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UNIVERSITY | PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Perry shops for next challenge

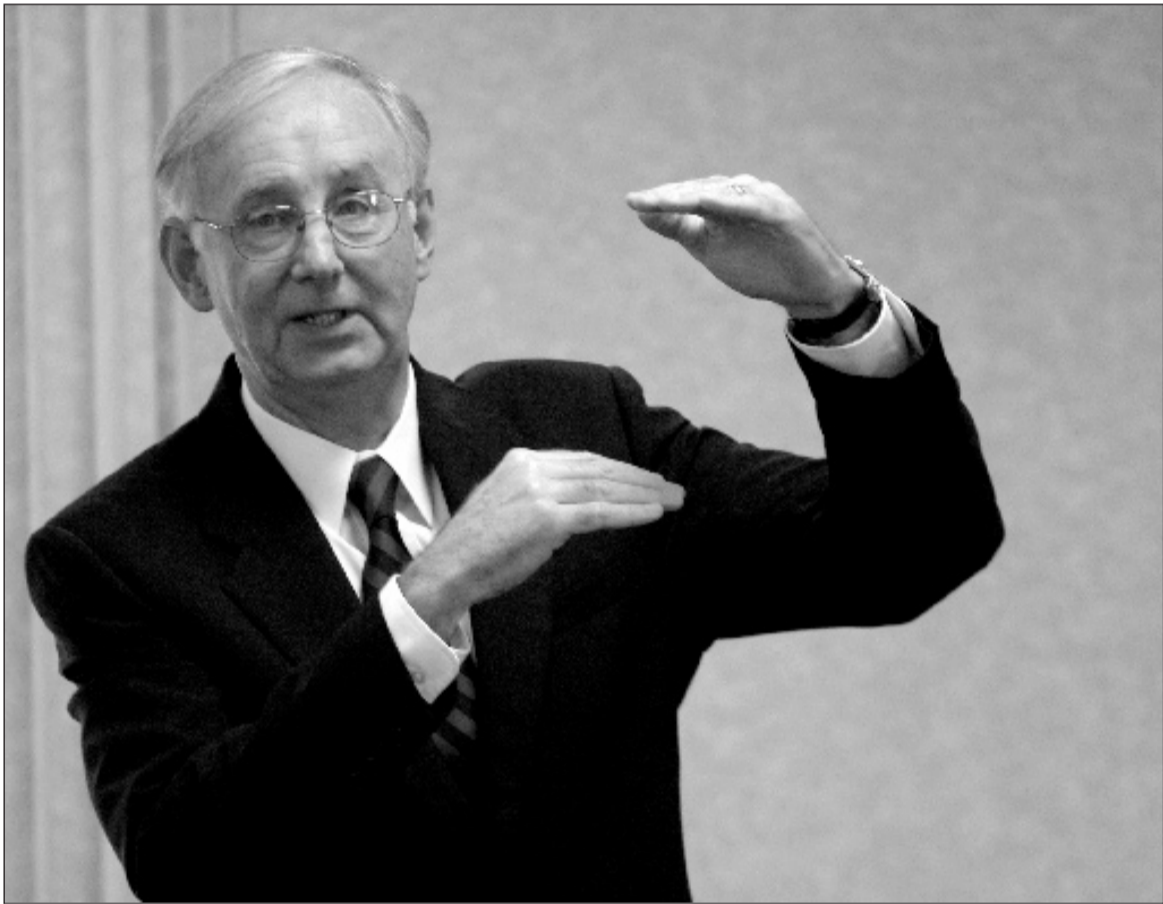
Candidate makes his second visit to Eastern



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Staff Report

Bill Perry wants a challenge. After spending 35 years at Texas A&M, he doesn't have any more unfinished business in the state. Perry views Eastern as his next challenge. He is the first of three presidential candidates to be interviewed this week. Perry spoke to groups Monday answering questions from faculty, staff and the community. He related the open sessions to teaching eight classes in one day; he couldn't remember what he had already said by the end of the day. Perry is a former mathematics professor who "accidentally" fell into administration. He said he found that he had a talent for administration and enjoyed it. Now in his 35th year at Texas A&M, Perry is the vice provost. He came to Eastern before his interview to get a feel for the campus on Feb. 22. Wearing jeans and a leather coat, Perry was offered help in both the library and the food court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Perry compared his experience to that of a secret shopper. And his experience left him wanting more. This warm reception was what made Perry believe he could fit in here, he said. Perry, a Missouri native, said Eastern was first on his radar when he was working on his doctorate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His goal is to keep the student-to-faculty ratio down and stressed



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

William Perry, Texas A&M's vice provost and one of the three finalists in Eastern's presidential search, answers questions during a public interview in the 1895 room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday. He had five open sessions, three meetings and two meals with campus and community members.

that he wants Eastern to be the best institution of its type. He said, if hired, he is looking forward to guiding that goal. He sees every student as a person with unlimited potential. Perry said Eastern is the size of institution he would enjoy. When

he first taught at Texas A&M, the campus had 13,000 students and now has 45,000. Perry said the president's role should be to take a lifetime of experience and guide a university's goals, visions and dreams. He is not planning on setting

any specific goals until he gets to know the university and can learn more about the alumni, students, staff and legislature. Perry says his weakness is that he is late to meetings. » SEE **PERRY**, PAGE 5

UNIVERSITY | FACULTY SENATE

Students may pay for RSOs

Plan comes from Student Senate, will be presented today

By Ashley Rueff
Senior University Reporter

Faculty Senate members will get their chance to weigh in on the proposal for funding Recognized Student Organizations at today's meeting. Cole Rogers, student vice president for student affairs, will speak to the senate to share the research gathered by the student senate on the possibility of funding RSOs. "Faculty compose the majority of the advisers (for RSOs) here on campus," Rogers said. "And we thought we would go present them our findings and get a little feedback on what they would like to see." The student senate's plan would fund RSOs through a student fee, Rogers said. He is not releasing any figures as to how much the fees might be at this time. The final decision to fund RSOs would have to go through Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, and the Board of Trustees. Rogers said he could not put a final timeline on the plan, but student senate plans to compile a final recommendation after receiving final input from the faculty and students. "We'll see what (faculty senate) thinks about it, and see if there's anything in the presentation that they would like geared toward their interests," Rogers said.

John Stimac, recorder for the senate, also expects the faculty senate to encourage its members to attend the open question sessions with the presidential candidates this week. "We're trying to encourage all faculty and staff to come out, to listen to the various candidates," Stimac said. The presidential search activities this week has kept the meeting agenda fairly short, Stimac said. "The agenda doesn't look that hard at all," he said. A presentation by the office of facilities planning and management was postponed until April because of a conflict with the presidential visits. Stimac also expects the senate to announce the faculty retirement reception at the meeting. The reception will be 2:30 p.m. April 3 in the Tarble Arts Center. He expects plans for a faculty retirement wall to be constructed in Booth Library to be announced at the reception. The Faculty Senate meeting will be 2 p.m. today in the Booth Library Conference Room.

‘Money, Mercedes and men’



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shirley Geok-lin Lim, an English professor at University of California at Santa Barbara, talks about immigrant and minority women in Buzzard Auditorium Monday.

Malysian immigrant reads poems, speaks about her mother's confidence

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

"Reimmigrants" is the word Shirley Geok-lin Lim uses to describe immigrants. The term reimmigrants describes people who come from another country and try to adapt their cultures while keeping some of their own traditions. Lim is a professor of English at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She immigrated to America from Malaysia. "O Pioneers!: Women, Immigration and a More Perfect Union" is the title of Lim's Monday lecture, a part of the Women's History and Awareness Month.

Foreign immigrants are not the first to travel to other countries in hopes to better themselves and their families, Lim said. These are the "most recent layer," of immigrants. Many Caucasians immigrants have done this first, Lim said. Even though immigrants might travel to new lands they do not forget their homelands. "The history of the land belongs in the heart of a man or woman," Lim said. Lim read some of her poems during the lecture, which filled most of the lecture. She has been writing poems since she was 10. "What the Fortune Teller Didn't Say" describes an immigrant's fears. The poem also acknowledges the confidence that her mother had in her. "She said I'd make it: money, Mercedes and men," Lim read. » SEE **REIMIGRANTS**, PAGE 5

Plan for the future

EIU admissions director shares insight on planning a successful future to BSU members

By Marco Santana
Campus Editor

Brenda Major came with a message: life is not easy.

In fact, it's not supposed to be easy.

But if students want to make it easier, they have to put their lives on a positive path.

And they must realize their future is in their control.

"The only way your future is in others' hands is if you give it to them," she said.

Major, Eastern's director of admissions, spoke at the Black Student Union's weekly meeting Monday night. The presentation was a part of BSU's W.E.B. DuBois lecture series.

She said everybody is on a path, but some paths are not what the person originally intends.

"No matter what they're doing, they're charting a path toward the future," she said. "Whether it's a future they envision or a future they settle for. As you grow, you have to be moving toward something."

Major said seeing a successful black woman speak about her experience was critical because it showed that success is possible.

"Sometimes it's hard for us to even have a vision of doing something better if all you see is people who are stuck in a rut," she said. "When they do see people who look like them – whose path has led them to something they aspire to, and that they see that person is willing to share – I think that makes a big difference for a lot of students."

Sherri Smith said at previous meetings, some students brought up that they really didn't know the staff at the college. The lecture series

is a way for them to get acquainted with each other, she said.

It also allows students to learn of some obstacles that might have to be overcome just after entering the work force instead of just thinking about the money they are going to make, she said.

At the start of the presentation, Major handed out a seven-question questionnaire.

The third question asked those in attendance what they saw themselves doing in 20 years.

BSU President Thomas Battle said the question was asked because most people want to be established in their field within 20 years.

But to get there, he said, there has to be some preparation done now.

"You can't get through anything without having a plan," he said. "You need a foundation, you have to start somewhere. You have to start setting it while you're here in college."

Films target undergrads

Booth continues monthly movie series with 'A Simple Curve'

By Beth Hackett
Senior Activities Reporter

David Bell is on a committee that is used to experiments.

Bell is one member who is concerned with the Booth Library film series.

The committee experiments with feature length films and documentaries and found better turnouts with the documentary showings.

The series features a film each month, and committee members choose the documentaries to be shown according to a set of basic guidelines.

"We try to show films that would be interesting to primarily undergraduate college students," Bell said. "We try to choose historical, controversial or current news topics."

The library has filled out a year subscription to Film Movement, a company that hires curators to go to film festivals all over the world and select the feature-length films, most of which are award winning.

The feature film subscription provides one movie a month to Booth Library.

Bell said he usually watches the documentaries before they show them at the library, but with the feature films, he typically watches them at the time of showing.

"Many of the movies that we receive are foreign language films with subtitles, which seem to catch the interest of many students," Bell said.

The committee tries to mix up the movie genres with all the different disciplines and areas of study.

Bell said the committee assumes that if they show a movie about anthropology, they will see many people from that department.

"A Simple Curve" is the selection for tonight and will show at 7 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference

Room.

Bell has not yet seen "A Simple Curve," but has read evaluations on the Internet Movie Database and said it was very well reviewed.

The film stars Kris Lemche as Caleb, a small-town entrepreneur who is determined to keep his woodworking shop up and running.

His father (Michael Hogan) is an optimistic aging hippie who thinks the shop will succeed with no problems.

Caleb finds an opportunity to turn his fortunes around when a wealthy American named Matthew (Matt Craven) comes to town. While trying to balance out all the misfortunes in his life, Caleb makes a deal with Matthew that can make or break his life.

The next showing will be "Celebrating the Art of Short Film" on April 10. The films are free and open to the public.

For more information or reviews on these movies, visit <http://www.imdb.com>.

Job-hunting pressures students

By Andrea Zeek
Daily News (Ball State U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. — With graduation approaching, college students' minds are occupied with thoughts of the future.

Where should they live after college? Can they afford it? Will they find work?

Indiana realtor Patty Torr said students' foremost concern should be finding a job.

"I think that students might have a thought of where they want to live out of college, but, if they can't find a job there, it's a lost cause," Torr said. "Finding a job first is everything, and after that, make sure you can afford an apartment or another type of housing in the area."

According to Hannah Clark of Forbes.com, a Web site specializing in business, recent college graduates might want to reconsider moving to New York City, Los Angeles or

Chicago to find jobs.

When Forbes ranked the 100 best cities in the country to find a job, all three did very poorly. Los Angeles came in at No. 85, Chicago at No. 93 and New York at No. 96. Businesses and employees are moving south for the lower cost of living and warmer weather, Clark wrote on the site. Washington D.C., Phoenix and Las Vegas were ranked the top three cities to find a job.

Living in the Midwest

When it comes to affordable living, however, the Midwest is best.

The Midwest is the lowest-cost region in the country, with homebuyers getting more square feet for their money, said Walter Molony, spokesman for the National Association of Realtors. The West Coast, Southern Florida and the Northeast are the most expensive regions in the United

States, he said.

Because the Midwest and parts of the South have room to grow, they are able to accommodate sudden spikes in housing demand, Molony said. The Midwest has higher levels of young homebuyers than anywhere else in the country, he said.

The West Coast and the Northeast are already so developed that they cannot build more homes to keep up with the markets, Molony said.

Therefore, when demand for housing exceeds supply, the prices escalate, and the end result is that buyers have to pay much more for homes over time, he said.

Torr said the Midwest and, more specifically, the state of Indiana are some of the most affordable places to live in the country.

The cost of living in Indianapolis, in accordance with its size, is also relatively low, she said.

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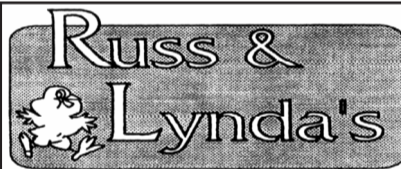
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Kegs might go through cops first

Students hosting keggers may soon have to go through the police before getting a keg permit.

The City Council will address keg permits at tonight's meeting.

City Hall plans to put the Charleston Police Department under control of issuing keg permits to citizens instead of the licensed liquor establishments, which are presently in control of the permits.

City Clerk Deborah Muller, said the police station will have more control over the permits and will be able to issue the permits more accurately.

The council will also address the vacant alley between the police station and Friends and Co. at tonight's meeting.

The alley is south of City Hall. The plan is to improve the parking lot between the station and City Hall and add more spaces, Muller said.

The owner of Friends and Co. agreed to give up a piece of the alley in order to expand the parking lot.

The council hopes to pass the resolution tonight, but it could be put on file for public inspection.

Today's City Council meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

– Stephen Di Benedetto, Senior City Reporter

KEG PERMITS

» **Now:** Keg permits are issued by liquor establishments.

» **If the law is changed:** The Charleston Police Department will issue permits.

Extreme Makeover: Division Street edition

Work to widen local street,
but no lanes added

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior City Reporter

The widening and resurfacing of Division Street from Harrison Street to State Street started Monday.

Construction began last fall on the street because it did not meet the Illinois Department of Transportation standards.

“It’s going to be a safer road and something that we won’t have to maintain as much,” said Chad Isley, an engineering technician for the city of Charleston.

Division Street will be closed during construction, but the residents who live on the road will be able to enter their homes, Isley said.

There are no detour routes set up, which might lead to a slight increase in traffic on Fourth and E streets, but Isley believes that traffic on those streets will not be a problem.

Even though Division Street is being widened, there will be no lanes added to the street.

“There is a one-block stretch on the north end that is narrow,” Isley said. “You can see where a lot of cars have been driving over the sidewalk.”

Along with the widening and resurfacing of Division Street, a retaining wall will also be built.

The retaining wall will be a decorative wall and no more than 3 feet high, Isley said.

The reason for the retaining wall is not uncommon.

“When you widen the road, it increases the slope of the grassy areas next to it,” Isley said. “You build a wall so you can flatten the slopes and maintain the grassy areas.”

The construction was postponed through the winter and is scheduled to last until July.

“The quality of this road before the construction was really bad,” Isley said. “It’s going to be safer and more drivable.”

AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Construction on Division Street started Monday afternoon and extends from Harrison Avenue to State Street.

CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Computer theft investigation continues

Investigations into the Jan. 24 theft of Greek Life computers continue and members of the Greek community say they have been kept as up-to-date as they can by Bob Dudolski and Dan Nadler.

“They were real helpful,” said James Friesema, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon. “We haven’t had any issues yet.”

Friesema said Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, and Dudolski, director of Greek Life, have brought up any new information at meetings.

A computer with personal information, including the Social Security numbers of all members of Greek Life, was stolen from the Student Life Office on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The theft had some students worried about identity theft, a fear that still remains.

“We feel kind of helpless,” said Ryan Georgas, president of Phi Kappa Theta. “We’ll just sit and wait. It’s all we can do.”

– Marco Santana, Campus Editor

Continuing education hosts open house today

RYAN GEORGAS | PRESIDENT OF PHI KAPPA THETA

“We feel kind of helpless. We’ll just sit and wait. It’s all we can do.”

The School of Continuing Education is hosting an open house event today that will allow adults interested in starting or returning to college to explore options available at Eastern.

Advisers will be available to answer any questions about courses or to address other concerns.

Representatives from financial aid, admissions and other university departments will be on hand to answer more questions.

The event will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church and light refreshments will be served.

For more questions concerning the open house, contact Susan Bulla at skbulla@ciu.edu.

- Kaitlyn Lonkar, Staff Reporter

Petitions available for Student Government positions

Students may pick up petitions today in the Student Activities Center for the upcoming Student Government elections.

All executive positions will be open for the election.

There will also be open Student Senate seats.

The petitions need to be returned to the Student Activities Center by noon, April 6.

The election will take place April 16 and 17.

Results will be announced at the April 18 senate meeting.

- Matt Hopf, Student Government Reporter

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campusbriefs

Psychology professor to explore female leadership

» The “Lessons from Great Women Leaders” presentation on Wednesday will focus on women leaders from around the world.

Faculty Senate Chair Assege HaileMariam will describe how past and present women leaders have affected her leadership.

“We often think of ourselves as the role model of the world,” said International Student Adviser Sue Songer. “Yet other countries have already had women presidents and heads of states. We have yet to achieve that.”

The forum will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students to discuss possible smoking ban; prize giveaways

» Students can debate about smoking on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m.

Health Education and Research Center will sponsor the forum in order to address the positive and negative affects of a possible smoking ban on Eastern’s campus.

While debating, students can also register for a JCPenney’s shopping spree.

The debate will be held in the Martinsville Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

For more information, students can call Rachel Fisher at 581-7786.

– Tearria Ruffin, Campus Reporter

NAACP to hold voter registration today in Taylor

» Eastern’s NAACP will be registering people to vote from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday at Taylor Hall.

The registration hours were announced at Monday’s Black Student Union meeting.

BSU meetings are held at 6 p.m. every Monday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

police report

» Burglary from Motor Vehicle - On March 9 it was reported that personal property was stolen from a 1997 Honda while it was parked in a Greek Court parking lot.

» Theft - On March 16 it was reported that a wallet and its contents were stolen when left unattended on the third floor of Booth Library.

ourmistakes

» The date of the program “Death by Alcohol” was incorrect on Page 1 of Monday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. The program will be March 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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COLUMNIST | MICHAEL KLEEN

Cast down your bucket here

In 1895, the great American Booker T. Washington cajoled members of his community to “cast down your bucket where you are,” instead of seeking labor or employment somewhere else.

Likewise, I firmly believe that more can be accomplished for the benefit of our community by casting our talents and our dollars where we live by buying and producing locally, as well as abandoning the “there’s nothing I can do” attitude.

The real problem is not a lack of business or services.

The problem is the complainers who, when it comes down to it, do nothing to prevent businesses from leaving and whose solution to the problems is to uproot and leave, or spend their dollars elsewhere, convinced that nothing can be done.

For a community to be successful, all the members of that community need to act together to bring the kind of entertainment, businesses and recreation they want, as well as support those facilities already in existence.

Supporting local businesses means using your dollars like votes in favor of the businesses you want to remain in town.

Every dollar you spend contributes to the revitalization of the community. According to a December 2002 study by Civic Economics, spending \$100 at a chain bookstore generated \$13 in local economic activity, while spending the same amount at a locally owned bookstore generated \$45 in local economic activity. This is because local stores pay higher wages, spend more money in the community and keep their profits in town.

If you wish to see a more viable and diverse local economy, cast your dollars at locally owned stores instead of national retailers.

According to a 2005 study of 1,749 counties conducted by the University of Missouri, an average of four small, one mid-sized, and one large retail store shuttered in each county within five years of the arrival of a Wal-Mart. Furthermore, Wal-Mart reduced average earnings between 0.5 and 0.9 percent, which means less money spent in the community. According to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 84 percent of Wal-Mart sales come at the expense of local businesses.

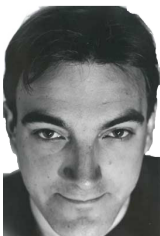
Locally owned businesses positively affect city revenue.

According to a July 2002 report by Tischler & Associates, local retail stores annually generate an average of \$326 in tax revenue per 1,000 square feet of store space, while national chain stores engender an annual deficit of \$468.

Those who refuse to put their money where their mouth is do not deserve to complain when they see the dozens of shuttered businesses in their town or city. Study after study has shown that every dollar you spend does matter.

If you wish to see a viable economy, cast down your bucket where you are!

Michael Kleen



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Project lacks student voice

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The deadline has already passed. The Great Beginnings Window Project Committee has received more than 140 submissions from Eastern faculty and the Charleston community.

As of March 9, students, who were also allowed to send quotes, submitted a total of two.

This student apathy for the project is unacceptable considering Great Beginnings is helping beautify the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union, a building designated specifically for students.

Eastern President Lou Hencken began the project in late August 2006. He felt inspired while viewing construction around campus through the Bridge Lounge windows connecting the two wings of the Union.

All windows in the Bridge Lounge will be replaced in the project. The 19 windows overlooking the North Quad of the university will have about 20 quotes in the theme of “Great Beginnings.”

Beginnings of speeches, poems, books, songs and other forms of literature will be used to create the collage of inspiring expressions.

Faculty and community members should be proud that their meaningful suggestions will decorate the Union windows for future generations to view and benefit from.

And Eastern students should be ashamed

they don’t care enough about the university to help inspire its future.

It’s clear that Eastern faculty and community members care deeply about the long-term appearance of the university, and we appreciate it deeply.

When first proposing the idea, Hencken said there is a possibility the windows will be seen as a work of art in their own right.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* agree.

The project is scheduled for completion sometime before Fall 2007.

It will be unveiled by a new university president for Eastern faculty and students, including a new freshman class to welcome.

“The first duty of our new president will be to unveil the new window, a window to our future,” Hencken said when first proposing the project.

Great Beginnings is inspirational not only

for new faculty and students, but for new buildings as well.

In early 2008, just months after the unveiling of Great Beginnings, the Doudna Fine Arts building will be completed. The Bridge Lounge windows will look right into Doudna, full of its own works of art.

Everyone had a chance to take part in this historic project, but students remained apathetic although the project was in four *DEN* articles and is one of the most inclusive projects on campus.

The deadline has already passed, but if students ever get another chance to help the university, we encourage that they do so.

Without students working as hard as administrators to make a name for Eastern, it’s difficult to create such great endeavors.

Great Beginnings will remain in the Bridge Lounge windows for generations to come. But when these people come to Eastern’s campus, they will only see an expression of faculty and community members, not students.

Considering we are the reason this university exists, that should never be the case.

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

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID PENNELL



YOUR TURN | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Education should be the priority

I was not surprised to read (3/8/07) that at Eastern there are athletic department staff included among the top-10 salaries. But, I was distressed to read comments from Eastern President Lou Hencken, Lidia Downs of the “Family Taxpayer Foundation” and state representative Chapin Rose.

The most outrageous falsehood is Rose’s statement that “If you sell tickets to English 101, I don’t think you’re going to have a lot of takers.” That’s funny, since Eastern has about 12,000 takers for its academic offerings. I haven’t heard about any athletic event at Eastern reaching that level of attendance in a long time. I’m sure many students will tell Rose that they’d happily pay the price of admission to a football or basketball game for a seat in each of their classes. I didn’t think that the universities were funded by the state based on their ticket sales. I thought that my tax dollars were going to universities to fund education.

In commenting on the salary made by Coach Zook, Hencken says, “They’re not using taxpayer dollars and they’re not raising

student fees.” This may be true at U of I, but last I heard, the athletics department at Eastern was getting money from the general university budget, and a big portion of that comes from the state coffers. (And where does the other big portion come from? Why from the ever-rising tuition, of course!).

Downs says that “Coaches get ‘graded’ by how well their team ... is doing; there is no such rating system for academicians [sic]. Coaches who don’t have a good win-lose [sic] record get canned.”

I’m not sure where Downs gets her information, but here at Eastern we ‘academicians’ have a regular system of grading, based on student evaluations, observation of teaching ability, evaluation of research productivity and service. This grading isn’t done by just one person, it is done by two separate committees, as well as 3 individuals (the department chair, the dean, and the provost). And, if we’re not doing our job, we can get ‘canned.’

I don’t begrudge some members of the athletic department making a lot of money. What worries me about the comments in this article, especially those of Rep. Rose, who is in a position to influence the funding and other factors about life at our state

universities, is the lack of understanding and lack of respect that the comments seem to reflect about how the university is run. I hope Rep. Rose has thought about his comments more clearly and recognized that the demand for seats in our universities is far greater and far more important than the demand for tickets to athletic events.

Steven J. Scher | Psychology professor

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AIDS education down while infections rise

By Sarah Cockrell

Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — Funding for HIV/AIDS education has been decreasing, but the number of new HIV/AIDS cases continues to rise.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School and the Kaiser Family Foundation conducted a study that indicated decreased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention education contributes to increases of HIV/AIDS cases. The study looked at funding during the last 20 years, said Kat Holtz, HIV prevention specialist at Townhall II.

In Portage County and the city of Kent, 1 percent of the population

has HIV/AIDS, said Holtz.

Holtz runs an HIV program at Townhall II where she teaches patients about HIV and AIDS and how to prevent getting the disease. It allows her to do presentations locally at different colleges and other organizations, but it is determined by the amount of funding it receives. Townhall II has also seen a slight decrease in funding for its HIV program, Holtz said.

Holtz said Townhall II's HIV program will be available as long as the funding is provided. Anyone interested in sending donations may send them to:

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Townhall II currently offers free HIV testing to the public. The tests will continue to be offered at no charge as long as Townhall II receives the funding it needs to provide them, Holtz said. If funding continues to decrease, a fee may be added to cover costs.

Townhall II has recently transitioned from the OraSure tests to the OraQuick tests. The new tests allow same day results for patients.

Ohio law promotes "abstinence-only" education in schools, Holtz said. The message students receive is "don't have sex."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2005, 47 percent of high school students have had sex and 14 percent of high school students have had sex with

four or more partners.

In Ohio, most schools do not teach comprehensive sexuality education for fear of losing funding, said Holtz. The government does not allocate funding for this type of education.

In some cases, the Ohio government has allowed it in places such as the Cleveland and Canton City school districts — areas with students who have higher pregnancy rates and are at a higher risk for sexually transmitted infections.

"Some teenagers and adults don't know the basics of anatomy," Holtz said. "They don't know how diseases are transmitted."

To help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, always

use a condom or dental dam, she suggests.

"Everyone knows not to have unprotected sex, but they don't know what that means," Holtz said.

Safe sex involves having no contact with any bodily fluids in the eyes, mouth, nose, genitals or anal areas.

Communication is also very important in the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

"Talk about it," Holtz said.

There is no second chance with this virus. Once a person gets the disease, it will always be present in the body. There is no cure.

However, the disease may be suppressed, giving victims a much longer life.

Divorce rates increase, affect children

By Aleksandra Wojtalewicz

Daily Titan (Cal State-Fullerton)

(U-WIRE) FULLERTON, Calif. — Business finance major Felix Tam, 27, still remembers the time of his parents divorce. Although he was only 8 years old, he remembers the adjustments made to his life, such as living with only one parent, and the effects that it had on his mom who raised him. Luckily, Tam said, his dad still supported him and his brother and paid for his private high school.

Currently, about one in every four children lives in a divorced household, according to Naoko Akashi, assistant professor of economics.

"Divorce is becoming more common," Akashi said.

According to Valerie O'Kent, lecturer in the Departments of Child and Adolescent Development, Secondary Education and Women's Studies, divorce is so common that the divorce rate in the United States has reached a little over 50 percent.

Although there are a variety of reasons why divorce occur, one of the most common reasons are economics, O'Kent said.

According to Akashi, divorce is less costly today than it was years ago.

Today, women earn more money "and are not locked into marriage. They can raise kids independently," Akashi said. There is also no more social stigma about getting divorced, as there was in the past.

"Women are not as dependent on their husbands as before. When you are dependant on the husband, you can't get divorced," Akashi said.

Although today's women earn more, making it easier for them to raise children on their own, "it is generally easier for a man to divorce," O'Kent said. "Data reveal that while a woman's financial situation may be reduced as much as 40 percent following a divorce, making her and her children's recovery from this reduction quite difficult, a man is more likely to recover his economic level and do so sooner than will the divorced woman."

One of the causes for the difficulty of a woman's recovery is child support. "A serious number of divorced fathers fail to meet this obligation, thereby putting another strain on women and children," O'Kent said.

Generally, mothers have custody of the children, and if a father fails to meet child support, the mother will have to work more to support her child, Akashi said.

According to Akashi, it is all

about how much money the custody parent has.

"If the mother does not have enough money, the achievement level of the child will be lower due to many factors, such as time spent with the child since she will have to work longer hours."

In her current study on divorce and economics, Akashi found that the lower the income, the lower points scored by a child on the Peabody Individual Achievement Test, a mathematics and reading comprehension test.

The study revealed that an average 5- to 10-year-old white male from a family that has an average income of \$23,000 scored 56.69 points on the test. When his parents divorced, the income decreased to \$17,000 on average and his test score decreased to 43.07 points. When the parent remarried, and the incomes combined again to the average \$23,000, his points increased to 52.56.

The study also revealed that after the remarriage, the higher the income, the lower the child scored on the test. The same trend resulted in a study done on girls, yet on average they did better by five points in each category.

"The mother's bargaining power goes down because the wage ratio

is in favor of the step parent, who might not care about his non-biological children," Akashi said.

Yet O'Kent said children's

behavior in a family with a stepparent depends on "individual circumstances."

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This is because of his feeling on the importance of personal relationships.

He doesn't expect everyone to come to his office for everything, so he schedules meetings all over

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It was this confidence that helped Lim continue on with her love of writing. She spread this around by telling her girlfriends, "Who's going to believe in you if you don't?" and "If not now, when?"

Lim read from a number of her other poems including, "Father in China," "Walking around in a different language," and "Bread and Cheese."

"Lost Name Women," describes the struggle that Chinese women

campus and often runs into faculty or students he knows along the way.

He said he knows a president can't be late so if hired, he will have to schedule more time in-between meetings.

On-campus interviews will continue Wednesday with Blair Lord, the vice president for academic affairs.

face when coming to America. The poem talks about California Chinese women, Massachusetts China women, and Arizona Chinese women.

Lim spoke of her love for America in "Learning to Love America."

America has no "pure products," she said. "Countries are in our blood and we bleed them," Lim said.

Sophomore Colleen Comiskey, an elementary education major, said she enjoyed Lim's lecture.

"I thought it was very interesting and inspiring for women. I was very impressed by Lim."

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Search for boy continues

» CLINTON — Searchers looking for an 8-year-old boy missing since a boat accident last week on Clinton Lake used underwater cameras Monday. The lake empties over the spillway into Salt Creek and the water there is too rough for divers, Illinois Department of Natural Resources spokesman Chris McCloud said.

Kalin L. Hunter of Normal has been missing since last Wednesday night, when his grandfather's boat apparently ran out of gas and was swept over the spillway.

The bodies of the other people aboard the boat, 59-year-old Richard L. Hunter of Normal and his son, Jason C. Hunter, 29, were found Thursday just below the spillway

Illinois Marine dies in Iraq

» DWIGHT — A 19-year-old Marine from this small community west of Kankakee has died in Iraq, according to the Department of Defense.

Lance Cpl. Raymond J. Holzhauer died “from a non-hostile incident” in Al Anbar province, the military announced. He was assigned to 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marines Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.The Department of Defense said Holzhauer's death is under investigation.

Attempts to reach Holzhauer's family by telephone Sunday were not successful.

Convicted judge's assets sold

» GREENUP — A weekend auction tied up one of the last loose ends left in the case of a judge who looted millions from the estate of a local philanthropist.

Buyers who gathered in Greenup, about 90 miles south of Urbana, agreed to pay \$1.725 million for 500 acres of farmland and other assets belonging to former Cumberland County Judge Robert Cochonour.

Cochonour was sent to prison in 2003 for stealing from the estate of businessman Jay Hayden.

The former judge, who was the executor of the estate, admitted in 2002 that he stole more than \$100,000.

Testimony raises doubts

Witness: Notes falsely imply he got pressure on job applications

RICHARD LANTZ | STATE INVESTIGATOR

“I was relying upon the testimony and the interviews of the graders. I believe the graders were telling the truth.”

SPRINGFIELD — A man who evaluates state job candidates testified Monday that notes he put on some applications falsely indicate that he received pressure to treat the job seekers favorably.

Mark Dawson, testifying under cross-examination in the Civil Service Commission case of fired workers Dawn DeFraties and Michael Casey, also said there are no laws or rules prohibiting what he was told to do with the applications.

Later, an investigator for the state's Office of the Executive Inspector General acknowledged that his case against DeFraties and Casey for allegedly manipulating state hiring rules was built on witness statements of “graders” such as Dawson that he never independently verified.

“I was relying upon the testimony and the interviews of the graders,” Richard Lantz said. “I believe the graders were telling the truth.”

The case resumed after a month's hiatus caused by scheduling conflicts. Dawson testified last month about more than two dozen applications he evaluated.

He indicated in writing on some applications that he had been instructed by DeFraties or Casey to grade them and put them directly on the electronic statewide system ahead of others – giving them a better chance at the state payroll.

But under cross-examination Monday by Carl Draper – the

lawyer for the fired employees – Dawson said he had never spoken to DeFraties or Casey about any so-called “special applications” and that it was inaccurate to put those notes on the applications.

DeFraties and Casey are seeking reinstatement to their personnel bureau jobs at the Department of Central Management Services.

They were fired in April by Gov. Rod Blagojevich for allegedly manipulating the hiring process to favor at least 2,000 applicants.

Many of those applicants are politically connected to Democrats, and their applications were sent to CMS by the governor's office, legislators, and county Democratic Party headquarters around the state.

Draper contends that his clients are scapegoats to divert attention from federal prosecutors' inquiry into Blagojevich's hiring procedures.

Dawson said Monday that he knew through his immediate supervisor, Cynthia Dixon, that the applications had come from Room 503 in Springfield's Stratton Office Building – DeFraties' and Casey's office – and that such applications should be graded first.

But he said neither DeFraties nor Casey told him to grade them before others, despite notes he

wrote that say, “Grade out of order per Dawn DeFraties.”

The same is true for notations about Casey or DeFraties on a log of dozens of special applications he began keeping to track “special applications,” Dawson said.

“It doesn't mean that Mike Casey had anything to do with any of these entries, does it?” Draper asked. “It just means that you happened to grade an application that came through 503 and that's all you know about it?”

“That's correct,” Dawson said.

Although Dawson said he felt pressure on the special applications, he later described the pressure as coming from Dixon when she questioned whether he was grading applications uniformly.

Lantz, the inspector general's investigator, said he did not research state hiring rules or interview CMS lawyers or other experts on how hiring is supposed to work.

He said he didn't check the accuracy of a log of applicants Casey allegedly kept, didn't pursue whether the son of a Blagojevich aide was hired properly, and never looked into whether any false information was submitted on applications.

“That was something other than what our investigation was inquiring about,” Lantz said.

Bond denied

Woman charged for the murder of her 5-year-old daughter

The Associated Press

SKOKIE — A Cook County judge denied bond Monday for a mother charged with beating her 5-year-old daughter Melanie to death.

The Cook County State's Attorney's office has charged 29-year-old Mila Petrov of unincorporated Maine Township with first-degree murder in a case that Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart has called the most horrific example of child abuse he has ever seen.

At Petrov's bond hearing in Skokie Monday, Cook County Judge Earl Hoffenberg refused to allow Petrov to leave jail to attend the girl's funeral.

According to the Cook County Sheriff's Department, Petrov told investigators that she slammed the girl's head against the wall Tuesday night after she began throwing up her dinner.

Melanie died Wednesday, the same day Petrov gave birth to a baby boy. The Cook County medical examiner's office has ruled the death a homicide.

Dart said Petrov routinely tied up the girl, burned her with cigarettes, forced her to eat hot peppers and drink out of the toilet. It appeared that she “took out all her aggression” on Melanie, Dart said.

Court declines to use teenager's harassment claim

Case comes from a sexual encounter between a teenage girl and an adult co-worker

The Associate Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court declined Monday to use a sexual harassment claim from a 16-year-old ice cream scooper in Illinois to decide whether an underage employee must show that her co-worker's attention was unwelcome.

The case stemmed from a

sexual encounter between a teenager and a 25-year-old co-worker that Illinois law defines as statutory rape.

The teenager, identified only as Jane Doe in court papers, and her shift supervisor, Matthew Nayman, worked at an Oberweis Dairy store in Illinois.

The North Aurora, Ill.-based company has 43 ice cream stores in four Midwestern states.

Nayman was convicted of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor.

There was no allegation of forcible rape, the company said, because the teenager went to

Nayman's apartment, disobeying her mother's instructions not to socialize with him.

The 16-year-old then filed a discrimination claim with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging that she was subjected to inappropriate sexual advances.

A trial judge rejected the claim in part because he found that the girl “welcomed” Nayman's behavior.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, however, said her views of Nayman's conduct were irrelevant because she is a minor. Her lawsuit against Oberweis could

proceed, the appeals court said.

The question is important in civil rights lawsuits because the Supreme Court has said that employees must show that conduct is unwelcome to prove harassment claims.

A court ruling in Jane Doe's favor would give teenagers greater workplace protection from harassment.

The trial judge also cited the refusal in his ruling against the teenager.

The cases are Jane Doe v. Oberweis Dairy, 06-735, Oberweis Dairy v. Jane Doe, 06-767.

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Democrats criticize Bush’s plans

Bush and Congress at odds over Iraq as war enters fifth year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On the fourth anniversary of the Iraq war, President Bush and Congress’ Democratic leaders clashed over whether lawmakers should move to bring U.S. troops home — and whether they can.

With the House set to vote this week on a war-spending bill that would effectively withdraw U.S. combat troops by next fall, Bush made clear he doesn’t think it’s lawmakers’ place to challenge his battle plan.

“They have a responsibility to ensure that this bill provides the funds and the flexibility that our

troops need to accomplish their mission,” the president said in remarks televised from the White House. “They have a responsibility to pass a clean bill that does not use funding for our troops as leverage to get special interest spending for their districts. And they have a responsibility to get this bill to my desk without strings and without delay.”

Democrats countered that voters had put them in control of Congress to challenge Bush.

“The American people have lost confidence in President Bush’s plan for a war without end in Iraq,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. “That failed approach has been rejected by the voters in our nation and it will be rejected by the Congress.”

With the war lumbering into its fifth year, it has claimed the lives of more than 3,200 members of the

NANCY PELOSI | HOUSE SPEAKER

“The American people have lost confidence in President Bush’s plan for a war without end in Iraq.”

U.S. military. Predictions about the cost and length of the war have been far surpassed.

The public overwhelmingly opposes the war, and Bush’s approval rating stands near his all-time low. Trying to halt spiraling sectarian bloodshed, Bush has ordered nearly 30,000 additional combat and support troops to Iraq, mostly to stabilize Baghdad.

The president pleaded for patience to give his strategy more time to work.

“The new strategy will need more time to take effect,” he said.

“Until Baghdad’s citizens feel secure in their own homes and neighborhoods, it will be difficult for Iraqis to make further progress toward political reconciliation or economic rebuilding, steps necessary for Iraq to build a democratic society.”

From Capitol Hill, Democrats said patience has run out.

House Democratic Whip James Clyburn said Democrats were intent on “ending the blank check for the president’s war and setting a timeline for the phased redeployment of our U.S. military.”

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NYPD officers charged in shooting appear before judge

NEW YORK — Three officers pleaded not guilty in the shooting that killed 23-year-old Sean Bell and wounded two of his friends.

The judge set bail for the two officers who fired the most bullets and released the other without bail.

If convicted of the most serious charges, the detectives would receive mandatory prison time — up to 25 years.

Gonzales’ hold on job tenuous with rough week ahead

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales’ hold on his job grew more uncertain Monday as the Senate debated removing his authority to unilaterally name U.S. attorneys.

Gonzales initially had asserted the firings were performance-related, not based on political considerations.

But e-mails between the Justice Department and the White House contradicted that assertion. The e-mails showed that Rove, as early as Jan. 6, 2005, questioned whether the U.S. attorneys should all be replaced at the start of Bush’s second term.

NATION | MISSING CHILD

Search continues for missing Boy Scout

12-year-old lost for three days in North Carolina park

The Associated Press

McGRADY, N.C. — Warmer weather raised rescuers’ hopes Monday as they searched for a third day for a 12-year-old Boy Scout who disappeared while camping with

his troop in the rugged mountains of western North Carolina.

Michael Auberry vanished in the heavily wooded terrain after lunch Saturday with the other Scouts and troop leaders. Searchers found his mess kit late Saturday within a mile of the campsite, but no other sign of him, authorities said.

“We’re still confident in calling it a search-and-rescue operation,” National Park Service spokeswoman Tina White said.

Temperatures fell to the 20s before dawn Monday, but sunny skies and temperatures in the 50s prevailed during the day. Overnight weather was expected to be milder, with lows in the 40s, but there was a chance of rain Tuesday.

“The temperatures definitely play a factor. It has been very cold at night, but this young man was very well dressed. He had a fleece jacket on and another jacket,” White said. “We’ve had people who

have been out a week or longer and survived.”

About 70 people aided by dogs and a helicopter searched the area’s logging roads and trails and scoured off-road regions.

During the night, searchers planned to fly a plane with heat-sensing equipment and have dog teams out, among other efforts, she said. Searchers planned to stick to the trails at night to avoid losing anyone else.

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FROM PAGE 12

Hoover's play calling fits perfectly with Spoo's run-first philosophy as the Vikings had 113 more rushes than passing attempts last season.

Ex-Buffalo offensive coordinator Roy Istvan will be on campus for the last interview on Wednesday.

Istvan was fired at Buffalo after the 2005 season when his offense managed only 14 touchdowns in 11 games and the Bulls finished the season with a 1-10 record.

Istvan worked at Milford Academy last season, a post-graduate prep school.

In 2005, Milford players, who often go to the New Berlin, N.Y., school because they are academically ineligible after high school, earned 26 I-A and I-AA football scholarships ranging from powerhouses like Miami, Iowa and Penn State to Ohio Valley Conference school Southeast Missouri.

Istvan was originally hired at Buffalo to be the offensive line coach in 2000 before taking over at offensive coordinator.

Before moving to Buffalo, Istvan was the offensive line coach and offensive coordinator at Southern Connecticut State for seven seasons and the Owls broke 53 offensive school records.

Istvan coached Cleveland

MEN'S BASKETBALL |

COACHING CHANGE

Belcher hired at Evansville



MARCUS BELCHER
Former Eastern men's basketball assistant coach

Marcus Belcher is leaving Eastern.

Belcher, an assistant to men's basketball head coach Mike Miller this past season, is set to join Marty Simmons' coaching staff at the University of Evansville this week, announced Rich

Moser, Eastern's Sports Information Director.

Belcher was hired at Eastern last July after spending two seasons as an assistant at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville under Simmons.

Simmons, an Evansville graduate and former player, was hired as Evansville's head coach Friday after five seasons at SIUE, where he compiled an 88-59 record. He replaces Steve Merfeld, who resigned March 3.

At Eastern, Belcher filled the void created last May when Kwanza Johnson left to become an assistant at Nevada.

A search for Belcher's replacement will begin in mid-April when the recruiting period is over, Moser said.

Belcher played two seasons at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and was the starting point guard on the Salukis' team that advanced to the Sweet 16 in 2002.

Ben Wierzba, an assistant in his first year at SIUE under Simmons this past year, will join him in Evansville, said Bob Boxsell, Evansville's Sports Information Director. The hires are expected to be finalized later this week, Boxsell said.

- Sports Editor Matt Daniels

CANDIDATES FOR EASTERN'S OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR POSITION



Dale Plossl

Current offensive line coach at Drake. Has also worked at Oklahoma State, Iowa State and California University.



Jeff Hoover

Former Portland State offensive coordinator. Has also worked five seasons at Utah State and with the Minnesota Vikings.



Roy Istvan

Worked at Milford Academy, a prep school, last season. Has also worked at Buffalo and Southern Connecticut St.

Browns guard Joe Andruzzi at SCSU, who is in his 11th NFL season.

Smith said Plossl and the other candidates were chosen based on their offensive coordinator credentials and their experience with the offensive line was a bonus.

Co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Jorge Munoz interviewed on Sunday and is still in the running to be promoted to full-time offensive coordinator duties but a decision has not yet

been made.

Smith said if one of the three candidates is liked, a move will be made to quickly hire him, probably by the end of the week.

If Munoz is named offensive coordinator, one of the three candidates will be made the new offensive line coach.

If Munoz is not promoted from within, he will be solely the quarterbacks coach while the new hire will take dual roles as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach, Smith said.

» Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

The Eagles have dominated the coed national championships by winning the title from 1991-2000 and 2002-07.

The coed squad won its sixth consecutive national title and 17th overall in Division I.

Morehead State is the defending national champion, and they proved it Saturday on ESPN2.

Looks the like the Ohio Valley Conference is bringing home some hardware.

While Oden struggled and fouled out in the second half of the game on CBS, Morehead State dominated its competition on ESPN2.

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SOFTBALL | NOTEBOOK

Mackie producing at the plate

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Karyn Mackie had established herself as one of Eastern's top pitchers coming into this year.

Now, the junior from Wildwood, Mo., is also establishing herself as a hitting threat in Eastern's lineup – something Mackie wasn't known for before this year.

Mackie is hitting .286, with 1 home run and 7 RBIs this year, and has the third highest slugging percentage on the team (.464).

Mackie had never had an official at-bat before this season for Eastern.

But that didn't mean she had never hit before.

At Lafayette High School, Mackie played shortstop along with her pitching duties.

"She looks for her pitch, and she's looking to crush it with that body and that strength," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "Karyn has had trouble with her back in the past, so that swinging of the bat makes it much worse. In the fall in practice she showed she could hit. She hit some off the fence outside on our field and then she just kept hitting and improving each day."

Mackie said she couldn't even remember the last time she hit in a game before going 2 for 3 with two RBIs in Eastern's second game of the year. Her philosophy and approach while hitting is a simple one.

"Mainly just see ball and hit ball," Mackie said.

Schuette said she has no problem having her pitchers bat.

Sophomore pitcher Kathleen Jacoby is hitless in two at-bats, junior Ashley Robison is hitless in 10 at-bats and junior Maegan Golloway didn't pick up a hit in her only at-bat this season.

Last year, Jacoby hit .242 in 91 at-bats, and contributed five RBIs.

"If they can hit, they hit," Schuette said. "I think that pitchers sometimes can be your best hitters because they know the strike zone, they know what the umpires calling and usually they watch the ball more."

Menzione's power surge

Freshman third baseman Denée' Menzione hit four home runs during the team's trip out to California, tying her for the team lead with senior catcher Sandyn Short.

The 5-foot-6 freshman from Darien hit her first home run, a solo shot, against California in Eastern's 5-3 loss March 10.

Menzione's power streak continued the next day, when she hit two home runs and had four RBIs in Eastern's 5-1 win against UC Riverside.

She hit her fourth home run of the season, a two-run home run, and helped Eastern defeat St. Mary's (Calif.) 3-1 last Wednesday.

"Denée' started seeing the ball," Schuette said. "She was kind of pulling her head and wasn't used to the movement that college pitchers have versus high school pitchers. When she started seeing the ball, she obviously has the ability to put the ball over the fence on any given swing."

Outfield competition continues

Chelsy Iapala is back in Eastern's lineup.

The sophomore from Stanwood, Wash., and last year's starting centerfielder, did not start the first



Denée' Menzione
Freshman third baseman hit four home runs during trip at California.



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Junior pitcher Karyn Mackie pitches while head softball coach Kim Schuette watches during practice at O'Brien Stadium in early March. Mackie has a 2.07 ERA with 26 strikeouts, and is also hitting .286, with 1 home run and 7 RBIs. Mackie, in her third year with the Panther softball program, hit for the first time this year and has the third highest slugging percentage on the team. "Karyn was a shortstop in high school as well as a pitcher so she has the athletic background. She's an athlete. Now she's finally getting to show it," Schuette said.

12 games of the season while she recovered from an injury to her right shoulder.

The 5-foot-3 Iapala had been used as a pinch runner primarily before she started the March 9 game against San Jose State.

Iapala went 2 for 3 in the Panthers' 5-0 loss against SJSU.

"The outfield is highly competitive right now," Schuette said. "It's a bunch of speedsters competing to get in the lineup."

Iapala started the next six games, but didn't start in the final two games of this weekend's series at Tennessee Tech. The Panthers have used seven different players as starters in the outfield this season.

Home opener on Wednesday

Eastern is scheduled to have its home opener with a 3 p.m. game

against Indiana State (14-9) on Wednesday.

The game was originally scheduled for 2 p.m. and was supposed to be a doubleheader.

But Schuette said Monday the game had been moved up an hour and wasn't certain if a doubleheader would be played.

The Panthers were scheduled to open the home portion of their schedule the first weekend of March, but inclement weather canceled the Panther Prowl Tournament.

The game pits Schuette against the two teams she played for in college. Schuette earned two letters at Eastern in the late 1990s before transferring to Indiana State and graduating from there in 2001.

Team gains experience

The Panthers' spring break

trip last year consisted of a trip to Florida and the Panthers won seven of their eight games on the trip.

This year, Eastern traveled to California and didn't experience winning results, losing four of its six games.

However, instead of facing teams like Columbia and Fairleigh Dickinson, as it did last year the Panthers faced teams like California and San Jose State this year.

The experienced teams Eastern faced will only help them, Robison said.

"We couldn't let the big names bother us," she said. "I definitely think we went out there with a mentality that this will definitely be a learning experience. I think we brought back the mentality that you have to hit the ball to win the game."

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While at the halftime of the Ohio State-Xavier, I needed a break from men's college basketball.

Deciding not listen to Greg Gumbel or watching him – along with Clark Kellog and Seth Davis – analyze the presence of Buckeye's freshman center Greg Oden was a good choice.

Surfing around that stations and decided between women's college basketball and cheerleading was a difficult decision.

I chose cheerleading on ESPN2.

Cheerleading?
There's always the big debate of whether it's actually a sport or not.

According to an Ohio Valley Conference member, Morehead State, it is.

The Eagles won this year's Division I national championship in the all women competition and the coed competition.

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WRESTLING | SEASON RECAP

Looking
to make
progress

Six freshmen formed core of
young Panther squad this year

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

A.J. Ciccarelli, Lenny Grodoski, Tommy Reamer, Kile O'Toole, Billy Gallo and Joe Trinka.

These freshmen carried the wrestling team for Eastern this year and will be looked upon for future contributions in helping Eastern recover from a year that saw the Panthers have a 2-13 dual record.

Six freshmen were inserted into the lineup out of the 10 weight classes, which led to a young season with trials and tribulations.

"I want to keep this group together," said Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland.

McCausland said Ciccarelli turned it around the second half of the season.

Before the NCAA West Regional, Ciccarelli won five of his last seven matches.

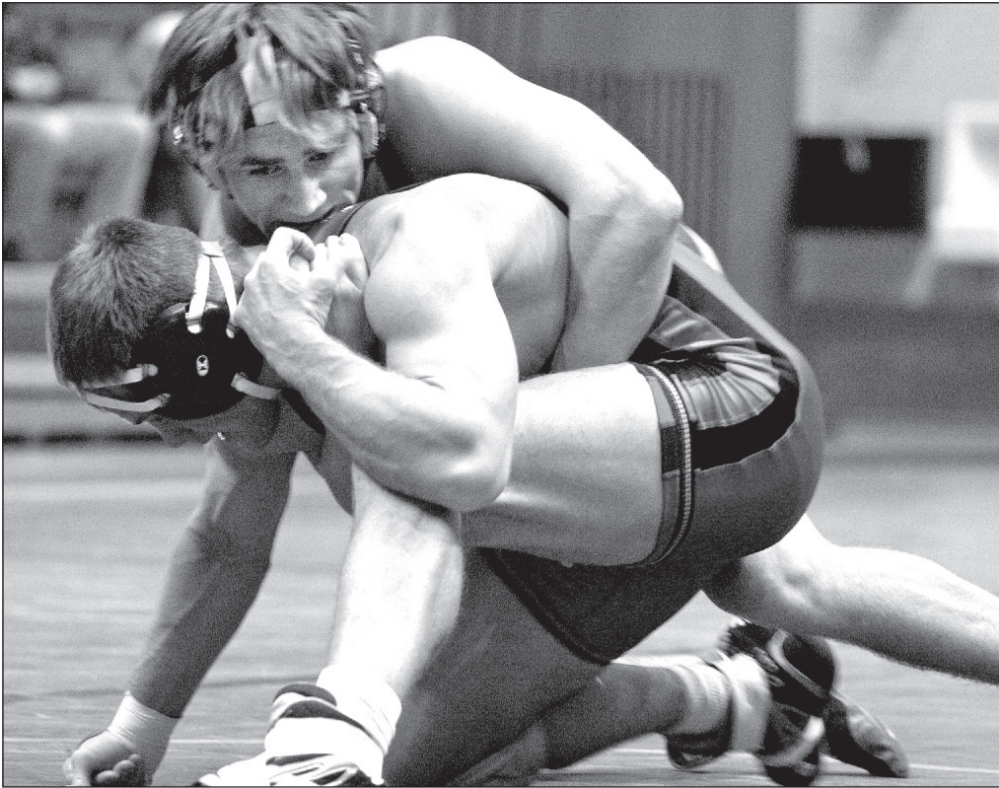
"They made progress through the whole season," McCausland said.

McCausland said it was hard for the freshmen wrestlers to learn this season.

"You've got to pay your dues," McCausland said.

Those who have paid their dues are the seniors.

Wrestling will lose four seniors to graduation with Kenny Robertson, Casey Carrino, Kevin



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Junior Greg Perz (above) will be looked on even more for leadership next year. The Panthers finished this season with a 2-13 dual record, but Perz and senior Kenny Robertson qualified for the NCAA National Championships this year.

Knabjian and Andy Mangiaguerra. Robertson and junior Greg Perz were the leaders for this year's team.

Robertson (174 pounds) qualified for the NCAA Championships in Auburn Hills, Mich. He went 2-2 and lost to Danny Burk of Northern Illinois in the consolation rounds.

"It's unfortunate that we came up short in the second round of the wrestlebacks," McCausland said.

Burk took down Robertson in the overtime period with less than one minute.

Robertson defeated No. 12 Mike Letts of Maryland in the opening round.

"It was a good match for him," McCausland said of defeating a ranked opponent.

Robertson was an NCAA West Regional

Champion and finished 21-8 on the year.

Perz (184 pounds) was the other leader for the Panthers. He was an at-large qualifier for the NCAA Championships last weekend. Perz lost both matches and was eliminated from the tournament on the first day.

Perz's other highlights came in at the early part of the season.

Perz (26-10) won the Central Missouri Open and took third in the Missouri Open in November. Perz also took third place at the Northern Iowa Open.

"Whatever task he puts in front of him he takes seriously," McCausland said.

It will be helpful for Perz to be back next year with his national exposure and his experience, McCausland said.

FOOTBALL | ASSISTANT COACH SEARCH

Vacancy to be filled soon

Candidates narrowed to three
finalists as Panthers look to
replace Mark Hutson

By Joe Waltasti
Sports Reporter

Interviews for Mark Hutson's replacement started Monday.

Hutson's vacated position of Eastern's co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach should be filled soon with three potential candidates traveling to Charleston this week.

Drake offensive line coach Dale Plossl interviewed with associate athletic director John Smith and the entire football staff on Monday afternoon.

"The interview went very well," Smith said. "We got the answers to all the questions we wanted."

Smith said Plossl opened up the interview with a presentation to head coach Bob Spoo and his staff who then asked questions about his coaching style and offensive philosophies.

Plossl talked about his block schemes and favorite runs and passes to use against different defensive looks.

"It went pretty well," Plossl said. "They are a great group of guys, it's a very successful program and they've won a bunch of games."

Plossl, a 1992 Drake graduate, is in his second stint with the Bulldogs, first coaching the offensive line from 1996-1999 and running the offense in 1998 and 1999.

Plossl spent the next two seasons as a graduate assistant working with the offensive line at Oklahoma State and Iowa State before taking the offensive coordinator position at California University in Pennsylvania for two seasons. Plossl returned to his alma mater to coach the offensive line again in 2004.

Plossl worked with Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni at Drake.



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Former assistant head coach Mark Hutson, now the offensive line coach at Tulane, talks to players at O'Brien Stadium this season. Three finalists interview this week to replace him.

"[Plossl] is a very, very good football coach and an even better human being," Bellantoni said. "He will fit in with the staff and the players, and I know he will get the most out of the offensive line."

The next candidate is former Portland State offensive coordinator Jeff Hoover, who will be interviewed today.

Hoover was let go after the 2006 season with the rest of the Vikings coaching staff,

when head coach Tim Walsh was replaced with former Hawaii defensive coordinator and Atlanta Falcons head coach Jerry Glanville.

Hoover spent five seasons coaching the offensive line at Utah State before returning to PSU last season. Hoover's offense scored 22.3 points and averaged 287.3 yards per game in 2006.

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