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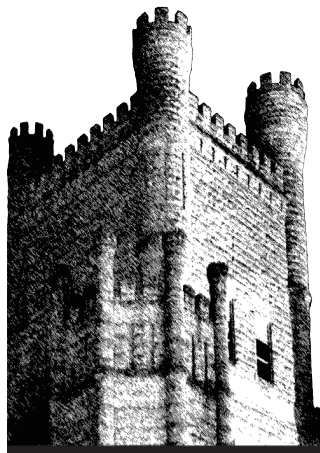
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## Former EIU grad becomes Saint



ELLIS LUCIA/NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE

**Sean Payton, 42, is introduced as the New Orleans Saints' 14th head coach Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the team's practice facility in Metairie. Payton, most recently, the Dallas Cowboys assistant head coach/passing game coordinator, replaces Jim Haslett who was fired Jan. 2 after spending six seasons at the helm.**

Sean Payton, class of 1987, was announced Wednesday as the New Orleans Saints head football coach

By MATT DANIELS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Al Molde can always remember his quarterback asking questions about coaching during Molde's four-year coaching career at Eastern. The intelligence and athleticism that Molde's quarterback showed at O'Brien Stadium in the mid-1980s brought much success to the Panther football program—and ultimately to the quarterback himself after graduating from Eastern.

On Wednesday, that same quarterback—Sean Payton—was hired by the New Orleans Saints as

the 14th coach in the franchise's history. It is the first head-coaching job for the 42-year-old native of Naperville after ten years of coaching in the NFL, the last three with the Dallas Cowboys.

"I'm anxious to get settled in," said Payton about his new job. "Right now I'm in the process of moving my things out of the Cowboys' office and making the transition to the Saints."

With Payton's hiring, Eastern now has three alumni as head coaches in the NFL. 1974 graduate Mike Shanahan is in his 11th year with the Denver Broncos and 1988 graduate Brad Childress was named the Minnesota Vikings head coach on Jan. 6.

Two other colleges in the nation, Southern California and San Diego State, have three alumni as well, but no I-AA school has that many NFL head coaches.

Molde, now the athletic director at Gustavus

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### Records set at EIU

#### Individual Game:

Total offense (507 vs. Saginaw Valley in 1985)

Passing Yards (509 vs. Saginaw Valley in 1985),

Passes Completed (40 vs. Saginaw Valley in 1985)

#### Season Records:

Total offense for season (3,661 yards in 1984)

Passing yards for season (3,843 in 1984)

Passing Attempts (494 in 1984),

Passes Completed (270 in 1984)

#### Career Records:

Total Offense (10,298 yards)

Passing Yards (10,655)

Passes Completed (756)

## Students donate their time to city

By ROB SIEBERT  
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern has no shortage of students who take time to give back to their community.

Students involved in various activities are frequently involved in some form of community service.

Individuals involved in Greek Life often serve the city in a number of ways, whether it's raising money for a philanthropy their chapter is associated with, or participating in various community outreach organizations.

Such organizations include the Youth Aids Foundation, Charleston Teen Reach, Meals on Wheels and more.

Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life, said most fraternities and sororities strive for a balance between raising money and going out to maintain a physical presence in the community.

"We try to do both of those, so it's not just all about raising money," Dudolski said. "It should be about what you can physically do to help out and offer your services as a member of the community."

Much emphasis is placed on spending time with children. In addition to working with the Big Brothers Big Sisters outlet in Charleston, some sororities and fraternities volunteer at local schools.

Alpha Gamma Delta, for example, takes part in a pen pal program with



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**Senior physical education major Scott Denella and Megan Howe, a senior family and consumer sciences major, hand out snacks and smile at Teen Reach, 1400 Reynolds Ave., Thursday afternoon. Teach Reach is a center for at risk and troubled teens to spend their time at after school in hopes of keeping them safe and out of trouble.**

### Who helps?

**Christian Campus House** runs food drives, volunteers time at nursing homes and lends its services to the elderly, disabled and homeless.

**Alpha Sigma Tau sorority** volunteers at Project Pal by helping to fight adult illiteracy in Charleston and Habitat For Humanity by building homes around Charleston

**Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority** helps with Special Olympics in Mattoon

**Kappa Delta sorority** adopts and mentors Girl Scout troop

program.

Because of their athletic status, Cindy Tozer, director of Academic Services for Athletics, notes that many of the younger kids view the athletes as role models.

"The students in the schools love it,"

Tozer said. "They look up to our athletes as celebrities!"

Past topics discussed by the athletes range from what college life is like, what athletes go through in their daily lives, and the negative effects of bullying.

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## Renovation for Lantz underway

■ BOT approves project's budget

By SARA RANNELLS  
STAFF REPORTER

The board of trustees approved a \$1.16 million budget for a second floor addition to the east side of Lantz Arena, tentatively scheduled to begin after the completion of Blair Hall.

The second floor addition will include staff offices, a conference room, bathrooms, and an academic space for Eastern athletes with a study area and computer lab.

"It's something we've needed a long time," said Richard McDuffie, director of athletics.

The new addition will include coaching offices for the men's and women's basketball teams as well.

McDuffie said there is currently a shortage of office space, and the addition will provide the coaches with more space and privacy.

Funding for the 4,870 square-foot addition will come from neither student tuition nor state taxes, but from local funds, McDuffie said.

These local funds are made up of gifts and other miscellaneous revenue.

"It is only for athletes, so we don't pay for it with student fees," McDuffie said.

While there were several reasons for the addition, McDuffie said the Academic Services Center is the athletic department's number one priority.

The study space will be beneficial

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### CAMPUS BRIEFS

## 'The Legend of Zorro' comes to Buzzard

Students can break out the popcorn and soda. The University Board will sponsor the showing of "The Legend of Zorro," starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and Antonio Banderas, Saturday night in Buzzard Hall. Showings for this movie, which is free of charge to students with ID, are at 5 and 8 p.m.

### W-2 forms cut down on costs

In order to cut postage costs, the Office of Payroll is handing out W-2s for Eastern students

and staff employed in 2005 today and Monday.

More than 3,914 students were Eastern employees last year, said payroll manager Jan Hinkle.

"We're just encouraging everyone who has worked last year to come pick up their W-2, because it does save the university some money," she said. "It's getting more and more expensive to mail things."

Students or staff must present photo ID such as a driver's license or Panther Card to receive their

tax document. They must also know their hometown zip code.

Eastern employees are limited to one free W-2 each, which will show their earnings and taxes withheld in 2005.

Employees may pick up their W-2 today or Monday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the second floor of Old Main across from the Office of Payroll.

Remaining W-2s will be mailed to employees on Jan. 25, Hinkle said.

### GIVING DUE CREDIT



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern alumnus and chief executive officer of CO-OP Network, Stanley Hollen, gives speech in Lumpkin Auditorium Thursday evening about credit unions.

### COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

## Ill. tax credit to help pay tuition

BY MONIQUE GARCIA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

CARBONDALE— In an effort to make higher education more affordable, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has proposed a college tuition tax credit that would provide up to \$1,000 annually for eligible freshmen and sophomores.

Blagojevich announced the proposal during the annual State of the State address Wednesday. The credit would cover tuition and mandatory fees and to qualify, a student must maintain a "B" average and

apply for any available financial aid.

"Yes, this is a generous tax credit," the governor said. "But that's what makes it meaningful. For many families, \$1,000 is a mortgage payment. It's three or four or five car payments. It's the electric bill for an entire year."

Many top Republicans quickly criticized Blagojevich because he didn't explain how to pay for the estimated \$90 million tax credits.

Under the proposal, a parent can claim the tax credit for each child listed as a dependent. The credit is also refundable, so families whose

credit is larger than the total tax they owe at the end of the year would receive a check.

Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard, who was in Springfield for the address, said the tax credit is a good idea in theory but must be paired with increases in financial aid to be truly effective.

"If you combine those two things together it would be a big plus for higher education," Poshard said. "Our important issues were affordability and accessibility, and the credit can help in that respect."

### WTF?

## Deputy finds snake around women's neck

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIA, Wash.— Encounters with dogs and cats are one thing, but a Thurston County sheriff's deputy hardly expected what he found when he approached a stolen pickup truck.

Sheriff's Capt. Daniel D. Kimball said the deputy had just relocated

the white pickup on a side street in Centralia after a chase into neighboring Lewis County early Wednesday morning. Both doors were open and the driver was gone, leaving a woman who put her hands up as the deputy approached.

That's when the deputy noticed a four-foot boa constrictor slithering around her neck.

The woman, 31, was cooperative and the snake turned out to be her pet, so she was allowed to take it with her when a relative came to pick her up, Kimball said.

It was unclear whether she will face charges.

Kimball said he was glad the sheriff's office didn't have to figure out what to do with the snake.

### ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers if they think over-the-counter cold medicine works?

- A) Yes, it always does.
- B) Yes, I'm on so much medication I can't feel anything.
- C) Only if my doctor recommends it
- D) Never! I embrace pain.

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### POLICE BLOTTER

On Jan. 14, Patrick J. Reynertson, 18, Burr Ridge, was arrested at 3:02 a.m. at the corner of Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue for the illegal possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

On Jan. 15, it was reported that a red bicycle was stolen from a rack on the north side of Carman Hall.

On Jan. 16, Trenton R. Ellis, 20, Aurora, was arrested at 1:24 a.m. at Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.



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# Author encourages students to evaluate themselves

Taylor tells her audience to get as much out of their college experience as possible

By CRYSTAL REED  
STAFF REPORTER

Students were asked to ponder questions of their true being during "Know What You Believe and Why...and Write Your Story," the first EIU Uncovered lecture Thursday evening.

"Who you are determines what and who you are, where you've been and where you will go," said author Norma Mae Doty Taylor at her lecture about writing personal stories in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Ballroom.

Thirteen people attended the lecture. "It was interesting because if you're interested in writing your story the lecture taught how to express yourself to future generations," said Melissa Ortiz, University Board lecture coordinator.

Taylor, author of "60 Years In This Wicked World for Nothing" and Eastern's secretary of Greek Life, discussed how she wrote her story and got it published.

She encouraged students to think about who



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Norma Mae Doty Taylor, Greek Life secretary, reads from her newly published book in the University Ballroom Thursday evening as part of the University Board's "EIU Uncovered" Lecture**

they are and what they believe.

"If we know what we believe, we should know how to defend it, and knowing what we believe helps us make decisions," Taylor said.

Taylor also said knowing personal beliefs helps to take appropriate actions for good per-

sonal values.

"Keep your value stick standing tall," Taylor said, explaining that people should stick to their values and beliefs and not compromise them.

She encouraged audience members to get as

much out of their college experience as possible by attending activities such as lectures and athletic events.

She also encouraged students to let those they admire know how much they admire them. To do this, Taylor said, one could ask the opinions of others and take time to talk to them.

In finding out about one's background, Taylor encouraged those writing their stories to be curious and ask questions because recording personal stories to pass on to the next generation is important, Taylor said.

Taylor said that writing her book was an excellent experience. She included information about her family, such as a family pedigree chart dating back to pilgrim Edward Doty, who came to America on the Mayflower.

To get the audience more comfortable with telling their stories, she asked attendees to think of five characteristics about themselves and share them with five people in the room.

Taylor provided attendees with family pedigree sheets to help them better understand their stories, or to act as a starting point to telling it.

Through mapping out family history, Taylor suggested asking questions to family members and learning about family genealogy to better tell a personal story.

"I thought she did a great job," said Kay Hanley, 65, of Mattoon. "We've known each other for awhile, but sometimes you don't know other people's talents."

# Booth Library adds new materials to stock



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A shelf containing some of the 1,336 new titles at Booth Library.

KRISTINA PETERS  
STAFF REPORTER

The amount of work it takes to keep the materials in Booth Library up to date may not be apparent when walking through the building.

Materials for the library are always being purchased throughout the course of the year, and last month the library received 1,336 new materials.

Each month the library gets 1,000 to 2,000 new items, said Karen Whisler, head of collection development for Booth Library.

A budget of more than \$1 million, which comes from appropriated funds, makes purchasing many of materials possible.

This helps in providing students, faculty and staff with the resources they need, she said.

"We get new books everyday," Whisler said.

The library does not only buy text-

books, but it also purchases recreational reading material, novels, periodicals and even films.

"The main objective is to keep the collections current," said Carl Lorber, a general operations worker in the library.

The library sends out slips to faculty and staff asking them for suggestions on what to purchase.

"We work closely with the faculty," Lorber said. "We are trying to buy books that support the curriculums."

Besides receiving faculty input, librarians will also read book reviews to help make decisions.

Students can also give suggestions for new materials to buy by visiting the library Web site and filling out a request form, Whisler said.

A list of the library's new materials can be found online.

There the new items are broken up into categories. Lists from past months can be found on the site as well.

When the new materials arrive, the library staff places them on shelves in the Marvin Foyer for one to two weeks. Previously, the new materials were placed in the atrium.

"[The Marvin Foyer is] a nice location," Lorber said. "It's kind of like a showcase."

Students and staff are able to check out the new materials after the library receives them.

"They are ready to go as soon as they hit the shelves," Lorber said.

After being displayed in the foyer, the materials then go to designated areas.

With the number of materials that arrive each month, the library still finds that there is enough room for it all.

The library does not get rid of older books unless they are in poor condition or are a duplicate.

"We like to keep things because they have historical value," Lorber said.

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### COMMENTARY



**SARAH WHITNEY**  
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## STUPID QUESTIONS DO EXIST AFTER ALL

Tuesday, when people asked me how my weekend went, I replied, "Great, but I feel shell-shocked." That morning, when I woke up before 2 p.m. for the first time in three days I felt like I was dragging myself into a war zone.

My first battle of the day, after winning WWI (the Waking up War), happened during my second class. The professor distributed a handout, on which were seemingly sporadic bold words. He then proceeded to ask the class questions, the answers of which were those bold words.

One might think, this was nice for the professor to do, which it would have, except for the fact that an eighth grader could have answered the questions.

Of course, the class sat silent. I'm sure most of us were thinking, "I woke up for this? Aren't I in college?" because I know I was.

Last semester, during my stint as Administration Editor for *The Daily Eastern News*, the most common criticism I heard from the faculty about students is that we never talk in class.

During her speech at Convocation last August, Faculty Laureate and English professor, Fern Kory said students have a lot to offer their professors, if they would only speak up during class.

**"Don't demean us. If a professor treats us like high school students then we will act like them."**

"If you don't tell us what you really think about the information and ideas presented in class, we can't grow as teachers," she said. "When you do speak up in class, you are not just helping us;

you are also helping yourself and your classmates to create and share knowledge."

Once in philosophy, after my classmates and I stared liked dazed sheep at the professor because he was asking obvious questions, he resulted to lecturing us for 30 minutes on the positives of class discussion. I couldn't tell you anything more about it because I stopped listening.

I don't disagree with Dr. Kory and other professors on the benefits of class discussion. But how can I create and share knowledge when my professor asks questions that have obvious answers? Lecturing about it, does more harm than good.

According to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, out of 100 Illinois high school students, 43 enter college directly after high school, 30 are enrolled the second year and only 20 students graduate with an associates' degree in three years or a bachelor's degree within six years. Just by our admittance, we have proved our intelligence.

Don't demean us. If a professor treats us like high school students then we will act like them. Respect us as adults, and professors will never complain again about class participation.

I learned this from a political science professor. One day, last semester, when she realized that the entire class had not completed the assigned reading, she kicked us out. From that day on, somebody was always willing to speak up because we knew she wasn't going to let us get away with not doing so.

I grew up believing that stupid questions don't exist. College changed my thinking. They exist; you know them by their answers.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



### EDITORIAL

## Time is not on professors' side

Eastern's professors are required to submit their final grades at 3 p.m. on the Sunday that follows finals week for the fall and spring semesters.

They should be allowed to have more time in order to ensure that there are no mistakes in the grading process.

The benefit that students have of finding out their grades as soon as possible is not as important as making sure that the grades are accurate.

There is more of a benefit to make sure that there are no inaccuracies in the final grades. According to the Dec. 1 editorial in *The Daily Eastern News*, grade appeals have been on the rise.

Part of the problem can be attributed to the quick turnaround that professors have to turn in their grades.

Although this is better than Northern Illinois University, where they are given just 72 hours after the class' final exam is taken to turn in a final grade, there still is a better way.

University of Southern Illinois Edwardsville has a policy of allowing professors until the Monday after finals week at noon.

Why can't Eastern start on its way to an ideal system by temporarily adopting SIU -E's policy?

#### At issue

The amount of time professor's have to turn in grades.

#### Our stance

Professors should be given more time to submit their final grades. A professor who is rushed could give a student a grade that he or she did not deserve or a grade that is worse than he or she deserved. Giving the professors more time would have a positive impact and smoothen out the grade-giving process.

Moving the deadline back even less than 24 hours would go far in solving the problem of grading inaccuracies.

In the future, pushing the deadline back even further should be considered.

It would give the professors more time to check their calculations.

Students should not be expected to catch all grading inaccuracies. There are students who keep track of their grades and there are students who do not.

Just because some students don't follow their grades does not mean that they should not be given credit for the work that they do.

It is a part of the professor's job to determine an accurate grade.

But there will be plenty of inaccurate grades that will fall through the cracks because professors are asked to determine a grade on a short time table.

Moving the grade submission deadline back would help toward reducing grading inaccuracies and grade appeals by students while also helping professors be more efficient in their grading.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

### COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

### CARTOONISTS WANTED

*The DEN* is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:** The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues. They should be less than 250 words and include the authors' name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. Letters can be sent to *The Daily Eastern News* at 1811 Buzzard Hall, Charleston IL 61920; faxed to 217-581-2923; or e-mailed to **DENeic@gmail.com**



STUDENT SENATE

# Committee chair looking to make changes

By SCOTT RICHEY  
STAFF REPORTER

Heather Janik decided during her freshman year to get involved in the Student Senate at Eastern, drawing on her student government experience in high school and a recommendation from a fellow sorority and senate member.

Janik said she was looking for an additional organization to be involved in, and a fellow member of the sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma told Janik she would be a good addition to Student Senate.

The election process for Janik involved lots of campaign work in the quad talking with fellow students about their issues.

"It was a wonderful experience to sit down with other students I didn't know and see what they wanted to see changed on campus," Janik said.

Janik said that one of the most beneficial aspects of serving on Student Senate is helping fellow students and discovering what their issues are. Additionally, she said that a valuable feature of serving as a senate member is fixing problems that affect students.

Janik also said that she has gained a certain confidence during her work as a senate member that will benefit her after graduation.

She said that she now knows that she can work hard and achieve her personal goals.

Her work as a senate member has given Janik the means for her voice to be heard on certain issues and to serve as a spokesperson for other stu-



KRISTY MELLENDORF/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Heather Janik is a junior special elementary education major with a lot on her plate. Janik is a resident assistant in Weller Hall, the Internal Affairs Committee chair, the Student Senate Liaison for the Pan-Hellenic Council and a Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority member.**

dents.

Janik served on the Shuttle Bus Committee as a sophomore, but most of her time spent on the senate this year has dealt with internal workings of the senate in her position as Internal Affairs Committee chair.

During this past fall semester, Janik was behind major changes in the internal attendance policy of the senate.

The new attendance policy that involves a penalty for tardiness was set in place to "make Senate more of a professional business," Janik

said.

Janik has also cosigned many pieces of legislation that she said she believed were good causes and would help on campus.

One such bylaw helped first semester freshmen obtain a senate seat by waving the grade point average requirement demanded of senate members. Janik said that it was not fair to keep first year freshman who were well qualified and wanted to serve on the senate off just because they had not yet established a GPA.

One major change Janik said she would like to see this semester is more non-drinking functions put on by University Board for those students who do not drink.

Janik would also like to work closely with University Housing and Dining this semester to work through problems students have to keep more students living on campus.

"Make all of housing's dreams come true I guess you could say," Janik said.

Not only does Janik serve as an active member of Eastern's Student Senate, but she is also a resident assistant in Weller Hall, a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and the Student Senate liaison on the Pan-Hellenic Council.

Janik said that she loves helping students on campus, but she does not see politics in her future. She is a junior special education major and has her "heart on teaching." If it's possible, however, Janik said she would like to work with student government wherever her teaching takes her.

# Improvements for city pool nearing completion

By HOLLIE DOHERTY  
STAFF REPORTER

Charleston's public pool has not been usable since Sept. 4, 2004, but workers are in their last stage of improvements.

The public health service strongly suggested making improvements a year-and-a-half ago to fix cracks in the pool, install a new plumbing system and restrooms, extend the deck and add a new filter system before the pool could be opened to the public again.

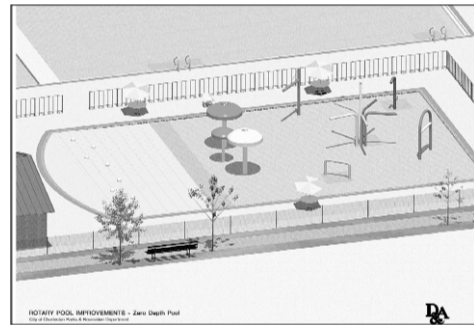
"Instead of having to close down in the middle of the summer, we decided to start improvements," City Manager Scott Smith said.

Smith said that with the removal of the 30-year-old pool, stainless steel gutters and drainage, approximately \$2 million from bonds and local charities has gone into this project.

Three phases need to be completed before the pool can open again, and the team is on its last phase.

The final stage of the pool improvements will include installing stainless steel gutters, removing the junior pools and replacing them with two new pools of the same size. A new shallow pool that is 40 feet by 80 feet will also be added, Smith said.

"There will be a zero-depth pool with some water splash toys for the kids," Smith said.



Some other improvements include new lighting, upgrades in the filtration systems to all three pools, and all new paint.

In addition, the city will replace the deck with an extension to the north end of the pool deck

and wiring and plumbing overall.

"The deck was starting to become a tripping hazard," Smith said.

The new pool area will also include new facilities.

"The new small building in the northwest corner of the pool will hold the new filtering system and new restrooms," said Mayor John Inyart.

The pool will also start to offer competitive swim meets, but costs for passes have not been issued yet.

"The pool will open probably during swim season," Inyart said.

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## U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin says no to Alito

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO— U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, the Senate's second-highest-ranking Democrat, said Thursday he will vote against confirmation of Samuel Alito as the nation's 110th Supreme Court Justice.

Durbin, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the federal appeals court judge has failed to show he would protect privacy rights and keep presidential authority in check.

"Based on his record, I'm concerned that Judge Alito will not be willing to stand up to a president who is determined to seize too much power over our lives," Durbin said.

Democratic Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Ken Salazar of Colorado also questioned Thursday whether Alito would be independent of Bush and the executive branch in his future rulings.

### Lawmakers talking about more money for prisons

SPRINGFIELD— State lawmakers are talking about finding money to hire more workers in Illinois prisons, which a union says are dangerously understaffed because of budget cuts.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees on Thursday said it wants the state to spend between \$5 million and \$7 million during the remainder of this fiscal year to hire 500 corrections officers and 100 support staff.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's budget spokeswoman, Becky Carroll, said the office was willing to consider the proposal.

"We're aware of the request to hire more employees and we're proud of our record of doing more with less with state government over the last three years," Carroll said. "But we're willing to take a look at their proposal."

### Ryan didn't give him 'clear and complete information,' agent says

CHICAGO— An FBI agent testified Thursday that he interviewed George Ryan seven years ago when he was assigned to a Chicago-based organized-crime squad and came away believing that Ryan did not give him "clear and complete information" in response to his questions.

Agent Michael Hartnett, now assigned to an anti-terrorism task force based in New York, was a witness as federal prosecutors slogged relentlessly toward resting their case after four months of the former governor's racketeering and fraud trial.

The government had hoped to wrap up its case on Thursday, but now prosecutors say they hope to rest early next week.

Ryan, 71, and longtime friend Larry Warner, 67, are charged in a 22-count federal indictment with racketeering, mail fraud and other offenses. The indictment says Ryan steered state contracts and leases to Warner and other friends and received gifts and vacations in return.

## Palestinian suicide bomber wounds 20 in Tel Aviv

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel— A Palestinian suicide bomber posing as a peddler blew himself up in a Tel Aviv fast-food restaurant Thursday and wounded 20 people in an apparent attempt to destabilize the region a week before Palestinian elections.

Islamic Jihad, the only Palestinian faction boycotting the vote, claimed responsibility. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas accused the group of trying to sabotage the Jan. 25 election.

The Israeli response will be a key test for acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who took over after Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke earlier this month. The bombing came two days after Olmert said he is ready to resume peace talks following Israel's March election, provided Abbas disarms militants.

The bomber, who witnesses said posed as a peddler selling disposable razors, walked into the restaurant and blew himself up even though most of the customers were sitting relatively far away at sidewalk tables, police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said.

Twenty people were wounded, one of them seriously, and the 22-year-old bomber was killed.

This was the seventh suicide bombing aimed at Israelis since Palestinian militants declared an unofficial truce in February 2005. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for all — six in Israel and one at a West Bank army checkpoint.

Islamic Jihad identified the assailant as 22-year-old Sami Abdel Hafez Antar from



MICHAEL MATZA/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/KRTN NEWS

**Hamas candidates address the crowd in Nablus. Hamas, whose charter calls for the destruction of Israel, has been riding a wave of popularity that derives from its reputation for honest administration and extensive philanthropy.**

the West Bank city of Nablus.

The militant group released a video made by the bomber before the attack. He said he was "offering himself to avenge the blood of martyrs."

Brandishing a rifle and posing before a black Islamic Jihad flag, he said he carried out the bombing in response to Israeli attacks on civilians and militants.

At the family home, a four-story building in Nablus, Antar's mother was crying hysterically and could not talk. His brother, Sameh, 32, appeared puzzled.

"I can't say anything about those who sent him," Sameh told the AP. "All I can say is that my brother had everything. It seemed he wanted martyrdom, and he got what he wanted."

## Annual Bond Revenue report given to RHA, vice president elected

BY LAUREN MOORE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, informed the Residence Hall Association of the possible 7.5-percent increase in room and board rates and meal plan changes for fall semester 2006.

Starting in November, the Bond Revenue Committee starts to look at what it will be doing for the upcoming year, Hudson said.

A 3-percent increase in non-student salaries, a 6-percent increase in overtime or differential for those employees and a 21.48-percent increase for utilities are just some of the factors that play a part in the reason for the potential rise of room and board rates up to approximately \$1,611 per semester.

"One of the major renovations for 2007 will be in Douglas (Hall)," Hudson said. "It will be the first building with major bathroom renovations, and these renovations will allow privacy."

Hudson said that this project will cost \$3.5 million for each building, but said he's very excited about it since he's been to other campuses and has seen it.

Hudson said although Eastern will have a 7.5-percent increase, the rate is one of the least expensive ones in the state.

"(We) definitely want to be the best," Hudson said. "If we can be the best and the cheapest, then that's a double win."

Out of the nine public universities in Illinois, Eastern ties for the fifth lowest percent increase and has the lowest projected dollar increase for fiscal year 2007 at \$2,955.

Hudson also presented to RHA the new meal plan changes that would take place next semester if approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting today.

Changes include increasing the minimum number of meals changing from five to seven, the meal zones allowing students to swipe their card two hours after their last one, and giving students a number of bonus meals, depending on their meal plan choice.

RHA President Elizabeth Gergits said she feels students will respond positively to the changes the Bond Revenue Committee has brought up.

"This will be a good bang for their buck," Gergits said. "The five-meal plan hasn't been a good thing."

"Changing it has been talked about for a few years now, and I

feel this is a good solution."

Gergits also said she thinks students will not have a big problem with the increase in room and board rates.

"I think the increase is somewhat expected," Gergits said. "It usually goes up that much. I think students will be more focused on the changes with the meal plans."

RHA also held elections for a new vice president to finish up this year.

Becky Wilson, a sophomore English major, was selected for the position. She said some of her goals are to keep track of how committee reports and budgets are used and to keep up with committee attendance. She said she has served on RHA since her freshman year and is currently the Public Relations Committee chair.

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# Unmanned spacecraft begins journey to Pluto

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.— Pluto is considered a planetary oddball — a tiny, frozen world so unlike the other planets that some astronomers doubt whether it even deserves to be called a planet.

Scientists came a step closer Thursday to understanding Pluto, launching an unmanned spacecraft on a 3-billion-mile journey to the solar system's last unexplored planet.

The New Horizons spacecraft blasted off aboard an Atlas V rocket in a spectacular start to the \$700 million mission. Though it is the fastest spacecraft ever launched, capable of reaching 36,000 mph, it will take 9 1/2 years to reach Pluto.

"God has laid out the solar system in a way that requires a certain amount of patience on the part of those who choose to explore it," NASA administrator Michael Griffin said.

The probe, powered by 24 pounds of plutonium, will not land on Pluto but will photograph it, analyze its atmosphere and send data back across the solar system to Earth.

The launch went off without incident, to the relief of anti-nuclear activists who had feared an accident could scatter lethal radioactive material.

NASA had postponed the liftoff two days in a row because of wind gusts at the launch pad and a power outage at the spacecraft's control center in Maryland.

"It looked beautiful," said Ralph McNutt Jr. of the Johns Hopkins University of Applied Physics Laboratory, one of the mission's scientists. "I was getting a little bit antsy."

Pluto is the solar system's most distant planet and the brightest body in a zone known as the Kuiper Belt, made up of thousands of icy, rocky objects, including tiny planets whose development was stunted for unknown reasons.



RED HUBER/ORLANDO SENTINEL/KRTN NEWS

**A Lockheed Martin Atlas V rocket carrying the New Horizons spacecraft lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Thursday. It will take 9 years for the spacecraft to reach the planet Pluto.**

Scientists believe studying those "planetary embryos" can help them understand how planets were formed.

"We're realizing just how much there is to the deep, outer solar system," said Alan Stern, the

mission's principal investigator. "I think it's exciting that textbooks have to be rewritten, over and over."

Pluto is the only planet discovered by a U.S. citizen, Clyde Tombaugh in 1930, though some

astronomers dispute its right to be called a planet. It is an icy dwarf unlike the rocky planets of Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars and the gaseous planets of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

New Horizons contained some of Tombaugh's ashes. His 93-year-old widow, Patricia, was in tears as she watched the liftoff from about four miles away, said daughter Annette Tombaugh-Sitze, who arrived with her family from New Mexico.

"It was so awe-inspiring to watch something like this," Tombaugh-Sitze said. "It's something you can't put into words. You just feel it."

The spacecraft will use Jupiter's gravity as a sling to shave five years off the trip, allowing it to arrive as early as July 2015.

The 1,054-pound spacecraft was loaded with seven instruments that will photograph the surfaces of Pluto and its large moon, Charon, as well as analyze Pluto's atmosphere. Two of the cameras, Alice and Ralph, are named for the bickering couple from TV's "The Moonies."

The probe will rely on the natural decay of the plutonium to generate electricity for its instruments. NASA and the Energy Department had put the chances of a launch accident that could release radiation at 1 in 350.

As a precaution, the agencies brought in 16 mobile field teams that can detect radiation and 33 air samplers and monitors.

"Certainly there are feelings of relief that we didn't have to actually execute any of our contingency plans," said Bob Lay, emergency management director for surrounding Brevard County.

Griffin said he had an answer for those who may question spending \$700 million on a mission to study Pluto and the Kuiper (pronounced KY-per) Belt, which is too far away to observe in any detail from Earth.

## PAYTON:

### Eastern sport faculty reflects on Payton

Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., did not recruit Payton but was glad that he had him as the signal-caller during his years at Eastern.

"He took over for us a game or two into his first year and he never left," he said.

Payton had a difficult assignment as quarterback for Molde's teams, as the team ran a spread offense that is now customary in college and the NFL but was new to the game in the mid-1980s.

"Molde was ahead of his time," said Eastern's long-time sports information director Dave Kidwell. "They ran a spread offense, with one back and teams knew they were going to throw the ball."

Even with teams knowing that Payton would be spreading the ball around the field, he compiled 10,655 passing yards in his career, good for 1st all-time at Eastern. Payton also holds several other passing records, including most passing yards in a game (509 against Saginaw Valley in 1985) and total offense (10,298).

"Sean was the glue that put all of it together," said Molde,

### Payton Coaching Career

1988-89 at San Diego State, Indiana State 1990-91, San Diego State 1992-93, Miami (Ohio) 1994-95 Co-Offensive Coordinator/QB Coach, Illinois 1996 as QB Coach, Philadelphia Eagles 1997-98 QB Coach, New York Giants 1999-2002 (QB Coach in 1999) Offensive Coordinator 2000-02, Dallas Cowboys 2003-05 Assistant Head Coach/QB

whose teams put together a 32-15 record in four years at Eastern.

Kidwell described Payton as a "humble, but confident leader" when he was at Eastern and said he acted like a coach on the field. Molde agrees.

"He had a tremendous knack of what we were doing to do offensively and could read any coverage," he said. "We had a one-back offense so (Sean) had to know what was going on."

Payton was also helpful off the field in the recruiting process. Molde said that when recruits would come to visit, he would always try and assign the most important prospects to Payton.

"He helped in getting a lot of the top players to come here," he said.

Eastern's current offensive coordinator, Mark Hutson, does not know Payton personally but said that the news and national coverage of Payton's hiring bodes well for the program.

"It's a great conversation piece for when I go into the living room tonight of a recruit and can hand him USA Today and the Chicago Tribune and have 'Eastern' in the headline," said Hutson on Thursday.

Payton faces a major rebuilding job with a Saints franchise that is coming off a 3-13 year marred by Hurricane Katrina. This forced the team to play all 16 games away from New Orleans.

He said at his press conference on Wednesday "the exciting thing for me when I left the (Saints) interview...and thinking about the responsibility and maybe the uniqueness of this job compared to the other 32 teams."

On Thursday morning Payton was beginning that transition, as he plans to meet with individual members of the Saints organization this weekend and be in New Orleans by next week.

Molde, who has four sons who were all ball boys at Eastern during Payton's time here, all called their father after hearing about Payton's hiring.

"I'm busting my buttons," said Molde about his former quarterback's new job. "I consider him part of our family."

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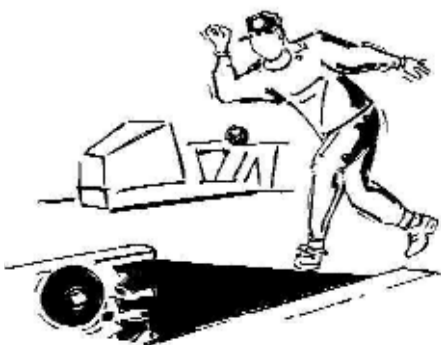
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  - 7 It may be used to put on a brave face
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  - 16 1955 Gloria Grahame musical role
  - 17 Paternal kinsman
  - 18 Forgathers
  - 19 Not let run wild
  - 20 1973 Toni Morrison novel
  - 21 Well-put
  - 22 Splits
  - 24 Distinctly representative
  - 26 19th-century urban transportation
  - 28 Betel palm
  - 29 Ones who'd like to get the goods on you
  - 32 The U.N.'s Kofi Annan
  - 36 Smooth over
  - 37 It may be used for many unhappy returns: Abbr.
  - 38 Indirect object?
  - 41 Textile trademark
  - 42 Feeling one's oats
  - 47 Winning words?
  - 50 They whistle while they work
  - 51 Church matters: Abbr.
  - 52 Let off steam, maybe
  - 54 "You \_\_\_ kidding!"
  - 55 Famous last words?
  - 57 Go up, up and away
  - 58 Raspberries
  - 59 Missile datum
  - 60 Snail feature
  - 61 Logs
- DOWN**
- 1 "\_\_\_ me!"
  - 2 "Measure for Measure" villain
  - 3 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer Willie
  - 4 Some kitchen appliances
  - 5 Whys and wherefores
  - 6 Singer/actress with an Oscar, two Grammys and a Golden Globe
  - 7 W.W. II group
  - 8 Deuce follower
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- 11 See 30-Down
- 12 Privately
- 13 Has little to complain about
- 14 It may be unprecedented
- 23 Hawthorne's home
- 25 Start of a Cockney toast
- 27 Lower the price of, maybe
- 30 Popular TV host, seller of many 11-Down
- 31 Concern for Batman
- 32 Not for free
- 33 Like some weekends
- 34 Vintage toy material
- 35 Without \_\_\_ (dangerously)
- 39 Give a look that could kill
- 40 Wipe out an old score
- 43 Absolute
- 44 Ingredient in some soaps
- 45 Lead by the hand
- 46 Perfumery compounds
- 48 1972 top 10 hit that was over 7 minutes long
- 49 Mound
- 53 Mammoth growth
- 56 Pops in the fridge?

**HELPING:**

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*Students bridge gap between Eastern, city*

"It's a great opportunity," Tozer said. "It expands the horizon for Eastern students, and helps bridge the gap between Eastern and Charleston."

The Christian Campus House also makes frequent contributions to the city.

This past semester, frequent house visitors went trick-or-treating for canned goods to donate to a food drive, sang Christmas carols at a local nursing home, raked lawns for the elderly and disabled, and volunteered at the Public Action to Deliver Shelter for homeless people.

Bob Beall, executive director of the

PADS shelter, estimates that students from the Christian Campus House volunteer about 4 times a week.

By serving meals in the evening, and often monitoring guests at the shelter between 7 and 11 p.m., Beal said it allows PADS to save money, and in doing so, it helps the shelter use its money to help the guests that stay there.

Beall expressed his appreciation for the students.

A number of Eastern students are also involved in the campus' Best Buddies program. The program allows for college students to be paired with disabled individuals, most of them from group homes, and communicate with them on a regular basis.

Participants are required to have some sort of contact with their buddy once a week. In addition to a monthly group outing during which all members come together, participants also see their buddies once a month for some

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- Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Students volunteer at schools.
- Extend-A-Paw:** Student athletes serve as role models for local kids.
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sort of physical outing.

Currently, Kelly Finnigan, a senior special education major and the group's college buddy director, said the group has a total of 65 members.

"When I call my buddy, she's super excited," Finnigan said. "They wait for you to call. And it's just instant gratification."

**LANTZ:**

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*Construction to begin this spring at Lantz*

for Eastern's 500 student athletes who need to meet NCAA academic requirements.

"If they get off track, they're not able to compete," McDuffie said.

He said staff with knowledge of NCAA rules will be on hand in the study area to help the athletes and follow their progress.

Tutoring will also be offered to the athletes.

Though there is no official starting date yet, construction on Lantz

should begin in the spring, following the completion of Blair Hall.

"The project will take six to eight months (to complete)," said Stephen Shrake, manager of design and construction.

The majority of the construction will take place over the summer, but there may be some inconveniences for students and faculty in the fall.

"Faculty and classes below this addition may be relocated during the fall semester, depending on the progress made this summer," Shrake said.

He also said that the east-side entrances facing Fourth Street will be limited for emergency use only.

Shrake said the construction will not interfere with commencement in May.

"We do not expect any conflicts with using the arena during construction," he said.

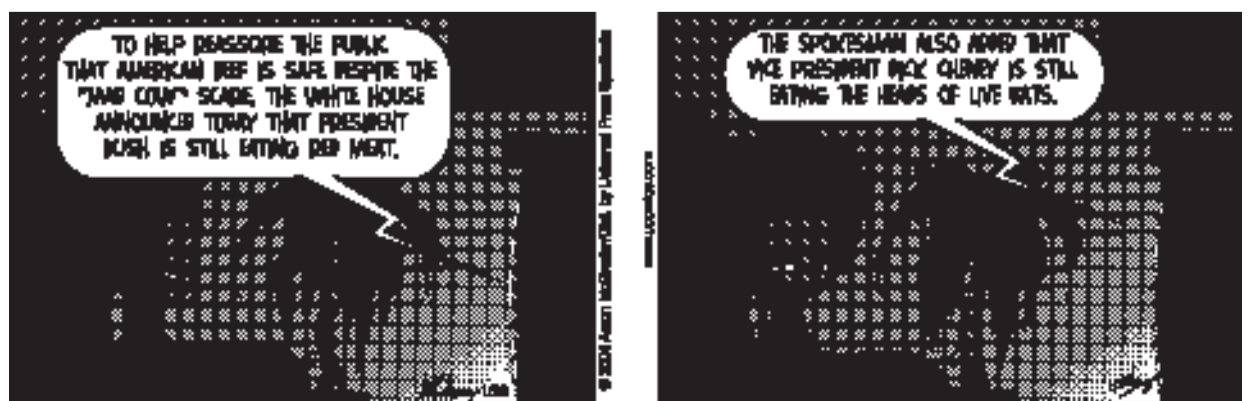
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**PUSHES:**

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*Game gets out of Eastern's hands early at Tennessee Tech*

Sophomore forward Jake Byrne led the Panthers with 13 points and senior guard Josh Gomes added 12 in the losing effort.

Junior guard Belton Rivers led Tech with 16 points, while Fisher added 14 and Stribling contributed 13.

The Golden Eagles (13-5, 8-2) currently stand alone at the top of the OVC standings after Thursday's win. Murray State entered Thursday night tied at 7-2 with Tech, but the Racers were idle Thursday. Murray and Samford now are tied for second at 7-2 in the OVC.

Eastern gets back into action Saturday with a 7:30 p.m. game at Tennessee State.

**TENNESSEE TECH 75, EASTERN 60**

	min	fg		ft		reb		a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	pts			
EASTERN										
Robinson	29	4-7	0-0	0-4	3	2	9			
Gomes	29	4-10	2-2	0-1	2	1	12			
Catchings	25	0-6	6-8	1-2	1	2	6			
Tandy	27	4-8	3-3	0-4	1	1	11			
Byrne	30	6-9	1-2	4-9	2	3	13			
Sinclair	22	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	3	0			
Parrish	9	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0			
Brown	8	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	1	4			
Duany	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2			
Burke	4	0-0	1-2	0-2	0	2	1			
Wilkin	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>21-50</b>	<b>14-19</b>	<b>6-28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>60</b>			

**Percentages:** FG .420 **3-point goals:** 4-10 .400 (Gomes 2-4, Brown 1-1, Robinson 1-1, Catchings 0-2, Duany 0-1, Sinclair 0-1) **Blocked shots:** 0 **Steals:** 11 (Robinson 4, Sinclair 2, Tandy 2, Brown, Catchings, Gomes) **Turnovers:** 20 (Robinson 9, Gomes 3, Byrne 2, Sinclair 2, Tandy 2, Wilkin) **Fouled out:** None

TENNESSEE TECH	min	fg		ft		reb		a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	pts			
Rivers	25	6-15	1-1	0-2	2	2	16			
Fisher	24	4-8	4-4	0-2	1	1	14			
Stribling	30	5-8	2-2	2-8	3	0	13			
Clark	25	3-6	0-0	1-3	2	2	6			
Kabore	16	2-5	0-0	1-3	0	1	4			
Smiley	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0			
Taylor	18	0-2	0-0	0-1	4	2	0			
McKenzie	19	3-4	4-8	1-2	2	3	10			
Walker	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Burks	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Koger	10	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	3			
Jones	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	2			
Bryant	15	1-2	5-7	3-8	0	1	7			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>26-55</b>	<b>16-22</b>	<b>9-32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>75</b>			

**Percentages:** FG .473 **3-point goals:** 7-21 .333 (Rivers 3-9, Fisher 2-4, Stribling 1-2, Koger 1-3, Clark 0-2, Taylor 0-1) **Blocked shots:** 3 (Bryant 2, Stribling) **Steals:** 10 (Clark 2, Fisher 2, Jones 2, Stribling 2, Kabore, Taylor) **Turnovers:** 16 (Clark 4, Rivers 4, McKenzie 3, Jones 2, Burks, Bryant, Stribling) **Fouled out:** None

**WRESTLING**



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman Chris Smith waits to tie up with his opponent from Northwestern during the Jan. 8 match in Lantz Arena. Smith has wrestled at the 149 and 157-pound weight classes this season and has a 5-10 record.

**Panthers conditioned to win**  
Eastern heads to Eastern Michigan to face its first non-ranked opponent in two weeks

BY PATRICK VITT  
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers' wrestling team goes into this weekend's match trying to make up for back-to-back dual meet losses to No. 9 Missouri and No. 13 Northwestern.

Eastern (1-3) will be well-rested when it comes to this Saturday's meet against Eastern Michigan (2-7), because of the two-week lay-off since their Jan. 8 loss to Northwestern.

The goal of every wrestler is to be conditioning properly so that they will be at peak condition when the season is at its mid point and the NCAA tournament is approaching. Despite the back-to-back losses, Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland has seen his team improve.

"I'm pleased the conditioning is really improving," he said. "We now have the ability to work a little bit harder now that we have gone through that transitional period. We are working a little harder but a little shorter. That way we give the guys an opportunity to start

fresh on the semester."

One disadvantage for Eastern when it comes to dual meets is Eastern has no wrestlers to match up in the 125-pound bracket and is faced weekly with the forfeit loss.

Junior 174-pounder Kenny Robertson (13-6) knows the Panthers will have to dig themselves out of a hole even before matches begin.

"It will be hard this weekend to get a team win because we will already be down in two weight classes," he said.

EMU is in last place of the Mid-American Conference.

"Eastern Michigan is definitely a team we should beat but it will not mean the end of our season if we don't," Robertson said. "I know I'm not going to lose my match."

This will be the first meet since the Dec. 29-30 Midlands tournament that No. 13 Robertson will not be facing top-10 talent.

Robertson wrestled No. 4 Mark Perry, No.

2 Jake Herbert and No. 1 Ben Askren at three consecutive meets this season.

Sophomore 141-pounder Chase Beebe (1-2) picked up his first win of the season in the last meet against Northwestern and believes this is a steadily improving Panthers' team.

"I think we look better every day and I am anxious to see how we do this weekend against a team that isn't ranked as high as Northwestern and Missouri," he said.

McCausland realizes that a team win this weekend is something that his team can work to achieve.

"I think the guys are looking forward to it, it is just going to take the effort from our guys," he said. "We just can't win matches. We have to go for the fall and get some bonus points."

The lack of any 125- and 165-pounders will hinder their efforts.

"It is unfortunate when we can't switch some guys around and have a 125 pounder in there," McCausland said. "So we will already have to be wrestling for the win from a deficit."



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TRACK AND FIELD

# The Panthers' road to the OVC crown starts at EIU Mega Meet

By DERRICK L. JOHNSON II  
STAFF REPORTER

**EIU Mega Meet**

- ◆ Where: Lantz Fieldhouse
- ◆ When: Saturday 9 a.m.

A series of meets leading to the Ohio Valley Conference championship begins this Saturday for the Panthers with the EIU Mega Meet.

The meet will be held at Lantz Fieldhouse and starts at 9 a.m. The meet hosts both Division I and Junior college teams and will consist of 13 teams competing overall.

The EIU Mega Meet has grown over time and this trend has not gone unnoticed by the Panthers.

As the competition grows so will the Panthers' efforts, senior Nathan Pepper said.

"Today coach told us there's going to be 13 teams there," Pepper said. "Each year the meet gets bigger. We are going to go out there and bring our best with us."

After taking three weeks off during the break and training by themselves since the Early Bird meet, their best is what the Panthers are emphasizing.

Placing less emphasis on points and winning, head coach Tom Akers wants to take this time to assess where the Panthers are at training-wise as well as getting started for future meets, he said.

"I think the one thing we're looking for is to see where we're at since our last competition," Akers said. "It's an evaluation but at the same time it will help us get into the flow of things for some nice meets ahead of us."

One of the major reasons the Panthers are less focused on winning and more focused on each individual is because of the OVC conference championship. Like cross country, track is a sport that does not focus on a team's record. Whether or not a team wins a conference championship depends on its performance at the championship meet alone.

The same goes for individuals from a team who go on to regional and national track meets. The only thing that matters is making a qualifying time, distance, or height. This is why improving each individual's performance before conference is so important, sophomore Jeremy Thorpe said.

"We are really trying to see where we're at," he said. "We're more focused on individual performances than scoring points. We only have about three or four more meets until conference."

**WOIKE:**

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## Eastern's new education focus: football

ity — or at least its own major.

The new area of study would need a dean (obviously Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo).

The core classes could prepare future NFL head coaches for all kinds of situations — speech communication could be geared towards pep talks and post-game explanations.

All students could be issued red challenge flags, which would be used to settle any disputes (limited to two a month).

Students would also be issued standard coaching uniforms — those über-sexy, tight polyester shorts and matching undersized polo shirts.

They'd take classes on media (how to talk your way around direct questions dealing with a fight between two of your players at a gun range),

child psychology (how to deal with Terrell Owens) and nutrition (with special guest instructor Bill Romanowski).

Students could take turns yelling at faculty member and NFL referee Ken Baker.

A major downside would be judging the success of the program. 100 students may graduate with their degrees in NFL head coaching, but there are only so many coaching vacancies out there.

But as long as guys like Dennis Green and Dick Jauron are finding work, I'm pretty sure a graduate of Eastern's program would grab some consideration.

While Eastern won't make the switch to emphasizing NFL head coaching, the school should enjoy its moment in the public light.

Much like a lonely guy out on the town, you've got take what you can get.

*Dan Woike is a senior journalism major. Email him at woikedan@gmail.com to take a correspondence course in Cover 2 defenses or the evolution of the long snap.*

**SLEEP:**

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## Good shooting by Tenn. Tech down's Eastern

It's not that Christian's numbers surprised Sallee, but it was a bit startling the game Lyons put together after the Panthers held her to eight points in the teams' previous meeting.

"I don't know why we couldn't guard (Lyons)," Sallee said. "We knew how quick and athletic she was. Maybe we were scared."

The only thing that might have been scarier for the Panthers than Lyons was the fact that TTU shot 64 percent in the second half (50 percent for the game) and knocked down 10-of-20 three-pointers.

"Whenever a team shoots threes that well at home," Sallee said, "you don't have a chance."

The Panthers three-point shoot-

ing against Tech continued to struggle as Eastern was 7-for-26 beyond the arc and are a combined 13-for-60 (22 percent) in shooting three-pointers against the Eaglettes this year.

Even though the Panthers got steady numbers from their usual big three of Megan Edwards (17 points), Megan Sparks (16 points) and Rachel Galligan (10 points, seven rebounds), the failure to hit timely shots and make key defensive stops down the stretch hurt Eastern.

"For the most part I was happy with our overall effort, with the exception being on the defensive end," Sallee said. "We talked all week about pressuring the ball, but we never applied that to the game."

Even with a loss to the OVC leader, Sallee remains upbeat about his team.

"I like where we stand," he said. "I knew it would be tough to get a win here."

"They proved they're the best, but we're not far behind."

**TENNESSEE TECH 78, EASTERN 67**

E. KENTUCKY	fg		ft		reb	a	pf	pts
	min	m-a	m-a	o-t				
Apple	37	2-4	0-0	1-3	6	0	5	
Cavin	28	2-10	3-7	2-5	2	3	9	
Reed	30	1-5	0-1	2-5	2	3	3	
Christian	40	10-20	3-4	4-13	8	4	25	
Lyons	23	9-13	1-1	0-1	2	1	19	
Tyler	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	
Bowens	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	
Reece	25	4-4	3-4	1-3	0	0	14	
Brackin	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	
Hensley	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	200	29-58	10-17	14-40	21	14	78	

Percentages: FG .500. 3-point goals: 10-20 .500 (Reece 3-3, Christian 2-5, Cavin 2-5, Bowens 1-1, Apple 1-1, Reed 1-2) Blocked shots: 3 (Christian 2) Steals: 4 (Lyons 3) Turnovers: 13 (Christian 4)

EASTERN	fg		ft		reb	a	pf	pts
	min	m-a	m-a	o-t				
Edwards	36	6-19	2-2	0-3	3	1	17	
Sparks	38	5-12	4-5	0-2	1	2	16	
Canale	16	1-3	3-4	2-6	2	5	5	
Sims	23	3-7	0-0	4-7	2	4	6	
Galligan	31	4-9	2-2	2-7	0	2	10	
Kramer	5	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	1	0	
Eck	17	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	6	
Maxedon	9	1-3	0-0	2-2	0	1	2	
Scaggs	9	2-3	1-2	2-5	0	0	5	
Kluempers	16	0-1	0-2	0-1	5	3	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	200	24-63	12-17	14-36	15	19	67	

Percentages: FG .38.1. 3-point goals: 7-26 .269 (Edwards 3-12, Eck 2-6, Sparks 2-7, Canale 0-1, Sima 0-1) Blocked shots: 2 (Galligan 2) Steals: 4 (T-1) Turnovers: 12 (Edwards 5) Fouled out: Canale

**PANTHER BRIEFS**

## Eastern baseball and softball picked seventh in OVC

Thursday the Ohio Valley Conference announced its preseason poll for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons.

The Panther baseball team was predicted to finish seventh out of 10 OVC teams, the same spot it finished last year. Head coach Jim Schmitz is entering his 12th year and is one win shy of 300 that would surpass Tom McDevitt as the all-time wins leader in Eastern's history.

Austin Peay, which won the 2005 OVC tournament last year, received five first-place votes as the top pick to win the conference.

Just like the baseball team, the softball team was picked to finish seventh this spring. Eastern welcomes first-year head coach Kim Schuette to Williams Field this year and is welcoming back seven starters from last year's squad. The softball team also finished in seventh place in the OVC last year.

Jacksonville State, the 2005 regular-season champs, received seven first-place votes as the Gamecocks are the favorite to win the conference again this year.

Brief compiled by associate sports editor Matt Daniels

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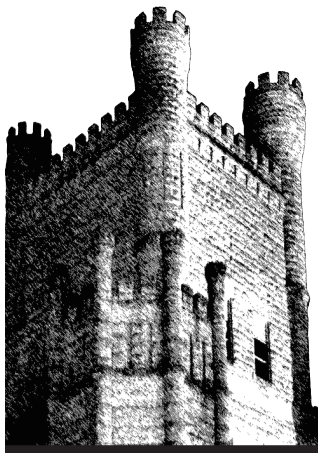
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SATURDAY	TRACK AND FIELD EIU MEGA MEET	9 a.m.
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT TENNESSEE STATE	7:30 p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL AT TENNESSEE STATE	7 p.m.
	WRESTLING AT EASTERN MICHIGAN	11 a.m.
SUNDAY	SWIMMING AT VALPARAISO	2 p.m.

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**DAN WOIKE**  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Eastern, the NFL's hotbed?

One thing that's a constant in our world is the need for reevaluation and renovation.

If you're going out on the weekends and you aren't attracting the attention that you're after, look in the mirror. Find your weaknesses (maybe it's your hair, your clothes or the pint of Jägermeister on your breath).

Then, after pinpointing the problem, play up your strengths — like your eyes, your body or the smell of a pint of Jägermeister on your breath.

Well, Eastern Illinois is like that guy at the bar, and up until Wednesday, he wasn't getting any love.

But, bless those New Orleans Saints for welcoming a Panther with open arms.

When the Saints tabbed former Panther quarterback Sean Payton to be their new head coach, Eastern went from the guy who couldn't make a girl look twice to the guy who had girls all over him — buying him drinks, paying his rent and other kinds of general swooning.

See, Payton joins two other Eastern alums (Denver's Mike Shanahan and Minnesota's Brad Childress) as NFL head coaches. This ties Eastern with Southern California and San Diego State for the highest production of current coaches.

The next thing you know, the nation has Eastern Illinois fever (less fatal than West Nile virus but every bit as contagious).

The same night Antoine Davis returned to face his former team, the Chicago Bulls, and went into the stands to the aid of his harassed wife, the Chicago Tribune led with the NFL's newest hotbed for coaches.

We were getting inches in the USA Today sports section and shout-outs on CNN.

America couldn't get enough Eastern Illinois.

So maybe the school should consider re-positioning itself from a respected education school. Let's give the people what they want: more NFL coaches.

I know Coaching Football is offered already, but that isn't enough to continue the wave of good publicity raining down on Old Main.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# First-half run pushes Tenn. Tech past Eastern

BY MATT DANIELS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said facing teams for the second time in a year would be a different game than the first one. He wasn't wrong.

Tennessee Tech squeaked by Eastern the first time, 83-80 in overtime on Dec. 8 in a controversial win after the referees awarded Tech a phantom basket late in regulation.

The Golden Eagles made sure there would be no question of the win Thursday night in Cookeville, Tenn., beating the Panthers 75-60 at the Eblen Center.

"I never really felt like we were in it and I never really felt like we were playing the way that we came to play," Miller said.

It was the second game for the Panthers against the Ohio Valley Conference's top team this week.

The play of Tech's Derek Stribling and Anthony Fisher made certain Eastern could not pull off another upset like the Panthers did Monday night

against Murray State.

Even without the service of Tech's starting senior point guard Keyon Boyd, who was out with a sprained knee, the Panthers could not slow down the Golden Eagles' attack.

Stribling, a senior forward for the Golden Eagles, along with sophomore point guard Anthony Fisher, helped spark an 11-0 run that stretched Tech's lead from four to 15 heading into halftime.

"You've really got to keep your guard up and maintain through that point," Miller said. "(Thursday night) was just completely deflating to go through that little stretch that way, and it didn't take very long to happen. It changed the game."

After a jumper by freshman point guard Mike Robinson pulled Eastern to 32-28, Fisher responded with a three-point play. Stribling forced a steal on the Panthers' ensuing possession and made a layup, making Tech's lead swell from four to nine in the span of ten seconds.

"The level that we played at is too inconsistent," Miller said. "We play at a high level Monday night and we played at a low level (Thursday night)

against a good team that's ready to play and that's what happens when you get topped with an 11-0 run."

Stribling continued to create havoc as he blocked a shot and came down on TTU's possession and drilled a three-point shot. After Eastern failed to score, Fisher, a sophomore guard, hit another three-pointer five seconds before the half to send the Golden Eagles into the locker room with a comfortable lead.

Starting the second half, both teams traded baskets before Tech went on a 17-4 run to blow the game open.

The Golden Eagles' lead swelled to 25 with eleven minutes left in the game. The Panthers had 20 turnovers in the loss, including nine by Robinson, and never made a serious run at Tech the rest of the way.

"I think we threw some balls away and got impatient with (our offense)," Miller said. "A lot of our turnovers were bad decisions."

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior guard Megan Sparks looks for an open teammate during Saturday's game in Lantz Arena. Sparks had 16 points in Thursday's 76-68 loss to TTU.

# Christian puts Panthers to sleep

## Tennessee Tech senior center reigns over Eastern in 78-67 Panther loss

BY MARC CORRENTI  
STAFF REPORTER

Thankfully for the Eastern women's basketball team, Emily Christian will graduate in the spring.

The 6-foot-1 inch Tennessee Tech senior scored 25 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and dished out eight assists in helping the Golden Eaglettes pull away for a 78-67 Ohio Valley Conference victory Thursday night over the Panthers in Cookeville, Tenn.

Although Christian has had some big games against Eastern (7-10, 6-4

OVC) in the past (40- and 39-point games) she saved her best performance for last.

"The numbers she puts up don't lie," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "There's a reason she's the best player in the conference."

Going into Thursday's game against TTU (12-4, 8-1), the Panthers had built momentum with home victories over Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee-Martin that put EIU back in the conference race.

But any momentum the Panthers might have carried over was quickly

turned away by a Tech team that had won five in a row.

The Panthers jumped out to a 2-0 lead on senior forward Lauren Sims' jumper to open the game — the only lead the Panthers would have.

It was a back-and-forth game in the first half that saw TTU grab a 37-34 lead at halftime.

"I thought we played well in the first half, in that we stood up to their challenge," Sallee said.

The Panthers and Eaglettes continued to trade baskets in the second half before freshman guard Ellen Canale

fouled Jana Reece on a three-pointer. Reece, who finished with 12 points, buried the three-pointer and sank the ensuing free throw to give TTU a 50-43 lead with 14 minutes, 32 seconds left.

"A huge play, no doubt," Sallee said. "Whenever you give up a four-point play, it breaks your back."

From there on out, the game was controlled by Christian and freshman guard Megan Lyons who poured in 19 points.

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Heavy metal is so rampant on Bleeding Through's new album that it is...well...bleeding through...read on!

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Actually, it's just a normal sized movie about a giant ape but Michael Peterson thinks you should see it anyway.

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### Cheap thrills:

What would The Verge be without a story about drinking? But this time we have actually found reasons, lots of them, that might make you think twice before flipping that cup.

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ERIC HILTNER/ON THE VERGE

Danny Young, a junior accounting major and console gamer, brings his PlayStation 2 down on the head of Jim Holpuch, a junior computer information systems major and PC gamer, who strikes back with his keyboard during the endless battle between console and PC gamers.

# Battle of the gamers

## Students indulge in electronic pastimes

BY HOLLY MOHR | ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

The clock strikes 4:15 p.m. The professor lets the class out right on time and Craig has a six-minute walk to his residence hall room, in just enough time for him to call for possible teammates.

Craig opens the door to his room, takes a seat by his roommate at the desk and turns on the computer. A normal ritual of a college student except this is not just any desk or computer system. This is a homemade loft that looks like something a person would expect to see at NASA with extensive computer systems and surround sound.

Craig Nerger and Jim Holpuch, both junior computer information system majors, room together in Stevenson Hall. And both said they're considered "dedicated PC gamers."

"I'll spend anywhere between an hour on the computer to 12 hours playing against people from all over," Nerger said.

He said he knows to quit when his hands get shaky around 7 a.m. from all the gaming and Mountain Dew he drinks during an all-night round.

PC, or personal computer, gaming is quite competitive considering a gamer can play against multiple players. Even dozens at one time.

"The competition is pretty fierce," Nerger said. "Everyone wants to be the best."

Like any sport, PC gaming has pro and amateur leagues, sponsored players and big paychecks.

Holpuch said his amateur team, Vengeance Gaming, played teams from California to New York from September to January this year.

"We got schooled," he said. "It was a lot of fun but our team wasn't consistent."

Nerger played on Vengeance Gaming as well.

"We could've made up to \$1,000," Nerger said. "At the pro level you can

make between \$40,000-\$100,000."

Nerger and Holpuch haven't won much money in gaming but have both put an amazing amount into their systems.

Holpuch spent \$2,000 on his system, while Nerger invested \$2,400 in his.

"That's the big difference between PC gamers and console gamers," Nerger said. "Console gamers are cheap and don't want to put the money up for a PC system."

So the battle of the gamers begins...

"You can buy a lot of (shoes) with the money PC gamers throw away into their systems," said Brian Andries, freshman communications major.

While the pricing of any console system is between \$150-\$500. The pricing of a Gaming PC is between \$1,500-\$6,000 or possibly even more with upgrades to the system.

"All PC gamers think they're better than console gamers because of how expensive their systems are and how they have better graphics," said Garth Baird, sophomore at Lake Land College.

A gaming PC can contain 85 frames per second with a higher resolution, whereas a console system contains 30 frames per second, Holpuch said.

But does that make PC gaming better?

Holpuch said PC gaming would always be "cutting edge compared to console."

Computers are not perfect though.

Baird said console gaming is better because gamers do not have to worry about computer viruses and connection problems.

Cutting-edge technology is not the only reason PC gamers think they have it better.

Holpuch said it is also the dedication the players have.



# Neverland Ranch deemed safe for animals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS OLIVOS, Calif. —The giraffes and other exotic animals Michael Jackson has kept at his Neverland Ranch are not being mistreated, federal officials have concluded.

The Department of Agriculture sent an inspector to the 2,600-acre ranch in Central California last month in response to a complaint from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

PETA based its complaint on European tabloid reports that animals were being kept in substandard conditions.

"I'm unaware of any violations of the Animal Welfare Act at Neverland," Darby Holladay, a spokesman with the USDA in Washington, said Tuesday.

Along with giraffes, Jackson's ranch has been home to elephants, snakes, orangutans, tigers and a crocodile.

Jackson, 47, has been living in the Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain. He was acquitted of child molestation charges in California last year.

## ARETHA FRANKLIN TO SING NATIONAL ANTHEM AT SUPER BOWL

DETROIT — Aretha Franklin will join New Orleans singer Aaron Neville in performing the national anthem at next month's Super Bowl. They will be accompanied by another veteran New Orleans musician, pianist Dr. John.

"The combination of all three should present a very



Michael Jackson

memorable performance," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy told the Detroit Free Press.

Franklin, Neville and a 150-person backing choir will sing to a taped vocal track to be recorded in Detroit several days before the Feb. 5 game at Detroit's Ford Field, the Free Press reported on its Web site.

In addition, John Legend and Joss Stone will join Motown star Stevie Wonder in performing Wonder's hits as part of the Super Bowl pre-game show, which will be broadcast live on ABC.

The NFL's selection of the Rolling Stones for the halftime show prompted demands that the Detroit area's musical legacy be recognized.

## ISAAC HAYES TREATED FOR EXHAUSTION

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Isaac Hayes was being treated at a Memphis hospital for exhaustion, his longtime songwriting partner said.

"He's just overworked and had been in Atlantic City performing, the D.C. area performing and in Tunica (Miss.) a couple of nights ago. He was just overworked," David Porter told The Commercial Appeal newspaper Tuesday.

"He's doing much better," Porter added.

It wasn't immediately known which hospital the soul singer had checked into. Calls to his agents weren't returned.

Hayes, 63, is best known for his 1971 No. 1 hit, "Theme From Shaft," from the Richard Roundtree film. More recently, he voiced the character of Chef on television's "South Park."



## GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

TIM EMMERLING  
VERGE REPORTER

### Lack of heat lowers IQ's

The glossy layer on his upper lip was not Vaseline.

He was waiting outside of Coleman Hall, trembling like a bald Chihuahua in the middle of a blizzard. Only there was not a blizzard. In fact, it was not snowing at all. But that did not make him any better off.

He just kept standing there, shaking more violently as time passed, his teeth clanging against one another rapidly. He could have been waiting for anyone, but nobody ever showed up. All he needed was a little guidance.

And if not for my class, I would have been the one to offer it to him by smacking him in the head for wearing a T-shirt and shorts in the middle of winter.

Some people still refuse the widely-supported notion that wearing layers will actually help keep one warmer during these frigid times. I am not a scientist, but I, too, am a supporter of this idea. So instead of wearing our snout all over our faces, let us try to stay warm.

#### WEAR LAYERS

When the cold air is really biting, I like to throw on my wooly mammoth hide before heading out the door. Those beasts were built to take a beating and their pelts are perfect for protecting your flesh.

And men, since they are waterproof, you'll never have to worry about being that weird guy that carries an umbrella anymore.

Because the mammoths went extinct about 10,000 years ago, you might have a problem locating this product. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in renting a time machine and we will find a rate that works for you.

#### EMBRACE YOUR HUNGER

Four skeletons I interviewed agreed that warmth is found by those sporting a healthy layer of fat. So rather than using now as the time to lose your excess weight, just keep it packed on until the temperature warms up a little more. And if you are skinny, it is time to become the glutton you have always wanted to be. You will find a variety of grocery stores close to campus. Make a quick trip, pop down in front of the TV and start shoveling big scoops of butter into your mouth. It will love you by melting in your mouth and going down smooth. Just be sure to love it back.

#### TAKE THE STING OFF

When you are done with your meal, do not ever take a pass on the ice cream because it is cold outside. Doing so is a grave mistake. By cooling your body off with a frosty treat, the change in temperature upon stepping outside will be a much more gradual one because you'll already be slightly chilled. You can test this theory by sticking your hand in a bag of ice for 15 minutes and then sticking both hands outside where a cool breeze is blowing. I am sure you will smile when you see that one hand is not really feeling the cold or anything at all.

# One man's trash, another man's waste of time



## VIEWER'S GUIDE

MICHAEL PETERSON  
VERGE REPORTER

**"Clever things make people feel stupid, and unexpected things make them feel scared...TV audiences do not want anything original. They want to see the same thing they have seen a thousand times before."**

—PHILLIP J. FRY, "FUTURAMA"

That quote sums up the biggest problem with television today. Why in the world would television producers put faith in interesting, creative and unique shows if people do not watch them? Reality shows (or television Sexually Transmitted Infections as I like to call them) only cost a fraction of what a "real" show costs to produce and they generally receive better ratings. It would be almost idiotic and a waste of money to make a quality show.

Even reality shows are constantly stealing ideas from one another. Just look at NBC's "The Contender" and Fox's "Next Great Champ." And if I find out they have made another show in which a bachelor decides to find "the woman of his dreams" from a handful of attractive-yet-brainless women I swear I am going to vomit.

Luckily, sometimes clever and creative shows do make it, for example: "24," "CSI," "The Simpsons" and "Rescue Me." But for every good, unique show that makes it, four other shows are canceled. How many people actually watched "Boomtown," "Arrested Development" or "Firefly"?

Luckily, thanks to DVD Box-Sets, creative shows are allowed a second-chance at success. Just look at the ever-popular "Family Guy," a personal favorite of mine. The show was not popular when it came out and was ultimately canceled.

But Cartoon Network's Adult Swim, DVD sales and extremely positive word-of-mouth eventually led to the series resurrection. That was a happy day indeed when I found out Fox was producing new episodes. (I am still crossing my fingers for some new Futurama episodes).

Unfortunately, the same problem can be said of movies and even music. Probably only 20 percent of original, awesome bands make it. I mean, come on! How many "Limp Bizkits" and "Nickelbacks" do we have to wade through before we get to good bands like Tool and The Red Hot Chili Peppers?

But unlike the music industry, I think the movie industry is making creative films in order to get people back to the theaters. More and more it seems that cliché and overdone movies are flopping worse and worse.

Also, DVD sales are giving good movies another chance at success. "Fight Club," "Memento" and "Donnie Darko" were not successful until they came out on DVD. It looks almost like DVDs are the savior of creativity.

But if people are content to watch movies and TV shows that contain recycled plot-lines and characters, I cannot do anything about it. As Woody Allen once said, "In Beverly Hills...they don't throw their garbage away. They make it into television shows."

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# Southern sound: Short and sweet?

## Charleston crowd unimpressed with David Allan Coe performance

BY CHRIS ESSIG | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

Outlaw country legend and ex-con David Allan Coe made his way at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, January 7, to Friends and Compan., on 509 Van Buren Ave.

Coe requested to begin at 10 p.m. instead of the scheduled 10:30 p.m. but club manager Mike Gherardini insisted that it had been advertised at 10:30 p.m. for six months. Coe admitted he could understand and agreed to play at his scheduled time, Gherardini said.

At 10 p.m., Coe took the stage and began playing.

Immediately, things seemed off – not simply because he was on the stage a half an hour early, despite his word. Instead of making any attempt to interact with the crowd, Coe simply pumped out his songs.

“He just had no presence. It was like watching it on TV,” Gherardini said. “No ‘how you doing,’ no crowd waving, no nothing.”

As a few people started ‘shoulder pumping’, getting out of line, in the front row, Gherardini agreed to calm the situation down and grabbed a few beers. Coe was maybe 12 to 17 songs into it, Gherardini said.

Next thing those in attendance knew, Coe was heading off stage.

“He played what would be his last song, got up and walked off the stage. He never said thank you, good night or anything like that, so everyone kind of thought he may be taking a break or something,” said Eric Culberson, a junior sociology major.

This was at 10:45 p.m. Coe never returned.

While the band kept playing for several minutes, Coe was long gone.

“[The band] gave him enough time to get in his Cadillac Escalade and drive away,” Gherardini said. “He basically left them high and dry.”

While he did manage to pump out classic renditions of crowd favorites including “The Ride,” “You Don’t Have To Call Me Darlin,” and “Willie, Waylon, and Me,” it’s impossible to say that some were not disappointed they just witnessed such a short show.

“I don’t think that we got our money’s worth,” Culberson

said. “Forty minutes of music for thirty bucks isn’t a very good deal.”

“The Charleston crowd didn’t take it lightly,” Gherardini said. “Three people were really mad, cussing at the bus and band.”

He said that Coe’s guest list, driving “big old Hurley rigs”, geared up in obnoxious rings looking like brass knuckles and steel-toe boots, threatened to send people to the hospital. Fortunately nothing got out of hand and nobody got hurt.

Gherardini had three goals for the show; that he showed up, there were no riots and nobody got hurt. Despite being obviously bitter, Gherardini admits at least these came true.

“After the show I asked myself ‘what did I do wrong?’” Gherardini said. “My father said, ‘Michael, you booked a man who’s been known his entire career as an asshole. To think you would get any other kind of treatment is being naïve.’”

“This is why he doesn’t play in Nashville and travels town to town, playing at bars like Friends and Co. This is what college bands do,” Gherardini said. “He’s only hurting his fans.”

Disappointment did not leave itself at Friend’s and Company’s front door either. Mark Lewis, assistant manager for Lefty’s Holler, located only a few blocks down from Friends and Co. said a rough five or six people that night came in upset.

It was defiantly brought up, Lewis said. Bob Wooward was at the Uptowner, which is also located a few blocks from Friends and Company, that night.

“The general consensus was disappointment but there wasn’t a whole lot they could do about it. He is a country legend and 70 some odd years old after all,” Wooward said.

Some, however, weren’t completely outraged. Culberson confesses if given the opportunity to see the legend live again, he would not pass it up.

“Maybe he was sick or something,” he said. “I just find it hard to believe that Coe would do that without some reason for it.”

Three days later, Gherardini received a phone call from Coe’s production manager.

“He was very apologetic, explaining that ever since Dimebag

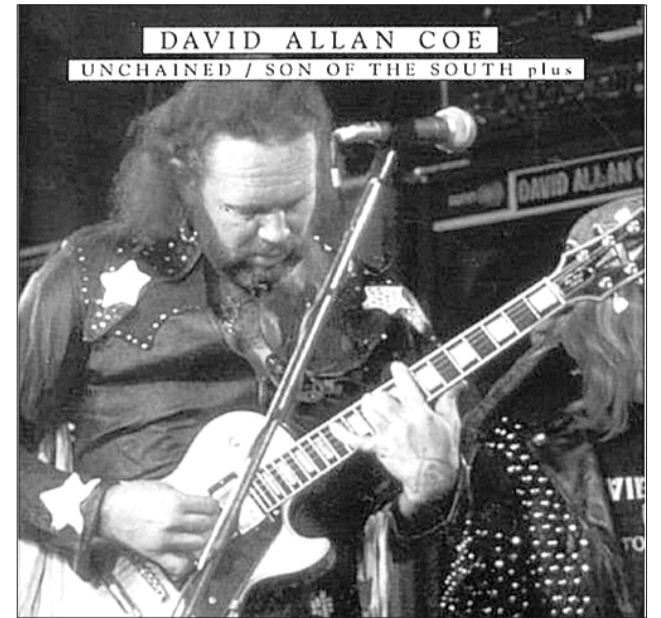


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Darryl had been shot in a club, he had been nervous playing at clubs. We were packing them in and there was an altercation at the front of the stage,” Gherardini said. “It was just an excuse.”

As for the actual show itself, Coe made sure the focus was on the music. Aside from his band and their instruments, the stage was bare, perfect for his old school outlaw country music.

“People were packed in like sardines,” Gherardini said. “The live feed sounded great; it was loud and rattling the walls. People a few blocks away could hear it perfectly.”

Playing at Friends, doesn’t allow for much background or anything, Culberson said.

“Just being Coe gave him a lot of stage presence out of the gates.”

Despite it all, Gherardini admits it could have been a lot worse.

“I was lucky. I’ve heard stories of him getting on stage and immediately leaving,” Gherardini said. “He’s just never been much of a performer. Next time I’ll get a written negotiation, in writing, or set times, lengths, possibly songs, etc.”

And there certainly will be a next time. Friends and Company has a variety of music playing every week, starting the 28th with Irons in the Fire. They also have battle of the bands frequently, are in talks with Alien Ant Farm and some 80’s bands like Cheap Trick.

Maybe next time things will run a little smoother.

### HOUSE PARTIES VS. BARS

# Different places, different music

BY DAVID THILL | VERGE EDITOR

College students are faced with many difficult decisions throughout their four-year (sometimes five- or six- or even seven-year) tenure at college.

One of those decisions comes about every Friday and Saturday night: go out to the bar or go to a house party?

Both often feature live bands but there is a difference between the two.

Paul Beck, an Eastern student and guitarist for the local band Romancing the Bone, said he has played at as many bars as he has house parties. While in the past the band has played primarily at bars, this year it has been an even split, Beck said.

“Personally, I like bars more,” Beck said. “House shows, it’s cool because people get into it more. You get to be part of the audience because you are right there. But with bars there is a bit of separation from the audience. The quality of sound is more professional in a bar.”

Charleston suffers from a bit of a shortage when it comes to bars that regularly feature

live bands.

Fred Hudson, general manager at The Uptowner, said the music scene in Charleston is a small one, but one he would like to see grow. Hudson said the bar usually features bluegrass, jam band and blues music.

“Because a lot of bands travel from far away, if more places catered to music it would benefit us as well as them,” Hudson said.

He said that if a band had more than one or two bars at which to book shows, they might stay two or three nights rather than just one after hours of traveling.

Concerning safety, bars offer more of that than house parties can guarantee.

Josh Nova, director of promotions at Friend’s and Company, said house parties could be a liability. He said the bar usually showcases rock acts.

“House parties are cool, but you run the risk of getting shut down by the police,” Nova said. “It’s dangerous. Here, (Friend’s and Co.) you can get crazy and there’s really nothing you can do to trash the back room we have there.”

Nova also said there seems to be a decline in people coming out to live shows at bars.

“There is a little bit of a decline due to the bands that are touring right now,” he said. “But once you cut through the crap, there are some really good bands out there.”

Nova said he thought while Friend’s and Co. has suffered a decline in attendance from the change in management the business has undergone this past year but there have been “amazing crowds for some bands.”

Hudson said there has recently been a bit of an increase in patronage because of live bands. He said when featuring a live band, The Uptowner sees an increase of people coming in who wouldn’t normally come in.

While house parties may present a liability or safety concerns, there may be a closeness one can’t get at a bar.

“I like each for different reasons,” Beck said. “(At house parties) people are able to be part of the band. As a showgoer, I like to go to a house, because you get to interact with the band after the show.”

However, there also may be other reasons for going to a bar.

Tom Baird, manager at Gunner Buc’s, a bar in Mattoon, said there is a business aspect that bands that perform solely at house parties may miss.

“House parties, band or no band, cut into the bar business,” Baird said. Live music helps the bar business and the bar business helps live music.”

Baird said he has noticed there seems to be less structure to a band at a house party. He also said that, sometimes, being good entertainers would take a band farther than just being good musicians.

“A lot of it has to do with presentation,” Baird said. “You could be the next Beatles, but if only one or two people show up, that isn’t doing anybody any good.”

A band that comes into the bar, sets up, plays and does not interact with the audience, being good musicians will not be enough to translate into success, Baird said.

He also said that many times bands are at the mercy of what musical trend is popular at that time.

“Some trends don’t lend themselves as well to live music,” he said.



# 'Walk the Line' claims Golden Globe wins

BY DAVID GERMAIN | INDIANA DAILY STUDENT



HANH/KHAYAT/ABACA PRESS/KRT NEWS  
George Clooney, winner of the Best Supporting Actor in a motion picture.

"Brokeback Mountain" is moseying along the Academy Awards trail, its four Golden Globe wins -- best drama among them -- positioning the cowboy love story for Oscar glory.

Homosexual and transsexual themes dominated Monday's Golden Globes with key wins by "Brokeback Mountain," plus acting honors for the film biography "Capote" and the gender-bending "Transamerica."

But politics and music ran close behind at the Globes, second only to the Oscars in the hierarchy of Hollywood film honors.

Top prizes went to the corporate and government corruption thrillers "Syriana" and "The Constant Gardener," the terrorism drama "Paradise Now" and the White House series "Commander In Chief," while the Johnny Cash film biography "Walk the Line" won three honors.

The four Globes for "Brokeback Mountain," the story of old ranch hand buddies who conceal an ongoing homosexual affair from their families, included the directing award for Ang Lee. The fact that "Brokeback Mountain" has found eager audiences across the country, including the conservative heartland, shows that Americans are willing to embrace stories of love in all forms, Lee said.

"It has proven you can never categorize a region or place or stereotype them," Lee said.

The Globes position "Brokeback Mountain" as a solid front-runner for the Academy Awards, whose nominations come out Jan. 31, with the Oscars handed out March 5. The film also won Globes for best screenplay and song.

Likewise, acting winners Felicity Huffman, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon, George Clooney and Rachel Weisz solidified their Oscar prospects.

Huffman won the best dramatic actress award for her remarkable transformation in the road-trip tale "Transamerica," in which she plays a man preparing for sex-change surgery.

Phoenix as country legend Cash and Witherspoon as the singer's soul mate, June Carter, earned the lead-acting prizes in a musical or comedy for "Walk the Line."

The film also won for best musical or comedy.

A Southerner, Witherspoon said she was excited to do a film paying tribute to the region's music and to play a woman she greatly respected.

"I also believe in really strong women, and I think she's the ultimate strong female character."



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Reese Witherspoon, winner for Best Performance by an actress in a motion picture

STYLE SNAPSHOT

## FASHION AND FUNCTION

Winter weather at its worst is never enough to stop Eastern students from partaking in nightlife, nor on the most blistery day do conditions prevent females on campus in particular from arriving in style. But why freeze and sacrifice health with barely-there ensembles from the past when designers are increasingly becoming more functionally fashionable?

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Sheepskin and faux fur footwear, though still widely acceptable trends, are unfortunately more difficult to accessorize with dressier nighttime attire. However, instead of beginning to track through snow and ice with strappy stilettos, breathe a sigh of relief and start thanking the latest trendsetters, for the shoe gods smile upon us this season, as generous 'sole's in fashion design are beginning to consider practicality.

**"Sheepskin and faux fur footwear, though still widely acceptable trends, are unfortunately more difficult to accessorize with..."**

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With warmth, dryness and ground grip most important during wet winter months, rubber heels and water-resistant leathers are stepping into retailers as boots styles are conforming to more slimmed-down shapes with weather-appropriate features.

Ugg has even updated their frumpy casual look for formfitting metro styles.

Step into the nearest shoe retailer and opt for a less bulky boot, preferably waterproof with reasonable tread.

A'PEEL'ING APPAREL

Whether walking or driving to the nearest nighttime locale, in winter months weather conditions will fluctuate throughout the evening no matter the location.

Consider lines, crowdedness and location changes. Lines or transportation to places permit time outside, places will vary in temperature and crowds can not only heat up temperatures, but also reduce standing room and room for belongings.

All factors considered, layer clothing. Allow wardrobe options for temperature and atmosphere changes.

Winter does not need to bar a favorite glam cami, just build on it. Layer more skin-revealing pieces with items such as cardigans, collared shirts, blazers or shrugs and build on looks with functional pieces such as hats and scarves.

In addition to providing an opportunity

for changing from relaxed pub attire to a revealing club ensemble, the act of removing items will help instill a relaxed, ready-for anything attitude for the night. Besides, peeling off pieces throughout the night may even encourage a touch of seductive persona.

IT'S IN THE BAG

Just like diamonds, bigger is better when it comes to winter bags.

With fewer belongings necessary in warmer months, handbags shrink to unfeasible sizes. Take advantage of switching up styles with larger purses in cold months when space is more greatly needed.

Fit freshening items such as hair products, bobby pins, make-up wipes, and brushes in larger bags and if possible, use extra space to tightly fold and carry a just-removed cardigan, hat or scarf.

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# I think we're alone now...

Why do people act so strange when they think no one is watching?

BY BRIAN GARTLAN  
VERGE REPORTER

Every student at Eastern has habits, but all that are good, bad or just weird are common in humans.

A habit is defined as an unconscious pattern of behavior that is acquired through frequent repetition, said psychology professor John Best. "Habits are just acquired superstitiously," he said. "We become conditioned to the habit."

Some Eastern students like Mike Rakis, a senior physical education major, said he performs his habits with total disregard to who might be watching from afar.

"I pull my eyebrows," Rakis said.

He said people always ask him why he pulls on his eyebrows, but he never has had an answer. "I don't know why I do it," Rakis said. "But I do it all the time."

He said he also bites his fingernails, sometimes even until they hurt, "which is never good," he said.

Best said he sees students biting their nails and chewing on their pens everyday in the classroom.

Best said it is difficult for people to explain why they have their habits because they are unconscious of what they are doing and he said fingernail biting is a very common habit.

Other students have silly habits that are less painful than Rakis'.

"I do really stupid things when people aren't watching," said freshman Megan Coombes.

She said she always sings by herself and she does the chicken dance because she likes to "dance like a chicken."

Though she performs these habits when no one is looking, this is not where she stops. "I make silly faces when people are actually watching," she said.

Another student, Britta Grand, a sophomore English major, has a habit that she knows people are not "really" watching.

"I read the comments (good and bad) that are on the bathroom wall," she said. "No one is actually watching me do that, I hope."

Other students have a habit of talking out loud.

Ellen Kowalewski, a senior health studies major, said she talks to herself far too often.

"Sometimes I have conversations with myself," she said. "The thing that's crazy is that I respond when there's no one around."

However, Kowalewski is not the only student on Eastern's campus who has a responding voice in their head.

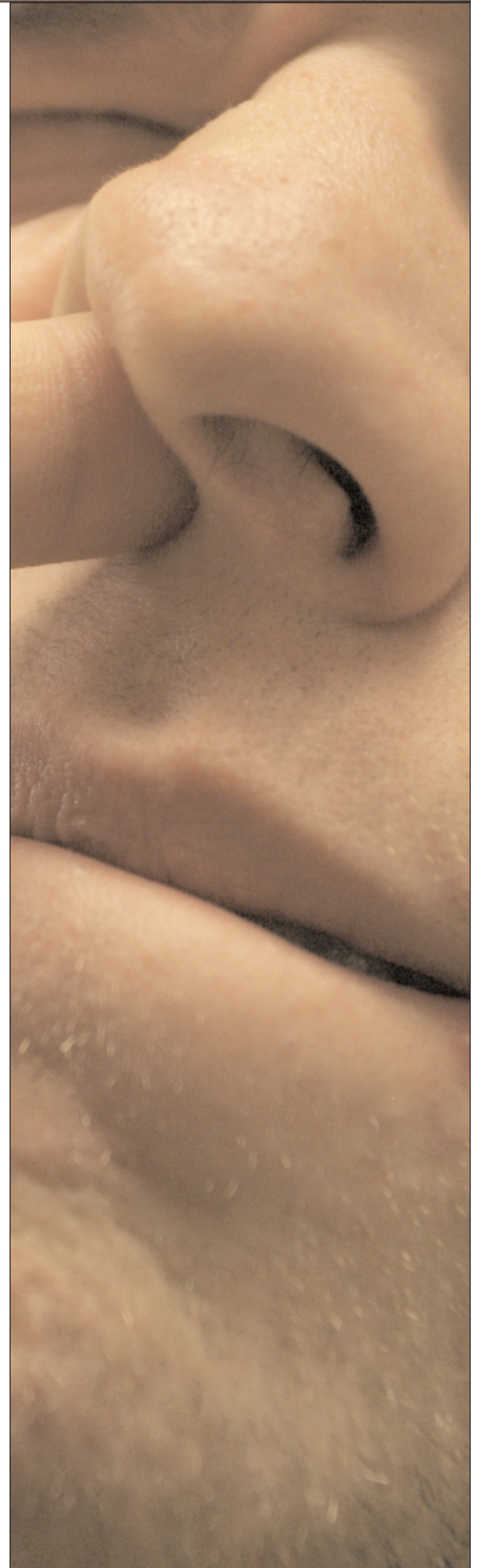
"Sometimes I'm the only one who listens," said Ryan Hagan, a junior marketing major.

He instantly admitted his habit.

"Other people probably think I have an imaginary friend, but I don't," Hagan said. "I just think out loud."

Hagan said he also practices nodding at others on campus.

"I practice saying hello to others in case the situation comes up," he said. "But I'm not crazy."





# Strokes break out ballads on latest album

THE STROKES  
"FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF EARTH"

★★★  
out of  
★★★★★

BY GREG WALKER | VERGE REPORTER

The Strokes are back with their third album, "First Impressions of Earth," a bloated, yet much more aggressive disc.

The album opener, "You Only Live Once," is classic and laid-back, yet rocking. The next track and first single from the album "Juicebox" slaps you across the face with its menacing intro riff that sounds like it would be more suited accompanying a Jean-Claude Van Damme movie trailer.

"Don't go, (insert tough guy name)."

"But I must..." cue "Juicebox."

The song "Vision of Division" could also be grouped into the more aggressive Strokes category. In fact, I heard lead singer Julian Casablancas' yell of "How long must I wait?" during an NFL pregame show.

In The Strokes' previous two albums, Casablancas vocals were muffled and at times pushed to the background of the songs. On this album though, The Strokes brought in a new producer who for the first time left the vocals unaltered.

Something else new in The Strokes' universe is the ballad. There's only so long that a band can go without a ballad as witnessed by "Ask Me Anything" and "15 Minutes." "Ask Me Anything" is a lovely piece of musical balladry, but what makes it so great is the lyrics. Instead of the usual ballads that express deep desires and thoughts, Casablancas states it how it is when he echoes, "I've got nothing to say, I've got

nothing to give, got no reason to live, but I will fight to survive, I've got nothing to hide, Wish I wasn't so shy."

"First Impressions of Earth" contains some notably different songs from The Strokes and other songs in the same vein that they have become known for. The only problem is that there is just way too much here. The previous Strokes albums came in at around 30 minutes, "First Impressions of Earth" totals up to 15 tracks and just under an hour in length. If some of the songs were left off it would have greatly benefited the album. Because of this, The Strokes may be struggling to keep your attention.

The Strokes are showing signs of maturity and growth on their newest release. The only question is if you are willing to listen. This album will not grab you as quickly as their previous two, but if you are willing to invest some time, you will be rewarded.

## GAMERS:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"Console gamers have no dedication. They play because they are bored or have nothing else to drink," he said.

PC gamers may call it dedication but console gamers think different.

"They spend way too much time playing video games," said Kelly Cluver, a freshman pre-physician assistant major.

"I play for hours at a time, but not every day like PC gamers," Cluver said.

Even though gaming too much can interfere in gamers' personal lives, they still play on.

Arnold Estarda, a freshman pre-optometry major, said he plays games to either kill time or procrastinate in doing something he needs to do.

"I don't make it a lifestyle like PC gamers do," he said. "They're just a bunch of nerds without girlfriends."

It is not just PC gamers without the girlfriends though.

"Video games aren't a good way to get the ladies, PC or console," Andries said.

Would gaming get a better rep with the ladies if it were an established organization?

Nerger said he wants to start a PC gamer club at Eastern.

"No console gamers allowed," he said.

His roommate agrees.



JOHN BAILEY/ON THE VERGE

Jim Hopulch and Craig Nerger, both junior computer information system majors, play games on their custom-made gaming area in their Stevenson Hall room.

Holpuch said console gamers play with kid toys and wouldn't be able to handle a Gaming PC.

When it comes to gaming, there's little to no interaction between PC and console gamers.

Danny Young, a junior accounting major, said he plays video games on console for 2-3 hours a day during football season. He said he doesn't have a problem with PC gamers but can't imagine that playing video games on a computer would be better than on a Playstation 2 or Xbox.

"All I know about PC gamers is that they wear glasses and talk about Star Wars," he

said. "I'd just rather play with consoles."

The rivalry only gets more ugly.

"I think the rivalry between gamers is lame. They're all a bunch of freaking nerds," said Jon Murray, a freshman pre-pharmacy major.

Murray said he plays console systems only and thinks PC gamers are the ones who provoke the rivalry.

"They talk (trash), so we talk (trash)," Murray said. "What are they going to do, attack us with their lifesavers?"

Holpuch said console gamers are just "jealous, dumb-ass console gamers."

He said he doesn't think they do much

**"They talk (trash), so we talk (trash)...What are they going to do, attack us with their lifesavers?"**

-JON MURRAY

FRESHMAN PRE-PHARMACY MAJOR

but "drink, smoke it up and sit in front of the TV with their stupid little controllers."

Some console gamers stay out of the rivalry and think it should end.

Andries said he is never been big into PC gaming but doesn't think it's as nerdy anymore.

Some PC gamers act like they are in a cult, but then again some console gamers do nothing but sit in front of the TV and play aimlessly, he said.

"I think the two will gradually become the same system," he said. "So more hugs, less hate."

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# 'Kong' should stay in theaters



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By MICHAEL PETERSON | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

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Who would have thought that Peter Jackson, the acclaimed director of "The Lord of Rings" Trilogy, would decide to remake the 1933 classic American monster movie "King Kong." But in the place of Fay Wray, Naomi Watts steps into the shoes of the beast's love interest that eventually leads to his demise.

For those who are unaware of the premise of the plot, struggling actress Ann Darrow (Watts) is offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to join also-struggling director Carl Denham (Jack Black) on a trip to the legendary Skull Island where Denham is hoping to finally direct his break-out hit. Also, Denham has recruited the famous playwright Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody) to write the

script. Things go fairly smoothly until of course the crew actually reaches Skull Island...where King Kong resides.

Watts, best known from "The Ring," "21 Grams" and "Mulholland Drive," is expertly cast. Brody and Black also give memorable performances, but it is truly Watts who steals the show. Especially considering that Watts does most of her acting with an actor that does not actually exist. One can only imagine how difficult it would be to have co-actor who is digitally constructed. Thankfully, Watts is able to give the audience a stellar performance that really convinces viewers that Kong is real and that on some level she truly cares for the beast.

Be warned, though: the movie clocks in at three hours and seven minutes and there are many times where one wishes that the movie was at least a half-an-hour shorter. The action scenes, while breathtaking and visually stunning, could have been cut down a bit. Especially on Skull Island the characters jump from one action scene

to another so much that it becomes fairly tiresome.

Another weakness of the movie is that when I saw the movie I truly didn't feel like I became emotionally attached to Kong as much as I was supposed to. The ending of the movie was sad, of course, but not as much as it was supposed to be. Maybe if Jackson had eased up on the action scenes and added some more interaction between Kong and Watts I might have felt differently.

But even with the few obvious flaws that "King Kong" has, it truly is a good movie and needs to be seen in the theaters to be wholly appreciated.

King Kong, at its heart, is an adventure movie and a tragic romance. Occasionally the movie even feels like an allegory that represents all of the crazy, brainless things men will do to get the woman they love. Men may risk everything they have for a woman only to eventually end up being gunned down. But as Black says at the end, "It wasn't the airplanes; it was beauty that killed the beast."

## Adams keeps on entertaining

By CHRIS ESSIG | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

★★★  
out of  
★★★★★

If you have ever read anything on Ryan Adams, more than likely one of the only things you have gotten out of it is the fact he has released three CDs this year. I mean, who does that? While one might immediately believe that he will simply run out of material, fans will be in heaven. There is no reason why Adams' final release of 2005, "29" cannot be deemed with such honors.

For "29," Adams ditches the Cardinals who have accompanied him on his first two releases, leaving the listener with one question; will Adams take us back to the melancholic days of "Love is Hell," the pop feel of "Gold," or the heavier "Rock N Roll"? Or something completely different?

Simply, Adams' emo side of "Love is Hell," which has been lying on the shelf since it was released, shines the brightest. This is not to say that his earliest of works are far from forgotten completely but you will see when I quote him what I'm getting at. On top of that, Adams has obvious country influences leading to an outcome best described as a satisfactory complete package.

While "Jacksonville City Nights" had its fair share of "Love is Hell" moments, "29" is a full circle, especially as the album progresses. The opener, "29," will fool listeners into believing that he may not have left the

Cardinals back at all. With its heavy blues feel, sounding almost like "Roadhouse Blues" by The Doors, one will be ready to boogie down not cry. The follower "Strawberry Wine", which is nearly eight minutes in length, isn't terribly serious, but by "Night Birds" Adam's smooth vocals and the piano take complete control. By "The Sadness", one will be wonder if this is really "Love is Hell" part three.

Like "Jacksonville City Nights", Adam's solution for sad times is an excessive amount of alcohol and drugs. Combine that with the absence of the Cardinals, and the outcome is one of his gloomiest works too date. For example, even the blues vibe of "29" is matched with lyrics like "I think I died a hundred thousand times/Mixing Liquor with mystery pills/Mystery pills and heroin mixed into cocaine/Face down out on the riverside" and ends it with "So cry me a river to the river to the other side of the morning/To where the morning do not come". The best way to describe it is "new-age emo."

Obviously it is nearly impossible to release four discs in one year ("Cold Roses" was two discs), stay true to the game, and completely change yourself so quickly. However, Adams does quite a good job doing what he can, evolving significantly from "Cold Roses" to "Jacksonville City Nights" to, finally, "29." With his past obviously on his mind, Adams has officially come into his own on "29."

## 'Bleeding through' works lyrically, instrumentally

By CHRIS ESSIG | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

★★★★  
out of  
★★★★★

With the continued rise of metal/hardcore/grind/whatever the hell else term one chooses to describe heavy music, it is becoming painstakingly obvious that unoriginality is running rampant. The truth is, not many acts left in the already overpopulated genre(s) have much of an identity anymore.

When "Bleeding Through" came onto the scene in 2003, it had a cold, hard fact in mind. Instead, however, of striving too hard to set themselves apart, "Bleeding Through" said screw it; focus on the task at hand. Their particular task has been, and continues to be with the release of their new album, "The Truth," making the hardest music possible.

One of the first things the listener will notice, at least lyrically, is how blunt the lead singer, Brandan Schieppati, is in regards to the particular bleak situation at hand. How else do you describe an album that opens with an f-bomb in the first line and features songs with titles like "Dearly Demented?"

How do you describe a band entitled "Bleeding Through"? While getting to the point quickly doesn't help them creatively, it is eerily reminiscent of goth-punk originators the Misfits, especially with the strategically placed synthesizers, or even more general acts like Bad Religion and Black Flag.

Obviously, "Bleeding Through" leans toward the metal side, making them much harder, but it is no stretch to say that if they were over 20 years ago they would sound like the previously named outfits.

It is clear once the listener opens the CD case, notices the mauled man who is missing the bottom half of his jaw, they realize exactly what they are in for. "Bleeding Through" gets straight to the point, making some of the most ridiculously heavy music one is likely to stumble upon. While the band pushes the harmonious moments when describing their new album, moments of this variety are few and far between. It doesn't take Schieppati too long to rip apart the microphone and your eardrums. Throw in a few hardcore breakdowns, brutal choruses, and generic, heavy riffs and you have yourself "The Truth."

Fortunately, "Bleeding Through" does not go overboard. While Schieppati's growl is obviously the focal point of the CD, he does a great deal of actual singing also, at least by metal standards. "Tiger Army's" Nick 13 sings the chorus of "Dearly Demented" while Schieppati gives his throat a rest on "Line in the Sand." As for the rest of the album: well you can probably imagine.

Of course this album is not for everyone, or many at all, but any metal head can relate to Schieppati's frustration he is so obviously upfront about. And even for those who have no hard rock in them, at least they are not trying to be something they are not. Bleeding Through is here for one thing and one thing only: to rock until there is no one left.





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Drinking alone is just one sign of alcoholism. If you or someone you know has an alcohol problem, contact the Counseling Center at 581-3413.

# Living in the bottom of a bottle

Sure, drinking is fun, but when not practiced in moderation, addiction may ensue

By STACY SMITH | VERGE REPORTER

*Editor's Note: This is the second in a series tackling the topic of various addictions on college campuses*

College students drink an abundance of alcohol to relax, socialize and have fun.

"It's college, it's something you do," said Michelle Kerr, a sophomore psychology and French major. "You can't drink like this in the 'real' world."

But, when does that typical game of "out-drink your friends" go too far and your Keystone light (or whatever you may be drinking at that time) start to become an addiction?

A 2002 Harvard University study showed that 6 percent of college students met the criteria for alcohol dependency and 31 percent met the criteria for alcohol abuse, said Mike Tozer, Eastern counselor.

If the statistics given were compared to Eastern's enrollment approximately 4,000 students would have some issue related to their alcohol usage, he said.

Alcohol addiction is most common between the ages of 18-29, said Cathy Schoonover, a psychology professor. Also, alcohol addiction is more common in men than in women, she said.

"Some psychologists assert that this is because it is more acceptable for females to

## "Alcohol is a way for some students to get away from their problems and disappear."

YVETTE CRUZ, JUNIOR HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT MAJOR

talk about their problems, their worries, and their depressed feelings than it is for males; so while women will manifest and talk about these things more openly, men may seek solace in substance use," Schoonover said.

Some psychologists believe heredity is a main factor in alcoholism because there is "a strong familial link in the vulnerability to addiction," she said.

Some statistics show that if one parent is an alcoholic the child has a 40 percent likelihood of becoming an alcoholic, if both parents are alcoholics the chance of their child becoming an alcoholic increases to 80 percent, said Tozer.

Other factors of alcohol dependency include sexual trauma, stress, personality and mental illnesses.

"Alcohol is a way for some students to get away from their problems and disappear," said Yvette Cruz, a junior hospitality management major.

Drinking problems away can lead to some serious consequences.

Symptoms of becoming addicted to alcohol include withdrawal, increased blood

pressure, hallucinations, nausea and possibly vomiting, Tozer said.

"Most people don't know that Jerry Garcia died of a heart attack during alcohol withdrawal. This can happen because of the increased stress on the heart of someone who has a history of chronic alcohol use," he said.

A primary symptom of a person becoming dependent on alcohol is their tolerance level, he said.

Tolerance is defined as needing more of the drug to achieve the desired effect, Tozer said.

"For example, what may be used to take three beers to reach a 'buzz', may later take an individual six beers," he said.

When a person starts to build a tolerance, they intend to drink more because they want to get to a certain point or feeling.

The effect of alcohol on the mind and body depends on the amount that has been consumed, Schoonover said.

Many students feel that because they are in college, binge drinking is acceptable.

"If I drank as much as I did later in life I would probably be considered a binge drinker," Kerr said.

There are multiple stages a person may go through if a certain percentage of alcohol is in his or her blood stream.

For instance, a person may have a type of short sidedness called alcohol myopia with 0.05 percent of blood alcohol in their body. If a person enables 0.15 percent of alcohol blood in their body they may experience difficulty walking and slurring of speech, which is known as motor functioning, Schoonover said.

Another occurrence that may take place if drinking continues is at 0.25 percent blood alcohol, which may cause drowsiness. Then into a loss of sensibility at 0.4 percent and a loss of consciousness at 0.6 percent, she said.

Eventually, death occurs when heartbeat and respiration are sufficiently depressed, which is around 0.8 percent blood alcohol.

Some characteristics that a person with an alcohol addiction are behavioral changes, for instance, increasing arguments with spouse, friends and family, problems with co-workers, lateness or absences to work or class, loss of job, failing classes, and either committing violence or being a victim of violence, Schoonover said.

Interventions, medical treatments and therapy are multiple ways a person can get help with this particular addiction.

"Any addiction is easier to overcome early opposed to when it becomes a lifestyle," said Sammi Lopiparo, a sophomore political science major.