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Room, board rates rise 6.95 percent

By Ashley Rueff
Senior University Reporter

Room and board rates will increase 6.95 percent for the 2007-08 school year for students living in Greek Court and residence halls.

The Board of Trustees approved the increase Friday to pay for rising utilities, increasing minimum wage, full-time salary increases, food expenses and ongoing improvements in the residence halls.

ON-CAMPUS ROOM AND BOARD RATES

MEAL PLANS	2006-07 RATES	2007-08 RATES
» 7-meal option	\$2,955	\$3,161
» 10-meal option	\$3,086	\$3,301
» 12-meal option	\$3,203	\$3,426
» 15-meal option	\$3,330	\$3,562

"I am pleased to tell you that the rate for this year is lower than it has been in the past several years," said Dan Nadler, vice president for

student affairs.

The 2006-07 rates increased by 7.5 percent, and the 2005-06 rates increased by 7.7 percent.

Next year, a seven-meal plan option will go from \$2,955 to \$3,161 per semester and a 15-meal plan option will go from \$3,330 to \$3,562 per semester.

University Apartments will also see an approximate 3-percent increase in housing ranging from \$104 to \$116 for a nine-and-a-half-month lease depending on the apartment.

University Court housing will increase for the first time in two years by 4 to 5 percent. Rate

increases will range from \$96 to \$127 per semester depending on the apartment.

"Housing and dining has worked extremely hard to keep expenses down so students get the value of each and every dollar that they spend," Nadler said.

He added that the university tries to keep competitive prices for students' on-campus housing options.

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Internet piggybacking breaks the BANK

Accessing others' wireless connections is a crime in Illinois

By Sarah Whitney
Senior Reporter

Using someone else's wireless Internet is punishable by law. The crime is called "piggybacking" and is punishable by up to a year in jail.

A Rockford man did just this last March and received a \$250 fine and a year of probation.

David M. Kauchak was using a non-profit organization's Internet connection when a police officer stopped and asked him what he was doing.

The crime is a misdemeanor, but Kauchak's lawyers negotiated a lesser penalty.

The Illinois statute Kauchak violated regards computer tampering. The case was the first like it to be prosecuted in Illinois.

Unsecured wireless networks are not an uncommon occurrence. Wireless Internet, or wi-fi, has become a popular alternative to desktops' tangle of wires. Eastern followed suit last year and installed its own wireless Internet.

Doug Lawhead is a journalism professor and the Macintosh support specialist for the College of Arts and Humanities.

Lawhead estimates that a number of personal Internet connections are not secure.

"But the number of unsecured (connections) is less than it used to be because people are becoming more aware," he said.

In an informal survey, *The Daily Eastern News* found that nearly 40 percent, or 44 WAPs, of the 110 wireless access points found across Charleston were not password protected.

Any person with a laptop with wireless Internet capability could park outside those houses and apartment buildings, log onto the Internet connections and partake in illegal activity.

For example, they could send a threatening letter to the president of the United States and the CIA



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN BAILEY

Using someone else's wireless Internet connection, also called "piggybacking," is a misdemeanor punishable by Illinois law.

would show up at the door of the person who owns that connection.

This is the example Lawhead used to explain why not protecting wireless Internet is a security risk.

Lawhead manages all the wireless Internet networks for the college.

Unguarded wireless access points aren't just in Charleston.

"I've been in places in cities, sitting in a hotel and flipped open my laptop and seen one to two wireless access points that I could have used when I wasn't supposed to," Lawhead said.

But if students aren't convinced by this example, their wallets should persuade them.

"Why should you pay for your Internet service and then give it away free?" Lawhead asked.

Important information such as social security numbers and credit card information could be stolen as a result of not securing a wireless Internet connection.

Protecting wireless service

Lawhead offered three ways to protect a wireless Internet connection that nearly anyone can do.

The first is to encrypt the connection. When a student first sets up the wireless router, the computer will give the user an option to select encryption mode, which requires the user to create a password.

In order to use that connection, any person trying to access it would need to enter the password, Lawhead said.

The second way is to lock the connection down by the wireless MAC address, also known as a wireless NIC address, on other computers, Lawhead said.

Each wireless card has a 12 character and number identification number — this is the wireless MAC address.

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NATION | STUDENT LOAN SETTLEMENT

Pending bills subject to audit

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration announced a settlement Friday with a leading student loan company accused of overbilling the government by hundreds of millions of dollars.

Under the deal, bills that the company, Nelnet, has pending for federal subsidies on student loans will be audited to determine what the proper payments should be.

The settlement follows an audit by the Education Department's inspector general last September, which said failure to change Nelnet's billing practices could lead to the company receiving more than \$800 million in overpayments.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings rejected the inspector general's recommendation that the department seek to recover past overpayments.

The audit estimated that Nelnet already has been improperly paid more than \$278 million by the government.

Recovering past payments might require the government

to also go after money other lenders have received, including some small nonprofit lenders, according to Department of Education officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the settlement.

The federal officials said they didn't want to put small lenders out of business.

"This decision was reached in the best interests of taxpayers and students as well as the integrity of the federal student loan programs.

The federal student loan programs are an important pillar in this nation's system of financing college opportunity and offer students and families the ability to afford higher education," said Under Secretary Sara Martinez Tucker in a statement. Tucker oversees higher education issues.

The audit by the inspector general's office report found that Nelnet has improperly sought and received an artificially high rate of return on many of its loans.

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Bonnstetter's preliminary hearing scheduled today

The preliminary hearing for Mark Bonnstetter, Eastern's associate athletic director for operations, will be held at 1 p.m. at the Coles County Courthouse.

Bonnstetter, 38, of 20 Woodfield Lane, has been charged with two felonies and a misdemeanor stemming from an alleged Nov. 25 incident near his residence.

Bonnstetter was arrested Nov. 28 on the charges of criminal trespass to a residence, a Class 4

felony.

A Class 1 felony charge of residential burglary was filed at a Dec. 11 hearing along with a Class A misdemeanor charge of criminal sexual abuse.

The Class 1 felony carries the stiffest penalty. If a person is convicted of a Class 1 felony, they will receive no less than four and no more than 15 years in a state prison.

— Matt Daniels, sports editor

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Facebook postings alarm officials

By Matt Spartz
Daily Illini (U Illinois)

LIZZY CUNNINGHAM | UIUC STUDENT

CHAMPAIGN – The University of Illinois' struggle for racial tolerance took another hit, this time from comments made on a pro-Chief Facebook group's wall.

Two students posted derogatory comments towards American Indians on the wall of the "If They Get Rid of the Chief I'm Becoming a Racist" group and threatened a University graduate student. These students could face disciplinary action from the University or legal actions for hate crimes.

The pro-Chief group has since been removed from Facebook but was formed as far back as early November.

The first controversial post was written on Nov. 20. But action was

"I don't know what the people were thinking when they wrote (comments)."

prompted from a Dec. 2 post.

A press release by the University's American Indian Studies program and Native American House brought these threats to light Jan. 8, calling for the University to take legal and disciplinary action against these students.

Chancellor Richard Herman sent a mass e-mail to the members of the C-U community explaining that the University has spent 140 years creating a "welcoming environment" and that he "will not tolerate such violent threats."

The incident has been referred

to the Office of Student Conflict Resolution, which will determine if the student code can apply disciplinary action to these students.

But not every student in the group knew it harbored such extreme views.

Lizzy Cunningham, freshman in LAS, was one of the 110 members but had never seen the postings before the issue.

"I don't know what the people were thinking when they wrote them," she said. "But they were really inappropriate."

DEN SURVEY RESULTS

This survey was conducted Friday afternoon using a laptop with wireless Internet capability. The reporter drove around Charleston and counted how many wireless access points (WAPs) were found and how many were encrypted or password protected.

(location — number of WAPs — password protected)

- » The Square — 13 — 11
- » 10th and Buchanan streets — 9 — 5
- » 13th and Buchanan streets — 6 — 4
- » Save-a-Lot parking lot — 8 — 4
- » The Atrium apartments parking lot — 16 — 8
- » Courtyard on Ninth parking lot — 6 — 3
- » Panther Heights apartments parking lot — 9 — 6
- » Campus Edge apartments parking lot — 19 — 17
- » Reynolds and Meadow Lake drives — 6 — 1
- » Ashby and Meadow Lake drives — 4 — 0
- » Fox Lane — 4 — 1
- » Jitters & Bliss coffee shop — 8 — 6
- » Jackson Avenue Coffee Shop — 2 — 0
- » **TOTAL — 110 — 66**

Steve Cummins, Jitters & Bliss manager, said the shop has provided free wireless Internet for three years. And the shop doesn't require that people purchase an item from the shop in order to use the Internet.

"It's there to use," Cummins said. He added that if the shop is full and someone is not a customer, but using the Internet, they might be asked to leave so someone who has purchased food can have a seat.

Kymer Elsenpeter, a Jackson Avenue Coffee Shop employee, said the shop has a similar policy but noted that most of the time it's the regulars who use the store's wireless Internet.

» Internet

FROM PAGE 1

"Instead of using encryption, you tell it (the computer) 'I want to use the network address method,'" Lawhead said.

To do this, the user would enter the wireless MAC address and only computers with the correct number could access the wireless Internet connection.

The third way – a virtual private network (VPN) – requires more technical knowledge to set up. Eastern has one of these networks established for use by faculty and staff.

To explain how it works, Lawhead said to imagine the world as a fishbowl.

"What I can do is create a tunnel through the fishbowl that only I, and the computer I'm talking to, can access," he said. "This is very secure."

Another simple way to protect a computer is to password protect the computer itself, Lawhead said. While this won't stop an unauthorized person from using the Internet illegally, it will help protect the computer, he said.

Open wireless connections

This tampering law, however, does not apply to Eastern's open access wireless network because it for public use, said Greg DeYoung, associate director for campus infrastructure.

Because Eastern is a public university funded by taxpayer dollars, anyone can come onto campus and access the wireless Internet, he said.

Other hot spots in town where people can access the Internet without fear of breaking the law include the two coffee shops in Charleston – Jitters & Bliss and Jackson Avenue Coffee Shop.

» Rates

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About 40 percent of students live on-campus, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

In other business, the board approved three major purchase items including a chiller for Klehm Hall and two five-year contracts for a telephone/voice service and a video service. Robert Webb, BOT vice chair, congratulated and thanked Jeff Cooley, vice president

for business affairs, and his office for their hard work in settling the two service contracts.

"The finance committee has examined both of these proposals and they appear to be very favorable to the university," Webb said.

The telephone service contract is not to exceed \$5.1 million during five years, and the video service contract is not to exceed \$1.55 million during five years.

The board also approved the revised University Mission Statement, and two honorary degrees were awarded to Sue C. Payton and Jan Tarble.

» Audit

FROM PAGE 1

The high rate – a 9.5 percent guaranteed return – was put in place in the 1980s when interest rates were high. At the time, Congress guaranteed lenders the 9.5-percent return on student loans financed by tax-exempt bonds.

When interest rates later declined, the old guaranteed rate stayed in effect, funneling billions of federal dollars to lenders.

Congress ended the 9.5 percent

guarantee in 1993, but Nelnet found ways to keep getting that rate of return, according to the federal audit.

Nelnet used payments it received from pre-1993 loans to make new loans and then claimed the old 9.5 percent guarantee. It did that over and over again, a practice referred to as loan recycling, according to the audit.

The inspector general's report said the company created a special project in 2003 – when interest rates hit a low point – to increase the amount of loans receiving the

special rate, in violation of the law and department regulations.

The company disputes that it made money off ineligible loans and says it informed Education Department officials of its recycling practice.

The federal audit said, however, that Nelnet left out key information, including that its practice would lead to an increase in loans getting the old guaranteed rate of return.

Nelnet officials have said the company followed the department's guidance and that any loans billed at the higher rate were fully eligible.

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Students and staff honored

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campusbriefs

Oppressed students

presentation opens today

» Beyond Words the Museum of Oppression will open at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Beyond Words is a series of experiences put on to help open the eyes of students to those who are oppressed.

Eastern Housing Committee for Social Justice and Diversity is sponsoring the event.

The exhibit will be open until 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Condom club meeting tonight in Taylor hall classroom

» The third and fourth floors of Taylor Hall will host a Condom Club meeting at 8 p.m. in the Taylor Hall Classroom in the basement. Free condoms will be offered.

Great beginnings accepting ideas for window art

» Submissions for the Great Beginnings window facing the Doudna Fine Arts Center are being accepted.

The Great Beginnings window committee is looking for influential quotes for the window.

First lines from a novel, movie, play, poem, etc. are being accepted until March 15.

Submissions should be sent to Brownson, c/o Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill. 61920 or e-mailed to aebrownson@eiu.edu.

weather outlook

TODAY

32° | 25°

Cloudy

TUESDAY

35° | 30°

Partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY

35° | 19°

Cloudy

THURSDAY

25° | 22°

Windy with a chance of flurries

FRIDAY

35° | 28°

Sunny

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By Julie Morss
Senior Campus Reporter

More winners emerged from Saturday's game than just the women's basketball team.

Eastern staff and on-campus residents who came to the game won prizes as part of On-Campus Resident Appreciation Night, Housing and Dining Employee Appreciation Night and University Food Court Night.

This event usually brings in a crowd between 300 to 450 on-campus residents; however, this year only about 100 residents showed up.

"It is a simple way of saying 'thank you' for living on campus and serving on campus," said Chad Franks, marketing and promotions specialist for University Housing and Dining Services.

As students and staff entered Lantz Arena, free posters of the Pink Panthers and game tickets for the staff were handed out.

Staff members and their families

were given free tickets to the game, Franks said.

Each person also received a raffle ticket.

Prizes were given throughout the women and men's basketball games.

"It feels great to give back to the residents and to show that we care," said Nick Sanders, a housing and dining graduate assistant.

Raffle prizes included gift baskets, an LCD flat screen TV, a recordable DVD player, movies and camping equipment, among other prizes.

Two of the biggest gifts were not claimed during the drawing.

The LCD flat screen TV package and the recordable DVD player were the two prizes left unclaimed.

"The students probably came to the women's game and not the men's game," Franks said.

Housing purchased the prizes given out to students, and the unclaimed prizes will be given out at another event.

Because of the university policy that forbids departments from giving prizes to their staff members, all staff prizes were donated by area businesses and student organizations, Franks said.

"I work for housing and dining and I'm committed to the department," said Sparkle Anderson, a graduate student from the masters and business administration program.

"We work hard throughout the year, so this is a way to honor the students for choosing Eastern."

"It is a good way to give back," said Whitney Elders, a sophomore communication studies major.

Full-time employees of housing and dining were also given free pizza and drinks at 6 p.m., Franks said.

"I gave out over 250 tickets for staff members and their family members," Franks said.

A healthy amount of prizes were collected, he said.

Prizes included free or discounted meals at the local

restaurants, a back massager Ace Hardware, eight free games from Charleston Bowling Lanes, 10 free games from the Union Bowling Lanes, T-shirts from the Union Bookstore and gift certificates from the Food Court for the event.

"It is a fun way for the food court to support athletics," Franks said.

"Hopefully it will bring more people to the women's and men's basketball games."

In addition to the regular On-Campus Resident Appreciation Night prizes, the winners of the Early Bird Contract drawing, held in December, were announced during the men's game.

The grand prize winner of free room and board was Steve Grzybek.

The male and female winners of the double room for the price of a single were John Baker and Jennifer Mottar.

The male and female winners of the free room were Brian Andries and Jessica Rottmann.



CARRIE HOLLIS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Justin Swim draws a caricature of Levi Bulgar, a junior psychology major, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday night as part of the University Board's "Up All Night." Comedian Eddie Pence performed at 7th Street Underground as a part of the festivities. Free food, prizes and sporting competitions also took place over the night's festivities.

CAMPUS | UNIVERSITY BOARD

Students stay 'Up All Night'

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior Activities Reporter

Eastern students greeted comedian Eddie Pence with open arms Friday, but the performance came with a little misunderstanding.

Freshman Karl Erickson was stretched out across one of the mantels in the back left corner of the 7th Street Underground toward the exit.

He rested his hand on his head while facing the stage, when Pence attempted to make a light hearted joke.

Pence asked the audience if she was awake.

There is only one problem.

Erickson is a guy.

"It happens to me at every comedy show I go to," Erickson said.

"Either my friends or me always

get made fun of by comedians."

Erickson went on to say that he sometimes tries to stand out and get made fun of, but he enjoyed Pence and said that there were no hard feelings.

Pence quickly turned the incident into a joke, but felt bad afterwards.

"I felt so bad about that," Pence said. "I could see a figure, but I just figured that a woman would be laying down, not a guy."

Besides the misunderstanding, Eastern students packed the Seventh Street Underground so full that at the start of the performance there was only standing room left.

Pence entertained the crowd through a variety of jokes with topics ranging from sex to animals.

All the while, Pence managed to be animated in front of the crowd.

"My better bits are the ones

that I act out," Pence said. "I try to make everything as physical as possible because that was the style I liked growing up."

Pence demonstrated his style by rolling around on the floor of the stage for a good minute or two during the bit where he described the first time he was hit in the groin.

Pence also started his performance with broader, more relatable jokes and went into more specific jokes later on.

"I try to start out and do more gender jokes to get the audience on my side because people can relate more to that," Pence said.

"Then you can push it more, like I can talk about comic books and stuff like that, and by that point hopefully they like me and can follow me."

Pence's career began in Los Angeles 10 years ago, and he slowly

made his way by performing at open mic acts and other smaller venues.

"The last four or five years things have started to take off," Pence said.

"I was invited to bigger sets and attended a comedy festival twice, which is a bigger deal."

Pence also believed that he had a tough time reading the crowd. He said that most of the students enjoyed the performance, but there were moments where he did not have the audience.

However, he concluded that the show went well.

"It's a great school and I would like to come back," Pence said.

Pence was brought to Eastern as part of the "Up All Night at the Union - Sportstacular."

It also featured live entertainment, sporting competitions, food and prizes.

VIEWS

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ourview

Campus plan needs revision

Eastern needs to concentrate on finishing current construction projects before expanding and starting new ones. The Doudna Fine Arts building is currently scheduled for a December 2007 completion date.

Workers are currently dry walling and painting the inside of the building. After the building is completed, it will take three to four months to move \$7.5 million worth of moveable equipment into Doudna, a monetary figure that is seven years old.

This means students may get to move into Doudna in the late spring of 2008.

Doudna has been under construction since 2002. When the project was proposed, the estimated completion date was fall 2005. Due to problems with funding, the project started in 2005. In 2005, construction on Doudna was estimated to be completed in August 2007.

Currently, completion is scheduled for December 2007.

Maybe Eastern should focus on Doudna until it is completed instead of spreading themselves so thin and starting other projects.

Moving Textbook Rental is President Hencken's pet project.

According to Steve Shrake, on Jan. 24, there will be a meeting to look over applicants for architects to design the new Textbook Rental building. After the architect is selected, a contract will be negotiated, followed by a design period of eight to 10 months.

While it is good the university seems to think they can multitask, the incomplete fine arts building would make one disagree.

Textbook Rental is being moved in order to make room for the Honors College and the new nursing program.

Eastern currently has no room for the nursing program.

"We are space constrained, nursing will be squeezed in where ever I can find space to squeeze them in," said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs.

The university has a 15-year plan for campus expansion called the Campus Master Plan. Every possible inch of space on Eastern's campus will be used for the betterment of campus. The one flaw in the Campus Master Plan is that changes to the plan have to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The campus master plan has not been modified since 2002. According to Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, Eastern is in the second five-year phase of the 15-year plan. "The plan needs to be revised and updated," he said.

The plan does need to be updated. The Web site hasn't been updated since 2002.

However, the university needs to finish current projects before modifying any ongoing construction plans they may have.

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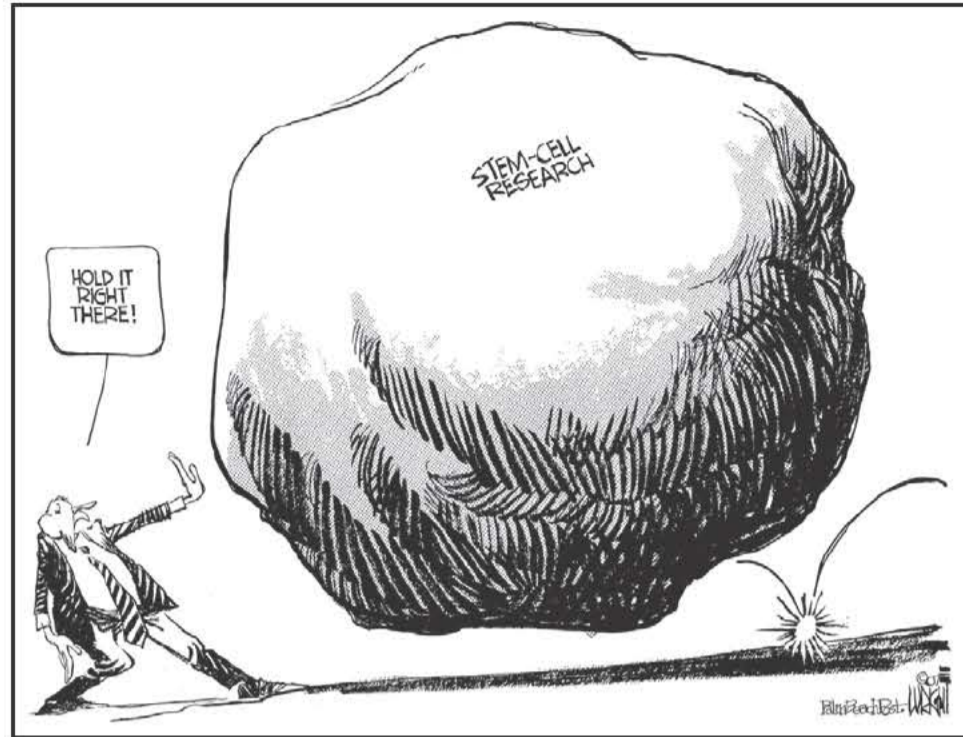
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Hungry for a change only Obama can satisfy

I'll admit it; I was overcome with premature fanboy glee when I found out that Barack Obama was taking the first step toward running for President in 2008. The good times kept a-rollin' later in the week when Hillary Clinton, as expected, made the same announcement.

However, it didn't take long for the mudslinging to begin in what I had sorely, and apparently naively, hoped would be a friendly engagement.

Why would two politicians running for the same office make nice just because I like them both? Silly me.

But hey, let's stick with the positives:

"I've been struck by how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics."

Hungry, Senator Obama?

Hungry?

Why, yes, indeed.

I, however, would venture even further.

Dear sir, I would go so far as to say that I am starving, nay, FAMISHED for a "different kind of politics."

I would say that I am wilting, my appetite decaying, from the undesirable fare that has been the staple of our political diet.

What am I hungry for?

Oh, nothing in particular. Just an administration with politics that don't involve the complete dismissal and legislation against one group's beliefs in favor of its own, that doesn't employ the plug-ears-and-hum-loudly tactic in the face of overwhelming evidence contrary to its agenda.

An administration that tells the truth would be grand, too (I know, getting ahead of myself again). Oh, I'd also like to be listened to.

Speaking of which:

"Let's chat, let's start a dialogue about your ideas and mine, because the conversation in Washington has been just a little one-sided lately, don't you think?"

Yes, I do, Senator Clinton. You guys are on fire tonight.

I think it's been a little like this:

"So, what do you think about the way

the war's going over there in Iraq."

"I think it sucks. I think we should leave. Sometime soon."

"Good, good, glad to hear it. We'll be over there for at least another couple decades."

"Dude, that's not soon at all."

"Boy howdy, I'm glad we could all get together on a big issue like this. That's what I love about the American people."

"Que?"

Lastly:

"I welcome her and all the candidates, not as competitors, but as allies in the work of getting our country back on track."

Gee, Senator Obama, that sure does sound swell, but what happens when they see you as a competitor and fire the first shots? Because that's what happened.

According to insightmag.com, researchers connected with

Senator Clinton "disclosed details of Mr. Obama's Muslim past."

So, basically what's going on here is a direct attack at the most vulnerable chink in Obama's armor.

Hillary is using the same fear-mongering tactics to try to discredit Obama that the Bush administration used to get us to go to Iraq.

Why again is my generation politically apathetic?

Obama has yet to respond in kind, and here's to hoping he won't, here's to hoping Obama lives up to his statements and the hype.

"I would say that I am wilting, my appetite decaying, from the undesirable fare that has been the staple of our political diet."

Jacob Foster



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COLUMNIST | COREY TAYLOR

Obsolescence of the victim

Although same-sex desire has always existed, Queer culture is relatively new, only a few centuries old from its earliest forms. Late 19th century to early 20th century developments in the medical and scientific fields burgeoned an interest in Queer individuals from these factions. Fledgling incarnations of gay rights groups during this time (such as the Scientific Humanitarian Community and The Chicago Society for Human Rights) allied themselves with the medical and scientific approaches that were being taken, and attempted to secure rights from a passive position that gay people needed help. In *Queer Theory: An Introduction*, Annamarie Jagose characterizes this approach by saying that these early groups argued that "they deserved pity rather than persecution."

For well over 100 years, then, we have posited ourselves as the victim. A hundred years is a long time to learn and re-learn such a place in society, and we know our role very well. Friedrich Nietzsche and Rene Girard have both written about victimization in these terms, but this tradition really goes back to Hegel's master-slave dialectic. Anti-gay advocates have built their own identity around the victim status of the Queer. Those who oppress Queer individuals and the Queer community (namely governments, Christian right groups, gay bashers, etc.) don't want us to lose our victim status because of exactly this. Their own identity depends on it.

One of the ways in which we maintain our victim status is through the negation of elements of our own rich culture. Thank God for porn stars – and for lawyers, truck drivers, teachers, doctors, flight attendants, families, strippers, parents, celebrities and hairdressers. Thank God for drag queens. In fact, in 1969 there is a group of drag queens and transvestites at a little gay bar called Stonewall Inn who made the choice not to be a victim, who said "Oh, hell no." Another somewhat related way in which we maintain our victim status is with self-deprecating statements like "straight-acting" used to simply describe masculinity, as if Queer people are incapable of masculinity on their own – as if being just like straight people is our goal, or the only way we can secure rights for ourselves. It goes right back to those early groups who created our victim status in the first place. As Jagose says, these groups "favoured the improvement of public relations and presented images of homosexuality that would be acceptable to mainstream society." We must now consider that the status of victim no longer holds any value for us as individuals or as a community.

What if we just stopped being Victim?

It's not just about going to a Pride parade once a year; it's about living Pride every day. It's about building an identity around strength instead of victimization. It's about demanding equality instead of asking for the same rights that straight people have, one by one. What if we took away the identity of our oppressors? Imagine how far we can go when we stop being Victim.

Corey Taylor



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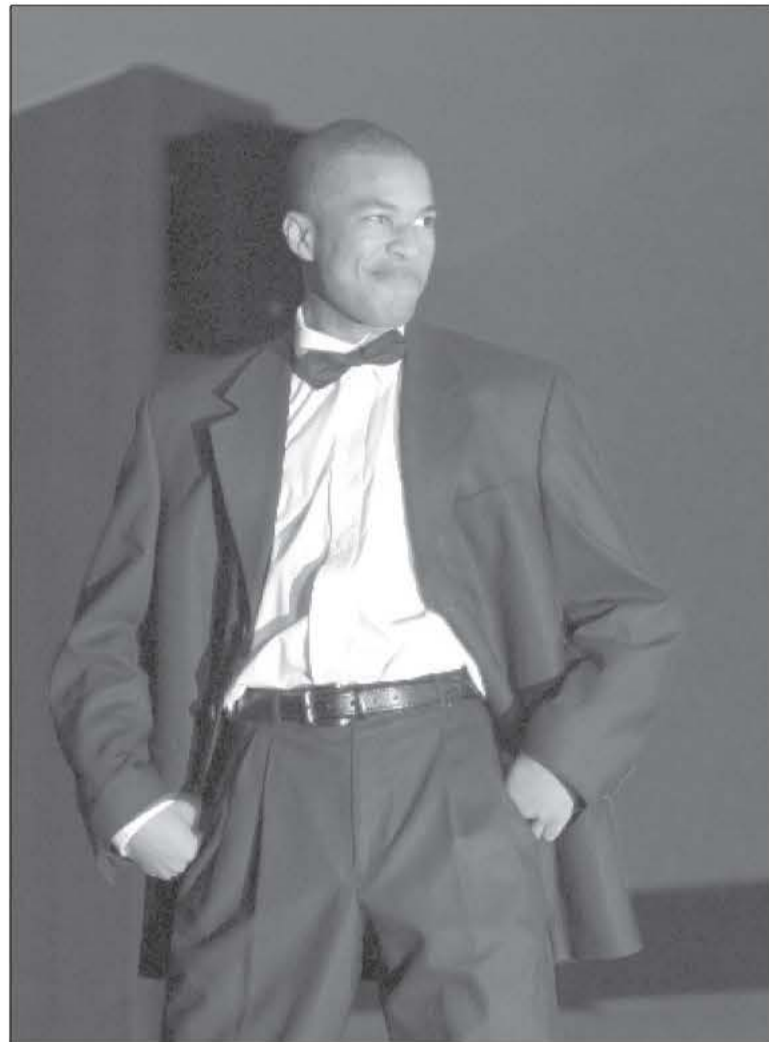
Students host fashion show

By Erica Morisco
Staff Reporter

She was crowned Miss Black EIU in 1999.

She was a member of the Board of Trustees. She also participated in

the tour of the "Not in our Town" events, which held forums in Bloomington discussing the topic of racism and eventually led her to the White House to speak during a racial forum held by President Clinton.



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Anthony Vernon, a fashion show participant, struts his stuff in a tuxedo during the Liz Halbert Edwards fashion show Saturday evening at the Grand ballroom. The fashion show was put on to help benefit the Liz Halbert Edwards scholarship.

Liz Halbert Edwards made an impact during her time at Eastern.

Edwards graduated from Eastern in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications.

She died in December 2005 from a heart and lung condition caused by Meningitis.

Jessica Thornton, Edward's younger sister, is a junior communication studies major at Eastern. She decided to create a scholarship to help out other students that have followed Edwards' footsteps.

"I think this is my way of showing how thankful I am to have had her in my life, she is the reason I'm at Eastern," Thornton said.

"I'm continuing her legacy, and that's my way of giving back to her."

Thornton's roommate, Kim Thompson, suggested hosting a fashion show to raise money for the scholarship.

Thompson, presented the event to her dance team, and everyone else decided they wanted to help out.

The fashion show was held Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Re'Mix dancers of Eastern kicked off their first Scholarship

Fashion Show with model behavior on Saturday.

The fashion show - catwalk and all - is one of many different fundraisers that have been held for the Liz Halbert Edwards Scholarship.

Throughout the night, different types of clothing were showcased along with prize giveaways and other acts.

Among the different acts were the EIU Dancers, Da Chosen Ones, the Re'Mix dancers and singing performances. The audience was encouraged to participate throughout the night as DJ Jesse Wu, an Eastern alumnus, played everything from Justin Timberlake to Lynyrd Skynrd.

"The music played for the acts and the modeling is the most exciting part of the show for people," said Davina Batts, a junior at Eastern, who has been in the Re'Mix dance team for three years and also modeled for the show.

Last year, the Re'Mix Dancers put on a dance show for the Liz Halbert Edwards Scholarship and raised \$700.

Thornton also put on a Black Student Reunion Weekend in November 2006 to raise money for the fund.

The scholarship campaign goal is

to raise \$25,000 total.

The scholarship will be given away to students who are involved in campus life, demonstrate leadership ability and represent their student body.

The Fashion Show took about six to eight months to plan.

Thompson and Thornton both worked together to find a diverse group of models, acts and anyone else who wanted to help out with the show.

"Jessica has been a good friend to me for a couple of years, and I thought it'd be a fun thing to do," Thompson said.

"I really wanted to help get this scholarship off the ground."

Brian Range, the president of the Re'Mix Dancers, said a prayer before the show started for everyone backstage.

"Brian Range has been a big help by keeping everyone on a positive level and having very strong leadership," Batts said.

Both Thompson and Thornton enjoyed working the fundraiser and hope to do more soon.

The goal is to give back to as many active students as possible, Thornton said.

For more information about the Liz Halbert Edwards Scholarship, visit www.eiu.edu/~lhe.



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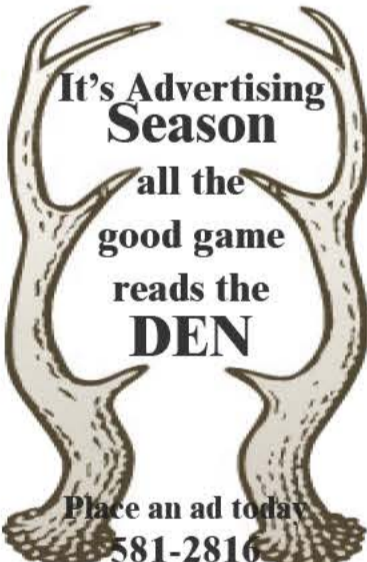
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Inmates outlive those outside

» WASHINGTON — State prison inmates, particularly blacks, are living longer on average than people on the outside, the government said Sunday. Inmates in state prisons are dying at an average yearly rate of 250 per 100,000, according to the latest figures reported to the Justice Department by state prison officials. By comparison, the overall population of people between age 15 and 64 is dying at a rate of 308 a year. For black inmates, the rate was 57 percent lower than among the overall black population — 206 versus 484. But white and Hispanic prisoners both had death rates slightly above their counterparts in the overall population.

L.A. cops crack down on gangs

» LOS ANGELES — Killing of children prompted the latest police push against the deeply entrenched Los Angeles gangs. However, the effort has met skepticism in the city that has an estimated 700 gangs with 40,000 members — about four for every police officer — and that gave birth to some of the nation's most notorious gangs, including the Crips, Bloods and Mara Salvatrucha, or MS-13.

Alleged kidnapper found after four years with child

Suspect in Missouri abductions says the years with missing boy were happy ones

NEW YORK — The man accused of kidnapping two Missouri boys and holding one of them for four years said life was good for him during that period, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Michael Devlin, 41, said his own parents, who live nearby, have not visited him since his arrest earlier this month, The New York Post reported.

"I don't know how I'm going to explain myself to my parents," Devlin told the Post in two 15-minute interviews at the Franklin County jail in Union, Mo., in his first public comments since his arrest, aside from a brief court appearance.

"It's much easier talking to a stranger about these things than your own parents."

The 41-year-old pizzeria manager is accused of taking 13-year-old Ben Ownby just after the boy got off a school bus Jan. 8 in Beaufort, Mo., about 50 miles southwest of St. Louis. A schoolmate's tip about a white pickup led authorities to Devlin's apartment in Kirkwood, Mo., a St. Louis suburb, where they found Ben and Shawn Hornbeck on Jan. 12. Shawn had been missing since 2002.

MICHAEL DEVLIN | SUSPECT

"I guess you could say I was lonely. All my friends starting getting married and having kids."

"I guess I was relatively happy" during those four years, Devlin said.

Devlin pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of kidnapping Ben. He also is charged with kidnapping Shawn but has not entered a plea in that case.

"I will not discuss anything related to the case," he told the Post.

Devlin said he "was never really interested in" romantic relationships but wouldn't say whether he was attracted to women.

"I can't talk about that because it has to do with the case," he said.

The Post said Devlin appeared downcast and red-eyed during the first interview Friday, but was smiling and more upbeat during an interview Saturday.

"I feel nothing," he said in the first interview. "I hide my emotions from other people. I hide the way I feel."

Around 2002, he started losing contact with close friends, most of whom he knew from Imo's, the pizza parlor he managed in Kirkwood.

"I guess you could say I was lonely. All my friends starting

getting married and having kids," he said. "Hanging out with friends just becomes a lower priority (for them)."

In jail, Devlin is separated from other inmates because his lawyers and guards believe other prisoners could attack him.

"I'm not worried. It's inevitable. I will eventually have to deal with it," he said, "I haven't exactly done a great job of representing myself so far."

Devlin's attorneys, Michael Kiely and Ethan Corlija, criticized jail security Sunday and said they had previously advised their client against talking to the media.

They said they had a verbal agreement with jail officials that only family and Devlin's attorneys would see him. The lawyers claimed the reporter who got in to see Devlin presented herself as a "family friend" to jail officials, not as a reporter.

Kiely also said the woman told Devlin she was writing for a university publication.

The Post did not respond to the allegations that the reporter, Susannah Cahalan, told jail officials she was a friend.

Search for kidnapped family moves to Chicago

ELKHART, Ind. — Police and federal agents extended their search to Chicago on Sunday for four children and their mother, whose ex-boyfriend authorities say shot a man and kidnapped them in Indiana the day before.

Authorities have issued an Amber Alert and said the children and their mother, 31-year-old Kimberly N. Walker, were in extreme danger. Walker and Jerry D. White, 30, the father of the four children, once lived in Chicago, and White has family there, police said.

Police said they recovered two cars, a Dodge Intrepid that White used to flee and Walker's two-door Saturn, which White is suspected of stealing Friday. The cars were found Saturday night in Elkhart, about 90 miles east of Chicago.

Police said that White had apparently been harassing Walker over the past few days, and that her sister and her sister's boyfriend had decided to stay with her and the children. Walker called police Friday and said White had confined her in her car, the Saturn, before stealing the vehicle, authorities said.

About 2 a.m. Saturday, White broke into Walker's house and shot her sister's boyfriend, Wargo said.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | MEGA MEET

Women victorious in own meet

Turnout, competition less than expected

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Eastern was expecting its Mega Meet to be more "mega" than it turned out to be.

The women won the meet by 62 points but were expecting not only the level of competition, but also the number of teams to be greater than they were.

Men's head coach Tom Akers said that four or five schools in Illinois also hosted a meet this weekend so many of the schools that have come to Eastern in the past were going to a school that was closer.

"This was a good size meet anyway," Akers said. "Sometimes it gets a little too big and can be a mess."

Most of the Panthers were pleased with the smaller meet because they said it eased them back into a competition mode after winter break.

The break also helped many of the injured athletes get their confidence back up and start competing again.

Sophomore Chandra Golden, who red-shirted last year because of an injury, finally got her chance to compete and placed second in the 60-meter hurdles.

"It felt great to get out there," Golden said. "I was a little nervous in my prelims, but by the time finals got around the nerves went away. It felt good to be able to put on that blue and white."

In the 4x800-meter relay, sophomore Kim Archer and senior Sarah Selby, who were injured and sat out the entire cross country season, gained some ground for the Panthers helping them get second in the event.

Sophomore Meghan Kennedy, who also participated in the 4x800, is currently fighting a torn muscle in her shin that has bothered her since last year.

Sophomore sprinters Tarra Grant and Violet Nwordu, competing for the first time since being injured, added points to Eastern's total.

The Panthers dominated the field events, winning first place in four of the five events they competed in.

Senior Nicole Marczewski gained a personal record and eighth place on Eastern's all-time list with a jump of 18 feet, 8.50 inches, in the long jump.

Sophomore Nicole Walcott, who placed in three other events for the Panthers, got first place in the weight throw with a personal record toss of 50 feet, 8 inches.

That throw put her in seventh on Eastern's all-time list.

Freshman Kandace Arnold tossed a personal record in the shot put, throwing 46 feet, 5.25 inches.

That throw put Arnold third on the all-time list. She also placed second in the weight throw.

"I surprised myself in the shot," Arnold said. "I had only like two good throws all week in practice. In that first throw it just felt perfect after I let it go."

Sophomore Tricia Gaumer won the pole vault and broke her indoor



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior high jumper Deb Hasik leaps over the bar during Eastern's Mega Meet on Saturday afternoon at Lantz Fieldhouse.

personal record with a jump of 11 feet, .25 inches.

The distance runners also contributed to many Panther points, winning the distance medley by almost seven seconds.

Senior Nicole Flounders and freshman Erin O'Grady kicked past St. Louis University's Laura Coyer about halfway through and placed first and second, respectively, in the mile.

"I didn't want to take the lead in the beginning," Flounders said.

"She went out so I kind of just sat on her to make her do the work. I noticed she started slowing down so I passed her and Erin just came up and passed her right behind me."

Junior Amy LeJune placed second in the 1,000-meter run, less than three seconds behind the first place runner.

In the 3,000-meter run Eastern senior Jill Blondell and Archer took second and third, respectively, and sophomore Katie O'Brien placed fourth.

WRESTLING WINS FIRST DUAL MEET THIS SEASON

By Adam Larch
Staff Reporter

The Panthers won their first dual match of the season, but dropped two matches against nationally ranked opponents Sunday at the Central Michigan Open in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Eastern defeated unranked Gardner-Webb 27-15, picking up its first dual win of the season.

Eastern managed to win all but four matches against Webb, with one of those losses being a forfeit.

Eastern's Jason Sherko did not wrestle in the 197-pound weight class, forfeiting all four of his matches.

Eastern dropped a 39-6 match to No. 7 Central Michigan and No. 18 Tennessee-Chattanooga defeated the Panthers 48-6.

Junior Greg Perz, who had a 17-5 record coming into today's event, was also one of the four losses to Webb, losing a 7-2 decision to Brandon Beach.

The only team the Panthers did not face at the Open was Cal Poly, who wrestled only the two ranked teams.

The biggest surprise of the day came against UT-Chattanooga with the only victory for the Panthers in that match by Joe Trinka, who won by forfeit.

Senior Kenny Robertson, at 174 pounds, and Perz were both pinned in their matches. Robertson fell at 6:57, the first time he's been pinned this year. Perz was pinned at 3:34. Perz's only other time pinned this year was at Northern Iowa.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING | EASTERN SWEEPS VALPARAISO

Latham, Winger lead against Crusaders

Eastern dominates MCC opponent, Valparaiso, gains momentum late in season

By **Adam Tedder**
Staff Reporter

It does not matter what sport it is – gaining momentum late in the season is always important.

That's exactly what Eastern swimming is doing right now.

Both the men's and women's teams had large margin of victories on Saturday against their Mid-Continent Conference opponent Valparaiso at Lantz Natatorium.

The men won 141-75, while women routed the Crusaders 138-94. This marks Eastern's second victory since winter break.

"The wins are nice, but the momentum is in our swims, not the wins," said head coach Ray Padovan. "But it's still nice to have a few wins under our belts."

The consecutive victories have both teams excited.

"It feels very good to have this victory because it shows that the training has paid off," said senior Matt Latham.

Latham, who placed first in the

200-yard freestyle in a time of 1 minute, 50.06 seconds, said it felt particularly good to beat Valparaiso because it is a conference opponent. The men's team improves to 4-6.

"It's good to know that we can swim well against them and know that we can beat them later in the year," he said.

Padovan agreed that winning against Valparaiso was more important than the victory at Millikin on Jan. 12 because they will see the Crusaders at conference.

"That's the people we need to see more of," he said. "They are particularly important to us."

Senior Brittany Winger had a big day, placing first in the 1000-yard freestyle, the 500-yard freestyle and 400-yard individual medley.

Padovan said he was proud of her performance.

"She was super," he said. "She probably had the three toughest swims at the meet and all her times were close to being her best. She's really on track."

Winger was modest

about her performance and said she felt the women's team victory was the bigger accomplishment.

"This just prepares us for conference," she said. "It shows that we have been brought together as a team. Every meet prepared us for conference more and more."

Winger said she thought the team performed well in every event.

"I don't think it's just one

individual performance," she said. "It was a team effort. There's no one performance that sticks out in my mind. As a team, everyone did really good."

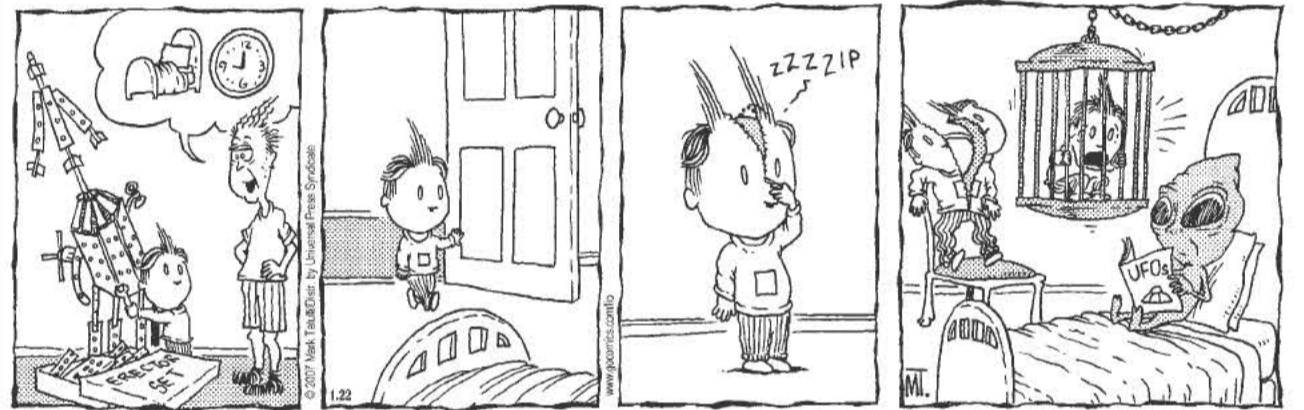
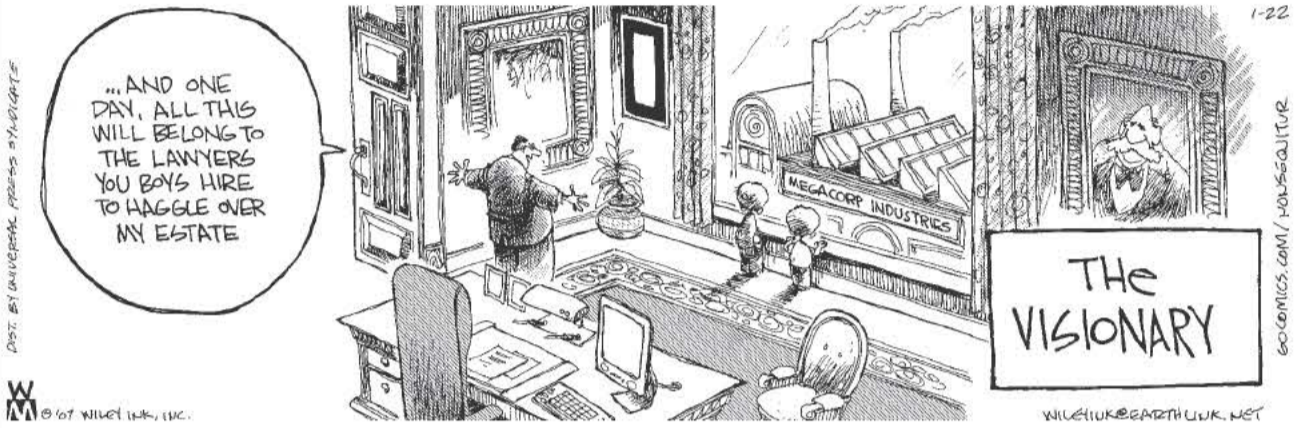
Seniors Bill Senese and Marlise Davidson also had strong swims. Senese won the 50-yard freestyle and Davidson won the 100 and 200 free. Senior diver Dave Trabilsy won both the one and three-meter diving competitions.

The team has continued to refer back to their trip to Florida during winter break for training session as an important factor to the rest of the season.

"Florida was a just a turning point," Winger said. "Since we trained so hard. Our hard work has paid off."

The Panthers have two meets left in the season before the conference meet begins on Feb. 15.

NON SEQUITUR | WILEY MILLER



Sudoku By Michael Mepham

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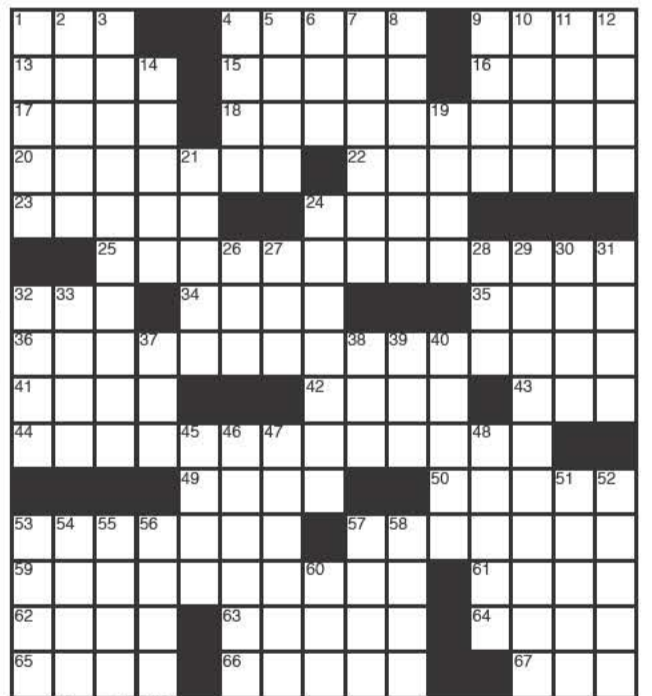
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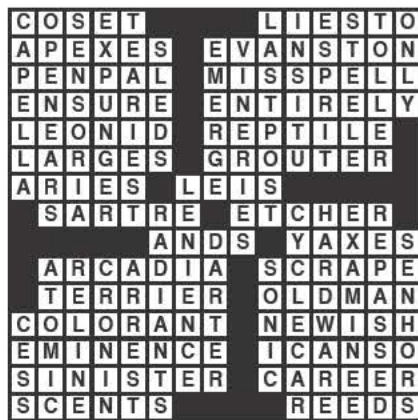
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 - 13 Sedan or wagon
 - 15 Ancient Peruvians
 - 16 W.W. II general Bradley
 - 17 "___," crackle, pop"
 - 18 Birthplace of 59-Across
 - 20 59-Across, e.g.
 - 22 Having a ghost
 - 23 Cut, as sheep's wool
 - 24 Drunkards
 - 25 TV program for which 59-Across won an Emmy, 1977
 - 32 Debussy's "La ___"
 - 34 Bullfighter's cloth
 - 35 Melodic subject, in music
 - 36 Album for which 59-Across won a Grammy, 1972, with "The"
 - 41 It's a butter alternative
 - 42 "The Wizard of Oz" pooch
 - 43 French word before and after "à"
 - 44 Movie for which 59-Across won an Oscar, 1961
 - 49 The "E" in E.R.: Abbr.
 - 50 Spicy sauce ... or dance
 - 53 Milan opera house
 - 57 Play for which 59-Across won a Tony, 1975
 - 59 Star born on 12/11/1931
 - 61 ___ the kill
 - 62 Lyric poems
 - 63 Part of the head that may be congested
 - 64 Campbell of the "Scream" movies
 - 65 Snoozes
 - 66 Exams
 - 67 Jiffy

- DOWN**
- 1 Spanish houses
 - 2 Cluster
 - 3 Ohio's buckeye, California's redwood, etc.
 - 4 Big shots, for short
 - 5 Burden
 - 6 Freezer trayful
 - 7 Server at a drive-in
 - 8 Aristocrat's home
 - 9 ___ flakes
 - 10 Forget to mention
 - 11 Protective spray
 - 12 Motivate
 - 14 TV host with a book club
 - 19 Get rid of
 - 21 Straight up
 - 24 Phantom
 - 26 Scratch
 - 27 Reuters competitor
 - 28 Engine additive brand
 - 29 Map borders, usually
 - 30 Prefix with potent
 - 31 ___ and Means Committee
 - 32 Tabby's cry
 - 33 French "she"



- 37 Foldaway bed
- 38 Comedian Bill, informally
- 39 Giant slugger Mel
- 40 Antlered animal
- 45 Tailor's line
- 46 "This is not making sense to me"
- 47 Little loved one
- 48 ___ to go (eager)
- 51 Ward (off)
- 52 Pre-Columbus Mexican
- 53 Scientologist ___ Hubbard
- 54 Opera set in the age of pharaohs
- 55 Stair part
- 56 Mama ___ of the Mamas and the Papas
- 57 Carpenter's metal piece
- 58 "Bonanza" brother
- 60 Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy

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Hope is still out there, though. The sun will soon start to shine, the snow will melt, the leaves will come back and the mindset going into an Eastern sporting event won't be wondering how it will lose.

Eastern baseball should be among the teams expected to contend for an Ohio Valley Conference title. Head coach Jim Schmitz's team last season put together a solid regular season, finishing third in the conference, only to fold in the OVC tournament.

Pitching should be the cornerstone of the team, with seniors Brandon Murphy, Chris Vaculik and junior Alex Guttosch anchoring the rotation. Add into the mix senior Drew Gierich, and Schmitz has as formidable a pitching staff to win a weekend series as any other OVC team.

The slumps that Jason Cobb and Ryan Campbell endured last season cannot happen again nor for such a prolonged time if Eastern wants another top-three conference finish.

Panther softball experienced a rebirth last year in head coach Kim Schuette's first season. She turned a defeatist attitude that was afflicting

the program into a winning one and backed it up with the results on the field.

The best thing going for Schuette is she has experienced players coming back that know what her aggressive coaching style is like this season. Seven starters return, with the only major question being who will replace Rachel Karos at third base.

And a key with softball, more so than baseball, is how good is its pitching. The Panthers' pitching is the best coming back in the OVC.

Schuette can rely on sophomore Kathleen Jacoby to provide quality innings and quality wins this season. The experience junior Karyn Mackie gained last season as the No. 2 starter, and her clutch performance in the OVC tournament, should only help her more this season.

Baseball has only made the NCAA Tournament once (1999) and softball hasn't ever made it to NCAA postseason play.

Right now, that is all a pipe dream.

But once the sun appears, the snow melts and the leaves come back, the mindset for the baseball and softball programs should be optimistic.

Eastern fans could sure use some wins after this winter season is finished.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | BENCH CONTRIBUTION

Thomas, Maxedon provide boost, options for Eastern

Pair a valuable scoring threat, draws opposing teams' attention away from Galligan, Huffman

By Marc Correnti
Staff Reporter

Eastern came into Saturday's 84-54 victory against Tennessee State with one of the most potent scoring duos in the Ohio Valley Conference.

But with freshman Jessica Huffman in a game-long funk and sophomore Rachel Galligan reduced to a non-factor, the Panthers leaned on the unassuming duo of freshman Ashley Thomas and senior Amanda Maxedon.

The Panthers' offense struggled mightily in the first half, while it was Thomas providing a lift with 16

of Eastern's 35 first-half points. She finished with 21 points, matching a career-high she set on Dec. 28 at Louisville.

When Tennessee State (4-14, 1-8 OVC) made a slight adjustment to Thomas in the second half, it was the energetic Maxedon who picked up the pace.

With the Panthers (7-13, 4-7 OVC) leading 42-33, Maxedon helped pace a 16-6 run, scoring 11 of the 16 points.

Maxedon's career-high before Saturday's 17-point performance was seven.

Having the defensive energy she brings to each game, she has never been a player to look for her shot.

But Eastern head coach Brady Sallee made sure to change that in practice last week.

"I asked her to start shooting the ball," Sallee said. "Her percentages show that when she gets open, she makes her shots. The problem is that she's such a good kid, a good teammate that you have to let her know to look for her shot. Shooting the ball is her strength."

Trying to get Maxedon to talk about her best collegiate performance is as difficult as trying to stop Sallee from talking.

Her humility and work ethic attitude have rubbed off a team that is trying to position itself for a conference-tournament run.

"Coach has been telling me to be more aggressive and take it to the basket," Maxedon said. "It feels good. It's a big team win."

Thomas maintained her point-guard duties in the second half when Huffman committed several costly turnovers in the opening minutes.

Although Huffman has had one of the best seasons ever for an Eastern freshman, it was the other freshman's opportunity to showcase her versatility.

Whether she wanted to or not. "Not really," Thomas said when asked about if she liked to play point guard. "I prefer the (two-guard) position. Coming out today and

starting strong helped. I got some confidence back in practice."

The standout performances by Thomas and Maxedon are something Sallee has been looking for all year.

"If a team is going to put all their eggs into one basket by taking out (Huffman) and (Galligan)," Sallee said, "then we have to be able to have other players come out and step up."

Eastern will take the floor again on Saturday at Morehead State in Morehead, Kent. The Panthers then return home for a two-game stand against Jacksonville State and Samford on Feb. 1 and 3, respectively.

Eastern 84, Tennessee State 54

Tennessee State	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
Booker	33	6-11	8-8	4	0	2	20
Okafor	23	2-9	0-0	2	1	2	4
Banks	17	1-2	3-4	0	0	4	5
Appling	23	2-8	0-0	0	3	3	4
Pierce	28	2-9	3-6	2	3	4	8
Goodwin	16	0-3	2-4	1	1	1	2
Rumph	31	2-13	2-2	2	3	1	6
Jackson	1	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	0
Mayberry	19	2-5	0-1	1	0	4	4
Oliveira	3	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Jackson	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Cromartie	5	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	200	17-64	19-26	17-36	11	24	54

Field Goal Percentage: .266 3-point goals: 1-5 Blocked shots: 2 Steals: 11 Turnovers: 19

Eastern	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
Scaggs	26	1-2	1-1	1	9	2	3
Galligan	29	4-8	0-0	1	4	0	10
Huffman	13	5-11	0-0	0	6	0	14
Canale	11	1-2	0-0	1	3	0	4
Thomas	34	5-9	4-4	1	4	3	21
Baker	3	1-2	0-0	1	3	0	2
Sturtevant	15	0-1	0-0	0	3	2	0
Eck	21	1-6	1-6	0	1	2	3
Maxedon	28	7-9	1-1	3	6	2	17
Kloak	3	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	3
Kluempers	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	0
Lippard	9	3-5	0-0	1	3	2	7
TOTALS	200	29-57	10-13	9-43	18	21	84

Field Goal Percentage: .509 3-point goals: 7-12 Blocked shots: 4 Steals: 9 Turnovers: 25

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With the Bears facing the Colts in Super Bowl XLI, the best team from the Midwest — and the NFL — will emerge in two weeks. The Bears definitely need to have an updated version of their Super Bowl shuffle from 20 years ago. Imagine Rex Grossman (above) dancing with Tank Johnson.

It's unclear what would be scarier: Grossman busting out some "white boy dance moves" or Johnson potentially busting out his guns (and we're not talking about his arms).

Here's three reasons we're excited about the Super Bowl:

1. The jerseys — Bears jerseys will be prevalent on campus in the next two weeks. We'll see our fair share of Urlacher and Grossman jerseys. But why not bust out an old-school Tom Waddle jersey, or Richard Dent one? And for Colts fans, forget Peyton Manning jerseys. Bring back some old-school Jeff George throwbacks instead.

2. The parties — Super Bowl parties are amazing. Add into the fact that the Bears are in, and the level of insanity here at Eastern just went up 100 notches. A Bears win would top both the celebrations following the White Sox and Cardinals World Series wins.

3. The Ditka factor — Face it, Mike Ditka is a god in Chicago. The Colts should just be fortunate they're not playing Ditka. We can see the score if that were the case: Ditka 252, Colts -10. For real now, Ditka's name will be brought up a bunch in the next two weeks and what he says about this game surely will create some sort of controversy.

— Matt Daniels

MATT DANIELS | OUT OF BOUNDS

Spring sports approaching

It's hard to imagine that in less than a month, Eastern baseball and softball seasons are fully underway.

Not with the snow that is covering most of the campus and the athletic fields that will be the home of these sports in the next three months.

And after the bleak records by the men's and women's basketball teams here on campus, it's a good thing spring is almost here.

The most exciting sporting news on campus this weekend is the Bears winning the NFC Championship game and advancing to the Super Bowl. Which is somewhat expected, considering half the campus hails from the Chicagoland area.

But even if the Bears weren't in the position they are in, a national sports story would be the topic of conversation on campus because of how mediocre the winter sports are (minus both track and field teams).

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Bears defense dominates

Chicago to face Indianapolis in Super Bowl XLI in Miami

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears know how to make a Super Bowl memorable. They're making this one historic long before it's played.

Dissed all season long, Rex Grossman and Co. are heading to the big game for the first time since 1985 after rolling over the New Orleans Saints 39-14 Sunday, and Da Coach leading them there makes it all the more special.

Lovie Smith became the first black head coach to reach the NFL's marquee game in its 41-year history and roughly four hours later, his good pal and mentor Tony Dungy of the Indianapolis Colts joined him.

"I'll feel even better to be the first black coach to hold up the world championship trophy," Smith said after the Bears won the NFC championship.

This isn't the wild bunch, led by coach Mike Ditka and



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bears fans chant, "We're going to Miami!" at The Panther Paw as they watch the Bears clinch the NFC Championship Sunday afternoon with a 39-14 victory against the New Orleans Saints.

quarterbacked by Jim McMahon, that paraded down Bourbon Street, then routed New England for the championship 21 years ago. Its defense isn't overpowering, its quarterback isn't a renegade, its reputation isn't celebrated.

This team, despite its impressive record, was maligned all season and never possessed the overpowering aura of Ditka's gang.

Still, Smith's team did it in true Bears fashion, with big plays on defense and a steady running game in the sleet and snow, ending the Saints' uplifting saga.

The Bears (15-3) will play the Colts (15-4) in Miami in two weeks. Indianapolis beat New England 38-34 for the AFC title.

"I am really into the great tradition we have with the

Chicago Bears," Smith said. "I am just trying to get our football team up to that same standard Mike had his team at, especially that '85 team."

Added All-Pro linebacker Brian Urlacher: "For our franchise, this is big. They are a big part of this city, and what they did in '85 is huge. We have an opportunity to do that right now. We're excited to have the opportunity to kind of put the ('85) guys in the background for a little while."

All the worries about how genuine the Bears' outstanding season was disappeared thanks to running back Thomas Jones, All-Pro kicker Robbie Gould and a defense that, while not dominant, made enough decisive plays.

"I hate watching TV," defensive end Adewale Ogunleye said, "but when you see everyone picking the Saints, the thing is we won 14 games, now 15, by playing sound defense and we have been doing a good job all season."

Jones had all 69 yards on an eight-play ground drive in the second quarter, scored twice and rushed for 123 yards. Gould nailed three field goals.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 84, TENNESSEE STATE 54

Panthers demolish Lady Tigers

Maxedon, Thomas key in 30-point victory

By Joe Waltasti
Sports Reporter

Freshman Jessica Huffman broke a record but it was freshman Ashley Thomas and senior Amanda Maxedon who broke the game wide open.

Huffman scored 14 points and broke Eastern's record for points scored in a single season by a freshman in Eastern's 84-54 drubbing of Tennessee State on Saturday afternoon at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers' point guard broke the record with a driving layup late in the second half but two quick fouls kept Huffman on the bench for the majority of the first half.

Thomas stepped up big in Huffman's place.

Normally a shooting guard, Thomas ran the offense admirably in Eastern's second straight Ohio Valley Conference win, and scored 16 points in the first half alone. She shot four of six from the field, including three of three from beyond the 3-point line before halftime.

Eastern (7-13, 4-7 OVC) had a two-point lead with 1:34 left to play before halftime and Thomas hit three straight shots — including two 3-pointers — to give the Panthers a 35-27 lead at the break.

"We were starting to go through a funk like we had in so many games prior to that, and she (Thomas) just took it upon herself to put the ball into the basket," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee.

Thomas added only five more points, but Maxedon's career performance turned the game into a blowout after halftime.

"My teammates gave me the ball whenever I was open," Maxedon said. "This week coach has been



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Senior forward Amanda Maxedon takes a jumper against Tennessee State on Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Maxedon scored a career-high 17 points in Eastern's 84-54 win, its second straight victory.

To read more about the Panthers' win against the Lady Tigers and see the box score, turn to page 10.

telling me to be aggressive, take it to the basket. I was able to do that."

Maxedon scored 17 points and pulled down six rebounds, including three offensive boards in the lopsided victory. Maxedon's previous career high in points was seven.

The senior combined with sophomore forward Rachel Galligan to score 18 straight points in the second half and the 18-6 run increased Eastern's lead

from five to 17 points.

"I told her this week in practice, in my ever-loving way, to start shooting the ball," Sallee said. "I told her we need her to shoot the ball for us to be good."

Eastern's defense sealed the game by holding Tennessee State (4-14, 1-8) to just seven points in the game's final nine minutes. With 8:58 remaining, Lady Tigers guard Kendra Appling made a layup and Eastern's lead was cut to 13.

But the next Tennessee State basket came with 2:51 remaining in the game and Eastern's lead had grown to an insurmountable 31 points.

During that stretch the Lady Tigers missed 10 straight shots,

committed four fouls and turned the ball over twice.

Tennessee State shot 26 percent from the floor in the game and shot just 20 percent from beyond the three-point arc.

"Tonight one of our big emphasis's was to not foul and to just make them prove they could make shots before we started getting crazy," Sallee said. "(It was) a little unconventional for us to play that much zone but maybe I'm not an idiot."

Sallee had his team play a 2-3 zone for much of the game and the Lady Tigers could not penetrate or drive the lane. Tennessee State settled for long-range jumpers and made only 17 shot attempts in its seventh straight OVC loss.