and the practices are harder - and at first I felt a little intimidated," File said. "But I'm feeling more comfortable now and am working at improving my strokes."

File is competing in the 100 and 200 backstroke events and is find-



NelleRose Farella



Tracy Drucker

ing it hard to pace herself in the 200, as that event is not one usually swam in high school.

Although File is finding it hard to adjust to the increased yardage, she is still swimming successfully. In this weekend's 200 back she finished ninth overall with the second fastest time for Eastern women.

Padovan will also be counting on Andrea Peters (Urbana High School), Angela Evans (Normal Community High School) and Michelle Vondruska (Lyons Township High School) to solidify the freestyle sprint events.

In the middle-distance free events, which include the 200 and 500 free, Padovan believes freshmen Katherine Woffram (Hinsdale Central High School) and Julia Nefczyk (Elk Grove High School) will make an impact - in addition to Drucker combining with the veteran trio of Annell Metzger, Katie

Fingello and Catrina Crociani.

Many of the freshmen, like Drucker, will also make the transition to the long distance events like the 1000 and 1650 freestyle - events many of them have little experience with, as they are not high school meet events.

On the diving side of the team, Angela Sippel (Peoria Woodruff High School) has already tasted success as a freshman winning both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events against Bradley University. Tammi Melquist will also provide her diving skills to the team after the Thanksgiving break.

Completing the freshmen roster are Kelly May (Mt. Zion High School), who will see time in the butterfly events and Amber Scarcliff (Kankakee High School) who will compete in the sprint free events.

Graduate assistant Jeff Moll believes the freshmen women have made a huge impact and, in combination with an already strong veteran team, the two have made for a successful squad.

Padovan echoed Moll's remarks, adding, "Everybody is having so much fun and is enjoying having a stronger, well-balanced team. And this creates excitement for everyone."

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Spoo preparing team for 7-3 Indiana State

By PAUL DEMPSEY
Senior sports reporter

Last season when the Panther football team hosted Indiana State, Eastern was 2-5 and freshman Mark Swinning was starting just his second collegiate game in place of regular QB Pete Mauch who had been benched.

This time around, the 9-1 Panthers travel to 7-3 Indiana State having won 13 of their last 14 contests. The game which got this impressive streak started was last season's come-from-behind victory over the Sycamores. Mauch replaced Swinning in that game, and the Panthers have been rolling ever since.

Bob Spoo said at his weekly news conference that he has never won a game at Indiana State since coaching Eastern. One of the keys to gaining his first victory in Terre Haute is to stop Sycamore tailback David Wright.

Wright missed most of last week's game against Illinois State with an injury. Spoo said he is not sure if Wright, the No. 2 rusher in the Gateway (89.90 yards per game), will play Saturday. But he said backup Jason Potter is just as powerful.

"There are some that would argue that Potter is as good as Wright - that's no understatement," Spoo said of the tailback,

who is No. 5 in the Gateway averaging 55.22 yards per game.

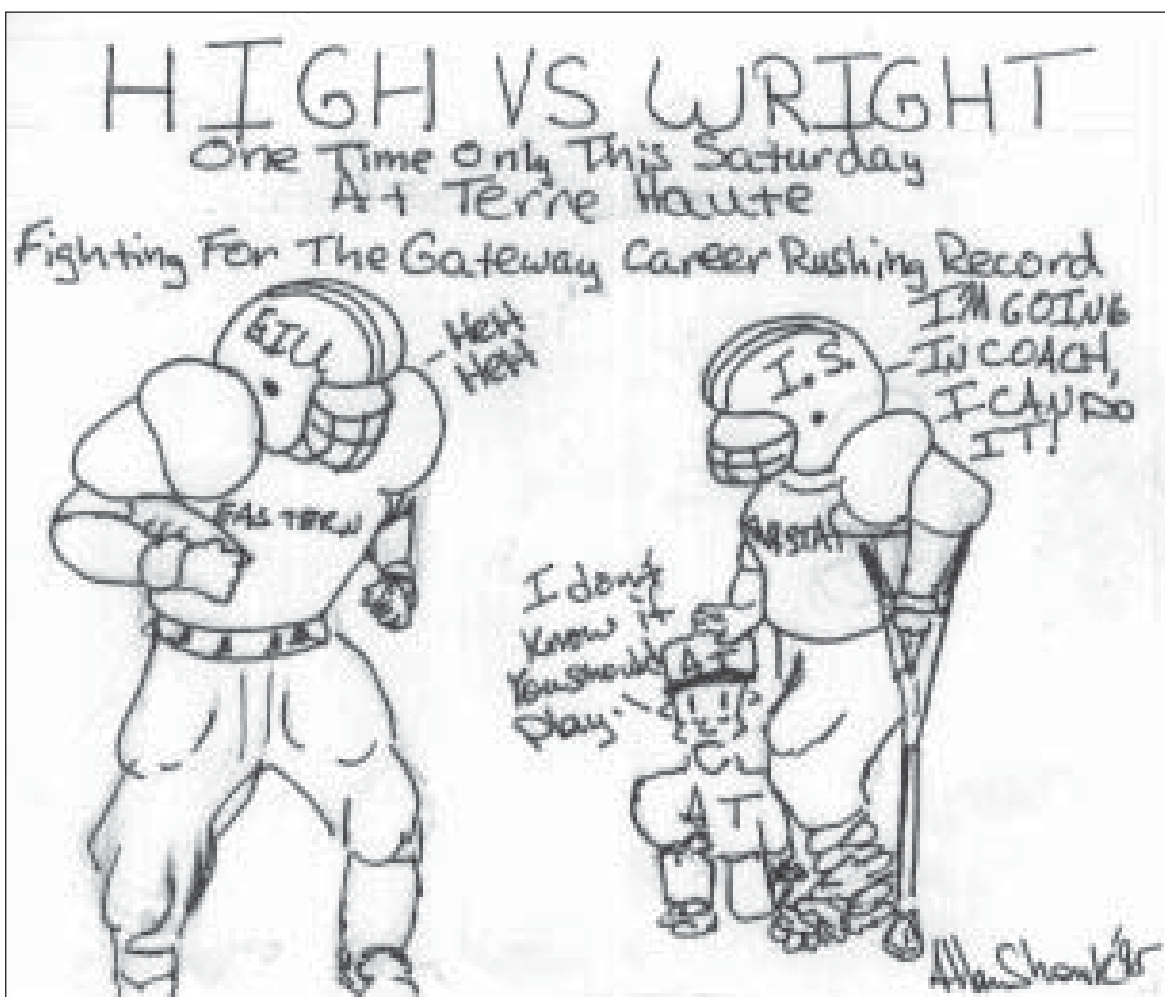
On Eastern's injury front, defensive back Hasheem Rasheed and flanker/return man Jinho Ferriera are fine to play. Rasheed was banged up a bit in Saturday's win over Southern, and Ferriera finally saw playing time in the Southern game after missing a few games due to injury.

Spoo said linebacker Rodney Wilson, who suffered a mild concussion on Saturday, has been at practice and is OK for Saturday's game.

The results of injured center Chris Anderson's MRI showed the damage to his right knee is not as bad as previously thought.

"There's a strong possibility that he could play," Spoo said of Anderson. "He has no pain, so maybe the damage isn't as severe as we thought." Anderson will be fitted with a brace and will be looked at by a physician on Friday. It will be a game time decision whether or not Anderson will play.

Spoo said if Anderson is unable to play, Chris Westenberg will move over to center and Pete Wilkes will start at tackle. Spoo said Wilkes is banged up a bit, and if he is unable to play, tight end Charlie Roche would move to the offensive line. Roche saw considerable time on the O-line last season before being moved to tight end this year.



Lady Eagles without 2 key players

Editor's note: This is the seventh in a nine-part series previewing the women's basketball teams in the Mid-Continent Conference.

By BRIAN LESTER
Staff writer

Being picked eighth this season in the sports information directors and coaches polls hasn't stopped the Northeastern women's basketball team from setting high expectations for the upcoming season.

Northeastern, which finished the 1994-95 season with an overall record of 11-15 and a 8-10 mark in the Mid-Continent Conference, has five returning players and six newcomers.

Gone from last season's team are Jeannie Hinkey and Tamekia Drayer.

Hinkey opted not to play her senior season and will instead pursue academics. Hinkey led the Golden Eagles in scoring last year with her 16.7 points-per-game-average and shot 33 percent from the field.

Drayer averaged 5.8 ppg last year, shooting 46 percent from the field.

Despite these two losses, head coach Denise Taylor is confident her team can make a run at the Mid-Con title.

"I feel that our team is capable of competing for the conference championship because we have a lot of players with different styles of play," Taylor said. "I think that with players coming from the West Coast and East Coast with different skills and abili-

ties, it's just a matter of creating a harmony on the team."

Leading this team into contention will be sophomore forward Delores Jones and junior guard Clentana Dawkins.

Jones led the team in scoring and blocked shots last season. She averaged 13.3 ppg and finished the year with 306 points. She also led the team in blocked shots with 60 and was 10th in the nation in that category.

Dawkins led Northeastern in both steals and assists last season, averaging 3.9 steals per game and 5.3 assists per game.

Four junior college transfers head up this year's newcomer squad and the Golden Eagles will also have two freshmen on the team.

Eastern head coach John Klein also expects Northeastern to compete for the Mid-Con title this season and doesn't think the poll's rankings mean anything.

"Northeastern is capable of winning the conference but you can put the teams in any order because it all comes down to who stays healthy and who gets the breaks," Klein said.

As for the Golden Eagles' schedule, the team will have one of the toughest schedules in the conference as they will take on teams like DePaul University and Loyola Marymount University, and will play at a tournament at the University of Houston. Despite this schedule, Taylor is confident in her team's ability to compete in the conference.

Black students boycott activities at Holy Cross

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) - Black students at Holy Cross are boycotting athletic and other extracurricular activities after the college's student government association voted to change the Black Student Union's charter.

The Student Government Association voted 31-21 Monday to eliminate a clause in the black student group's charter

that limited its executive board to people of African descent, the Telegram & Gazette of Worcester reported today.

The college's 23 black varsity athletes stayed away from practice Tuesday, following a call from the Black Student Union.

A black female basketball player did not play in Tuesday's game against the Slovakian national team, the newspaper reported.

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the Rossiyanka team is also a threat in the low post area and Klein believes this will provide a good test for his team.

"This team presents a lot of problems inside and it should be a good test for our post players," Klein said.

Leading this offensively-oriented team are several players that had impressive outings against Indiana. Malycheva (11 points against Indiana), Irina Masslove (16), Natalya Tchuns

(11) and Olga Yakovenko (10) will all look to be forces against Eastern.

"The team is kind of relaxed defensively compared to teams in America," Klein said. "The reason for this is because European teams stress offense where as over here, teams stress defense."

As for Eastern's goal in tonight's game, Klein is hoping to see how his team plays in its first game of the season.

"It's going to be good to get a game in because we will have an actual box score," Klein said. "We will get to see how often turnovers are committed, how often we rebound and how well the team shoots the ball."

Junior forward Sarah Probst is also looking forward to tonight's game and would like to see the team play well on defense.

"I'm hoping to see the defense come together because our team is known for our defense and we want to just take control of the game," Probst said.

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For Hollenkamp, though, the playing time she has gotten has been even more than she expected.

"I didn't expect much playing time when I came here," Hollenkamp said.

But just how much did she expect?

"Actually I didn't expect to get to play at all," Hollenkamp admitted. "Coach (Betty Ralston) never got to see me play in person. I sent her a tape, so I didn't know how much I'd get in."

Hollenkamp said her goal was to play Division I volleyball, and that was a key to her choosing Eastern.

"I always wanted to play at a Division I school. But after my senior year of high school I didn't think I was going to get (a scholarship)," Hollenkamp said. "When coach (Ralston) contacted me I was just extremely excited - I started calling her and I was always waiting for a letter to come back because my dream was to play Division I. And to get here my freshman year just made me really happy."

But the transition Hollenkamp has made in going from Highland High School to Eastern has been one that is different than what she expected.

"We're (Panthers) really good friends," Hollenkamp said. "I'm not used to that. I didn't think that was going to happen because I thought it was

"I always wanted to play at a Division I school. But after my senior year of high school I didn't think I was going to get a scholarship."

- Missy Hollenkamp
Eastern volleyball player

more strict. We relax a lot and we go out a lot, and I didn't think we'd be doing that."

Hollenkamp averages nearly two kills in every game she plays - an average that places her fifth on the team. This despite the fact that she appeared in only 22 of Eastern's 116 games in the regular season. And her .203 hitting percentage places her second to Amy Poynton's .209.

But even though Hollenkamp has not seen the kind of court time she is used to from high school, she has become accepting of her role.

"At the beginning of the season, it was extremely hard for me to sit on the bench," Hollenkamp said. "My mom said that she watched me from the stands and I was constantly moving and just really jittery. I just wanted to be in there so bad."

Her early anxiousness to get into matches was perhaps a preamble to the confidence she displays now.

"I don't think I've peaked at all yet," Hollenkamp said. "I think I've got a lot more yet to show and I think I can do a lot better than I have been doing."

But for now, as Eastern's season heads into the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament, Hollenkamp is content with knowing that she is part of Eastern's volleyball future. And that future appears to be bright with Hollenkamp part of the spotlight.

Probable starters		
Eastern		
Barbora Garbova	6-2	F
Sarah Probst	6-0	F
Allison Lee	6-0	C
Kenya Green	5-8	G
Jess Laska	5-6	G
Rossiyanka		
Olga Yakovanko	6-2	F
Natalya Tchuns	6-1	F
Elena Nikipolskaia	6-4	C
Elena Avilova	5-7	G
Irina Masalova	5-5	G

Sports

Perine accepts job at Southwest Missouri State

Former Eastern softball coach now an assistant

By MATT ERICKSON
Associate sports editor

Former Eastern Illinois softball coach Beth Perine didn't take long to catch on at another program. After leaving Eastern over the summer in what she termed Wednesday as "a personal decision that was the toughest I've had to make," Perine has taken an assistant coaching position at Southwest Missouri State University.

Perine, a 1982 graduate of

Ohio State, said she was excited about her future at Southwest. While at Eastern from 1991-95, Perine compiled four consecutive 20-win seasons.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity that I have here," Perine said. "I left Eastern without a coaching position, and it was difficult to think for awhile that I'd be out of coaching."

Perine said one of the keys to her anticipating a good future at Southwest is the school's administration.

"There is a full staff here, with a head coach and assistants," Perine said of Southwest head coach Holly Hesse's program. "This is just a great place to work because the administration is supportive of the program - they're

supportive of all the programs."



Beth Perine

Her decision to leave Eastern was tough, Perine said. But she commented that the players she left behind on Eastern's team were the reason the move was so difficult for her.

"I hated leaving them (Eastern players) because they are a very talented group of young women," Perine said. "They are academically sound and I am really anticipating that they will do really well. They absolutely will win."

But now Perine has joined a program that she feels is better

suitable to her personally. She said Southwest is an established program that would give her "the opportunity to make an impact."

"Things (at Eastern) were not moving in the right direction," Perine said. "They were moving in a direction that I felt to be detrimental to the student athletes. I understand what I can and cannot change, and I needed to be around people I can work with in the same direction."

Eastern Director of Athletics Bob McBee said he would not comment on Perine's personal decision to leave Eastern, calling it "a personnel matter that I generally don't comment on."

But McBee did counter Perine's comments on the direction of Eastern softball and athletics

by saying he felt that the softball program at Eastern is heading in a positive direction.

"Everything we're doing is in a positive direction," McBee said. "We've upgraded (Williams Field) by adding lights and we've added an assistant coach. If that's not a step in a positive direction, I don't know what is."

McBee added that he thinks Eastern "made the right move, and I wish Beth the best in all her future endeavors."

Perine said going from a head coaching position at Eastern to an assistant's job at Southwest has no bearing to her.

"I don't see this as a step back at all," Perine said. "It isn't the title that is important to me - it's the work."

Freshman Hollenkamp coming on strong

By MATT ERICKSON
Associate sports editor

Eastern's volleyball season is over with the exception of the playoffs. But for one of the team's freshmen, the season could not be long enough.

One of the team's freshmen has come on strong of late and is making an impression in a big way.

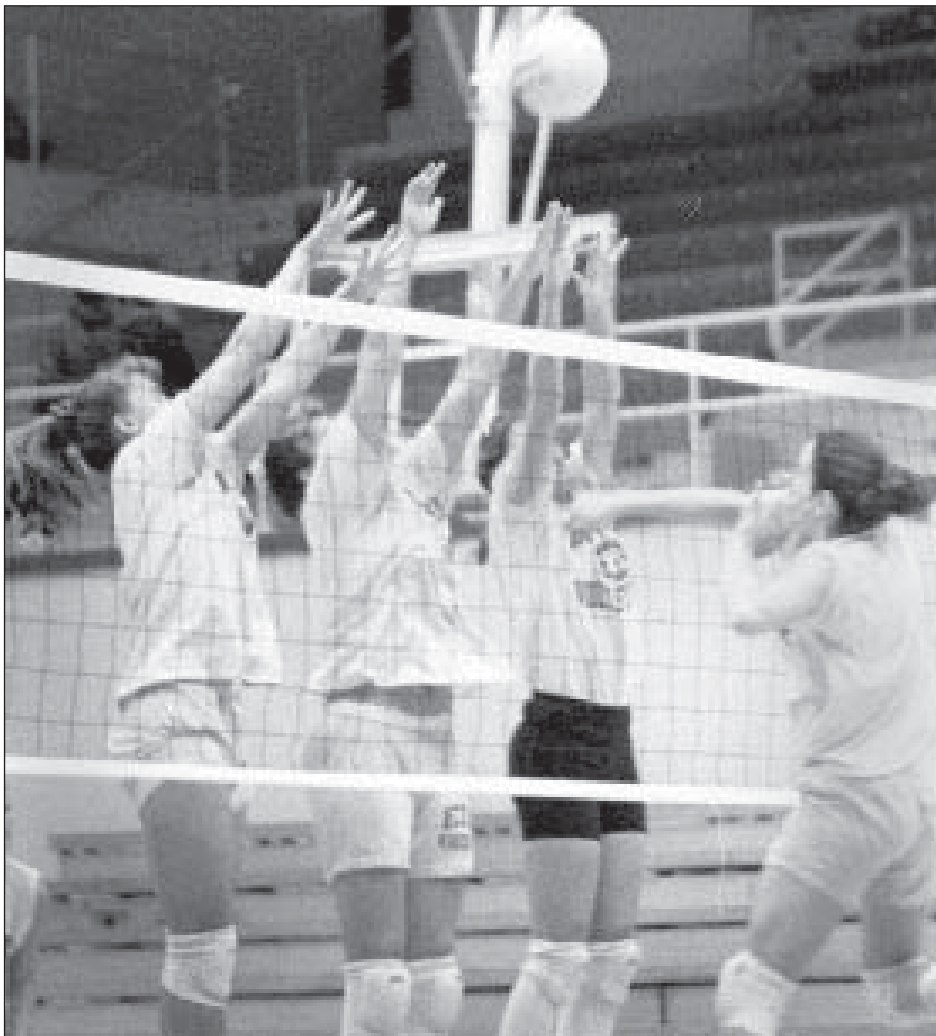
Just ask the University of Illinois. The Big Ten Conference power - ranked No. 23 in the nation at the time of its meeting with Eastern last Sunday - likely expected little challenge from the Panthers. And in the first two games of the match (Illinois won the first two contests 15-1 and 15-2) Eastern gave Illinois very little struggle.

Enter Missy Hollenkamp, a 5-foot-11 freshman middle hitter. Hollenkamp entered the match in the second game and pounded home a team high nine kills in the match. It was the second time this season she has led the Panthers in kills - and that's in just 15 of Eastern's regular season matches.

After receiving just minimal playing time early in the season, Hollenkamp has gotten opportunities to show part of the future of Eastern volleyball. And she feels she is very much a part of that future.

"Once next spring comes around, I think we'll start to see a lot more what we're going to be able to do (in the future)," Hollenkamp said. "And I'm looking forward to that."

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SARAH WONG/ Staff photographer

Lorri Sommer (from left), Vanessa Wells and Lindsey Celba try to block the spike of teammate Amy Poynton Wednesday during the volleyball team's practice in Lantz Gym. The Panthers open play in the Mid-Continent Conference tournament on Friday.

Lady Panthers host Russian team in Lantz exhibition

By BRIAN LESTER
Staff writer

Although the season opener is still over a week away, the Lady Panthers will get their first glimpse of action tonight at 5 p.m. against the Rossiyanka club team in an exhibition game.

The Rossiyanka team, which is from Moscow, boasts nine players over 6-feet. The tallest players on the team, Natalya Malycheva and Elena Nikipolskaia are both 6-foot-4 while the shortest player on the team, Anjelika Uessilkina, is 5-foot-7.

The team has won various tournaments throughout Europe and also participated in the 1991 USSR Professional Championships and is coming off a 74-70 loss to Big Ten Conference powerhouse Indiana University.

According to Eastern head coach John Klein, the Russian squad will be a team that "really knows how to put the ball through the hoop."

"They (Rossiyanka club) are a real good offensive team and are athletic at every position," Klein said. "Their outside shooters are also very good and will put some points on the board."

In addition to having a good outside game,

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Freshmen swimmers giving women's squad needed depth

By DONNA RUF
Staff writer

The women's swimming and diving team has undergone a shift in identity, with nearly half its roster made up of freshmen providing depth to this season's team.

This group of freshmen is a strong addition to the already present veteran women's squad. And with the veterans' experience and the underclassmen's enthusiasm combined, the team has proven itself to be a strong adversary to its early season opponents.

The team's second place showing out of six teams over the weekend at the Panther Invite is a clear indication of the strength it

possesses. Last year at the invite the Eastern women finished fifth in the six-team field.

Coach Ray Padovan believes his team's performance at this weekend's invitational is an indicator of the impact the freshmen women have made, and believes the team is freshmen-dominated in that respect.

"There's no doubt we are a freshmen-dominated team and we are significantly better than last year with their help," Padovan said.

Freshman NelliRose Farella (Elk Grove High School) definitely falls into the category of an impact-maker, as she owns the team's fastest times in the 50 free, 100 free and 200 free for the sea-



Jessica Stowell

son.

Sarah Mensone also has had a significant impact on the squad, and Padovan believes she has been "the best breast stroker so far this season."

Mensone swam for Waubonsie Valley High School and went to state in the 100 breast stroke, swimming a time of 1:09.79 at the state meet.

Mensone believes training in college is different than in high school, but finds herself pushing harder to get better.



Sarah Mensone

"The training is very different - practice is more concentrated, and we do more in a practice in a shorter period of time," Mensone said.

Another freshman with high school experience is Tracy Drucker (Fremd High School) who is competing in the distance events with much success. Drucker finished third overall in the 500 free this past weekend at the invite and earned seventh place finishes in both the 200 and 1650 freestyle events as well.

Drucker believes she is adjusting well with the team, and likes the unity the team displays. She is, however, having to adjust to the longer distances in races and is trying to get used to that aspect of collegiate swimming.

"I wasn't expecting to come here and swim distance, and it's kind of challenging for me because I swam breaststroke and middle distance in high school," Drucker said.

But as Drucker and several of the freshmen have mentioned, they do like the way practices are designed in that sets are quality instead of quantity as they were the opposite for many of the girls

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