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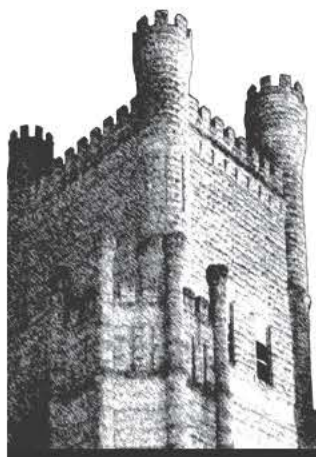
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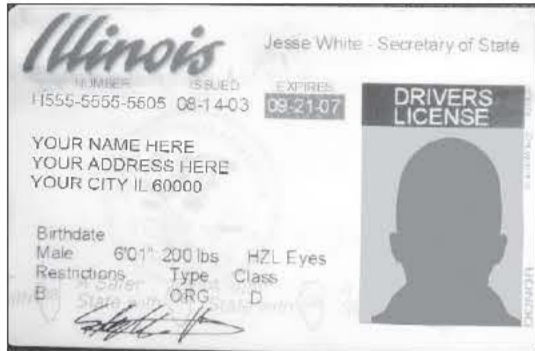
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Stealing lives Identity theft cases threaten student credit

BY ALYSSA GAENZLE
STAFF WRITER

Two days after Donna Allen made a purchase at a Kohl's in Mount Prospect, she was denied further use of her credit card.

Donna Allen, the mother of Christina Allen, a freshman elementary education major, had \$3,000 worth of merchandise charged to her card without her approval.

The 16-year-old cashier who checked Donna Allen out at the Kohl's store two days earlier stole her identity.

"The girl had tried to forge my name because I had signed the slip when I had made my purchases," Donna Allen said. "Luckily, it was easy to catch because the girl had charged a lot of money at one time."

According to the Federal Trade Commission's 2004 report on national and state trends for fraud and identity theft, what happened to Donna Allen is not in Illinois.

Currently, Illinois is ranked 10th as the most victimized state for identity theft.

Donna Allen was just one of the 11,138 people in Illinois who reported identity theft in 2004.

"Most of the identity theft with people in the United States usually only runs around \$500 to \$600," said Lt. Rick Fisher, chief of detectives of the Charleston Police Department.

"It can be quite time consuming on the victims to get their credit reports straightened up. It can take years to do so," he said. "I know of one case that went over \$10,000, and the woman is still in the process of getting it all cleared up. It can be a nightmare."

Donna Allen said she was thankful her problem was spotted so quickly because she could have been in a large amount of debt.

"I was just glad it wasn't a major credit card where more damage could have been done," she said.

The most common types of identity theft reported by Illinois victims in 2004 were credit card fraud, phone or utilities fraud, bank fraud, employment-related fraud, government documents or benefits fraud and loan fraud.

Identity theft is dangerous especially to people in college settings, Fisher said.

"One way identity theft is happening (for students) is through ex-roommates who get their roommate's information and don't pay their bills for the cable service or electrical service and then move out," he said. "The company tracks down the unsuspecting roommate and gives them a bad credit rating. This usually isn't figured out until years later when they want to buy a house and can't because their credit is bad."

In 2004, over \$246,000 were reported stolen because of identity theft, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

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Board of Trustees chair resigns

BY JENNIFER PERHAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The chair of Eastern's Board of Trustees announced his resignation Monday after serving on the BOT for the past nine years.

Nate Anderson presented his formal letter of resignation to Gov. Rod Blagojevich last week, and the resignation took effect this past Friday.



NATE ANDERSON

Anderson was appointed to the board by Gov. Jim Edgar in January 1996. Anderson's second term on the board officially ended Jan. 17, 2005, but as is customary, he was continuing to serve until the governor made an

"His departure will certainly be a loss to the university."

LOU HENCKEN, EASTERN PRESIDENT

official appointment or reappointment.

Anderson has been on the board for nine years as a trustee, and had been the chair for the last five.

"(Being on the board is) good volunteer work, but it's taxing," Anderson said. "I've had to make quite a few business trips both to the university and to Springfield for lobbying and to meet with legislatures."

Anderson said he has tried to remain accessible and available while representing Eastern in any way he could.

Anderson is employed at the University

of Illinois-Springfield, teaching educational leadership courses at the graduate level.

"His departure will certainly be a loss to the university," said Eastern President Lou Hencken. "Dr. Anderson has led us well for many years, and we will miss that leadership."

Anderson has served the Eastern community faithfully and energetically since his appointment to the original board, Hencken said.

Other board members spoke about Anderson's resignation.

"It has been a pleasure working with Dr. Anderson," said Julie Nimmons, vice chair of the Board of Trustees. "Nate brought tremendous experience to the Board of

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ANGIE FALLER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Whitney Self, news anchor for WEIU and junior journalism major, won first place in the country for Best Television News Anchoring at the Broadcast Education Association's annual student awards.

WEIU anchor wins best in nation

BY LAURA GRIFFITH
ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

Five seconds to air time, Whitney Self wraps up the conversation she is having with her co-workers about her dog and looks into the camera.

News Watch is seconds away from broadcasting to 12 counties in east central Illinois, but she's not worried because after two years in front of the camera and three years in broadcasting, she's used to the routine.

Self, a junior journalism major from Mattoon, was recently awarded first place in the country for Best Television News Anchoring at the Broadcast Education Association's annual student awards.

"She is one of a team of (35) standouts," said Kelly Runyon, news director at WEIU-TV. "We have wonderful students that work in news."

Schools from coast-to-coast sent 179 taped entries separated into different categories such as newscast composition, hard news report-

"I spend more time in the TV station than I do in my apartment."

WHITNEY SELF, WEIU ANCHOR

ing, feature news reporting, sports reporting and news, weather and sports anchoring, and were reviewed by 12 stations in eight states, Runyon said.

Finalists were then chosen and sent to five new stations in five different states to be narrowed down to one winner per category, she said.

Self will receive her award April 21 when she, Runyon and six other broadcast students attend the BEA conference in Las Vegas from April 21-24. They will also find out if WEIU-TV won any awards for news broadcasting.

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Partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY
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Partly cloudy

THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
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Partly cloudy

SATURDAY
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Few showers

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005

CAMPUS BRIEFS

9-10 a.m. **Find Information Fast at Booth Library** in the Booth Library E-Classroom. A free tutorial session providing tips on how to use library materials to find information. This session is intended to help students and others become comfortable with selection and use of print and electronic resources.

4 p.m. and 7 p.m. **Film: "Union Maids"** in Booth Library Room 3202. Sitdowns, scabs, goon squads, unemployment, hunger marches, red baiting and finally the energetic birth of the CIO—the 1930s were a landmark period for the American labor movement. "Union Maids" is the story of three women who lived the history and make it come alive today.

7 p.m. **"Jury of Her Peers"** in Roberson Auditorium, Lumpkin Hall Room 2030 today. Jan Lisa Huttner, Chicago film critic and managing editor for "Films for Two," will present the gripping short film, "A Jury of Her Peers" by Sally Heckel. The film reveals some of the most basic differences between men's and women's lives and explores the notion of women's victimization and justifiable homicide. A discussion of the film and of women filmmakers will follow. The event is sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and the Charleston-Mattoon area branch of the American Association of University Women.

CAMPUS BLOTTER

March 2 there was a hit and run when a Ford Taurus was struck by another vehicle while it was parked in the Stadium Parking Lot.

March 4 there was a LCD projector valued at \$3,600 stolen from the first floor of Coleman Hall.

March 5 both side mirrors of a 1999 Pontiac were damaged in the E lot on campus.

March 6 the side mirror of a 1998 Chevrolet was damaged while parked in the Buzzard Hall parking lot.

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY Warrants issued for two football players

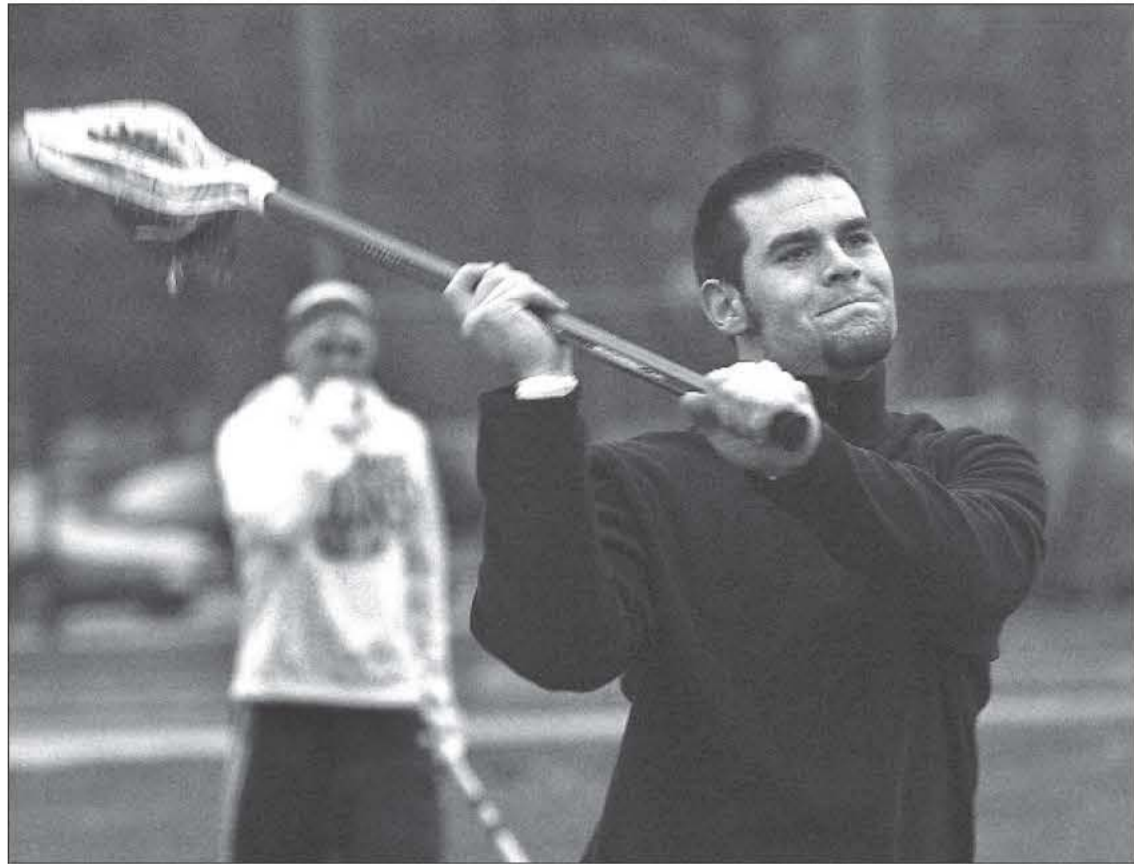
DeKalb police issued warrants Friday for two NIU football players who used another football player's identity to buy clothing, food and electronics.

Joseph Pomaranski, 19, originally of Bensenville, and Antonio Tribble, 21, originally of Riverdale, were charged with unlawful use of a credit card. Additionally, Pomaranski has been charged with false statement for purpose of procuring credit card, financial identity theft and two counts of forgery.

The incidents were first reported Monday.

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'CROSSE' IT



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brian Murphy, freshman physical education major, tosses the ball with his crosse during practice Monday on the Tundra. Murphy is a member of the LaCrosse Club at Eastern.

WTF?

Surfers ride giant board into record books

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — More than 40 surfers cruised into the record books Saturday when they successfully rode a giant surfboard off an Australian beach, breaking the previous world record set by an English team of 14 people in 2003.

More than 5,000 people gathered Saturday to watch riders conquer the 40-foot-long, 10-foot-wide board, newspapers reported. The board, created by board shaper Nev Hyman, arrived by semitrailer. More than 20 people carried it to the surf.

The riders at the Queensland state tourist city, Gold Coast, where the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro surf competitions were held, included pro surfers Chris Ward of California and Australian champion Danny Wills.

Newspaper reports of how many riders took part ranged from 44 to 47.

Hyman said the four-minute ride to shore was worth the monthlong effort to build the board.

"It was the best four minutes of my surfing life. It went in strong and straight," Hyman told Queensland's *The Sunday Mail* newspaper.

The board that set the 2003 record was 36 feet long.

PEOPLE

Carter arrested on a drunken driving charge

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys was arrested last weekend for alleged drunken driving, police said. Carter, 25, was behind the wheel of a vehicle observed committing a traffic violation when police stopped him Saturday night in downtown Huntington Beach, police Lt. Dave Bunetta said.

"The officer that stopped him noticed some traffic violation was occurring," Bunetta said. "When he was contacted by the officers they conducted an investigation which would include field sobriety tests and they formed the opinion he was under the influence."

Carter was arrested and booked for investigation of drunken driving and his vehicle was impounded, Bunetta said. The type of vehicle wasn't disclosed.

It wasn't known how long Carter was in jail. Motorists arrested for drunken driving in Huntington Beach are typically held for a minimum of four hours then, after evaluation, are released with a citation ordering them to appear in court within 45 days, Bunetta said.

"Nick Carter deeply regrets the current situation. He is on doctor-prescribed medication and was unaware of its interaction possibilities," Carter publicist Juliette Harris said in a statement Monday.

ONLINE POLL

Should the university have renewed coach Rick Samuels' contract for a 26th year?

A) Yes. He should have been given one more year because of upcoming talent.
B) No. No conference championship in 25 years equals need for a change.
C) Yes. Samuels is a legend. He should have been let go when he was ready to go.
D) Not sure if it was the best decision, but it won't be the end of the world for Samuels or Eastern.

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COUNTING DOWN

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Days until Major League Baseball's opening day.

WORD DU JOUR

abjure

1. to renounce under oath; for swear
2. to retreat solemnly; repudiate.
3. to give up; abstain from

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SQUARE DANCE

Several Charleston shops shift positions

BY DAVID THILL
STAFF WRITER

To the average passer-by it may seem as though nothing is amiss at Pensees Book Shop on the Square in downtown Charleston. The familiar burgundy awning displaying the name of the shop is still apparent.

Inside, however, the same passer-by may be confused by the scene.

The building, once packed from wall-to-wall with stacks of books that reached from the floor to the ceiling, now consists of sparsely furnished walls, empty shelves and a wide open floor with a collection of golden trophies with blank placards shoved into the corner.

Appearing from a back room is Dan Kelly, owner of Kelly's Trophies, Inc. that will soon call the former book shop its home.

After three years in business on the Square, Pensees Book Shop has moved out, and Dan Kelly took the opportunity to move in.

Kelly's Trophies, previously located for seven years at 510 Sixth St., will make the move in an effort to improve business, Kelly said.

The move relieves several problems that previously plagued Kelly and his trophies.

The new location, on the corner of Seventh

Street and Monroe Avenue, allows for improved parking and easier shipping and delivery, he said.

The move of Kelly's Trophies, however, is not the only change coming to the square.

Just down the sidewalk and around the courthouse Brent and Angela Byrd are preparing for a move as well.

The Byrds, owners of Emajonashon Street, recently purchased the building vacated by the move of Kelly's Trophies.

The couple decided to buy the building rather than continue to rent the building their shop previously occupied, Angela Byrd said.

The new location offers more space for more merchandise, she said.

Byrd said the shop would most likely do more business if it were located on Lincoln Avenue, but the couple enjoys the atmosphere of the Square.

"I like how it is its own little community," Angela Byrd said. "It's such a historic part of town."

"(The Square) is the hub of the community. All the government is up here. There is music up here; there's so much up here to attract (Eastern students). There is more to Charleston than the campus."

A few feet down the sidewalk, another business is preparing to move off the Square altogether.

J & P Pawn Shop, located at 518 Sixth St., has resided on the Square for two years, but will soon

move to 227 State St.

Susan and Tony Clifton, owners of the shop, made the decision to move off the Square in order to own their own building rather than rent.

"We wanted to own our own (building) and didn't want to buy a building on the Square," Susan Clifton said. "My husband can't wait to get off the Square."

Clifton said there are some good qualities to owning a business on the square, though.

"The historic quality is very nice," she said.

The shop will not only be changing locations, but changing names as well, Susan Clifton said.

"We intend on carrying more heavy items and more firearms," she said.

"It's kind of a shuffle," said Cindy Titus, executive director of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce.

While the shuffle of the Square may be confusing, it is actually what downtown Charleston may need, she said.

"It is one more step toward the vision of the Square," Titus said. "The Square has gone through an evolution of types of businesses. We'd like to work back toward a mix of service-related businesses and specialty shops."

But it may be difficult for specialty shops to succeed in such an environment as the Square, Titus said.

"When times are tough, you are going to put food on the table and fun stuff is going to be lower on the list," she said.

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A pedestrian walks by the former location of Kelly's Trophies, 510 Sixth St., Monday afternoon. The building is now owned by Brent and Angela Byrd, the owners of Emajonashon Street, and Kelly's Trophies is now located at 501 Seventh St., on the other side of the Square.

Tuition hikes will create four different prices

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

Eastern students can expect varying levels of tuition increases next year.

A 7 percent tuition hike would apply to students who began at Eastern before the fall 2004 semester, new students would see a 10 percent increase and graduate students would get an undetermined increase, said Eastern President Lou Hencken.

Under Illinois' Truth In Tuition law, which took effect in July 2003, undergraduate students who start at

Eastern during or after the fall 2004 semester are immune to tuition increases for four years.

Approximately 30 percent of Eastern students next year will be covered by the "locked-in" law.

"What we will have is essentially three different levels of tuition at the same time, plus graduate rates," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for External Affairs. "In the past we only had two: graduate and undergraduate."

Although the final tuition increases will not be set until April or June when Eastern's budget is finalized, Hencken said the university has

already considered how much of an increase in income it will require.

"I'd like to keep (tuition increases) in the 7 percent range and for new students about 10 percent or maybe a little higher than that," Hencken said. "It really all depends on the budget."

Those increases are based on the university receiving the 1.6 percent budget increase recommended for it by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Eastern can only get that increase if it can change Gov. Rod Blagojevich's budget proposal, which reversed that recommendation and set static funding for all state univer-

sities.

"Last year, the governor tried for a 2 percent cut, and we fought for a flat budget and won," Hencken said. "This year, we are fighting for the IBHE's proposal."

If Eastern does not receive the board-recommended increase, tuition would have to go up even more to cover costs.

The increases would be necessary to cover Eastern's expenses, which Hencken said he expects to go up about \$3 million next year.

Utilities, materials and payroll are among the cost increases the universi-

ty will face next year, Hencken said.

The tuition increases will have to be approved by the Board of Trustees, which has two meetings, in April and June, before fiscal year 2006 begins.

The chances are "better than average" that tuition will not be voted on until the June meeting, Hencken said.

"I would like to set this rate as low as possible for students, but there are some costs we cannot avoid," Hencken said, noting that meeting his two priorities of academic quality and class availability may require hiring new faculty.




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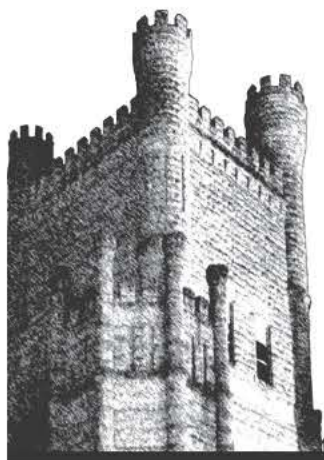


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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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COLUMN

What was that again?



MATT WILLIAMS
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Williams is the editor in chief for *The Daily Eastern News*.

I'm sure of it that I have adult attention-deficit disorder? Wait, what were we talking about?

Seriously though, I have been plagued with forgetfulness, constantly losing things and organization problems for quite some time.

Though I don't have the hyperactivity associated with ADD, which is common not to have for the adult form, I am convinced I have this frustrating condition. I took an online test so it must be true.

While reading, I find myself skipping back and forth on sections of a page to try and figure out what happens next.

I'll sit in class and tell myself how important it is to pay attention but end up missing parts of a lecture because I put more emphasis in trying to pay attention than actually paying attention.

Has anyone seen my keys? Oh, here they are.

There are low percentages of people who are actually diagnosed with adult ADD, but like myself I am guessing there are several people who go without a diagnosis.

Even if I did have adult ADD, the medication might not do me any good. Like most advertised medication, the ones for adult ADD come with a long list of possible side effects.

Such adult medications as Strattera, have side effects that include upset stomach, dizziness, urination problems and constipation.

Great. Now that I have my focus back I can concentrate harder on how dizzy I am or how I can't urinate properly.

I was pretty interested in the commercial I saw until I was told I might suffer from tiredness and insomnia at the same time.

There are ways people can avoid the forgetfulness and lack of focus and not have to see a doctor to get a prescription.

At times I have trouble sticking to these, but with practice and

consistency, systems can be set up to keep you on track.

As a reporter, deadline pressure and the interest I have in my job make my alleged ADD less of a problem. But on every day tasks, I find some of these tricks to help me out.

A big helper, as dorky as it sounds, is to make to-do lists so you have documentation that helps keep you on track with your daily duties. I made fun of my girlfriend all the time for doing this, but it really does help.

All it takes is a quick 5-10 minutes a day. As you go through the list, cross out things you have done. Not only does it keep you on track and focused, it makes you feel like you have accomplished something. An alternative is a palm pilot, which costs more than a pen and piece of paper.

I have a tendency to do things a backwards way, so setting up a system that works for myself is important. There isn't a problem with doing things differently as long as there is consistency with it.

My systems may not work for anyone else, but I get the job done and that is what matters.

When dealing with procrastination on long-term projects, I have found doing them in portions or setting early deadlines for myself have been helpful.

If you have a 10-page research paper, make an outline and do a part of the paper every couple days.

If all else fails, go to the doctor and check it out. Adult ADD is a real problem whether it truly affects me or not.

Editors note: Williams was distracted 37.5 times while trying to finish this column.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY GIA HYOS



EDITORIAL

Senate bill hides the truth

Maybe Gov. Rod Blagojevich means well in signing Senate Bill 3007, but he should have taken more time for consideration of the workplace atmosphere and overall employment procedure.

Senate Bill 3007, an expansion of Senate Bill 788, will go into effect in the summer months for the state of Illinois and will allow for the records of criminal offenders to be sealed to everyone but law enforcement agencies.

This is the premise of Senate Bill 788, but the newer version will include sealing the records for those who were convicted of Class 4 Felonies such as prostitution, and more importantly, drug-related arrests.

While Blagojevich's press secretary said this bill was signed because the government wanted "to help get these people back on their feet," instead of back on the streets, these same people have to wait two to three years before they can apply to have Senate Bill 3007 initiated on their records.

So not only do these criminal offenders have those two to three years to fall back into troublesome situations, but after that allotted time period those same people who made previous mistakes magically reappear before

At issue

Senate Bill 3007 which allows the records of criminal offenders to be sealed

Our stance

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employers with the same standing as somebody who had not committed those crimes.

That is where the real crime in Senate Bill 3007 lies; trying to give former criminal offenders a chance to regain their standing in society is all well and good until it impedes upon those who have lived their lives free of the trouble the offenders fell into.

When it comes to such an important matter as job employment, whoever is doing the hiring should have the right to check and see if the possible candidate for the job has had prior trouble with the law as opposed to those candidates who haven't.

It is the individual's choice whether or not to get into a criminal situation, so why should those who choose to stay free of those situations be on the same level as those who don't?

Perhaps Gov. Blagojevich should try to explain that because as of right now Senate Bill 3007 seems like an injustice to many who live their life free of legal trouble.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EASTERN HEALTH SERVICES SHOULD BE REVAMPED

I would be interested in seeing more in-depth articles/study on Eastern's Health Services.

My son was one of the many students sick this weekend and couldn't get any medical advice. When he finally got in to see the doctor on Monday

afternoon, after waiting 45 minutes past his scheduled appointment time, the doctor was more interested in knowing whether he smoked "weed" than knowing what was ailing him.

They did nothing. They told him to go to Wal-mart and buy Robutussian cough syrup.

Over the weekend I had the opportunity to speak to two alumni from

Eastern and the conversation revolved around to Health Services. I learned that this facility has had a rotten reputation for years.

Eastern should look into revamping its Health Services. Its current system is a joke.

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McAfee fills with the sound of music

Jazz Lab Band, EIU Jazz Combo No. 2 perform concert

By SARAH HENDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Music filled the air and smiles were seen on faces of many in attendance as Eastern's Jazz Lab Band performed Monday night.

The 8 p.m. performance was in the north gym of McAfee Gymnasium and provided a small environment for about 25 people in attendance. The smaller venue allowed for a more "intimate feeling," said Paul Johnston, director of the band as well as instructor of jazz studies.

The band members played in three rows of five people with the saxophones sitting up front, then the trombones and the trumpets in the back. To the left of the band sat five students who made up the rhythm section.

The 20-member band took its seats and played six songs for the audience. The performance featured music by Neal Hefti, Bobby Timmons and Thad Jones.

After the lab band played three songs, it took a seat with the audience, which allowed the Jazz Combo No. 2 to play. This compilation of six musicians had more of a serious tone to their music.



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Chris Mroczek plays a clarinet solo in Woody Herman and Joe Bishop's "Woodchopper's Ball" while the EIU Jazz Lab Band performs in McAfee North Hall Monday evening. The lab band and EIU Jazz Combo 2 played in the concert sponsored by the music department.

They performed two songs and mellowed out the audience from the more upbeat songs performed earlier. Even though the songs were slower, they offered a change of pace.

When the combo band took its seats, the lab band came back to close the performance with three more foot-tapping pieces, which allowed audience members to nod their heads to each beat of the music.

"I thought both of the bands played really good and kept my attention throughout the whole performance," said Lorraine Brown, a freshman music education major. "All the music tonight put me in

a good mood."

As the last song came to an end, the band members smiled and friends went up to the playing area to congratulate their performance.

"It was a nice concert with nice music," Johnston said. "We had fun and it led to some nice musical moments."

The next EIU Jazz Lab Band performance is at 7:30 p.m. April 7 at the University Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The EIU Jazz Combos will play at 7:30 p.m. March 29 in the Grand Ballroom.

Lakeview holds open house to attract students

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
STAFF WRITER

Lakeview College of Nursing will hold an open house at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The open house is an opportunity for prospective and current nursing students at Eastern and Lakeview to gain a better understanding of Lakeview, said Amy McFadden, coordinator of the event.

"This will be a chance for us to answer all (students') questions," McFadden said. "We can explain how things work and talk about financial aid and possible scholarship opportunities."

Provena will be at the open house

to speak about internships and give a tour of the off-campus laboratory so the attendants can get a feel of how the lab works.

Eastern only offers a pre-nursing program because of the cooperative program it has with Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville. This way, Eastern students can earn a four-year bachelor's degree in nursing from Lakeview.

The program requires students to earn 30 hours of general education courses at Eastern before applying to Lakeview. To apply, students must have two letters of recommendation and a minimum 2.5 grade point average, in addition to the 30 hours of general education credits.

Because of the severe shortage of nurses across the country, McFadden said nursing has become a more popular major because it

offers many diversified career opportunities.

"The baby boomer generation is reaching an age where they are starting to retire," McFadden said, "And they're also starting to get older and require more and more health care."

By the year 2020, McFadden said more than one million nurses will be needed, and the number continues to increase.

Amy Flavin, a sophomore pre-nursing major, said pre-nursing was appealing to her for a number of reasons, including the high demand for nurses.

"You're pretty much guaranteed a job after graduation, and I know I would go crazy with a 9-5 desk job," Flavin said. "There are flexible hours and so many different aspects to nursing, so you can do something you like."

Flavin was also influenced by the number of people in her family who are in the health care field. She has two aunts who are nurses, her uncle is an emergency medical technician and her father also works in health care.

Flavin will attend the open house Wednesday, and she said she hopes to get a better understanding of the program in general.

"I want to find out how to register, the cost of tuition and books, (and how to) transfer classes," she said.

This open house should help with the current enrollment numbers for nursing schools, McFadden said.

"Enrollments in nursing schools (are) growing, and we are hopeful that this will make up the difference in the shortage," she said.

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Murder mystery to unfold

No David Caruso, but Carman Hall attempts CSI: Charleston

By PAUL KOMES
STAFF WRITER

Walking into Carman Hall this week, students may be plagued by questions about the identity of the girl pictured on the walls and the reason she is dead.

Tonight Carman Hall Council is presenting a murder mystery event called CSI: Charleston, a program based on the popular television show. The girl featured on the posters hanging in Carman Hall is Lindsay DiPietro, Carman Hall Council's vice president, who is in charge of programming.

At the event, participants have to piece together all the clues to figure out who murdered her and with what weapon.

"I love 'CSI,' and I wanted to incorporate the show into a program," said Sabrina Norrick, the main programmer of the event.

Five characters, portrayed by members of Carman Hall Council, will deliver monologues which have clues in their words, leading participants to different rooms around Carman Hall.

Participants will be sent out in small groups with guides, who are also from the council, to make sure they are taking the right steps in solving the mystery.

Participants will solve the crime in a similar way to the television show and will also get candy at the end of the event.

"I love putting on stuff like this," Norrick said, excited about the first event she has programmed. "It's something that hasn't been done before."

DiPietro expects the event to be a success.

"I think it will be a good time," DiPietro said. "How many times will there be a game about my death?"

The mystery solving begins at 9 p.m. in the Carman Hall Dining Center.

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Students get a taste of green spirits

Charleston bars celebrate unofficial St. Patrick's Day with colored liquor

BY CATHY BAYER
STAFF WRITER

March 17, St. Patrick's Day, will bring out the Irish in everyone, but for students who couldn't wait until the official day, local bars celebrated unofficially this past weekend.

At Marty's, green beer was served and shirts and cups were given away, said Danielle Trezek, a bartender at Marty's.

"I know a bunch of people at U of I (that celebrated); it's such a big deal there, but here it just seems like another weekend."

MATT MORGAN, SOPHOMORE BIOLOGY MAJOR

Several other bars advertised green beer and specials on mixed drinks for Saturday's festivities.

Mothers scheduled a cover band, Rendition, and had beads, prizes and green beer as well.

Although the turnout was good, according to several local bars, not everyone in Charleston celebrates

"unofficially" for St. Patrick's Day.

"I know a bunch of people at U of I (that celebrated); it's such a big deal there, but here it seems like just another weekend," said Matt Morgan, a sophomore biology major.

Morgan wasn't the only person who noticed University of Illinois seemed to be a popular celebration point for the

unofficial weekend.

"It's big in Champaign, probably because of the bars (since entry age is 19)," said Kevin O'Leary, a sophomore computer information systems major.

Outside the bars, there wasn't much celebrating for St. Patrick's Day going on.

"(I saw) a group of girls dressed in green, holding green shamrock cups," said John Walker, a sophomore marketing major. "That was the extent of it."

Some students plan on waiting until actual St. Patrick's Day when they're home to celebrate the religious Irish holiday.

On March 19, Pat Comerford, a junior communication studies major,

said he will be attending a St. Patrick's Day parade in Springfield.

"This is something my brothers and I do together; (it's) kind of a tradition to go to the parade, then (go to) local bars," he said. "There's Irish music all day."

Morgan said he would probably be celebrating the holiday with friends at some bars near his home.

Not all local bars know what they're doing to celebrate official St. Patrick's Day, yet.

Lefty's Holler in Charleston will probably have a good turnout for the holiday, said Drew Bailey, a bartender.

Chad Easterday, a bartender at Top of the Roc in Charleston, said Roc's would probably have specials to celebrate the holiday.

"We did (have specials) last year; I'm sure we will (again) this year," he said.

Admissions' style leads topics for Faculty Senate

BY JENNIFER PERHAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate will meet today to discuss admissions for the fall and the results from faculty forum.

Brenda Ross, director of admissions, will give the Senate an update on current applications and admissions for fall 2005. Ross has presented admissions information to the Dean's Council and Council on University Planning and Budget earlier this semester.

"Admissions, like retention, is a campus-wide concern," Ross said. "Everyone can play a role in a successful recruitment year."

Ross will discuss how Eastern's admissions department is connecting with counselors at high schools and community colleges in recruitment efforts.

"I hope the senate will gain further insight into our position with our com-

A discussion on the faculty forum will also take place at the meeting.

Faculty forum was held in February to allow the campus community to discuss education issues. From the results, the senate hopes to pass some recommendations in response to the results of the discussion.

The senate made a motion last week to use a National Survey of Student Engagement to compare Eastern's results from the forum.

"To facilitate future discussion I thought we could use the survey on student engagement to see where we compare on a variety of student engagement topics with similar schools," said senate member Bud Fischer.

The survey is designed to obtain information from many universities nationwide about student participation in programs and activities.

"Eastern can then use their data to identify aspects of the undergraduate experience inside and outside the classroom that can be improved," Fischer said.

The Faculty Senate meets Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

"This is our opportunity to provide personalized service as we welcome our new families to the EIU community."

BRENDA ROSS, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

petitors," Ross said.

Ross will address the needs of prospective students and their families, and he will talk about the various strategies admissions is using in contacting these families.

Admissions is having an open house April 23 for prospective students and their parents.

"This is our opportunity to provide personalized service as we welcome our new families to the EIU community," Ross said.

'Take Ten' auditions begin

STAFF REPORT

The Charleston Alley Theatre and Charleston Community Theatre will be

holding auditions for their joint spring production, "Take Ten," 7 p.m. today and Wednesday.

"Take Ten" is a series of

eight, 10-minute plays that don't require much experience, according to a press release from the Charleston Alley Theatre.

The theater is located in the alley off Monroe Street., one block east of the Charleston square.

Final performances for "Take Ten" will be April 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at the Tarble Arts Center.

Students lobby for more funds

BY KRISTY MELLENDORF
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Student Action Team attended a meeting to discuss funding of higher education last Thursday at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

The meeting was held by Don Severer, director of External Affairs for University of Illinois-Springfield, and tried to gather ideas about unifying lobby efforts.

"Initiatives were discussed to gain general ideas school-by-school because of the state budget in relation to education," said Adam Howell, executive vice president of Eastern's Student Government. "We want to get one clear message from all the schools (in Illinois)."

The Student Action Team is currently preparing to travel on April 13 to Springfield to lobby for a 1 percent increase in funding for education with other schools across the state. Funds would be distributed according to what each individual school needs, Howell said.

"I would like to show that it's

not just faculty and parents who care about funding and tuition; students care as well," said Kara Shively, Student Action Team's Legislative Action Board director. "It would be nice to see (Student Action Team) become bigger and more well-known as well as see more people get involved."

New members are invited to join the Student Action Team, but Howell asks that they allow enough time before the trip to learn and practice lobbying skills.

Student Action Team is also working on the Faces Not Figures project, which is a book of student accounts of the effects of budget cuts. The finished book will be sent to state legislators to personalize the team's request.

"I am excited to see what will happen in the future with our efforts," Howell said.

Neither Howell nor Shively knew exactly how Eastern will be affected by the lobbying effort or the exchange of ideas at UIS. The Illinois Board of Higher Education will make the final decision as to whether the schools will receive the requested funding.

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"Statistics show that one-in-five people will be the victim of identity theft within the next year. It seems a little high, but it is true," Fisher said. "One of the big things that surprises me is the amount of personal information people carry around on them. I strongly urge people to make an evaluation on what they need for that day and only carry that."

He also recommended people obtain their credit histories from the credit bureaus once a month to inspect their credit bill, and make sure they have authorized all the charges.

"This is getting to be the crime of choice for people, and I don't see it going anywhere but higher," Fisher said, "so I urge people to start taking the right precautions early on."

ANDERSON:

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Trustees, and I learned a great deal from him."

"Nate has been a super member and done a remarkable job," said Roger Dettro, secretary of the BOT.

Anderson graduated in 1973 from Eastern, where he was an All-American member of the Panther football team. Anderson has served on Eastern's Alumni Association Board of Directors and for the Big 12 Athletic Conference.

Anderson is a member of Eastern's Panther Club and had a scholarship established in his name through Eastern's Office of Minority Affairs.

Nimmons will take over the position as chair until BOT elections in April, Dettro said.

28 Hawaii serviceman remembered

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU (AP) — Nearly 2,000 people gathered Monday at Hawaii's Capitol for an emotional service to honor 28 Hawaii-based servicemen killed in Iraq, all but one in a single helicopter crash.

"It's one of the most beautiful ceremonies I have ever seen," said Roni Aurelio, among family members who came from about a dozen states to the open air rotunda, where purple-and-white orchid leis framed photographs of the Marines.

"I think he would be very honored," she said of her son, Cpl. Stephen P. Johnson, 24, of Covina, Calif.

"He was my best friend, my son, my comrade," said Aurelio, clutching her son's dogtags.

The photographs rested in front of the Marines' boots, M-16 rifles and tan helmets. The service included songs, prayers and a 21-gun salute. It concluded with the playing of "Taps," as family members wept into their hands.

Twenty-six Marines from the base at Kaneohe Bay and a Pearl Harbor sailor were among the 31 killed when their helicopter went down in western Iraq in late January. It was the single deadliest event for the American military in Iraq since the U.S. invasion in March 2003.

The 28th honoree Monday was Marine Lance Cpl. Sean P. Maher, 19, of Grayslake, Ill., who was killed in Iraq combat in February.

Richard Gilbert Sr. flew from Florida to

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attend the ceremony for his youngest son, Marine Cpl. Richard A. Gilbert Jr., 26, of Dayton, Ohio.

"I don't think the pain will ever go away," he said. "My son's a national hero."

ARIZONA STUDENT CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL DOWNLOADING

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona university student is believed to be the first person in the country to be convicted of a crime under state laws for illegally downloading music and movies from the Internet, prosecutors and activists say.

University of Arizona student Parvin Dhaliwal pleaded guilty to possession of counterfeit marks, or unauthorized copies of intellectual property.

Under an agreement with prosecutors, Dhaliwal was sentenced last month to a three-month deferred jail sentence, three years of probation, 200 hours of community service and a \$5,400 fine. The judge in the case also ordered him to take a copyright class at the University of Arizona, which he attends, and to avoid file-sharing computer programs.

"Generally copyright is exclusively a federal matter," said Jason Schultz, an attorney

with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a technology civil liberties group. "Up until this point, you just haven't seen states involved at all."

BROTHER OF ACCUSER SAID JACKSON MOLESTED THE BOY

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The younger brother of Michael Jackson's accuser described for jurors in graphic detail Monday how he twice saw the pop star grope the child while the young boy lay sleeping in Jackson's bed at his Neverland Ranch.

The brother also testified that Jackson showed them Internet sex sites, gave them wine, slept in bed with them and appeared before them naked and sexually aroused at the pop star's Neverland ranch.

"Me and my brother were watching a movie and Michael walked up naked," the 14-year-old witness testified. "Me and my brother were grossed out. He sat on the bed and said it was natural," then left the room.

Speaking calmly, directly and unemotionally, he said the molestation occurred shortly after Jackson had shown the boys sexually explicit magazines that he kept in a suitcase in his bedroom.

District Attorney Tom Sneddon projected on a courtroom screen the covers of magazines including one called Barely Legal, which depicted an extremely young woman with her breasts exposed.

WEIU:

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"(When I found out) I was completely surprised and in shock," Self said.

She said she owes it all to WEIU-TV.

"Every day I do something different," Self said.

Thursdays are her busiest day, she said. Self has class from 8-9:40 a.m., then she reports from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 5 p.m. she comes into the studio to prepare for News Watch, which airs from 5:30-6 p.m. Monday through Friday on Channel 4, for viewers in Charleston.

Usually, she likes to read through her script two or three times, but on her busiest day, she only has time to go through it once. After News Watch, she tapes a show for the following morning. She spends about 15-20 hours in the newsroom every week, Runyon said.

"Deadline is the hardest part of the job, when you have so many things to do and so little time to do it," Self said.

Just before Self goes on the air, she sits up straight and puts on a straight face.

Looking confident in her gray jacket and red, collared shirt, she wants to look as professional as possible. No one except the people in the studio know that she's wearing black sweatpants with white stripes. She likes to be as comfortable as possible, she said.

Behind the news desk and the cameras, papers are spread out all over the floor.

The anchors report stories covering a 12-county area. During commercial breaks and taped stories from the field, the anchors go back to chatting about their everyday lives and about the stories they are reporting. When a mistake is made, the co-anchors are there for one another, telling each

other, "Don't worry about it."

Self tries to imagine different audiences when speaking in front of the camera, depending on the mood of each separate story. When she's reporting about something happy she likes to sound happy, so she imagines her brother, she said.

Talking in front of the camera is hard at first, said Jenni Ketchmark, sophomore communication studies major who does the weather on News Watch. She imagines she's talking to her boyfriend, she said.

"It's just like talking to one of your friends," Ketchmark said.

Working with Self has been a motivating experience for Ketchmark.

"(Self) makes me want to work harder," Ketchmark said.

Self describes herself as a motivated person, who was always taught by her parents that she could do whatever she wanted, as long as she put her mind into it. She wants to make it big as a news anchor, and is determined

to get there on her own and not because she knows somebody in the business, she said.

Self isn't just an anchor on News Watch: she also reports stories from the field.

The reporting aspect of her job has enabled her to do things most regular people never have a chance to do, like attend Paul Simon's funeral, see former vice-presidential candidate John Edwards and interview country music stars, she said.

She also helps newer students learn the ropes around the station, and is the president of the Student Illinois News Broadcasters Association on campus, Runyon said.

Self said she has always wanted to get into broadcasting, and she's been working hard to make her dream come true. Self got her start working behind the scenes instead of in front of the camera, Runyon said.

"She started day one as a freshman," Runyon said. "She came to me

and said 'I don't have experience but news is what I want to do.' I've been her news mentor for the three years that she's been a student here."

Self said Runyon is like a second mom, and her co-workers are life-long friends.

"I spend more time in the TV station than I do in my apartment," she said, explaining that she's only really in her apartment to sleep and to get ready for work or class.

Self likes to go to work, and she likes to get things done.

"It's not really like being at work to me," she said. "I have such a great time and I love what I do. I'm constantly on the go."

Self said she enjoys making connections, and making a great final product for each show.

She was always taught to give 110 percent in everything she does. "If everyone gives 110 percent at WEIU (TV) we can be an excellent, excellent TV station," Self said.

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15 E-garbage
16 Degrade
17 Something to play in Kinshasa?
19 Increased, as the score
20 "Come in!"
21 Baby bug
23 Moo goo pan
24 Fresh talk
26 From time immemorial
28 Eye part
31 Regained consciousness
33 Like "fuzz" for "police"
34 Rock band equipment
35 High do
38 Beaujolais, e.g.
39 Letters that make you feel important?
42 Unbridged area
43 Cribbage markers
45 Alternative to gin or vodka
46 TV viewer's aid
48 Away, but not completely off-duty
50 Sidestepped
51 French-born satirist Hilaire

15x15 crossword grid with numbered squares for clues.

Puzzle by Lee Glickstein and Nancy Salomon

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Grid of answers from the previous puzzle: CPAS, RISKS, OSHA, DEFT, OSHEA, LUIS, RARA, LEONI, ARES, ONELIFETOLIVE, MUSED, BON, FIB, THREEBLINDMICE, AMMO, OARED, SODS, SWORE, TESS, ODIUM, PALS, FIVEEASYPIECES, ANIRNA, ALLOR, SEVENEYEARITCH, SHIVMEATS, POKY, HAV, ISLES, OREM, AMEN, ATEST, NOTE

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8 Reason to call 911: Abbr.
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10 Lawyers' org.
11 The Lord's tropical fruit?
12 Run-of-the-mill
13 Not very hot
18 Grove fruit
22 Some Anne Rice characters
25 Bless the food
27 J.F.K. posting, for short
28 Request of an invitee, briefly
29 Nobelist Wiesel
30 Romantic ballroom queues?
31 Bedouin's mount
32 Doctors' org.
36 Hourly charge
37 Guest column
40 Olive
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44 John Belushi was originally on it: Abbr.
47 Start a battle
49 Any of the original 13
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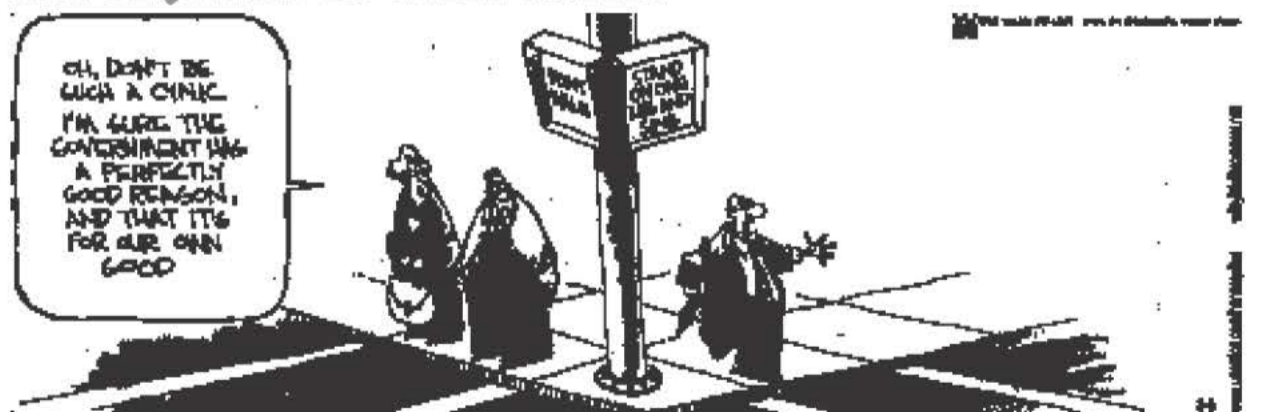
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Pujols not feeling ready for regular season play

After consistent hitting, first baseman seeks fine-tuning

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) - Even after two home runs and a hard double against Los Angeles Monday, Albert Pujols said he still isn't quite prepared for regular season play.

"My body is not ready for the season," the Cardinals' first baseman said, "and my swing is not ready."

He helped lead St. Louis to a 6-1 victory over the Dodgers at Roger Dean Stadium.

"That's why we have six weeks of spring training to get ready," he said. "When April 5th comes, I'll be ready." In eight at-bats this spring, Pujols has five hits including three home runs and two doubles.

"I'm doing the same this year as I do every spring. Why change anything when you have success."

ALBERT PUJOLS,
FIRST BASEMAN

"I'm doing the same this year as I do every spring," Pujols said. "Why change anything when you have success?"

Pujols said it may look like he's hitting hard, but spectators have to keep in mind that the pitchers are still preparing for the season, too.

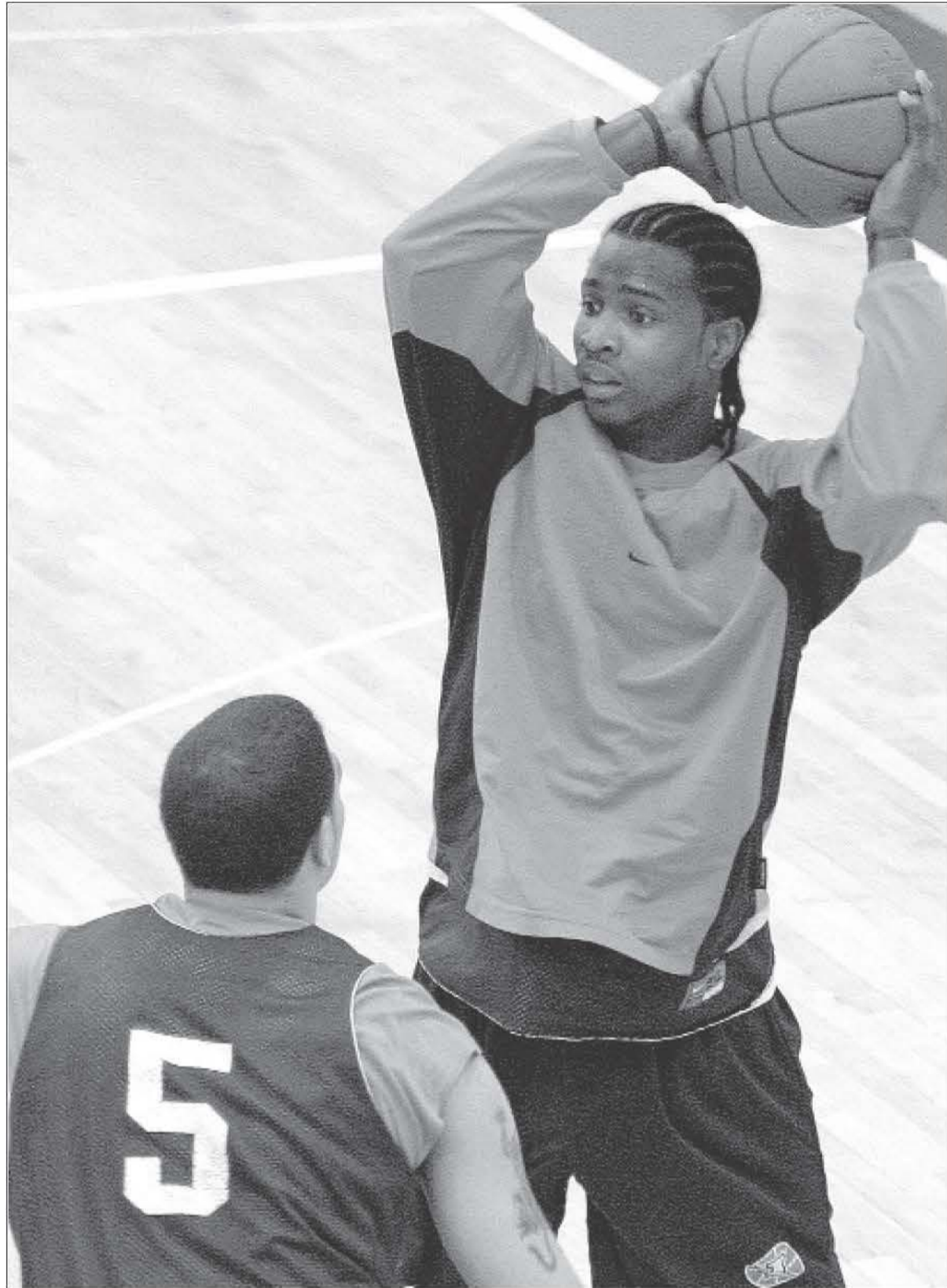
Jeff Weaver served up the home run pitches to Pujols.

"The first one I thought was a pretty good pitch but he carried it," Weaver said. "On the second one, I tried to come in off the plate, but it carried out over the third of the plate, and he crushed it."

Weaver was satisfied with his performance, though he gave up four runs on six hits in three innings. "I'm not really concerned about results; I'm just trying to throw my pitches where I want them," he said.

St. Louis' Jason Marquis pitched three innings, giving up two hits including a home run to Jason Repko. Second baseman Mark Grudzielanek got his first hits as a Cardinal, going two-for-two. Outfielder Roger Cedeno went two-for-three and is five for ten for the spring.

Mark Mulder will make his second spring start for the Cardinals Tuesday against Washington at



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

University of Illinois guard Dee Brown looks to pass around guard Deron Williams during practice in the Ubben Basketball Facility at the University of Illinois in Champaign Feb. 10. A last-second shot ruined Illinois' perfect record by one point Sunday.

Illinois remains No. 1 in polls

CHICAGO (AP) - So much for the 29 straight wins the Fighting Illini piled up over the last four months, their double-digit victory margins and their dazzling shooting stats.

One loss - and on a last-second shot, at that - and top-ranked Illinois isn't quite so impressive anymore.

"The radio talk shows in Chicago this morning make me sick," Purdue coach Gene Keady said Monday. "They're upset Illinois didn't go (unbeaten). That's ridiculous. Twenty-nine and one is unbelievable."

It's not just callers in Chicago who are dogging the Illini, though, after Sunday's 65-64 loss at Ohio State spoiled their bid for a perfect season. Illinois kept its No. 1 ranking in this week's poll with 48 first-place votes and 1,725 points, but 22 voters went for North Carolina, a team

with three losses.

Some are wondering whether Illinois could lose out on a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament if it doesn't go deep in the Big Ten tournament, which begins Thursday at the United Center. Illinois has a bye in the first round, and plays the winner of Michigan-Northwestern on Friday.

"It's hard for people to realize, but this is not going to impact them greatly. They did not turn into mere mortals today, nor were they invincible before," Minnesota coach Dan Monson said. "They weren't going to get carried away if they went undefeated and they're not going to collapse if they didn't. I think you're going to see business-as-usual Illinois on Friday."

The Illini were trying to become the first team to go through an entire season undefeated

since Indiana in 1975-76, and their start was the best since UNLV opened 34-0 before losing in the 1991 Final Four. They hadn't lost since falling to Duke in the NCAA regional semifinals last March, and had a margin of victory of almost 19 points. They routed then-No. 1 Wake Forest and snapped Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak, the longest in the country.

But the Illini never really got a powerhouse's respect, with plenty of skeptics wondering when - not if - they were going to lose.

"Everybody's waiting for us to lose, saying they think we're not the best team in the country," Dee Brown said last month after the Illini beat Wisconsin for a second time. "Watch TV, they'll show you, they'll tell you. The No. 1 team? It's not us."



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CUBS

Soriano gets off to rough start

After injuring his hamstring in 2004, Soriano struggles in spring debut

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) - Greg Maddux's spring debut went a lot better than Alfonso Soriano's first appearance at second base.

Maddux, entering his 20th major league season, allowed two unearned runs in two innings of the Cubs' 9-4 victory over the Texas Rangers Monday.

Soriano, who missed the final two weeks of 2004 with a torn left hamstring, was limping in the locker room after playing six innings and going 0-for-3 with two strikeouts in his second spring training game. He went hitless in three at-bats as the designated hitter in his first outing.

"It felt tight after Saturday's game, and it still doesn't feel right," Soriano said before doing some extra running after the game. "My timing is off."

Rangers manager Buck Showalter said Soriano didn't tell him or trainer Jamie Reed that anything was wrong.

"When you have an injury like that, you have to play your way through it," Showalter said. "I got him one more at-bat (Monday) and then took him out. There wasn't anything wrong. He's structurally OK. He needs to build his confidence by playing."

The 38-year-old Maddux gave up three hits, throwing 37 pitches - 25 strikes.

"It was fun to get out there," said Maddux, the only pitcher to win at least 15 games in 17 straight seasons. "You just do what you can do to get each hitter out. I just never want to throw the same bad pitch twice."

The Cubs erased the Rangers' 2-1 lead on a solo home run by Jason DuBois and a two-run shot by Jerry Hairston Jr. in the fourth inning. Angel Echevarria's two-run homer in the sixth made it 9-2.

METS

Strawberry returns to baseball

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) - Decker out in a Mets uniform for the first time in 15 years, a smiling Darryl Strawberry strolled into the dugout and flexed his left biceps.

"Don't I look great?" he said, laughing. And with that, the greatest hitter in team history was welcomed back to the Mets, where his roller-coaster of a career began with such promise.

Strawberry arrived at spring training Monday to serve as a guest instructor for a few days, working mostly with major and minor league outfielders.

Trim and fit just five days shy of his 43rd birthday, he looked as if he could still turn on an inside fastball and send it soaring off the right-field scoreboard at Shea Stadium. In fact, he's younger than backup first baseman Andres Galarraga, who will turn 44 in June.

But Strawberry said he isn't looking to jump in the batting cage and start taking swings anytime soon. He's content to be retired - and thankful to be alive.

"It's not about me, it's about who I can help," he said. "It's these guys' time, it's not my time. My time is over."

What a time it was, though. Drafted No. 1 overall in 1980 out of Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles, Strawberry rocketed to the major leagues and was the NL Rookie of the Year in '83.

Blessed with awesome power, graceful speed and a beautiful swing, he was soon compared to Hall of Famers such as Ted Williams, Hank Aaron and Mickey Mantle.

Those kinds of expectations are tough to live up to, especially in New York, but he

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DARRYL STRAWBERRY, OUTFIELDER

might have had a chance to do it had his career not been derailed by drugs, alcohol and a string of arrests for everything from tax evasion to allegations of beating his wife.

The Mets of the mid-to-late 80s were extremely talented on the field and excessively wild off it. They owned the Big Apple back then - not the Yankees - and Strawberry partied hard, right along with his teammates.

"It probably was all true. We were probably a bunch of crazy guys. But let me tell you one thing: When we stepped on that field, we were all business. We were a team and we picked each other up," he said.

He helped New York win the '86 World Series, but left to sign with his hometown Dodgers after the 1990 season and hadn't donned a Mets uniform since.

"It was a real tough separation," Strawberry said. "This is where everything happened for me. My best days of playing were here."

"There were probably times when I hated it, but I loved it, too," he said. "When I left to go play in L.A., it was boring. I wasn't being booed."

In truth, Strawberry had his share of big

seasons. He made eight All-Star teams, finished runner-up to Kirk Gibson for the 1988 NL MVP Award and is still the Mets' career leader in home runs (252), RBIs (733) and runs scored (662).

But he's been granted one second chance after another - in baseball and in life.

Suspended from the majors three times for cocaine-related problems, he resurfaced with the Yankees and played on three championship teams from 1996-99, hitting 24 homers in only 295 at-bats in '98.

He survived painful operations for colon cancer, winning new fans with his inspirational comeback.

He disappeared for four days from a drug treatment center, then turned up again after friends feared he was dead.

And after all the hype when he first came up from the minors, he received only six Hall of Fame votes this year, his first - and last - on the writers' ballot.

"I should have had better years, now that I look back on it," he said.

Mostly, Strawberry's story is a cautionary tale of what might have been, and now he wants to share what he's learned with young players.

"I truly know talent," he said. "Don't make some of the mistakes I made because you have to pay a price for everything."

Wearing his familiar No. 18 beneath a blue windbreaker, Strawberry shagged flies on a practice field and signed autographs. He chatted with Mets slugger Cliff Floyd and served as a cutoff man during drills.

"It's a start," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said. "With a lot of new stuff going on, it's always good to remember the past."

ILLINOIS:

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playing hard for 40 minutes and will never give the Wolverines any hope of winning.

So for all those fans out there sulking over the loss, stop it. If you know what is good for your team, you will turn this negative into a positive and realize that this is a good thing.

Sure, it would have been nice to see Illinois run the table, but that's not going to happen, and frankly, that was just more pressure that it did not need going into the tournament.

Marcus Jackson is a senior communications studies major. If you would like to contact him, e-mail him at mjay2107@aol.com

NATIONALS:

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wrestler."

Outside of Robertson and Zimisnki, the only other Panther to win a match at the regional was sophomore Greg Perz (17-14), who took third at 184 pounds, going 2-1 on the day. Perz lost his first match of the day 11-3 but came back with two wins in the wrestle backs.

Of the seven wrestlers that went to the Regional for the Panther's six of them were underclassmen.

"This kind of competition prepares them for success down the road," McCausland said. "They have to realize that."

"You have to give it to (Jason) Sherko. He's been wrestling all year with basically one shoulder," McCausland said. "He deserves a badge of honor."

McCausland said the Panthers will take a couple days off after the long weekend and will have about six days of hard practice before the opening of the NCAA Championships March 17.

HAUNTED:

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will also help the team recover from the loss of sophomore Ryan Blankenkaker. Blankenkaker, who was expected to contribute and pick up some points at number four singles, has been out all season with kidney stones. This has led to other members of the team to step up their respective games.

"Injuries are definitely hurting us this year," Holzgrafe said. "It has been a struggle trying to make up for his loss and still be competitive."

Freshman walk-on Kevin Arndt has stepped up into Blankenkaker's role, suffering setbacks along the way but showing improvement.

"The work that the younger guys are getting now will definitely benefit in the years to come," Holzgrafe said.

The youth that is on the team this year is

evident, as LeVaque has taken on more of a leadership role with the team.

"The other guys look at me and see what I'm doing," LeVaque said. "I'm working with (Holzgrafe) on my offensive game, and it's getting better and better."

The season begun with high hopes in improving upon their third place finish at the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, but Holzgrafe feels now that it will be a struggle to qualify for the postseason.

"We're moving up the competition ladder as the season goes on, but we still have a long way to go," Holzgrafe said.

LeVaque still feels that the season can be a success.

"I've had high expectations all year," LeVaque said. "Everybody has stepped up their games and are trying real hard."

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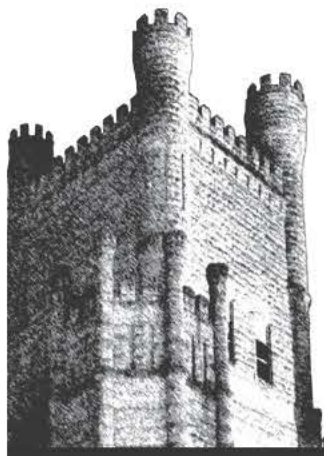
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	WOMEN'S TENNIS AT IUPUI	2:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	BASEBALL AT ARKANSAS	3:00 p.m.
	INDOOR TRACK & FIELD AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	through 3/12
SATURDAY	WRESTLING AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL	All Day
	WOMEN'S TENNIS AT MISSOURI	2:00 p.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



DIGGING IN

MARCUS JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

Loss much needed by Illinois

Before Sunday's loss to the Ohio State Buckeyes, I was one of those saying that the No. 1 Fighting Illini didn't need a loss before entering post-season play.

But after watching an uninspired bunch fall to the Buckeyes on Sunday, I think a loss is just what the doctor ordered.

You can blame it on the Sports Illustrated jinx or just flat out being out played, but in the long run, this loss will refocus the Illini, and prepare them for the next 10 games they'll need to win to capture the National Championship.

Head coach Bruce Weber said after the game that he had run out of pre-game motivation for his players and had hoped they could get themselves up for the game.

That didn't happen, so Weber, along with the rest of the Illini faithful, are looking at the loss as a blessing in disguise.

The question now isn't how the Illini lost, but more importantly, critics want to know how they'll respond.

You can bet that Weber will get on the team this week in practice before the Big Ten Tournament this weekend in Chicago.

He's going to get on the Illini for getting away from what had gotten them to where they were before Sunday's game. Weber pointed out that they didn't make the extra pass like they had been doing all season and questioned some of the shot selections. In fact, he said that every player had taken a questionable shot at some point during the game.

The fact of the matter is, I would not want to be Northwestern or Michigan come Friday morning in Chicago.

Northwestern has already been embarrassed by Illinois this season, falling 84-48 in Champaign, and that was when they weren't mad. Now Northwestern will have to play the Illini coming off a loss that ruined their perfect season - good luck Wildcats.

Then there is Michigan, who took Illinois to the wire last month in Ann Arbor, Mich. Illinois won't need to be reminded about that, and will come out

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WRESTLING

Eastern duo earns pass to nationals

Two Panthers qualify for NCAA Championships

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's sophomore 174-pounder Kenny Robertson and senior heavyweight Pete Ziminski fell just short of taking first at Saturday's NCAA Wrestling West Regional at Fresno State, but each took second place, qualifying him for a trip to the NCAA Championships in St. Louis.

Robertson (34-10) and Ziminski (17-10) each went 1-1 on the day but could have taken the top spot at the tournament, Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said.

"I think they were both excited (to qualify) but disappointed they didn't take first," McCausland said. "The officiating was horrible.

"But you have to put that aside."

Robertson lost 7-4 in the finals to No. 8 Eric Hauan of Northern Iowa and got off to a rough start after a questionable call on a potentially dangerous play put him down 4-0 early in the match.

"If you take that away, it would have been a much different match," McCausland said.

Ziminski lost 3-2 in the finals to Fresno's Clint Walbeck, and once again, Eastern was slowed down by questionable calls.

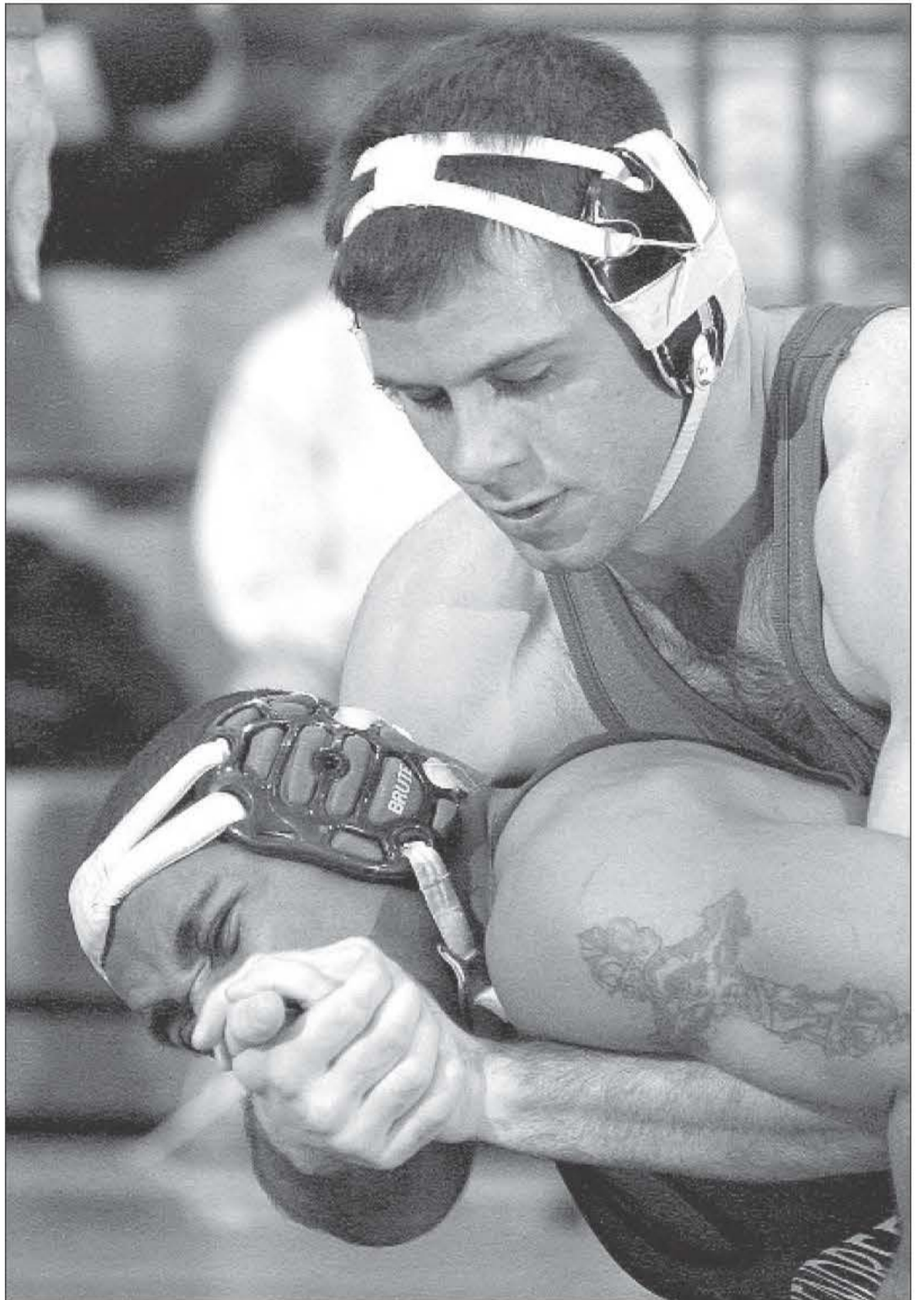
"Pete got a takedown in the first the ref didn't call," McCausland said. "Even the Fresno coach was surprised."

Robertson and Ziminski each breezed through the first round of the regional, winning 8-4 and 8-2 respectively.

Last year, Robertson and Ziminski each took third at the regional and just missed out on a trip to the NCAA Championships. Ziminski was slated as the top alternate for the heavyweight division but never got the call that would have put him there.

"I think that was in the back of both of their minds," McCausland said. "(Going to the NCAA Championships) is a goal of every

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STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Kenny Robertson wrestles against McKendree freshman Justin Blackburn in the 174 pound match Jan. 23 in Lantz Arena.

MEN'S TENNIS

Panthers haunted by Blue Demons

Eastern swept by DePaul 7-0

BY MATT DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

Facing a tough opponent in nationally ranked DePaul, Eastern dropped this past Saturday's match against the Blue Demons 7-0.

"DePaul is a bit better team than us," sophomore Chuck LeVaque said. "It is a really deep team that is hard to compete against."

LeVaque competed at number one

singles but dropped a close 6-4, 6-4 match to DePaul's Mark Henderson. LeVaque came out with the only close match of the weekend, as the rest of the matches were a bit lopsided.

Eastern head coach Brian Holzgrafe, who was not with the team this weekend, this match will help the team in the long run.

"The team keeps getting competitive as the year progresses," Holzgrafe said. "This year was going to be a tough year, as we lost a couple kids to graduation."

With its record at 3-7 overall now,

"DePaul is a bit better team than us. It is really deep team that is hard to compete against."

CHUCK LAVAQUE, SOPHOMORE

the team is looking forward to Spring Break when it can get some work done in Pensacola, Fla.

"The week off will be well-needed. The warm weather will help us, as we have not been able to get outside much because of the cold weather," Holzgrafe said.

Although the team will be in sunny

Florida, this does not mean the week will be full of relaxing and enjoying the nice weather.

"The team gets in quality work down there, having two practices a day and working extremely hard," Holzgrafe said.

The week off from competition

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