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UNIVERSITY | ACADEMICS

Turning Eastern into an educational first-choice

By Ashley Rueff
Senior University Reporter

How can Eastern become an academic first-choice for students? This question was the overarching theme during the Faculty and Student Forum last week that raised many questions about academic quality and standards at Eastern.

The university community has been encouraged to consider this question since Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, made it one of his goals for the university to offer first-choice programs for students.

The broad topic of improving academic quality and standards raises many questions for discussion, but maybe the biggest question surrounds the importance of faculty and the quality of their teaching.

Eastern is known to be a teaching-focused school, said Bill Addison, chair of the psychology department.

“As a university, I think we do an excellent job in teaching,” Addison said. “That’s the most important thing we do.”

Teaching is one area where faculty is evaluated, in addition to research and creative activity, and service to the university. Addison said at Eastern, teaching takes precedent over the other two areas.

“You come here as a faculty member and you know that (teaching) is going to be a main priority,” he said. “I always tell our students here at Eastern that as far as an undergraduate education at a state institution, I don’t think you can do any better than EIU.”

However, while Eastern has a reputation for its talented and engaging faculty, it does not mean that all students are satisfied with their academic experience at Eastern. There are still those classes and professors who lack the care and encouragement that helps students enjoy and benefit from class.

Bonnie Irwin, Dean of the

Honors College, said using techniques from honors classes might be a way to help faculty engage their students in all classes.

One important characteristic of honors courses is the small class size, not exceeding 18 students.

“That already allows faculty to have a closer relationship with their students, to learn their names faster,” Irwin said. Regular courses might then benefit from breaking classes into smaller groups for more one on one discussion.

Also, Irwin said honors professors set the bar high for their students and expect them to achieve more.

“A faculty member having high expectations makes it more likely that the students will rise to those expectations,” she said. Then, a professor with high expectations might be a benefit in all classrooms, and not only honors.

It’s also important to engage students outside of the classroom, Irwin said, so that professors and students can build a relationship.

“When students meet faculty outside the class, it really underlines for them that at Eastern, faculty members care,” she said. “Providing more of those opportunities is important so students have significant learning experiences outside of class that compliment the learning that’s inside the class.”

English professor Chris Hanlon agrees that faculty need to be passionate and try their best to engage their students in class. But he said the faculty need resources for research to make that happen.

“We don’t want to become a research one university where large numbers of our students become anonymous and not known to their professors,” he said. “But I also think that using that ideal that we shouldn’t value research as much as we value teaching gives a false dichotomy of research and teaching.”

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UNIVERSITY | FACULTY IMPROVEMENT

The breath before the plunge

Council’s decision will dictate research, creative activities

By Graham Milldrum
University Reporter

Artists, scientists and researchers of all stripes had to have their grant proposals done by last week. Now

they must wait for the Council for Faculty Research to tell them if their work will be receiving funding or not.

Both research and creative activities pull their university funding from the Council for Faculty Research.

But the university is limited in the amount of money it has. Therefore, the committee must

decide which work will be funded.

The process can be competitive, and faculty may repeatedly see their grant proposals rejected.

“The competition, I think, is more than moderate,” said Crystal Lin, assistant professor of business.

The key, according to Robert Chesnut, director of grants and

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CAMPUS | CLUBS



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Markiana Jackson, a sophomore biology major, answers a trivia question about Wilt Chamberlain’s 100-point NBA game while participating in an icebreaker at the BSU meeting in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday evening.

Embracing our differences

BSU discusses ways to reduce lack of diversity awareness

By Beth Hackett
Activities Reporter

More than 25 people attended the Black Student Union’s weekly meeting Monday, the first since a BSU-sponsored student forum about racism on campus was held Wednesday.

The turnout was up since the previous week’s attendance, but still

not as much as some would have hoped.

Some students in attendance said they thought the turnout was small compared to the nearly 300 people in attendance at the forum.

Charrell Barksdale, BSU secretary, said a way to help make a difference in people’s perceptions is to encourage people to attend meetings that inform the community of activities and situations on campus.

She said the forum was beneficial in advancing diversity.

“The forum was helpful because

it made people aware of ongoing racial situations that they would otherwise have no idea occur,” she said.

Members from the BSU will meet with President Lou Hencken Wednesday to propose ideas to make some changes on campus.

One change that has already been made is Eastern’s mission statement.

The Student Government executive board met with Hencken last Wednesday and the first thing

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CITY | COURTS

Jackson faces at least 12 years

By Rob Siebert
Senior City Reporter

Patrick Jackson, who on Thursday was found guilty of attacking two Eastern students, will wait in Coles County jail until his sentence hearing on April 9.

Jackson’s bond was revoked after he was found guilty of home invasion, aggravated battery and armed violence.

His sentence will be decided by Circuit Judge Gary Jacobs.

State’s Attorney Steve Ferguson said Jackson faces a minimum of 10 years in prison for the armed violence and home invasion charges. The maximum sentence for the charges is 30 years.

Two to five years is the minimum

sentence for aggravated battery.

Before the hearing, the Coles County court services department will conduct a pre-sentence investigation into Jackson’s family, social, and work history.

Pre-sentence investigations are done to provide a judge with any information that may be relevant before a guilty party is sentenced.

A report from the investigation will be presented to Jacobs, Ferguson, and Jackson’s attorney Scott Lerner, at the hearing.



CAMPUS | DARWIN DAY

Evolution vs. creation: the great biology debate

**Professor to speak on
the reconciliation of
science and religion**

By Beth Hackett
Activities Reporter

Many people, including biology students and scientists, accept the ideology of both creation and evolution.

Others only agree with one or the other.

"The conversation about creation versus evolution is almost always quite civil and respectful

CRAIG NELSON | PROFESSOR EMERITUS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

**"I have long known that there is no essential
conflict and that most Christian denominations
in America support evolution."**

between people who hold strong religious beliefs and others who (perhaps) do not," said Craig Nelson, professor emeritus of biology at Indiana University. "That said, students often modify the combination of these two sets of knowledge that they find most comfortable."

Nelson will be speaking at 7 tonight in the Lumpkin Auditorium as part of the Darwin Day Program.

The distinction between evolution and creation is one of those false distinctions promoted by the press, he said. The real story is that evolution poses no challenge for most Christians or Jews, or for most other religions.

"Thus there is lots of religious support for evolution," he said. "I was fortunate (to be) a Methodist as an undergraduate. The chaplain at the Wesleyan Center had advocated the acceptance of evolution for decades before I began school. Thus, I have long known that there is no essential conflict and that most Christian denominations in America support evolution."

Steve Mullin, associate professor of biology at Eastern, said, "The theories of gravity and relativity are just as valid as the theory of evolution; yet, nobody seems to doubt that releasing an egg from one's grasp will result in its breaking on the floor."

Mullin said his support of the principle of evolution is backed up by the work of thousands of scientists who have documented evidence illustrating how evolution works and how its principles can be applied to our own lives.

"There is no such evidence to support the 'theory of creation' nor is there any way to test it," he said.

Mullin's sample of students might be a little biased, he said, considering the majority of them are biology majors, so presumably they have a greater interest in learning about evolution.

"I'd say that most accept the principles of evolutionary biology," he said. "Would the same be true across the entire EIU population? I'm not very confident."

Nelson's lecture will pertain to the principles of creation, evolution or both, and the ease with which science and religion can be reconciled. He plans to help the audience decide which combination best fits each individual's current understandings.

"One reason why Darwin is recognized as being a great scientist is his patience," Mullin said.

Darwin's development of the ideas of life's evolution did not come to him in a flash of brilliance. He systematically gathered copious amounts of evidence that supported his conclusions.

Darwin spent nearly 25 years conducting experiments that repeatedly tested his principles of evolutionary biology. For every test he developed, he added more data that led him to the same conclusion: evolution happens, and it occurs by process of natural selection.

"Darwin made a major synthesis of diverse areas of biology comparable to that later made for physics by Einstein," Nelson said. "In that sense, Einstein was the Darwin of physics."

Having a ball



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ryan Gerrity, a junior education major, practices juggling cubes outside of Booth Library on Monday afternoon. Gerrity said that he is practicing with cubes and clubs so that he can eventually juggle flaming balls and clubs. "I get a kick out of people finding joy in something so simple," Gerrity said.

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The man behind the mouse

16-hour work day rids campus of viruses

Stacy Smith
Campus Reporter

Cord Hackett worked 16-hour days.

It was not easy. But his long workday helped Eastern get rid of a virus that swept across campus in 2003.

Students were unable to access on-campus computers for a week.

The trouble began on a Wednesday that year before fall move-in.

The wipeout spread throughout campus quickly and was caused by students who didn't update Windows or their anti-virus protection.

The virus started after students plugged computers into the network. The virus took off and infected anyone else connected.

"Viruses are not always noticeable," said Hackett, administrative coordinator for housing services. "Computers may have just been running slower than usual."

Housing had to recreate CDs and shut down residence halls' systems to get rid of the virus.

To ensure computer crashes are prevented, access lists are created to prevent traffic from moving into other networks.

The clean-access system secures students' computers from viruses.

Hackett began at Eastern seven years ago working in Textbook Rental, but his background in electronics led him to his current position.

He now researches updated programs to find the best available for students and staff, attends conferences, and creates new CDs.

"The majority of students have problems getting through with clean-access updates," Hackett said. "Only a small percentage has problems with viruses."

On-campus students who encounter computer problems can take their towers to Stevenson, Carman or Taylor computer labs.

Matt Sopiars, a freshman physical education major, has taken advantage of labs on campus ever since his laptop was stolen at Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Rather than buy a new laptop, he does his work at the computer labs.

Sopiars said he feels more productive when going to the computer lab.

"Being in your dorm can be distracting with the TV on," he said. "It's quiet and you don't have anything else to do but homework."

Andrew Wakefield, a senior history major, enjoys working at Taylor computer lab.

The employees have a variety of obligations like helping print, answering phones, deleting viruses and making computers run faster.

The most harmful viruses are known as Trojans. They can make computers more vulnerable and more easily accessible by others, Wakefield said.

To avoid computer problems students should update clean-access system every two weeks and avoiding pop-ups and unwelcome Web sites, he said.

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CAMPUS | KEEPING YOURSELF SECURE

Identity theft lecture brings in poor turnout



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Marissa Smith, financial health education coordinator, speaks to people in Coleman Auditorium about the pros and cons of credit cards and how to keep yourself out of debt.

Specialist gives out identity theft tips

Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior Activities Reporter

Four students attended a lecture Monday on identity theft, less than three weeks after computers that held the social security numbers of all Greek Life members were stolen out of the Student Life Office.

"I was surprised that we didn't have a bigger turnout considering those events," said Marissa Smith, financial health education coordinator.

The lecture centered on identity theft and understanding credit.

Smith led the lecture and talked about the advantages and disadvantages of owning a credit card, how to avoid credit card debt, how identity theft occurs and how

to avoid it.

"It was very helpful because it gave tips on how to help fix your credit and maintain good credit," said Candace Smith, a senior business management major.

For the past three years, the Financial Health Program has helped various student organizations understand credit and identity theft, but this event was planned last semester, Marissa Smith said.

"Our four basic topics that we try to increase awareness on is credit cards, identity theft, money management and gambling," she said.

The program itself was developed four years ago.

Smith said high interest rates and falling behind on monthly payments are two major reasons people fall into credit card debt. Hacking computers and stealing

information from businesses are two important reasons people fall victim to identity theft.

She said a great way to avoid identity theft is to shred documents and keep your Social Security card secure.

This lecture was in conjunction with African-American Heritage Month, but the Financial Health Program plans to start its own lecture series soon.

"Starting next Monday is the lecture series," Marissa Smith said. "The first night will be credit cards and that will be more in-depth. Next Monday will (examine) identity theft more in-depth."

Those lectures will be Feb. 19 and 26 in Lumpkin Hall Room 2020.

"I would have hoped for more, but I am still pleased with the turnout I had," Marissa Smith said. "I am hoping that more people will attend the lecture series."

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campusbriefs

Resume critiques to be done before Career Network Day

» Career Services is hosting a last-chance resume critique session in preparation for its Career Network Day on Wednesday.

The critiques will be done at 6 tonight in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The critiques will be a part of the "How to work a Career Fair" workshop.

Children's literature about Dust Bowl to be discussed

» Marie Fero, assistant professor of early childhood, elementary and middle level education, will discuss Web sites and children's literature about the Dust Bowl in "Migrant Children's Education During the Dust Bowl."

Research has shown that social studies in the elementary curriculum from kindergarten through high school has diminished. The presentation will begin at 4 tonight in Booth Library's Conference Room 4440. It is a part of the library's ongoing exhibit, "Farm Life: A Century of Change for Farm Families and their Neighbors." The exhibit will go on until March 9.

NIU professor to conduct Darwin Day seminar

» Richard King of Northern Illinois University will run a seminar in conjunction with Eastern's Darwin Day Program. King is a professor of biology and will run "Detecting Natural Selection in Real Time: Examples from Lake Erie Snake Populations." He will speak at 4 tonight in Lumpkin Auditorium, Room 2030.

War veterans give kisses to benefit troops in Iraq

» The Knights of the Embarras are having a kissing booth from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Bridge Lounge of the Union.

The Knights are war veterans who are students at Eastern.

They will be handing out Hershey's kisses and will be offering kisses for \$1, \$3 and \$5.

— Marco Santana

weatherbrief

University area under winter storm warning through today

» The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for East Central Illinois that began Monday evening and continues today.

Eastern is monitoring the situation, said Vicki Woodard, the university's director of communications.

Information regarding status of classes will be available after 4:00 a.m. today at www.eiu.edu. Local radio and TV stations will also have weather information. WEIU-FM 88.9 will broadcast the latest information as it becomes available.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY | GUEST COLUMN

William Julius Wilson
Harvard

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

— Since his early days as an Illinois state senator, Barack Obama's political messages have been broadly directed at all racial and ethnic groups. He has consistently promoted the idea that whites, blacks, Latinos, Asians, and Native Americans can unite in pursuit of common goals. He maintains that if political speeches are tailored solely to white audiences, people of color will draw back, just as whites often recoil when speeches are targeted to racial minority audiences.

According to Obama, the challenge lies in articulating problems and seeking resolutions that attract the attention of all racial and ethnic groups, such that individuals across groups are able to recognize their mutual interests in working with, and not against, one another in the political arena. When Obama ran for the U.S. Senate in 2004, these messages of racial harmony resonated across the state, even in the conservative, largely white areas of down state Illinois. As Obama spoke, people listened not simply because of his eloquence or rhetorical skill, or the refreshing appeal of his message, but in large part because of the sincerity of his conviction.

The more Obama tries to avoid offending particular groups with "safe" arguments, the less likely it is that he will be able to sustain enthusiasm among his core followers. It would be a shame if he took this path; of all the candidates, Obama has the greatest ability to excite liberals with politically strong and courageous positions and still maintain the support of moderate Democrats and Independents. Indeed, I strongly believe that, if elected, Obama has great potential to unify this divided nation and become one of America's truly great presidents.

FEATURED BLOGGER | ERIC HILTNER

"I really want a dinosaur. How cool would it be to have your own pet dinosaur chained up in the backyard?"



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ourview

We refuse to censor

More than 300 people showed up to last Wednesday's Black Student Union forum and more than 15 people openly expressed their personal experiences with prejudice — an impressively high turnout for any type of forum.

We at *the Daily Eastern News* would like to applaud all students who showed up to this forum to voice their concerns.

We're glad that our respect for freedom of ideas and our reputation of being a vehicle for free speech has led so many students to debate their beliefs and discuss their experiences with discrimination.

However, many outspoken students, as well as faculty, who have either spoken at the forum or written us letters have had an incorrect view of an opinions page and newspapers in general.

We feel it necessary to clarify many things in order to make our readers better informed.

First of all, the *only* majority opinion of the newspaper is this daily editorial.

On the opinions page, personal columns are views of our editors and writers and letters to the editor are views of our readers. Articles, which will never be found on the opinions page, are written objectively and contain only facts and no opinions.

This being said, we've lately received much concern over letters published — which too many people have mistaken for articles or editorials — and many questions have arose.

Should we at *the DEN* consider withholding "offensive" letters? Should we publish "offensive" material with a disclaimer? Should we value students' feelings over our readers' freedom of speech?

No, our editorial policy is to run all of our readers' views unless they are libelous.

Just like a university, as an open public forum, we are responsible for allowing all people to express themselves and for allowing the readers to decide for themselves how to feel — not to decide how the readers should feel.

It's a shame to see people today asking us to oppress free speech after people in this country have fought centuries to make it as free as it is.

Who would we be to decide what is an acceptable view and what is not?

No matter if we believe a letter or not, we believe in its author's freedom of expression.

As has been said by the Supreme Court in past free speech cases, "One man's vulgarity is another man's lyric."

Withholding ideas would become a

slippery slope. Besides this daily editorial, we refuse to determine right and wrong for our viewers.

A letter telling white, heterosexual males not to apologize for past injustices may be just as hurtful to one reader as a letter praising affirmative action may be to another.

As a newspaper, we can be constantly worrying about offending conservatives, liberals, libertarians, soldiers, men, women, different ethnicities or any other group that people can identify with, or we can worry about allowing all views to be expressed on our opinions page.

Most letters, columns and editorials are going to offend someone. And that is why we continue publishing letters to the editor.

The DEN is a perfect open forum for our readers to express themselves.

On that note, so was last week's BSU forum and so are the forums campus groups will continue to hold throughout this semester and the semesters to come.

We encourage everyone to continue to flock to these discussions.

If we would be so lucky to have such a high turnout at all similar events, we would be much closer to understanding and tolerating one another's thoughts.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.
Reach the Opinions editor at DENopinions@gmail.com.

COLUMNIST | COLE ROGERS

No one to blame but you

I am writing this in response to Thursday's letter by Matt Upchurch, which was in response to Maurice Tracy's column this last Wednesday.

I am a white, heterosexual male and I have to stand on the side of Mr. Upchurch and say that I have worked very hard to get where I am today. I expect that anyone who desires any success in life, whether black, white, gay, straight, male or female, should work hard to attain that success.

However, Mr. Upchurch, Tracy never once in his article questions your or any other white heterosexual male's work ethic. He never said that you were granted good grades or a good ACT score in high school because you are white and heterosexual. The simple argument that is being made is one of privilege. This privilege that Tracy discusses is not one of being granted easier workloads or lower requirements as you may have inferred. Instead, this privilege is that these workloads and requirements are geared toward fitting someone who is part of that white heterosexual culture.

What and how a person is expected to dress, eat and learn are all ideals manifested by the dominant demographic of the white heterosexual man. It is obviously easier for us as white heterosexual men to fit the requirements and expectations of the American culture than it is for a group of people who have not even been allowed into the culture until the last half

century. And, no, before you ask, you do not have to apologize for the white ancestor's oppression of the minority. But the fact is, Mr. Upchurch, that there is still a problem, and the world is not a completely equal playing field. To assume so is just ignorant.

But I did find some truth in the article written by Mr. Upchurch. He is right about the fact that if I started a "White Student Union" or a "Miss White EIU" I would be ridiculed and denoted as a racist. And anyone who would declare this action as racist would be absolutely right. Things like the "Black Student Union" or even historically black fraternities (which do allow white people to join) are not segregating but instead celebrating their African-American heritage. The discussion about such ideas as a "White Heritage Month" is incredibly racially insensitive

because it puts white against black as if you are declaring white as a culture or heritage. If you perhaps wanted to start a "Swedish Student Union" or a "Miss Italian EIU," I am sure there would be no upheaval, no protests, because those events would be celebrations of those cultures. In fact, we have such things already, such as Casmir Pulaski day or St. Patrick's Day, which are intended to celebrate both the Polish and Irish heritage. African-Americans however do not have the privilege of creating a "Nigerian Student Union" or a "Somalia Heritage Month" because those details of their heritage have been almost completely erased by the aforementioned "white male scapegoat."

Now having said all of this, Mr. Upchurch, I must say that I do not think you are a "racist, homophobe or zealot." I think

you're ignorant. I am not going to challenge how many black or Arab friends you may have, but if that handful of minority friends that you do have never felt oppressed or discriminated against then maybe you should find people who have.

I challenge you, Mr. Upchurch, to be a grown man and test your own ideals. Stop looking for others to blame for the "division in races and sexual preference," and test yourself to see what *you* can do to close this division.

Cole Rogers



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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID PENNELL

» Teaching

FROM PAGE 1

Hanlon said faculty need to have access to research in order to stay current in their field and useful in the classroom. He has not had the experience that faculty research diminishes from their ability to teach, but instead that it enhances it by providing up-to-date material for students.

"We're (the English department) all in that building everyday available for students during class time and outside of class time," he said. "And we are faculty that is producing quite a bit of research."

He does think that the university allows and provides for faculty to do research, but he also sees that there is room for more support.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the university actively looks for ways to support faculty in research.

"Faculty do have to be connected with what's current in their discipline," Lord said. "They need to be engaged in their discipline."

A different resources the university is providing faculty to continue their learning is the Faculty Development program. Lord said participation has increased in the last few years since Mildred Pearson took over the program as director.

"There are more conversations among faculty," about teaching techniques, Lord said. The university does not necessarily encourage faculty to attend Faculty Development programs, but it has made the resource available for those who wish to take advantage of it.

"We have really excellent teachers here, but even the best can get a creative new idea," Lord said.

Pearson said she would like to see more faculty involved in the program. She has noticed that some faculty feel it is a tool for new members and not for them, but

she said everyone can always learn something new.

Faculty should ask themselves, "How do I invest in myself so I can make an impact on those I serve," Pearson said. "You should care enough about your own teaching career that you invest in it."

Pearson tries to evaluate the needs of the campus and then approach them in faculty development programs. She thinks faculty seem to be happy with the workshops for the most part and she encourages them to continue to attend.

"It's not a one-time shot, it's not a sit and get," she said. Faculty should continue to expose themselves to new ideas that will help engage students in the classroom.

She's going to continue evaluating the needs of the campus, and hopes the faculty continue to attend both faculty development workshops and to the needs of the students in the classroom.

» BSU

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discussed was the lack of mention about diversity in the mission statement.

A new mission statement has been approved, and now explains Eastern's promotion and encouragement of diversity, said Levi Bulgar, a junior psychology major and a member of Student Government.

"It's obvious that this (diversity awareness) has been a problem for a while," he said. "It's not asking too much to come to one meeting."

The BSU plans to contact a motivational speaker to work weekend workshops for faculty, staff, students and the police department to learn more about the topic of diversity.

James Griffin, a freshman finance major, has tried to attend all the BSU meetings since transferring from Jackson State.

"These meetings are useful because we go over a lot of activities going on and we get to talk about a lot of different stuff," Griffin said.

Sherri Smith, administrative assistant for the BSU, encourages everyone to come to the meetings.

"These meetings offer so many advantages like scholarships, networking, resume workshops, tutoring, community service, leadership programs and meeting

new people," Smith said.

A letter to the editor in the Jan. 30 issue of *The Daily Eastern News* that cited a Web site that some people said promoted racist ideals, hit people pretty hard, Smith said.

"But it was when people came in front of everyone and shared their own real life experiences that was extremely difficult," Smith said. "No one wants to see their friends sad or get hurt, and that's what people saw on Wednesday. It was an eye opener."

The meeting began with an icebreaker that had the members stand in a circle as a beach ball was thrown from one side to the other and black history trivia questions were asked.

Students who answered correctly were awarded \$5, \$10 or \$20 in Black Student Union bucks, depending on the difficulty of each question.

At the end of the semester, items that would normally be pricey can be purchased with a certain amount of BSU bucks.

This is one way of motivating students to attend BSU meetings.

Upcoming BSU sponsored activities include sign-ups for the Eastern version of "Wild N Out," Miss EIU stage crew, tutoring and Relay for Life volunteers.

All other activities will be discussed in further detail at the next BSU meeting.

» Grants

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research, is to keep resubmitting the proposal and incorporating the suggestions of the committee.

Of the 11 grants made in the 2006-2007 awards period, eight went to the natural sciences.

"If you look through the history

of the program, grants have been given proportionally to those who submit the most proposals," Chestnut said.

The distribution of awards over summer was more even. Twenty awards were made, and five went to a natural science.

"When I submitted my grant it seemed like a fair, objective process," said Charles Costa, associate biology professor.

He went on to point out that the composition of the council ensures there are only two members from the College of Science of the nine members that serve on the council.

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Students, teachers to bond at basketball game

Interaction program held today at men's game against Missouri State University

By Matt Hopf

Student Government Reporter

Dave Keyes' office is filled with cases of pop, a box of chips and a bunch of tablecloths.

Keyes, student vice president for academic affairs, had supplies ready for the first event of the Student-Teacher Interaction Program, which will take place today at the men's basketball game against Southeast Missouri State University.

The goal of the program is for students to develop a better relationship with teachers, Keyes said. Student-teacher interaction improves retention rates, GPA and attendance, Keyes said.

Carrie Dale, professor in the education department, was one of the first faculty members to inquire about the program.

It is usually important getting to know students, and they are better in the classroom from that, Dale said.

"There is a great deal of student-faculty interaction occurring inside the classroom," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs. "One of the primary goals of the student government-sponsored initiative is to extend this great student-faculty interaction concept

STUDENT-TEACHER INTERACTION PROGRAM

» **What:** refreshments before the game

» **When:** 5 p.m.

» **Where:** Lantz Pool Lounge

» **Why:** Student-teacher interaction improves retention rates, GPA and attendance

to events and activities occurring outside the classroom."

To get the word out on the program, Keyes spread the idea around Student Government, Greek honorary societies and Greek life chapters.

Because of the limited amount of time to prepare for the program, applications weren't able to go up into the residence halls, he said.

Although participants were supposed to RSVP to the program, the chances of people who received invitations just showing up is high because there hasn't been a lot of feedback, Keyes said.

Keyes doesn't plan on just attending basketball games for the program.

He sees educational activities and professional activities as well.

When Keyes campaigned for office last year, he campaigned on a student mentor program, but it was deemed infeasible after talking



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Milton Allen, a professor in the music department, discusses how to strike a base drum with Shannon Mays, a sophomore psychology major during Collegiate band class on Monday evening in McAfee. Student-teacher interaction improves retention rates, GPA and attendance, said Dave Keyes, student vice president for academic affairs.

to Nadler.

"In order to have that type of program running, it would take a full year-round staff," Keyes said.

The first event is all about getting feedback and getting input

on future activities, Keyes said.

Students and teachers will be meeting at the Lantz Pool Lounge for introductions and refreshments an hour before the game meets, then go to their roped off section of

the bleachers at Lantz Arena.

"I'm looking forward to (tonight), and I hope we have a good turnout and that things run smoothly," he said. "And the Panthers win, of course."

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Doubts surround Baghdad security mission

U.S. officials are urging Iraqis to be patient

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Soldiers spearheading the increase in U.S. forces in Baghdad are papering car windows and storefronts with purple stickers listing telephone numbers and an e-mail address where Iraqis can send intelligence tips to help stop the violence.

But if a recent sweep in search of car bomb makers is an indication, they have a long way to go to improve intelligence.

Soldiers from the Army's 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment converged this week on a religiously mixed north Baghdad neighborhood of auto parts stores and "chop shops" that Iraqi commanders believed was used to rig deadly car bombs.

Moving door to door, Iraqi and U.S. soldiers smashed padlocks with sledge hammers, clipped through wire gates and rifled through hundreds of buildings as Iraqi mechanics, their hands slick with grease and motor oil, peered from nearby shops.

Instead of discovering a network of clandestine car bomb factories, the soldiers instead found only a few Kalashnikov rifles, eight grenades and some wire.

"We're told this new surge is going to be more intelligence-based

instead of just hitting random sites," said Staff Sgt. Jamie Slagle, 31, of Morrisville, Mo., as he flipped through a stack of unused stickers. "But that's what seems to me to still be going on."

U.S. officials have urged Iraqis to be patient and have cautioned that the new security operation could take months to show results.

That's a hard message to swallow for Iraqis who have endured years of violence — including a triple car-bombing Monday that killed at least 78 people in the heart of the capital.

The U.S. military has advertised some successes, including the discovery of 14 weapons caches during a series of raids and patrols in Baghdad during the week that ended last Friday.

On Thursday, U.S. and Iraqi troops arrested two members of a car bomb-making cell in Amiriyah, a Sunni neighborhood near Baghdad airport, the command said. But for the soldiers of the 23rd Regiment, the results of the new phase have been disappointing so far.

Some of them fear that the delays in kicking off the new security operation may have given Sunni and Shiite extremists time to flee the capital or hide their weapons.

What still seems lacking, soldiers say, is good intelligence — and cooperation from Iraqis themselves.



TOM LASSETER | MCT

Iraqi and American soldiers hold an Iraqi detainee, suspected of being an insurgent, before being taken to Iraqi intelligence on an Iraqi army base, Feb. 3 in Baghdad, Iraq. U.S. officials say that the plan to subdue the violence in Baghdad depends heavily on the competence and discipline of the Iraqi army forces.

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Agreement reached in North Korean nuclear disarmament

►BEIJING — A tentative agreement toward North Korea's nuclear disarmament was reached today. The draft agreement contained commitments on disarmament and energy assistance along with "initial actions" to be taken by certain deadlines, said Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill. Working groups will be set up, hopefully in a month, laying out a framework for dealing with regional tensions, he added.

Photos of Anna Nicole Smith revive political scandal

►NASSAU, Bahamas — Photographs of Anna Nicole Smith in bed embracing the Bahamian immigration minister who approved her application for permanent residency revived a political scandal in the islands Monday. Gibson has already been accused of showing Smith preferential treatment by fast-tracking her residency application last year.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Playing out the possible scenarios

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Eastern still has a chance to qualify for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

But Eastern, the last-place team in the 11-team conference will need help from other teams in order to make the eight-team tournament.

Eastern is 4-13 in the OVC and has three conference games left, starting with tonight's game against Southeast Missouri.

The best possible scenario for Eastern to qualify for the tournament is to win its last three games and have a multitude of factors happen.

Tennessee State has to lose its final three OVC games.

The Panthers also need to have ninth-place Jacksonville State (5-11 OVC) finish with six conference wins and tenth-place Tennessee-Martin (5-13) to also finish with fewer than seven conference wins.

Eastern also needs Morehead State (6-10) to finish with seven conference wins.

Scenario No. 1: Five teams finish at 7-13

If Eastern finishes at 7-13 and JSU, Morehead, TSU and UT-Martin also finish at 7-13, TSU would knock out Eastern because of head-to-head match up.

TSU has beaten the Panthers twice already this season. Eastern has split with Morehead and UT-Martin, and has not played JSU a second time yet.

If there's a two-way tie and head-to-head match ups don't negate the tie, the two tied teams use their head-to-head record against the top team in the conference.

For example, if UTM and Eastern finished at 7-13, the head-to-head match up would be negated because the teams split in their two games this year.

Their records against first-place Austin Peay would then be compared.

If that doesn't break the tie, the head-to-head records against the next best team would be compared and so forth until the tie is broken.

Scenario No. 2: Eastern and Morehead finish at 7-13

This is the most favorable scenario for Eastern to qualify.

However, Morehead needs to win its seventh conference game against Tennessee State on Feb. 24 in order for this scenario to take place.

This is because if TSU comes into the game 6-13 in conference and Eastern is also 6-13 heading into its game at Samford on the same day, an Eastern win and a TSU win, because of its two head-to-head wins against the Panthers, would eliminate Eastern.

However, if Morehead beats TSU and Eastern ends up beating Samford, Eastern and Morehead would finish 7-13.

The head-to-head tiebreaking solution would not work in this instance since Eastern split with Morehead this season.

The tiebreaker would then go to both teams did against the first-place team.

In this instance, Morehead's and Eastern's games against first place Austin Peay would be used. Morehead and Eastern lost its games to Austin Peay this season.

It would then fall to the second-place team.

Right now, that's Samford. Morehead and Eastern lost to Samford in its first meeting with the Bulldogs, but the Eagles and the Panthers haven't played Samford for a second time yet.

Morehead hosts Samford Thursday, and Eastern travels there for a Feb. 24 game.

If that situation arises and the tie is still not broken, the situation continues onto the third-place team and so forth until the tie is broken.

Scenario No. 3: Eastern finishes 6-14

This would eliminate the Panthers from the conference tournament because even if TSU, JSU and UTM finish at 6-14, Eastern would knock out of the tournament because TSU owns the head-to-head tiebreaker against Eastern.

Team reacts to tournament situation

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said Saturday he hasn't brought up the topic of the postseason tournament to his

team.

"I don't know if we've talked about it the whole year," he said. "The only thing that we talked about was let's make sure our team gets better every day. If you do that, you're going to be where you need to be."

Sophomore point guard Mike Robinson said it's Eastern's own fault they are in this situation.

"It wasn't somebody else's fault that we're in this position," he said. "When we go out there, our jerseys say Eastern Illinois so we put ourselves in this position."

Robinson's steal total increases

Robinson needs 17 more steals in the final four regular-

season games to tie Eastern's single-season record.

Robinson has 63 steals on the year, and needs to average 4.25 in the final four games to tie Troy Richardson's record of 80 steals in the 1984-85 season.

If Robinson keeps up the pace he established in Eastern's last two games, he will tie the record. He recorded four steals in Thursday's loss at Austin Peay and had five steals in Saturday's win against Tennessee-Martin.

Earlier start time for tonight's game

Eastern and Southeast Missouri will tip-off at 6 tonight because the game is televised on ESPN U. Normal tip-off time for night games is 7:35.

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- ACROSS**

1 Water carrier

5 Maybelline rival

10 Hearty's partner

14 Lex and Park, e.g., in N.Y.C.

15 Head out

16 Banned orchard spray

17 Steinbeck classic

19 It may be proper

20 "The Atom Show" (1960's TV cartoon)

21 Stunt cyclist, e.g.

22 Pagoda sights

23 A Judd

25 Follows a healthy diet

27 Like much music, today

29 "Sprechen _____ Deutsch?"

30 Fascinated by

33 The Beatles' "_____ the Walrus"

35 Sporty wheels

40 Eighty-sixed wares of 1773

43 Break away

44 "A Chorus Line" number

45 "C_____?" (with a hint to this puzzle's theme)

46 Ambulance letters

48 Spider web, e.g.

50 Indonesian condiment

55 Get through to

59 "Halt!" to a salt

60 Kind of colony

62 Agile deer

63 Come together

64 Upholstery protectors

66 Angler's hope

67 Champion skater Brian

68 Rustic stopovers

69 "Family Ties" son

70 Waist-ful?

71 Docket item
- DOWN**

1 Song of praise

2 Ex of the Donald

3 Pasta topper

4 French direction

5 Sporty Italian auto, for short

6 Eyed wolfishly

7 _____ mistake (blew it)

8 Heads off

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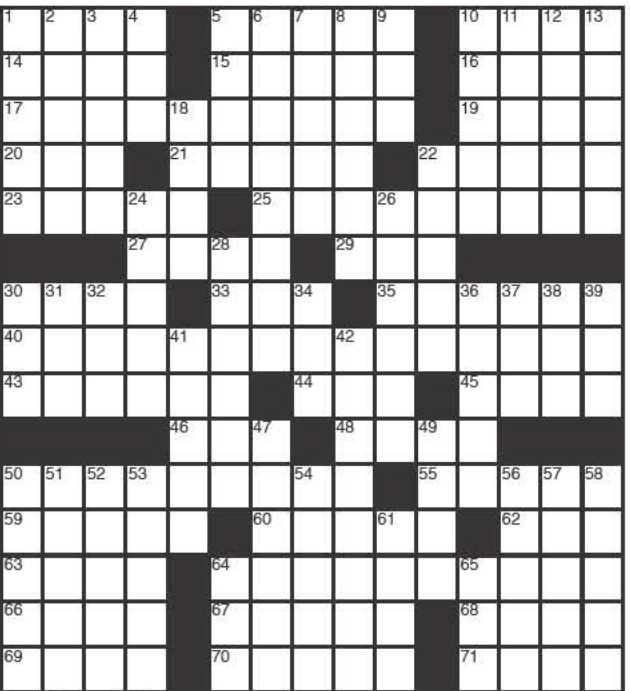
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31 Alumna bio word

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Puzzle by Sarah Keller

- 32 Tic _____ (mint)

34 Conductance unit

36 Brunch offering

37 Crunched muscles

38 Raise a stink?

39 Spanish Mrs.

41 That is: Lat.

42 International pacts

47 Four-star

49 Singer Guthrie

50 Rio dance

51 Be of use

52 "Try this!"

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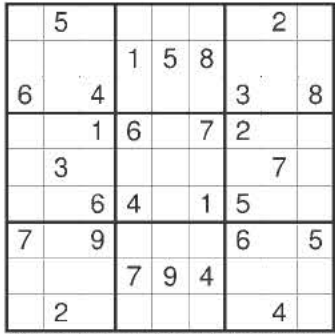
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Sudoku By Michael Mepham



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3 by 3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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6	7	1	9	2	4	3	8	5
8	9	3	6	1	5	2	7	4
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4	1	6	3	9	8	5	2	7
7	3	5	1	6	2	9	4	8
9	8	2	5	4	7	6	1	3

MEN'S SWIMMING | BRENT NOBLE

Teammates love his drive to win

Noble's knowledge of other swimmers aides coach and team

By Anthony Katsivalis
Staff Reporter

Brent Noble is a seemingly average athlete here at Eastern.

He's average in stature, standing slightly under 6 feet tall.

He's average in build, standing slender and poised.

Even when prompted to speak about his accomplishments as a swimmer for Eastern, he remained humble and modest.

The only indication of his dedication and love for the sport can be found when talking to his teammates, who admire the young athlete for what he brings to the team: a drive to win.

Noble is from Terre Haute, Ind. and graduated from South Vigo High School.

He is a sophomore exercise science major and hopes to one day coach swimming.

He started swimming when he was just seven years old against his mother's wishes.

She did not want him to swim for fear of him drowning, but he stuck with it regardless.

"I had heard about tryouts for a team, and I thought I was really good. I found out that I wasn't that good yet," Noble said. "[Initially] my mother discouraged me because she was really afraid. Now she is

FIRST PLACES WINS THIS SEASON BY NOBLE

Vs. Louisville: 200-meter Individual Medley

Time: 2:06.24

At Illinois Chicago: 100-meter Breaststroke

Time: 1:04.81

Vs. IUPUI: 200-meter Breaststroke

Time: 2:19.09

At Western Illinois: 200-meter Individual Medley

Time: 2:05.43

At Western Illinois: 200-meter Breaststroke

Time: 2:18.59

very supportive."

Noble also has a younger brother, a senior at South Vigo, who also swims.

His brother does not want to compete in college, but was a contributor to his older brother's most memorable athletic moment, something they will share for a lifetime.

"Breaking my school record in a relay with my younger brother was my best moment in swimming," Noble said. "Our time (1 minute, 34 seconds) was in the 200-meter freestyle relay."

This year, Noble has placed first in five events already, mostly swimming the breaststroke and the individual medley.

His teammates recognize his dedication to the team both in and



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore swimmer Brent Noble is known on the swim team as a "walking encyclopedia" because of his vast knowledge of all the swimmers in the conference. Noble has finished first in five events this year.

out of the pool.

Team captain Bill Senese sees the influence Noble has made with the team and with Senese specifically.

"He's a walking encyclopedia of swimming knowledge. He knows every time of every swimmer in the conference," Senese said. "He knows so much, it's scary. He came in (as a freshman) knowing all of

the Eastern records. At meets, he's my right hand man. He really helps me stack up the competition."

According to Senese, Noble is also known for exercising his love to coach by always willing to help out younger teammates.

"Brent is a good guy," said freshman freestyle swimmer Nick Lore. "He's easy to talk to and

helps a lot of us with our stroke technique."

Noble spends most of his free time training.

He also competes in triathlons, being an avid cross country and track runner in high school.

Swimming is still his first love, and it shows in his impressive accomplishments already.

» Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

Both squads were picked in the preseason poll to finish second in their second year in the Mid-Con.

Staying in Chucktown for the long, three-day weekend?

There's something special in the air, or at Lantz Fieldhouse, with the men's and women's track team hosting the "Friday Night Special."

It's a chance to see Kyle Ellis, senior pole vaulter and NCAA

provisional qualifier.

He holds records at Eastern, is the Ohio Valley Conference indoor record-holder, and has the best OVC jump this season at 5.21 meters.

On the women's side, there is a chance to watch the distance medley relay squad, who just a broke a school record.

Want to take a weekend trip and get in touch with one's southern side?

Head to Arkansas and watch Eastern play softball against

Central Arkansas, Alabama A & M and Creighton in the Panthers' season-opening tournament.

Arkansas isn't that exciting. The highlight is former President Bill Clinton being a famous person from the state, but Arkansas is certainly warmer than Charleston.

Can't afford the Arkansas trip and want a local feel?

Try Chi-town.

The men's basketball team plays Saturday against Loyola in a Bracketbuster game.

Take the game in, along with a

walk downtown to Ed Debevic's, the Hard Rock Café or the Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's for some warm and tasty treats.

Want to see a future Panther in action?

Make a trip to Champaign to watch the state wrestling meet and future Panther football player Nick Nasti.

The Plano Reaper and future Panther linebacker will wrestle Friday.

If you don't feel like moving at all, there's a holiday weekend

coming up.

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But there are plenty of Eastern sports going on this week and upcoming weekend.

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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN’S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Governors earn postseason spot

By Joe Waltasti
Sports Reporter

Austin Peay clinched the regular season Ohio Valley Conference championship Monday night with an 89-44 victory against Tennessee State in Clarksville, Tenn.

The victory secures Austin Peay the No. 1 seed in the OVC tournament and, in a new rule this year, secures Austin Peay a slot in the National Invitation Tournament.

The NIT decided prior to the season to give automatic bids to teams that were the conference regular season champions, but do not win the post-season tournament and secure a slot in the NCAA tournament.

Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos likes the idea of having a guaranteed slot, which is something he felt his team should have had in past years.

“It was much different before,” Loos said. “Last time we were in this situation we went undefeated in conference and were not guaranteed anything.”

While winning the OVC tournament and securing the league’s lone automatic berth into the NCAA tournament is the Governors’ ultimate goal, he said having the guaranteed NIT bid allows him and his team to “take a step back and catch our breath.”

Colonels stay hot

Eastern Kentucky has rattled off five straight wins and

JEFF NEUBAUER | EASTERN KENTUCKY’S HEAD COACH

“Last year’s team was very inconsistent, and it started with the defense. This year we’ve been able to play more consistently, especially with our tempo on defense.”

is only 1.5 games behind Samford for second place in the OVC.

Three Colonels average double-digit scoring, but the play of freshman point guard Adam Leonard has been the most impressive in the five-game stretch.

Leonard is averaging 12.2 points this season, but has scored 12 or more points in each of the last five wins and matched his career high 22 points twice.

Even with Leonard’s improved play late in the season, head coach Jeff Neubauer points to the Colonels’ defense as the reason behind the winning streak.

“Last year’s team was very inconsistent, and it started with the defense,” Neubauer said. “This year we’ve been able to play more consistently, especially with our tempo on defense.”

OVC AWARDS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 12

- Player of the week:** Gerald Robinson- Junior forward. UT Martin
- Co-Newcomer of the week:** Erik Adams- Junior forward. Jacksonville State
- Co-Newcomer of the week:** Ladarious Weaver- Junior guard. Tennessee State
- Freshman of the week:** Adam Leonard- Guard. Eastern Kentucky

Morehead and Tennessee State slide

Morehead State has dropped eight games in a row and Tennessee State has lost six straight.

Morehead’s last conference win was a 70-48 win against Tennessee-Martin on Jan. 13.

TSU last won Jan. 25 with a 63-62 win against Eastern Kentucky.

Morehead is now alone in seventh place and Tennessee State is currently in eight place following the Tigers’ loss Monday night to Austin Peay.

But Morehead State head coach Donnie Tyndall thinks his team’s defense has to improve to stay in the postseason mix, evidenced by the Eagles allowing Murray State to shoot 49 percent from the field in their last loss.

“We let them shoot 50 percent from the floor, which is ungodly,” Tyndall said. “I think me and my staff could hold teams to 50 percent just sitting in a 2-3 zone.”

OVC MEN’S STANDINGS

Teams	OVC	Overall
Austin Peay	15-2	18-7
Samford	11-5	14-11
Murray State	11-6	13-12
Tennessee Tech	11-6	15-11
Eastern Kentucky	10-6	15-9
Southeast Missouri	8-9	10-16
Morehead State	6-10	10-14
Tennessee State	6-11	10-17
Jacksonville State	5-11	7-18
Tennessee-Martin	5-13	7-21
Eastern Illinois	4-13	8-18

REMAINING OVC GAMES

Today

- Samford at EKU, 6 p.m.
- JSU at Morehead, 6 p.m.
- SEMO at Eastern Illinois, 6 p.m.
- TTU at UTM, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- TSU at Murray State, 7 p.m.

Thursday

- Samford at Morehead, 6:30 p.m.
- JSU at EKU, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

- Evansville at Samford, 2 p.m.
- EKU at Youngstown State, 3:25 p.m.
- Eastern Illinois at Loyola-Chicago, 3 p.m.
- Bowling Green at Morehead, 4:15 p.m.
- Austin Peay at Akron, 4 p.m.
- Murray State at Rider, 6 p.m.
- JSU at Chattanooga, 6:30 p.m.
- Northwestern State at TTU, 7:30 p.m.
- Louisiana Tech at SEMO, 7:30 p.m.
- St Peter’s at UTM, 7 p.m.
- Loyola-Maryland at TSU, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

- Austin Peay at TTU, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

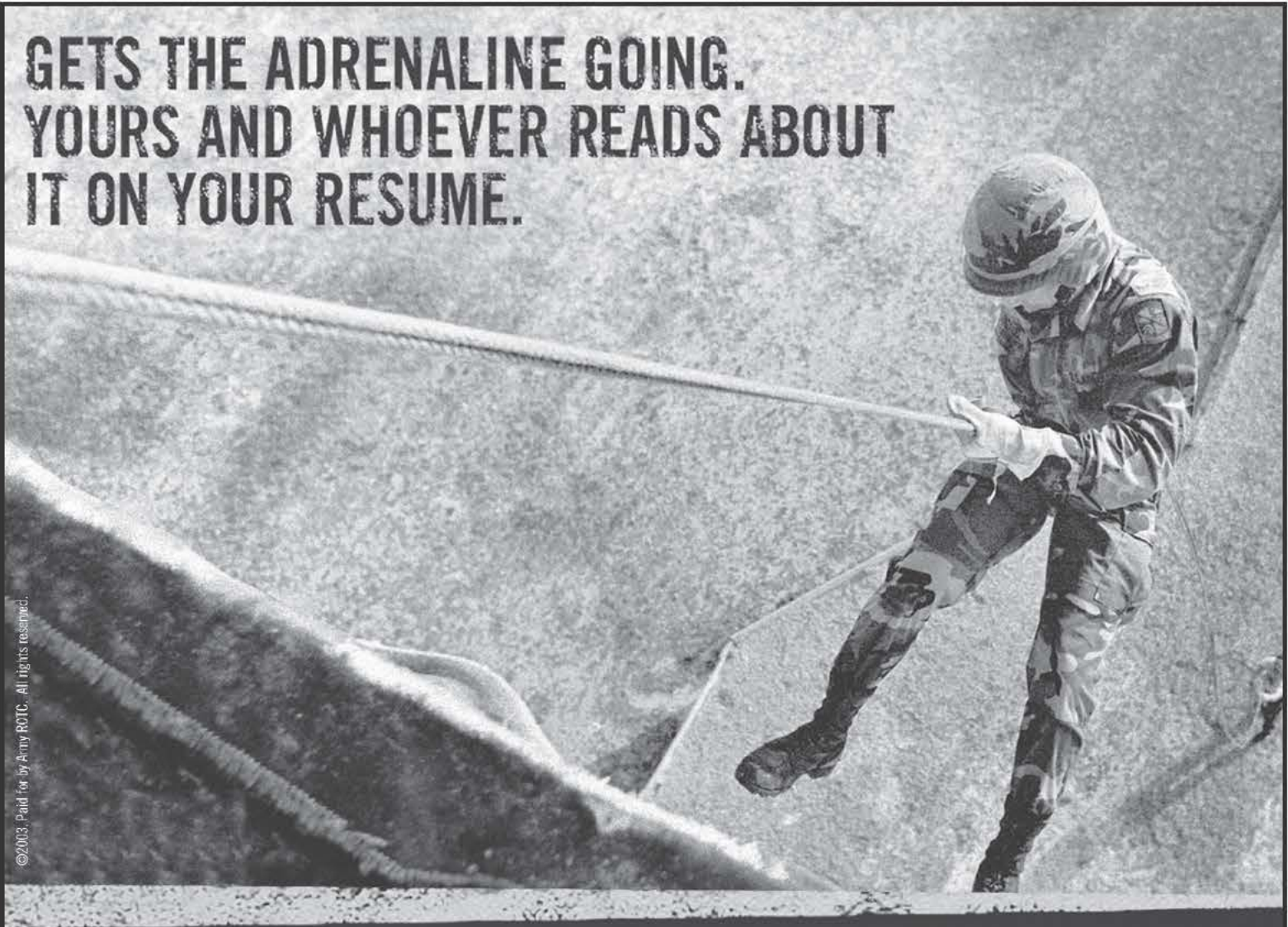
- TTU at Murray State, 7:30 p.m.
- Morehead at TSU, 7:30 p.m.
- SEMO at Samford, 7 p.m.
- EKU at Austin Peay, 7:30 p.m.
- Eastern Illinois at JSU, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

- Eastern Illinois at Samford, 2 p.m.
- Murray State at UTM, 6 p.m.
- Morehead at Austin Peay, 7:30 p.m.
- SEMO at JSU, 7:30 p.m.
- EKU at TSU, 7:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S GOLF
TODAY at Baja Classic | All day.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL
TODAY vs. Southeast Missouri |
6 p.m. Lantz Arena.

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KEVIN MURPHY | RUNNING WITH THE PACK

Escape the cold by being a fan

Many students trudge to classes in the cold, frigid air and make the long walk to campus buildings in the snow and cold wind, thinking winter sucks.

Spring is around the corner, but this week and weekend, it's time to warm up and watch some sporting events indoors.

Tonight, the men's basketball team hosts Southeast Missouri at 6 p.m. and the women follow suit at 7:35 p.m. Wednesday.

Not feeling like Chucktown? Drive three hours east and head to the home of Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts and maybe catch a glimpse of MVP Peyton Manning.

Probably not for Chicago Bears fans, though.

While in Indianapolis, also check out the opportunity to see Eastern men's and women's swimming teams on Thursday, Friday and Saturday compete at the Mid-Continent Conference Championships.

Senior Bill Senese is the 50-yard freestyle conference leader and could capture another Mid-Con title.

» SEE MURPHY PAGE 10



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CLUB HOCKEY | COACHING CHANGE

Struggling team welcomes new coach

Gillespie takes over club after Estes leaves

By Kevin Kenealy
Online Interactive Reporter

Danny Gillespie moved along the bench like a panther and screamed like one too.

Cameron Estes, Eastern club hockey's former head coach, left the team, making Gillespie the new head coach.

Estes, president of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee of the Mid-America Collegiate Hockey Association Board, allegedly left because of a conflict of interest with the team.

Estes refused to comment about his decision to leave. But according to Eastern defenseman Matt Lang, Estes left because he thought the team was "out of control."

Under Estes, Eastern had a 10-13 record after losing two on the road to Missouri State. Estes quit after the two losses.

Gillespie was a former teammate of current Eastern defenseman Richie Nelson.

Gillespie is winless in four games with the team but looks to counter that record next weekend against Bradley, where Gillespie currently attends and played freshman hockey.

"BU is not aware that I am coaching Eastern and (I) would



KEVIN KENEALY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Danny Gillespie is so far winless in his four games with the team but looks to break that streak next weekend against Bradley.

really like to shock them and take my first two victories in college hockey," Gillespie said.

Nelson and Gillespie played in Champaign for a club team, and Nelson knew the perfect guy to fill Estes' spot.

"It was an awesome time,"

Nelson said. "He and I are the only people that really kept playing hockey out of high school. I knew he coached peeewees or something like that. I asked him if he wanted to do it, and he was so thankful for the opportunity."

During Eastern's 11-11 overtime shootout loss on Saturday in Danville, Gillespie did everything on the bench from climbing up on the back bench wall to sitting in a meditative state to shouting curse words at the opposing bench.

Gillespie said he didn't feel too much went wrong in the loss Saturday, but did think Eastern needed to step up and make defensive plays earlier in the zone.

While the loss of Estes didn't sit well with the team, they are more than happy to have someone fill in.

"I'm glad that he is stepping up and doing this," said defenseman Gavin Wilk. "He doesn't have to do this, and we appreciate that he is. I don't think it was right for (Estes) to leave with games still to be played, but he made the ultimate decision."

As for next year, Gillespie said he would love the chance to come back and coach Eastern.

But he said it would require a significant time commitment that worries his parents, which he said still have a major influence on his decisions.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Transfers make presence known

Rembert out with injury; Foust is leading scorer

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Michael Rembert won't be in Ousmane Cisse's way tonight.

SEMO's 6-foot-9 junior center scored 19 points, had 12 rebounds and forced Cisse to foul out in SEMO's 80-65 win on Jan. 4.

He will be out after straining ligaments in his knee Thursday against Morehead State.

The Panthers (8-18, 4-13 Ohio Valley Conference) said even with Rembert out they are still going into the game with the same mentality.

"It is not going to change anything," Cisse said. "Most of the time when the best player is out, it pulls the team together. SEMO is still a dangerous team with pretty good wins in the conference."

SEMO head coach Scott Edgar said losing Rembert, a transfer from Bradley in his first year in a Redhawk uniform, is a big blow to the team because he may be the most mature player they have.

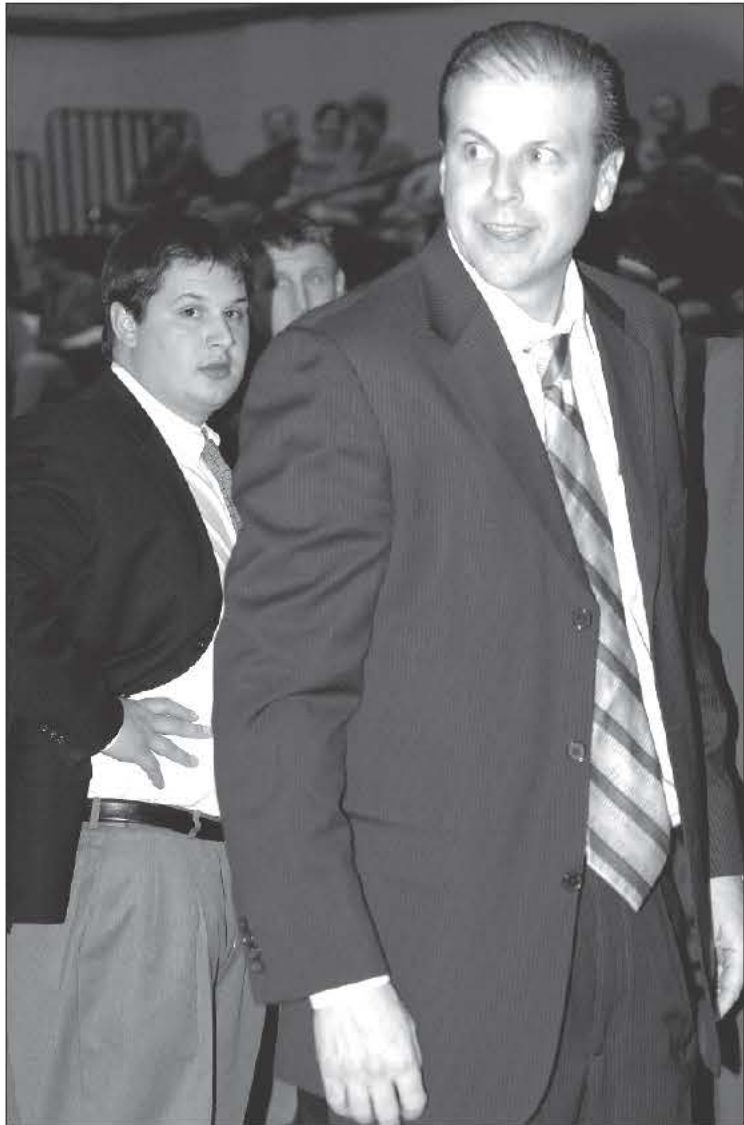
"He'll be the tallest assistant coach in the country," Edgar said.

Rembert did not play in SEMO's 66-61 loss to Eastern Kentucky on Saturday.

Rembert is one of two SEMO transfers who came from bigger programs that have made a difference in the OVC this year.

Rembert is SEMO's third-leading scorer (10.3 points) and leads the team with rebounds (six per game).

Oklahoma transfer and junior Brandon Foust leads SEMO in scoring and is second on the team in rebounding in his first year



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Men's basketball head coach Mike Miller looks down court after being charged with a technical foul during Eastern's 74-59 win against Tennessee-Martin on Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

playing in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Eastern junior forward Bobby Catchings said the transfers might have brought a different work ethic coming from a bigger program.

"A lot of their influence has to do with confidence," junior Jake Byrne said. "Confidence is a big thing. They come from bigger programs so they probably automatically think, 'This is a smaller conference, and we can come in and dominate.'"

Byrne said that mindset can be

GAME PREVIEW

SEMO
(10-16, 8-9)

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Panthers
Eastern
(8-18, 4-13)

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Lantz Arena

EIU's last game:
74-59 W vs. Tennessee-Martin

SEMO's last game:
66-61 L vs. Eastern Kentucky

good or bad because SEMO can come out too confident, and it can work to the Panthers advantage.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said both Foust and Rembert are talented and have become consistent performers. But Miller stressed the whole team has played well as a unit since early January.

The Redhawks (10-16, 8-9) are currently in sixth place in the OVC.

An Eastern win can only help its postseason aspirations.

A Panther loss and Eastern's season will most likely end Feb. 24 at Samford in Eastern's regular season finale.

And standing in the way are two transfers who have made their mark in their first year.

"It is not about where you come from. If you got a SEMO jersey on, we are going to get you," said Eastern sophomore guard Mike Robinson. "I don't really think too much about them coming from the bigger schools because, at the end of the day, you just got to put the ball in the hole."