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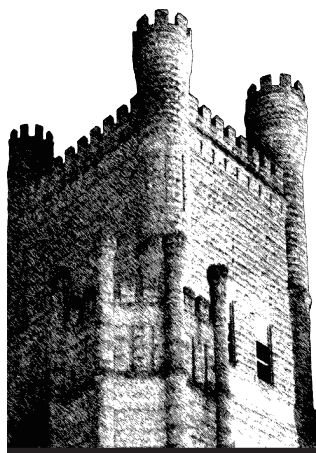
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## A vision of Doudna



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A rendition of the finished Doudna Fine Arts Center.

*Medal-winning designer speaks about building*

BY NYSSA PERKINS  
STAFF REPORTER

People gathered at the Tarble Arts Center Atrium Wednesday to hear architect Antoine Predock express his ideas for the design of the new Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Predock has received the 2006 Gold Medal from the American Institute of Architects.

He showed images of previous designs to capture the audience.

One picture included a fine arts center where light reflected throughout the building creating intricate patterns on its walls.

"I'm anxious to see how this new building will come (out)," said June Krutza of Charleston.

Predock is an architect whose work reflects the heart and the spirit of nature.

"I've never seen designs like (that)," said Brent Pegues, a sophomore elementary education major. "There was so much detail."

Predock pointed out that human activity is the realm between the earth and the sky.

"His work is phenomenal. It's mind boggling," said David Wolski a professor of the theatre arts department. "He is extremely talented."

When approaching this assignment, Predock made a collage of texts and photographs of poets that commented on the



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Antoine Predock, architect of the new Doudna Fine Arts Building, speaks about his plans for the new building. Predock, who has won the 2006 American Institute of Architects Gold Medal, plans on making the building a central hub not only for the fine arts students, but also an attraction where all Eastern students can gather.**

Charleston area.

"Your building should embody the memory of life," Predock said referring to the new Doudna Fine Arts Center. "It should be a

marvelous intriguing destination that draws you in like a trap."

The Doudna Fine Arts Center is estimated to open in Fall 2007.

## Tax breaks to benefit downtown

BY SHARON TUTTLE  
STAFF REPORTER

Charleston's Tax Increment Funding has helped to improve the conditions in downtown Charleston for over 13 years.

The TIF fund is a tax increment used to restore and repair Charleston businesses and city infrastructure in the area surrounding the square known as the "TIF District." Money for the fund is raised through increasing the sales tax or increasing the assessed value of property located in the TIF district. City Planner Jeff Finley said the amount of money available in the fund varies from year to year, ranging from \$3,500 to \$200,000 and is generated and distributed within the TIF district only.

Businesses interested in applying to receive money from the TIF fund must submit applications to a committee comprised of individuals living within the TIF district. The committee evaluates the applications to determine whether a grant, a loan, or both should be awarded. The committee is then required to hold a public hearing that is followed by their recommendation to the city council of what businesses should receive funding.

Finley said that businesses that have recently been approved for funding include Jackson Avenue Coffee receiving roughly \$5,500 for flooring and wall repairs, Roc's Black Front receiving around \$40,000 for repairs on the north wall of the building, and Mother's receiving \$5,000 for a new awning. Roughly \$200,000 was also allocated for public improvements including sidewalk and parking lot repairs and the addition of new

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## Mission under revision

*First draft is available on the University Newsletter*

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD  
SENIOR REPORTER

The University Mission Statement is under a process of modification and review, said Patricia Fewell, chair of the secondary education and foundations department.

"The mission statement exists to explain what Eastern Illinois University is all about," said President Lou Hencken. "It is our Magna Carta, Constitution or Bill of Rights."

When the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools visited Eastern last spring to evaluate the university for reaccreditation, members mentioned that university officials might want to look at the mission statement, Hencken said.

The mission statement hasn't been changed since 1993.

Hencken then asked the Council of University Planning and Budget as well as the vice presidents, faculty members and the Office of External Relations to review the mission statement and make suggestions, Fewell said.

The suggestions were discussed at President's Council.

"The changes are not changing every word, and they are not leaving every word the same," Hencken said. "I think it will end somewhere in the middle."

Then a subcommittee, headed by Mary Ann Hanner, the dean of sciences, was formed with the goal to update the mission statement if necessary, said William Weber, associate vice president for academic affairs. A proposal was then created to attain feedback from the campus.

The committee's purposed changes have now been posted for campus wide review on the CUPB Web site. A link to this can be found on the April 11 University Newsletter. The current mission statement and proposed changes are posted under the additional information link.

Suggested additions include referring to Eastern as "a public comprehensive university."

The university "fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences within a student-centered campus culture."

The proposal also suggests removing "strives to create an educational and cultural environment."

"The suggested changes are more statements of what we already do than goals for the future," Hencken said.

## Bush statement on WMD in Iraq based on intelligence that was later debunked

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The White House faced new questions Wednesday about President Bush's contention three years ago that weapons of mass destruction had been found in Iraq.

The Washington Post reported that a Pentagon-sponsored team of experts determined in May 2003 that two small trailers were not used to make biological weapons. Yet two days after the team sent its findings to Washington in a classified report, Bush declared just the opposite.

"We have found the weapons of mass destruction," Bush said in an interview with a Polish TV station. "We found biological laboratories."

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said Wednesday that Bush was relying

on information from the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency when he said the trailers seized after the 2003 invasion were mobile biological laboratories. That information was later discredited by the Iraq Survey Group in its 2004 report.

The CIA and DIA publicly issued an assessment one day after the Pentagon team's report arrived in Washington that said U.S. officials were confident that the trailers were used to produce biological weapons. The assessment said the mobile facilities represented "the strongest evidence to date that Iraq was hiding a biological warfare program."

McClellan said it was unclear

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**KATEY MITCHELL**  
SOPHOMORE  
JOURNALISM MAJOR

**“The movie has enough darkness and intrigue that it can rival most ... dramas”**

First movie on my list is “Memoirs of a Geisha.” This movie is by far one of the better movies I have seen in a while. Slightly bordering on stalker territory, a girl becomes a geisha in order to be near the man she loves.



**ERIC HILTNER**  
FRESHMAN  
JOURNALISM MAJOR

**“BTW, none of the people I no LOL as much as they say they LOL.”**

OMG, I almost LMFAO last nite when I was chatting with 1 of my BFFs online. ROTFL Bcuz of all the acronyms they were using...

## THREE WHEELS AND JOY



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Outside the EIU Child Development Laboratory, 4-year-old Rebecca rides a tricycle while playing in the warm spring weather Wednesday afternoon.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Chance storms	Partly cloudy

## WTF?

# Utah school books wrong Jon Stewart

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OGDEN, Utah – An embarrassed charter school has discovered it booked the wrong Jon Stewart for its annual gala. The DaVinci Academy thought it had made a deal with comedian Jon Stewart, star of “The Daily Show” and host of this year’s Academy Awards, to appear next week.

It sent out 500 invitations to businesses and planned for 900 people.

But last week, it learned that it had booked Jon A. Stewart, a former motivational speaker, businessman and part-time professional wrestler from Chicago.

School leaders said that earlier in the year they had sent out invitations to a number of celebrities,

speakers and authors for the school’s annual benefit dinner.

A Stewart had responded, and through months of discussion there was no indication that they had not booked the Stewart they wanted, officials said.

But last week the Standard-Examiner in Ogden called Jon Stewart’s publicist in Beverly Hills, and found that the only place Stewart was scheduled to be the night of the gala was on “The Daily Show.”

DaVinci leaders were informed of that fact Friday.

“It’s been a whirlwind ... but the community has really rallied around with support,” said Debbie Legge, president of the school’s board of directors.

## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

# Indiana ranks 49th in preventing pregnancy

BY KRISTI OLOFFSON

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT (INDIANA U.)

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – A recent survey ranked each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia by its efforts to prevent unintended pregnancies. Indiana placed 49th, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

Six million pregnancies occur among American women each year, according to the institute. Of those, half of them are unintended. In fact, the United States has one of the highest rates of unplanned pregnancy in the world.

Cynthia Dailard, leading author of the Guttmacher study, said there are many things Indiana is not doing to keep up with other states in preventing unintended pregnancies. The study looks at how each state performed in two different areas: laws and policies as well as

service availability and public funding, she said.

The Guttmacher researchers found that only half of Indiana’s counties have a family planning clinic – well below the national average.

In addition, Indiana spends only \$70 per “woman in need” per year, while the national average is \$79. The study defined “woman in need” as both women younger than 20 who need contraceptive services and supplies, as well as women of ages 20 to 44 who need publicly funded contraceptive services and supplies and have a family income level that is below the federal poverty level. Some states are spending as much as \$183 per woman in need, such as South Carolina.

Finally, Indiana has not enacted proactive laws designed to facilitate access to family-planning services

for women. While 23 other states have required private insurance plans to cover contraceptives, Indiana has not done so.

“Clearly, Indiana can do better,” Dailard said. “Most other states – many with equally strained budgets – are spending more dollars per woman in need of contraceptives services on an annual basis than does Indiana.”

That’s not to say Indiana is doing nothing at all. The study showed Indiana’s teenage pregnancy rate has declined by 22 percent between 1992 and 2000. Furthermore, funding has increased 200 percent from 1994 to 2001. In 2005, the state legislature directed the state to apply to the federal government for a waiver, so that Indiana could provide more women, including those with higher incomes, with family planning through Medicaid.

## EARLY HEADLINES



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## CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday’s issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, former Sen. Joseph McCarthy was misidentified in an article on page 3. *The DEN* regrets the error.

Magdalen Hsu-Li will speak to students

and faculty on “Raising Awareness in Communities and Ourselves” tonight in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The date was incorrect in Wednesday’s issue of *The Daily Eastern News*. *The DEN* regrets the error.



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# Real-life sisters share sorority bond

By JESSICA CANTARELLI  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Michelle, Alicia and Nicole Wroblewski were already biological sisters, but when they all joined Alpha Phi sorority, they found themselves sharing another type of sisterhood bond.

Michelle, the oldest of five sisters, was the first to join Eastern's chapter of Alpha Phi and her younger sister, Alicia, an Eastern graduate of 2005, decided to follow in her footsteps.

"I went in with an open mind, and thought I fit in perfectly with Alpha Phi," Alicia said. "You have to go (through recruitment) with an open mind because even though you're sisters, you might have different preferences."

The next year, another Wroblewski joined the sorority. Nicole, 18 months younger than Alicia, joined Alpha Phi as a freshman, and Michelle was already graduated and student teaching in the area.

Alicia and Nicole both think a lot of the ideals and morals Alpha Phi is founded upon was part of what made them join.

"Alpha Phi believes in friendship and loyalty and all the ideals and characteristics of a true woman," Nicole said. "Our philanthropy is cardiac care, which is coincidental because Alicia,

**"I will always look back on my sorority experience with my sisters and be happy."**

Alicia WROBLEWSKI, ALPHA PHI

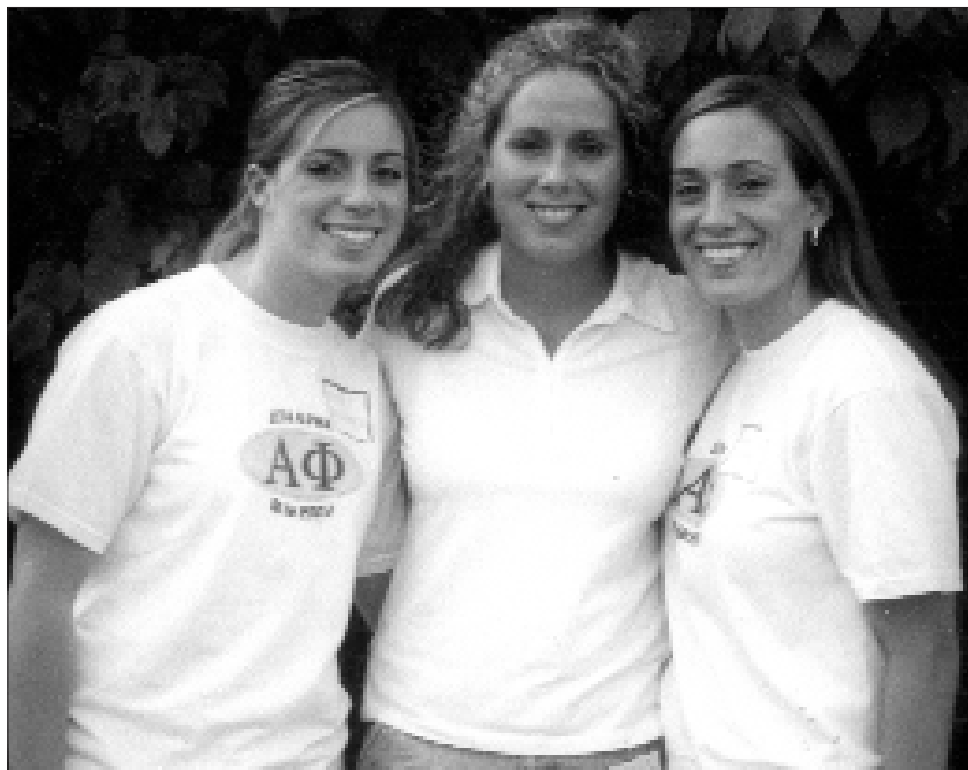
when she was in college, developed a rare type of heart disease so it feels good when we're doing a philanthropy event. It makes me feel good to go out there giving all this time and money and effort to cardiac care to foundation because we can relate to it as a whole."

At one point in time, all three sisters held executive positions in the chapter.

"Michelle was our adviser, I was the chapter president, and Nicole was the vice president," Alicia said. "We never butt heads and we took leadership roles and stepped it up and got the job done."

Nicole and Alicia agree that belonging to a sorority has created a better bond between them as well as creating a bond within their chapter.

"I will always look back on my sorority experience with my sisters and be happy," Alicia said. "It was just so exciting doing things together and having that time."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Michelle, Alicia and Nicole Wroblewski, real-life sisters, have turned their college years into a bonding experience through sorority involvement.

## Stolen items in dining centers cost big bucks for university

By AMANDA DUGAN  
STAFF REPORTER

Flyers are posted around the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court stating that stolen items such as trays and silverware have cost more than \$600.

The signs are posted to encourage students to only use trays if needed and to please not walk away with trays or other items from the union or dining halls.

Dining halls reuse silverware, glasses and trays, and when items come up missing, they need to

be exchanged. Every year, Housing and Dining Services have to replace items stolen from the year and use budgeted money, which could be allocated to other areas.

"The money comes from a budget (included in room and board fees) and we have to replace the trays with the money that couldn't be spent on more services or other areas," said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

Dining services' flexibility allows students to carry out food with Styrofoam containers and/or bags and more often than not, items don't come back.

Housing and dining is using the flyer to make people aware that the items stolen add up and must be replaced.

"A tray here or there is not the end of the world," Hudson said.

But when the trays add up, so does the cost for replacing them. The \$600 loss is only from stolen trays this year and does not include silverware, cups and other items such as salt and pepper shakers, which also come up missing from the residence halls.

Christina Szmurlo, a freshman special education major, works for the Carman Dining

Center and has seen the various methods students have in order to save an extra dollar or two by stealing from the dining center.

"One time, a kid filled up a half gallon of milk," Szmurlo said. "A manager caught him and said he could leave it or drink it, and he drank it all."

Szmurlo said it is not uncommon for students to take fruit with them in their bags or take a piece of silverware every now and then.

"If you can get away with it, you could have a whole 12-piece dinner set in your room by the end of the semester, not that I'm encouraging that," she said.

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### COMMENTARY



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## CAN I TAKE YOUR BORDER?

The Immigration Reform Bill that would give illegal immigrants a chance for citizenship failed to pass on Friday. The bill was not only absurd but also unrealistic. Not to mention the fact that enforcing the bill would have been another game of hide and seek as Americans have already played trying to find the weapons of mass destruction.

The bill focused on being a gateway to citizenship for more than 7 million illegal immigrants. As hopeful as it may have sounded for illegal immigrants to have the chance of a life documented on paper in the United States, the terms and conditions were outrageous.

The government would first have to seek out the illegal immigrants if the initial hope of them coming forward backfired. Why would it backfire though if they were going to be guaranteed citizenship? It could only backfire because of the amount of wealth the 11-12 million illegal immigrants in the United States already lack.

**"It's not just the fact that America's economy is hurting from illegal immigration, but the fear of possible terrorists crossing over the borders as well."**

The government would first have to seek out the illegal immigrants if the initial hope of them coming forward backfired. Why would it backfire though if they were going to be guaranteed citizenship? It could only backfire because of the amount of wealth the 11-12 million illegal immigrants in the United States already lack.

Illegal immigrants who have

lived in the country for more than two years would be expected to pay back-taxes and a fine which would only just start their process of becoming a naturalized citizen.

How are illegal immigrants going to pay to start the process? They don't have much money and many get paid under the table.

Sending back the illegal immigrants who can't pay their debt isn't the answer. What about the illegal immigrants who gave birth in America?

Their children are now American citizens. Does the government send the parents back? What about the children? America doesn't kick out their own citizens.

The government needs not to worry about the fines and who's here now. That's an impossible task. The government needs to fix the problem by closing the borders.

Not just close the Mexican border, but the Canadian border as well. Where is the fairness of only closing our southern border? Where is the full protection? It's not just the fact that America's economy is hurting by illegal immigration, but the fear of possible terrorists crossing over the borders as well. If 11-12 million foreigners can crossover illegally, who's to say a terrorist couldn't walk right in. Maybe they already have.

Our borders need to be guarded by either soldiers or protected by a wall. The country wouldn't be closing itself off from the world, but rather protecting itself from the inevitable problems that occur with an unguarded border.

We don't need a wall or border patrol for the sake of our jobs, economy and society. Yes, some Americans are losing jobs to illegal immigrants. Yes, the money we're paying illegal immigrants to work is being distributed to Mexico's economy and not ours. And yes we've had to make changes to facilitate their assimilation into our society; Spanish signs, hiring bilingual employees, federal grants to help children learn the English language and an all Spanish McDonalds. We need a wall or border patrol for the sake of our safety.

Humane justice built America. Immigrants made America. Sending back the illegal immigrants isn't the answer to the country's problem. Closing the borders and not letting anymore in is.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY LAURA GRIFFITH



### EDITORIAL

## Berger and Rogers fit the bill

For the spring student government elections, *The Daily Eastern News* editorial board endorses Andrew Berger for the position of student executive vice president and Cole Rogers for the position of student vice president for student affairs.

Berger, who is already serving as student executive vice president, is by far more experienced and more qualified than his opponent, Amanda Raz.

Berger's campaign focuses on continuing to make strong gains with the lobbying efforts of the Student Action Team. The team has become an effective tool in advancing Eastern's interests in Springfield. In addition, Berger's efforts to create a statewide student lobbying organization has put Eastern at the center of higher education issues in the state.

Raz, who admits to being asked to run at the last minute, is out of her depth and does not have the experience necessary to take over Eastern's second-highest student government position.

Her platform involves aiming to fix parking and vague accusations that the Student Action Team members are more interested in networking than working for students.

She has proposed a parking garage (President Lou Hencken has already said the multi-million dollar cost of such a project makes it impossible), making sure that the university does not raise tuition for students for four years after they enroll (it can't, there is a state law

#### At issue

The candidates for student executive vice president and student vice president for student affairs.

#### Our stance

We chose to endorse Andrew Berger to keep his position of student executive vice president because he has the experience and the willingness to pursue tough goals. We endorse Cole Rogers for student vice president for student affairs because he seems able to continue what past vice presidents have done.

preventing it) and improving parking for Greek Court (without any details as to how).

Parking is a problem. But the university has already put a large amount of time and effort into the issue, and it is difficult to believe that student government can be the savior.

For the student affairs position, Rogers' time on the senate makes him qualified. The position requires not so much new ideas, but instead the ability to continue the ongoing administration of Pantherpalooza.

Rogers is another strong proponent of the pipe dream that is RSO funding, but that seems to be pervading all of the candidates on both sides.

He is proposing a volunteer work center that would help connect groups looking to do public service to those in need of services. This idea could work well if implemented.

Austen Williams is clearly passionate about the position, and he would probably adapt to the job if given the opportunity. His emphasis on diversity would certainly improve student government. However, he is simply reaching

for too much, too soon in going for an executive board position this semester against the highly qualified Rogers.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### COLUMN DOESN'T APPRECIATE THE "AMERICAN DREAM"

In response to the April 6 column by Matt Poli, I would urge the writer to do more research on a subject he is attempting to write about.

The United States economy is not harmed by illegal immigrants. He claims that immigrants are crossing the border to have "anchor babies," costing tax payers money for their welfare/healthcare costs. Wal-Mart employs nearly 1,000,000 legal citizens, and 60 percent of its workforce uses government healthcare, or worse, does without. Illegal immigrants make up 5 percent of

the workforce, where 77 percent of those work in construction, service occupations, production and repair, transportation (moving), and farming, all jobs being non-skilled labor.

If being content as a hotel janitor or airport baggage sorter (no offense to those in the profession), after earning a bachelor's degree, then dropout now, you can get those jobs without a degree. Majority of economists believe that illegal immigrants only harm the least skilled of Americans, those who didn't take the time to get a high school education.

I feel most Americans need to take a les-

son in work ethic from these immigrants. Immigrants from Mexico risk their life coming to America to pursue the "American Dream," where most of the people doing the complaining about them would rather stay unemployed than do the jobs these immigrants do, even for good pay and benefits, simply because they are hard labor.

If Americans would step up, complete their education and move forward with our job industry, they would realize the job market is vast.

**BRANDON DOHMAN**

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# Veteran shares tales as World War II POW

BY JENNI FAULKNER  
STAFF REPORTER

Charlie Dukes, a World War II veteran, shared stories Wednesday of how he survived in Russian camps during the war with only one meal a day and no clean clothes.

Not only has he spent years telling his stories and collecting vintage memorabilia from his days in the war, but he recently wrote a book for his children telling the stories of his time overseas titled "Good Morning - But the Nightmares Never End."

This phrase over time has become the beginning of most of his lectures at schools he's visited to share his tales of being on the run during WWII.

In one story he recalled a time when only his faith in God could protect him.

"If the good Lord will let me see sunlight once more, I'll say good morning every day," Dukes said after explaining how, to this day, he still says good morning when he wakes.

He also told stories from before he was captured when he and his fellow soldiers survived the treacherous walks from village to village.

"A little girl with tears streaming down her face wrapped her arms around me," Dukes recalled. The little

girl said to him, "Yank, I want to thank you. Tonight will be the first night I can sleep in my bed safely in four years."

He then went on to explain how moments like that reminded him why he was doing what he was doing and inspired him to keep on going.

Throughout his time in the war he escaped many times only to be captured and brought back.

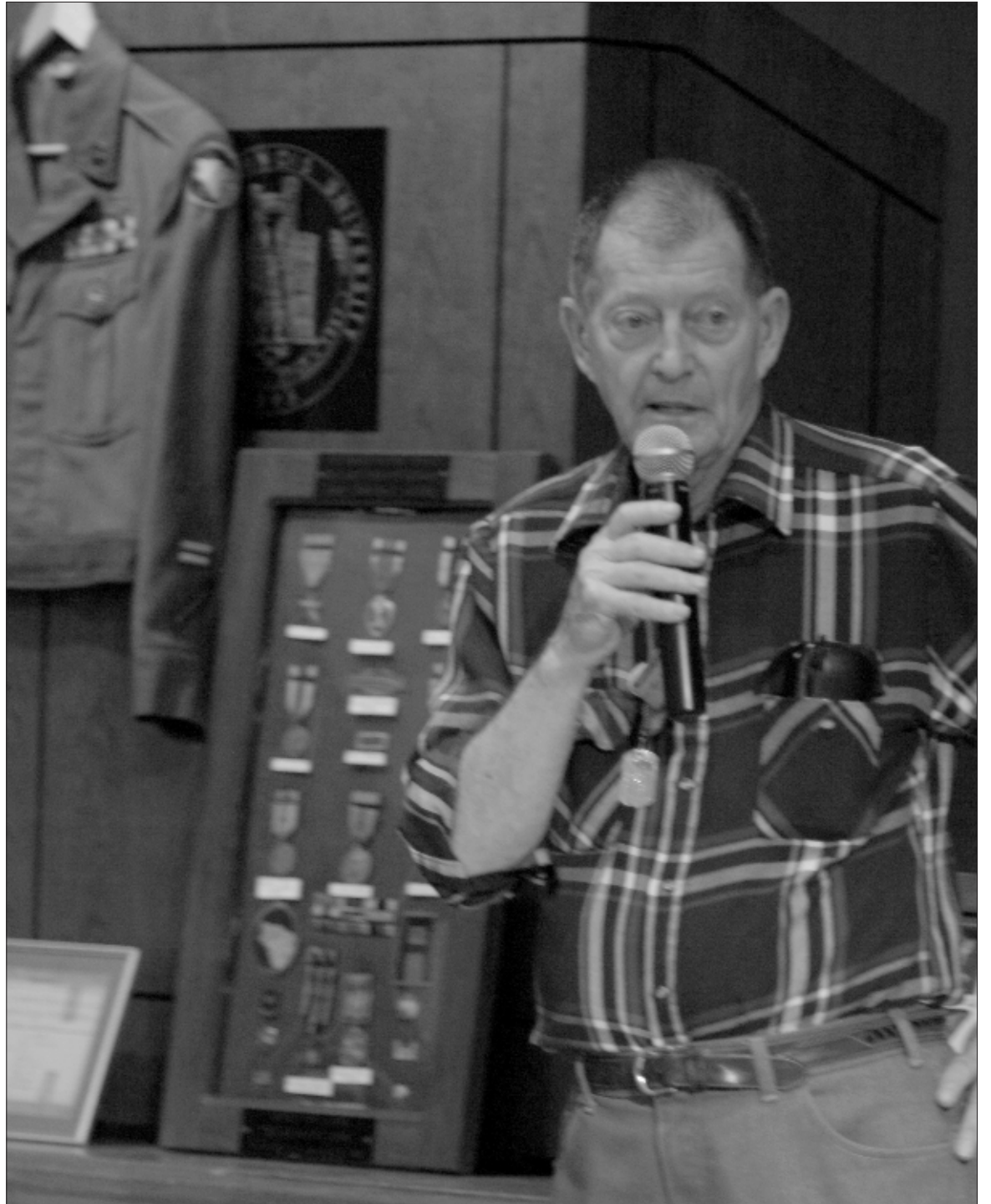
Time and time again he made his break and with luck and the help of people along the way, he was finally able to escape from the camp, but only after the war was finished.

After years of being away from home and having no contact with family members, he made the long voyage back to America, but with many stops all over Europe.

"I always thought if he went back (to Europe) he would see that everything was put back together and then the nightmares would stop," said his wife, Gracie Dukes.

Josh Studzinski, a freshman business management major, appreciated Dukes' stories that he shared with nearly 40 people in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"He made you realize how life could have been and to not take things for granted," Studzinski said.



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Charlie Dukes, World War II veteran and POW, stands in front of a display of his medals, which include the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, while speaking in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday evening.

## Daily Eastern News selects new staff for Fall 2006

STAFF REPORT

The Daily Eastern News has completed its interviewing process and has selected its editors and reporters for the fall semester.

The new editors and reporters will take over The Daily Eastern News on Monday.

Kyle Mayhugh will take over as



KYLE MAYHUGH  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

editor in chief.

Amy Simpson will be taking over the position of managing editor.

The photo staff will be Jay Grabiec as the photo editor, with Eric Hiltner as associate photo editor.

The news editor position will be filled by Sarah Whitney.

New to the DEN this year are paid reporting positions. These

include Cathy Bayer, senior campus reporter; David Thill, senior city reporter; Ashley Rueff, senior university reporter; Nicole Milstead, campus reporter; Jim Allocco, education reporter; and Kristina Peters, activities reporter.

The staff for On The Verge will consist of Holly Mohr as Verge editor, and Matt Poli as associate Verge



AMY SIMPSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

editor. Michael Peterson will be the paid Verge reporter.

The sports staff this semester will be sports editor Matt Daniels, associate sports editor Marco Santana and sports reporter Matthew Stevens.

The online editor will remain Nora Maberry, and the opinions page editor will be graduate assistant Holly Henschen.

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**BUSH:**

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*Evidence supporting WMDs proved false*

whether officials at the White House were aware of the contradictory field report when Bush repeated the claim in the television interview.

"If and when the White House became aware of this particular issue, I'm looking into that matter," McClellan said. "The White House has asked the CIA and the DIA to go and look into that issue."

The Post did not say that Bush knew what he was saying was false. But ABC News did during a report on "Good Morning America," and McClellan demanded an apology and an on-air retraction. ABC News said later in a clarification on its Web site that Charles Gibson had erred. McClellan said he had received an apology.

"This is nothing more than rehashing an old issue that was resolved long ago," McClellan said. "I cannot count how many times the president has said the intelligence was wrong."

"The intelligence community makes the assessment," he said. "The White House is not the intelligence-gathering agency."

CIA spokeswoman Jennifer Dyck declined to speak specifically about the classified field report but said in general that producing a finished intelligence report takes time, coordination, debate and vetting.

"This is not a fast process, especially when dealing with complex issues," she said. "It is not typically something that happens in a matter of hours."

The trailers — along with aluminum tubes acquired by Iraq for what was believed to be a nuclear weapons program — were primary pieces of evidence offered by the Bush administration before the war to support its contention that Iraq was making weapons of mass destruction.

Intelligence officials and the White House have repeatedly denied claims that intelligence was exaggerated or manipulated in the months before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003. The Iraq Survey Group concluded in 2004 that there was no evidence that Iraq produced weapons of mass destruction after 1991.

# Al-Qaida figure urges support for Iraqi insurgents in video

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — No. 2 al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri praised insurgents in Iraq, particularly Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and called on all Muslims to support them in a video posted Thursday on the Internet.

The video was dated with an Islamic month corresponding to November 2005 — and al-Zawahri mentions an Oct. 23 earthquake that hit Pakistan and Afghanistan. But it appeared to be the first time the 28-minute video has been made public.

It was not clear why the video was not released soon after the date it was allegedly filmed. Al-Zawahri has appeared in at least three videotapes filmed since November, all of them aired on the Al-Jazeera news network. Thursday's video was posted on a Web forum used by Islamic militants to issue public statements and videos.

Reached Wednesday evening, two U.S. counterterrorism officials declined immediate comment.

## Iran says it's moving toward large-scale uranium enrichment

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran intends to enrich uranium on a scale hundreds of times larger than its current level, the country's deputy nuclear chief said Wednesday, signaling its resolve to expand a program the international community insists it halt.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday that Iran for the first time had succeeded on a small scale in enriching uranium, a key step in generating fuel for a reactor or fissile material for a bomb. The U.N. Security Council has demanded that Iran stop all enrichment activity because of suspicions the program's aim is to make weapons.

Iran's small-scale enrichment used 164 centrifuges, which spin uranium gas to increase its proportion of the isotope needed for the nuclear fission at the heart of a nuclear reactor or a bomb.

Deputy Nuclear Chief Mohammad Saeedi said Iran has informed the International Atomic Energy Agency that it plans to install 3,000 centrifuges at its facility in the central town of Natanz by late 2006, then expand to 54,000 centrifuges, though he did not say when.

## Jetliner bound for Dublin diverted to Scottish airport in bomb scare

LONDON — Fighter jets escorted a commercial plane carrying 172 people to an airport in Scotland on Wednesday after a passenger passed the captain a note saying there was a bomb on board, and the plane landed safely, authorities said.

Ryanair Flight FR25, a Boeing 737 en route from Paris to Dublin, Ireland, was escorted to Glasgow's Prestwick Airport, which was closed for about two hours while army explosives experts searched the plane. No bomb was found, Strathclyde police said.

The 167 passengers and five crew were safely escorted off the plane and questioned at the airport, police said.

During the scare, four aircraft scheduled to land at Prestwick were diverted to other airports.

Strathclyde Assistant Chief Constable John Neilson told a news conference that a passenger had handed a note written on a page of a magazine to the pilot, which claimed a bomb had been hidden underneath a seat on the aircraft.

Neilson said police were trying to establish if the passenger had written the note or innocently discovered it. He said officers made no arrests.

## TAX BREAKS:

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streetlights.

Evan Kubicek, manger of Jackson Avenue Coffee, said that money from the TIF Fund has helped the coffee shop to expand by adding an extra back room to the business allowing for more

space and a larger crowd at the open mic nights held regularly at the store.

"TIF funds were great and allowed us to double the size of the store," Kubicek said.

Finley said that the TIF fund expires in December of 2009, and the committee has yet to determine whether or not enough money will be available in the future to request a continuation of the project from the state.

## STUDENT SENATE

# Changes to bylaws passed

STAFF REPORT

Student Senate members voted to pass several changes to the Student Government bylaws, and tabled possible bylaw changes to the Apportionment Board and the Student Action Team.

Some changes in the bylaws include requirements for senate members while in office and summer procedures.

Jillian Ruddy, student vice president for business affairs, said the Apportionment Board bylaws haven't been revised since 1997 and most of the revision involves rewording.

Student Executive Vice President Andrew Berger said he has been looking over the Student Action Team bylaws for three weeks and the purpose of the bylaw changes is to "sharpen the bylaws to what our mission is."

An item to release money for food and awards at Inauguration was also tabled.

Inauguration will be held at 4:30 p.m. on April 23 in the 1895 Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Union.



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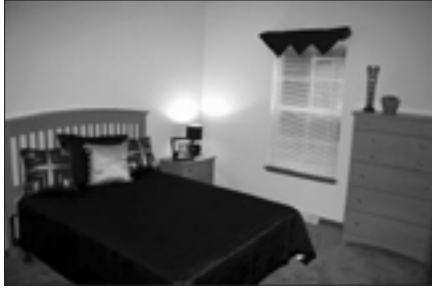
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## WOMEN'S GOLF

# Illini Spring Classic is final tune-up

BY ISRAEL CARRILLO  
STAFF REPORTER

The Illini Spring Classic, which will begin today at Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana, is the Panthers' last chance at getting ready for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

At the Payne Stewart Memorial, the team struggled to a 13th place finish out of 15 teams.

Sophomore Trisha Blake said that the team has worked real hard lately.

"We're doing a lot of drills, especially on our short game" in preparation for the upcoming OVC Tournament, Blake

said.

Blake has been struggling and unable to participate with the team due to poor scores, she said.

At the Payne Stewart Memorial, sophomore Amy Simons led the team with a total of 255, 31 strokes behind the winner.

She finished tied for 39th place out of 65 golfers.

Freshman Carrie Riordan leads the team with a stroke average of 82.8, but she has been inconsistent.

"Carrie is struggling a little bit, but we'll see how she does," said head coach Mike Moncel.

"Carrie is one of our top scorers, but

one person can't carry the team," said sophomore Michelle Deiss.

Moncel said the teams that will be tough to beat come tournament time are Eastern Kentucky and Murray State in the OVC tournament.

But the Panthers have been benefiting from more practice time outdoors because of the improved weather conditions, Moncel said.

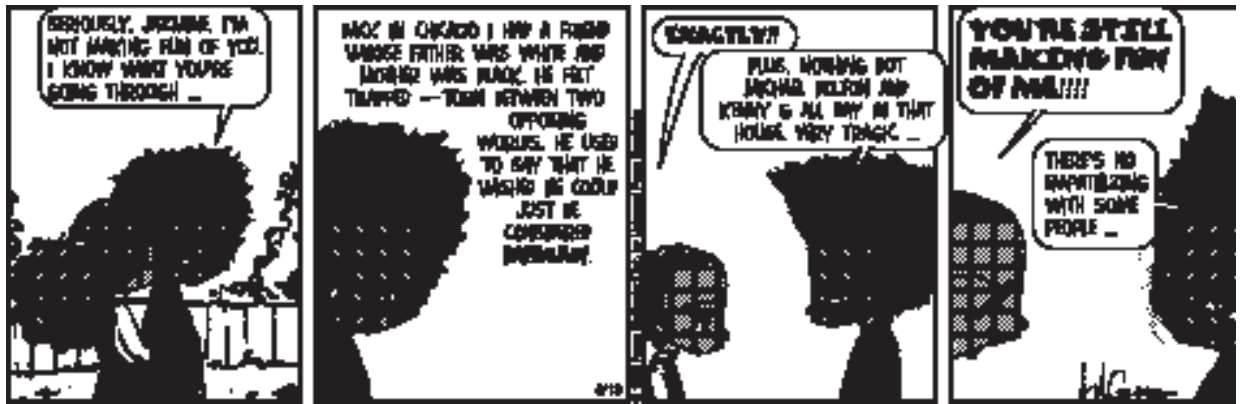
"They are out practicing more now because the weather has been a lot nicer," Moncel said.

Eastern's golfers have lowered their scores and now have six golfers with averages in the 80s.

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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Movement in chorégraphie
  - 5 Crusades tactic
  - 10 Heavyweight champ Willard
  - 14 One best avoided
  - 15 Synthetic fabric
  - 16 "Fear Factor" comments
  - 17 Put one's foot down
  - 18 Women-only affair? (G.K.)
  - 20 Mary's boss on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
  - 22 \_\_\_ Pitman, who invented shorthand
  - 23 Brownish color? (O.S.)
  - 27 Drudges
  - 31 Maternally related
  - 32 Scarers
  - 34 Home sick
  - 35 Card game named for an island
  - 36 Conditions
  - 37 Reason out
  - 39 Brewery wagons? (D.E.)
  - 41 Your left, say? (A.W.)
  - 42 Five-time Super Bowl champs, for short
  - 43 Some batteries
  - 44 Leaky noise
  - 45 Can. province
  - 46 Flexibly snouted mammal
  - 48 Aquarium fish
  - 49 Stall call
  - 51 Smelly heart or kidney? (F.M.)
  - 53 Set one's sights on
  - 55 60's tour site
  - 56 What a Hell's Angel might take? (C.P.)
  - 60 "\_\_\_ your pardon!"
  - 64 False god
  - 65 Sri Lankan language
  - 66 Blue shade
  - 67 With 69-Across, what each set of letters in parentheses represents
  - 68 '54 event on Bikini atoll
  - 69 See 67-Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Late-night party attire, for short
  - 2 Intoxicated
  - 3 Like Bruckner's Symphony No. 7
  - 4 Message not left after the beep?
  - 5 "Here's to you!"
  - 6 Form 1040, line 32 deduction
  - 7 They may have twists
  - 8 Big spout
  - 9 "Lohengrin" soprano
  - 10 Power, slangily
  - 11 Urge (on)
  - 12 "Zip it!"
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  - 26 Punch elicitations
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  - 29 Purplish-red flower
  - 30 Florida university whose mascot is the Hatter
  - 33 Popular ice cream
  - 36 "\_\_\_ doing ..."
  - 38 Winsome
  - 40 \_\_\_ Comics
  - 41 Key
  - 43 Simultaneously
  - 47 Biblical mount
  - 48 Hosp. designation
  - 50 American vintner
  - 52 Bent
  - 54 It's not true
  - 56 "Get \_\_\_!"
  - 57 Flutter
  - 58 Father-and-son White House name
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Puzzle by Patrick Merrell



FOOTBALL SPRING PRACTICE

# Injuries, QB competition highlight spring practices

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern football team is back working toward a better season in 2006, despite missing several key components.

Defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said he wishes some of the Panthers' key defensive pieces were on the practice field more often.

"Things have gone really well, but it's been really frustrating not having some guys out there," he said. "Five or six starters have either missed most of or all of spring ball."

The Panthers have been without defensive backs Ben Brown and Tristan Burge for the entire spring. Linebackers Lucius Seymour and Clint Sellers have also missed extensive practice time because of injury, Bellantoni said.

But the injuries have provided Bellantoni with a chance to see other players get practice reps.

One Panther returning from injury is defensive end Pierre Walters. The 6-foot-5 sophomore is a prime candidate to replace Kory Lothe on the Panthers' defensive line.

Though a hamstring injury slowed Walters down, he's added 20 pounds to get up to 252.

"He's starting to look more and more like Lothe," Bellantoni said.

Coming off a year where the defense dominated so frequently, Bellantoni said it's



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Junior quarterback Mike Donato takes a snap during full-pads practice Wednesday in O'Brien Stadium.

important not to be complacent.

"There's always room for improvement but we led the conference in a bunch of statistical categories," he said. "We had 41 takeaways. It'd be harder to get better in terms of stats, but we're really pushing them to get better."

And with success comes higher expectations. "We're grading them pretty hard," Bellantoni

said. "We're running after practice if they don't meet my expectations, and we've run after every practice."

"We're pushing to try and build on what we did last year. We're not satisfied."

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said the Panthers are not satisfied on offense and are using the spring to tweak some things.

"We're looking to develop some new ideas," Spoo said. "Spring is always the time to be experimental."

"The main focus is to get everybody better at their positions."

One position receiving considerable attention is quarterback.

Mike Donato returns for his junior year after leading the Panthers to an Ohio Valley Conference championship. But his experience doesn't mean he'll be under center when next season starts.

Donato and last year's backup Kyle Kniss are joined by three transfers, all getting practice reps.


Andre Brown (Northern Illinois), Brodie Reeder (Wyoming) and Cole Stinson (Ball State) all have seen time at quarterback.

Spoo said Stinson is the biggest contrast to Donato, giving the Panthers a big, strong-armed quarterback as opposed to Donato's mobility.

"We're not going to make any judgments on that until spring has concluded," Spoo said. "Mike Donato is obviously the most experienced guy back there, but the others are learning."

"The next couple of scrimmages will tell us a good deal about where everyone will be finishing up."

The Eastern offense is missing two key parts. Running back Vincent Webb (ankle) and guard Jon Rueter (shoulder) will miss the entire spring.

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**OVC BRIEF**

# Murray State names Billy Kennedy new head coach

Murray State announced Billy Kennedy as its 14th head coach in program history Wednesday.

Kennedy comes to the Racers after six years as head coach at Southeastern Louisiana.

In 2005, Kennedy led the Lions to the schools' first-ever NCAA tournament and a Southland

Conference title.

Kennedy replaces Mick Cronin, who left Murray on March 25 to become head coach at Cincinnati.

*Brief compiled by Matt Daniels, Associate Sports Editor*

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## Nicknames give way to potential marketing ploys and attitude

That's the other part to nicknames is marketability.

A good nickname can carry a mediocre player a long way (see Harold "Baby Jordan" Miner).

Some of the nicknames have taken on a whole new meaning.

The best example would lie in the name of Terrell "T.O." Owens.

A name like "T.O." has been symbolized as crybaby, selfish and egomaniacal.

No other player will ever take the name "T.O." because of the damage Owens has laid upon it.

So, next time you go to a baseball game, don't be afraid of yelling "Soup."

Just don't expect a spoon.

*Marc Correnti is a junior journalism major. If you would like to give him a nickname, e-mail him at EIU3583@yahoo.com.*

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## Jacoby retires first fourteen hitters in a game one loss

The game one loss overshadowed a strong five innings by freshman Kathleen Jacoby, who retired the first 14 batters she faced.

Schuette had originally planned to only throw Jacoby four innings, but kept her in because she was throwing a perfect game.

"She told me before the game, 'Coach, my ball is wicked out there, it's moving like crazy,'" Schuette said. "For a pitcher to have that sometimes it's fun to see."

Schuette and Jacoby credit her recent stretch of strong pitching because the freshman has regained command of her curveball.

In her last 21 1/3 innings, Jacoby hasn't allowed a run while striking out 16 and surrendering 7 hits.

"She's got so much confidence in herself," Karos said. "It's not like a cocky thing."

"She knows she's out there to do a job and she knows the game so well."

Karos didn't let her errant throw deter her from hitting in the second game.

The Ohio Valley Conference's leading hitter delivered with a 2-for-3 performance, including a solo home run

over the left field fence and two RBIs.

"I was told they had some great hitters," Bradley head coach Buddy Foster said. "I think the even better hit was (Karos) staying back and taking that single to right field earlier in the game."

After freshman Sarah Coppert drove in Adams with an opposite field double to right field to give Eastern a 1-0 lead, Karos went the same way, driving in Coppert.

"We're a right-center power team," Schuette said. "We're not a pull team. I think we got back on the right track today with our hitting."

"It wasn't perfect but it was much better."

Prior to Coppert's run-scoring double, the Panthers had only three runs and 11 hits in their previous 22 innings.

Karos' third home run of the year provided a 3-1 lead and a much-needed insurance run for Eastern.

"I was just thinking contact," Karos said. "It felt really good off the bat. What I've been missing in the last week or so is I feel I haven't gotten that good contact, even on some of my hits. I finally felt that I got the good contact I was looking for."

While Schuette was happy to salvage the split with the Braves, Foster did not share the same thoughts about his team, saying his team lacks the mental focus to be competitive at the Division I level.

"Had they not made the mistake in throwing the ball to third base away, we may have walked out of here swept," he said.

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## Senior keeps cool in jams

"Ashley throws the ball harder than probably the other two (Jacoby and Mackie)," Schuette said. "She's sneaky hard because she's a finesse pitcher and then she zips the ball in there. As long as she gets ahead, she does well."

Schuette said that Condon will give up a hit now and then, but she also has the potential to "make hitters look silly."

Condon said she came into the game looking to limit her walks and maintain her confidence, areas that have plagued her in the past. In her four years, Condon has allowed 92 walks compared to only 39 strikeouts.

"I got ahead of batters better than I usually do and when I had a 3-2 count I didn't automatically walk them," Condon said about her performance.

Senior third baseman Rachel Karos was also impressed with Condon's performance, especially since Condon has had limited work this season.

"She made (Bradley hitters) swing at her pitches and just did a really good job of getting the outs," Karos said.

Condon faced a jam in the top of the fifth, with Brave runners on second and first and two outs and Eastern clinging to a 2-1 lead.

With a 3-2 count on Bradley right-fielder Bethany Till, Condon didn't revert to her old self, striking out Till and maintaining Eastern's lead.

"I know I could do it," Condon said. "I just needed to do it when I'm on the field rather than in practice."

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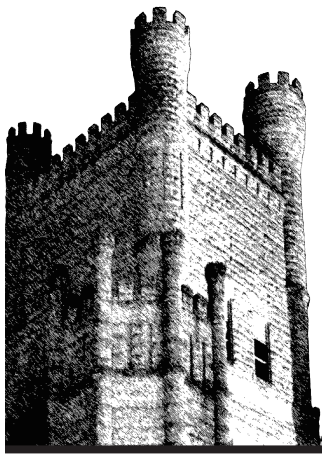
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# SPORTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006

## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	WOMEN'S GOLF AT ILLINI SPRING CLASSIC	All Day
<b>FRIDAY</b>	SOFTBALL AT TENNESSEE STATE (2)	12 p.m.
	<b>BASEBALL VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE (2)</b>	1 p.m.
	W-TENNIS AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	3 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	TRACK & FIELD AT WESTERN ILLINOIS OR PACE SETTERS	All Day

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### THE SIXTH MAN

MARC CORRENTI  
STAFF REPORTER

## Nicknames aren't that complex

During a baseball game at Eastern Illinois, you'll hear "Hube," "Soup" and "Nommi."

To most of the people not familiar with nicknames, these are the nicknames of Erik Huber, Ryan Campbell and Brett Nommensen.

Nicknames are a weird, but necessary part of sports.

With so many first names that are alike, it's easy to get caught up in calling a player by the same name.

But, with nicknames, it makes the game fun and interesting to hear so many variations coming from both dugouts.

In Major League Baseball, many players have received first-name status like Pedro and Nomar.

With so many nicknames, it makes for good entertainment, especially in the cases of games that are over by the third inning.

Some of the nicknames are easy to explain, but as one fan sitting beside me during Wednesday's game against Indiana State said: "Why do they call him 'Soup'?"

After explaining that the reference came from Campbell's Soup, the man who had to be at least in his 70s, said, "Why is that a good nickname?"

To most outside viewers, "Soup" doesn't strike much fear into the opposing team as Stan "Hack" Wilson, but that's not the purpose.

If you can't shorten the player's name like Nommensen's, you have to come up with something clever that leaves an imprint on each player.

"Big Mac" wasn't an intimidating name for Mark McGwire, but it went well with all the promotions that could be done with it.

If Campbell were ever to make it big in the majors, he would already have an endorsement contract lined up. For his sake, he better like soup.

The question has always been what's in a name? Not much when you consider nicknames to be more meaningful.

Take a look at David Ortiz. Almost nobody refers to him as Ortiz, yet by his nickname of "Big Papi." He even has a shirt bearing the nickname.

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## SOFTBALL: EASTERN 0-3, BRADLEY 3-1



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior third baseman Rachel Karos makes a throw to first base during the first game of Wednesday's doubleheader against Bradley University. The Panthers split the series. They lost the first game 0-3 and then rebounded and took the second game 3-1.

# Karos' home run salvages split

## Error in first game leads to loss vs. Bradley

BY MATT DANIELS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

It was a split-second decision.

Throw to first and get the sure out or throw to third and force the lead runner.

Rachel Karos chose the latter and her throw, after a sacrifice bunt by Bradley shortstop Emily Bergeson, sailed a tad left of Chelsea Adams' glove at third base, allowing Emily's sister, Molly, to break the scoreless tie and give Bradley a 1-0 lead in the top of the seventh.

"Get an out and if you can, get the lead runner," said Karos about her

thought process on the play. "If I would have had a better throw, we would have had her. But that's the way it goes."

Bradley ended up scoring two more runs in the inning and held on for a 3-0 win in game one.

The Panthers responded in the nightcap, pulling through with a 3-1 win.

Karos said that if the same situation would arise again, she would make the same play — but with a better throw, she added.

"That's the type of play where you're a champ or a chump," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "That play shuts them down right away and usually we have that play."

The three runs were scored on only one hit by Bradley, a single by catcher Joanna Pettit past the glove of Karos.

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## Condon shines in rare start

BY MATT DANIELS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Ashley Condon made the most of her third start this season.

The pitcher, who is often overshadowed by fellow pitchers Kathleen Jacoby and Karyn Mackie, came through in the second game of Wednesday's doubleheader against Bradley.

"I would have liked to have finished the whole game but I was happy with what I did," said the senior, who was making her first start since Feb. 24.

What Condon did was throw 5 1/3 innings, surrendering only one run, a solo home run to Jessie Musgrove, in helping the Panthers

salvage a split with Missouri Valley Conference opponent Bradley.

"Ashley pitched a heck of a game in the second game and Kathleen helped her finish it out," Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said.

Jacoby came on in relief of Condon and struck out four batters in 1 2/3 innings to earn the save and a 3-1 Panther win.

"She's automatic pretty much," Condon said. "You bring her in, she's going to get the batters out."

Condon has not been used much in her four years as a Panther, throwing 132 1/3 innings in her career, or 18 less than the freshman Jacoby has thrown in her brief career.

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## BASEBALL: EASTERN 6, INDIANA STATE 1

# Pitchers hold down powerful Sycamores

BY MARC CORRENTI  
STAFF REPORTER

During Wednesday's pre-game batting practice, Indiana State hitters hit home run after home run. With the wind blowing out, it seemed like a bad day for Eastern to audition its No. 3 starter.

But Kenny Firlit and six other pitchers shut down Indiana State's offense in a 6-1 victory at Coaches Stadium.

Mike Manns was the latest player to be the No. 3 starter. He failed to get out of the second inning in his two starts.

Firlit went two innings while allowing one unearned run and striking out two.

"He made great pitches when he had to," Eastern

head coach Jim Schmitz said. "If he can give us five, six innings with as good a fastball he has, we'll be in good shape."

Prior to his start against the Sycamores, Firlit had been working out of the bullpen. He said he would prefer to keep the starting role, but is comfortable wherever he pitches.

"Hopefully, I can get some more starts in," Firlit said. "I'm not quite used to the starting role, but I'm sure I'll take to it."

The Panthers were aided by some costly Indiana State errors. The Sycamores had five errors in the game, leading to four unearned Panthers' runs.

"Those five errors were ... shameful," Indiana State coach Bob Warn said.

The Panthers (16-13) broke open the game in the

bottom of the seventh inning when designated hitter Keiji Szalo lined a leadoff double to the gap in left field.

Adam Varassi then reached on an error, scoring pinch runner Brandon Murphy from third to put Eastern up 3-1. Two batters later with the bases loaded, Erik Huber hit a seeing-eye, two-run single up the middle to put Eastern in control with a 5-1 lead.

"That was a perfect swing in that situation," Schmitz said. "He wasn't trying to do too much and the results showed. They made some boo-boos, but we did some nice things to make them pay for it."

The rest of the bullpen finished up what Firlit started. Jake Wade (2-0) relieved Firlit in the third, pitching two shutout innings with four strikeouts.