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CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Graduation may need even more culture

Suggestion will be sent to planners if passed tonight

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

Student Body President Cole Rogers wants to increase Eastern's diversity requirement by three hours.

The Student Senate will vote tonight to approve or deny a suggestion to the Council for Academic Affairs regarding the increase.

The change would not add credit hours to the graduation requirement.

However, it would instead require six of the already nine needed credits in the humanities section to be culturally aware.

The change would be making a statement to the rest of Illinois universities that Eastern is committed to diversity, Rogers said.

Transfer students

The change could impact transfer students the most if former schools are not aware of newer policies during transfer advising.

Of the 1,096 students who transferred in the fall, 986 were from community colleges and only 255 enrolled at Eastern after earning an Associates Degree, said Rita Pearson, coordinator of transfer relations.

"We are seeing many transfer students coming in without a degree," Pearson said. "It's becoming a trend."

Students who do not transfer in with an associate degree are subject to Eastern requirements.

However, students with the degree are only subject to the university's foreign language requirement and those within their major.

If approved by the Senate and CAA, the suggestion would be made on behalf of the student body and could be implemented for freshmen and transfer students beginning classes in the Fall 2009 semester.

Some departments on campus are worried about the effect the requirement would have on students.

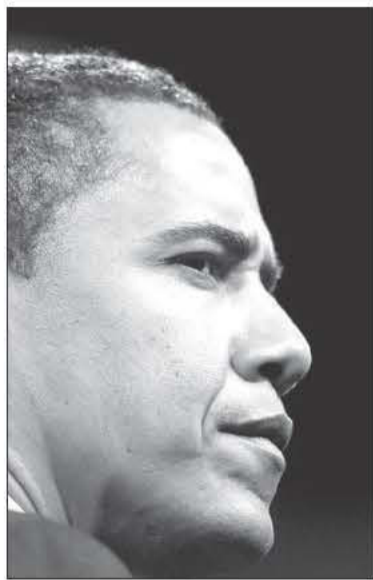
Peter Andrews, department chair for the mathematics and computer science department, said he would be concerned about transfer students entering his department who may be unaware of the new requirement.

"I'm a little worried about our teacher certification students," Andrews said. "(They) have about a one-class leeway, and they would have to be more careful."

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POLITICS | ELECTION 2008

McCain, Obama dominate



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuesday's victory puts Sen. Barack Obama only five votes ahead of Sen. Hillary Clinton, his only remaining competition.

McCain solidifies lead; Obama in dead heat with Clinton

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama powered past Hillary Rodham Clinton in the race for Democratic convention delegates Tuesday on a night of triumph sweetened with outsized primary victories in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

"Tonight we're on our way," Obama told cheering supporters in Madison, Wis. "But we know how much further we have to go on," he added, celebrating eight straight victories over Clinton, the former first lady now struggling in a race she once commanded.

The Associated Press count of delegates showed Obama with 1,210. Clinton had 1,188, falling behind for the first time since the campaign began.

Neither was close to the 2,025 needed to win the nomination.

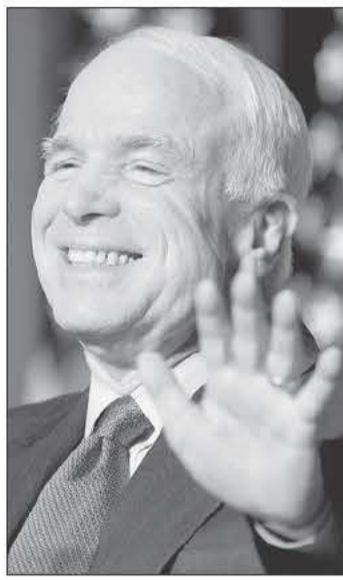
His victories were by large margins — he was gaining about 75 percent of the vote in the nation's capital and nearly two-thirds in Virginia.

He had 62 percent of the vote in early Maryland returns.

By contrast, Clinton was attempting to retool her campaign in the midst of a losing streak. Her deputy campaign manager resigned, the second high-level departure in as many days.

Campaigning in Texas, where she hopes to triumph on March 4, she said she was looking ahead, not back.

"I'm tested, I'm ready. Now let's make it happen," she said.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite originally being discounted as a viable candidate, Sen. John McCain has become the Republican frontrunner.

Republican front-runner John McCain won all three GOP primaries, adding to his insurmountable lead in delegates for the Republican nomination.

He congratulated Mike Huckabee, his sole remaining major rival and a potential vice presidential running mate, then turned his focus on the Democrats.

"We know where either of their candidates will lead this country, and we dare not let them," he told supporters in Alexandria, Va. "They will paint a picture of the world in which America's mistakes are a greater threat to our security than the malevolent intentions of an enemy that despises us and our ideals."

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CURRENT DELEGATES

Republicans:

- » **John McCain:** 789
- » **Mitt Romney:** 288 (no longer running)
- » **Mike Huckabee:** 241
- » **Ron Paul:** 14
- » **Number required to win the nomination:** 1,191

Democrats:

- » **Barack Obama:** 1,186
- » **Hillary Clinton:** 1,181
- » **John Edwards:** 61 (no longer running)
- » **Number required to win the nomination:** 2,025

CITY | PUBLIC WORKS

Workers finally come in from the cold

New building provides storage and work space for machinery

By Jordan Crook
City Reporter

City workers began moving equipment and other materials into the newly constructed Public Works building on Adkins Drive near the water tower this week.

Curt Buescher, director of Public Works, said the new building, which began construction in September and finished in late January, had been needed for several years since the previous building was demolished years ago.

"We didn't have storage for any of our utility equipment," he said. Buescher said the department had previously been forced to leave most of its equipment outside year-round because it had no space to store it in.

The only place available storage space was in the city garage. However, there was little space available, so the department was only able to use the garage to occasionally fix damaged equipment.

Buescher said the exposure of



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The city of Charleston Public Works facility just received an addition to the previous building, adding a new storage garage for city vehicles to be housed away from the water tower.

the equipment to the elements went against the equipment manufacturers' recommendations. He was especially concerned about the effects on the city snowplow trucks.

"We didn't see any problems from the cold, but it didn't help anything," he said.

Buescher said these trucks run on diesel fuel and need to be kept in

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a warm place to make certain they are ready to be used at a moment's notice.

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Nation, campus in agreement

Votes more lopsided than larger contest

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

Precinct reports released by the Coles County Clerk and Recorder office report about 22 percent of students who registered to vote actually did in the Feb. 5 primary election.

In the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, 196 of the registered 883 voters voted at precincts 16 and 17.

At the Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Ave., 48 percent of voters showed up to the polls.

Voters in Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas halls voted at Precinct 15, where votes were cast at the center as well as residential areas in the center.

The majority of voters in the three precincts voted in the Democratic primary, and Sen. Barack Obama overwhelmingly won in each of the precincts.

In the Bridge Lounge precincts, Obama won more than 80 percent of the vote in each of the precincts.

Sen. Hillary Clinton took second place in each of the precincts.

About 40 voters chose a Republican ballot in the union precincts, with Sen. John McCain winning, followed by Rep. Ron Paul.

At the Newman Catholic Center, McCain took about 48 percent of the vote followed by former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Romney and Huckabee took about 30 percent and 19 percent of the vote, respectively.

About 135 people voted in the Republican primary at Precinct 15.

Coles County Clerk Sue Rennels said in the 2004 Presidential Primary Election, more than 1,000 students were registered to vote, but only 10 ballots were cast.

The 2004 primary was held March 16.

The primary was moved up to the first Tuesday of the month last year.

In regards to 30 voter registrations received the day before the election, Rennels said there were no reports from the precincts of someone voting without being registered.

The voter registration deadline was Jan. 8, with a grace period until Jan. 22.

Even though all the registrations were signed in November, they could not be processed because they were received after the deadline.

Overall turnout in Coles County was 35.29 percent of the 28,826 registered voters.

This is up from 13.6 percent in 2004 and 17.9 percent in 2000.

In Illinois, overall turnout in 2004 was 29 percent; in 2000, it was 25.9 percent.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Writers cast ballots on whether to end strike

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Writers Guild of America members are voting in New York and Los Angeles on whether to end their 3-month strike.

Michael Winship, president of the Writers Guild of America, East, said he is confident that Tuesday's vote would put the entertainment industry back to work as soon as Wednesday.

Voting started in New York. Guild members in Los Angeles set to begin casting ballots later in the day.

Winship says members were well-informed about a tentative contract agreement with studios that was approved Sunday by the guild's board of directors.

The results of the vote are expected to be available late Tuesday night. The proposed contract secures writers a share of compensation for Internet-delivered TV shows and movies.

Kravitz postpones tour because of bronchitis

MIAMI BEACH — Lenny Kravitz was taken to the hospital Tuesday and will postpone his upcoming European tour due to a bout of bronchitis.

Kravitz was set to begin the tour this week.

It was to run through the end of March, accompanying the release of his new album, "It is Time for a Love Revolution."

The 43-year-old singer had been struggling with a series of severe respiratory tract infections and the flu since mid-January, said his spokeswoman, Carleen Donovan.

Donovan said Kravitz was suffering from dehydration and fatigue and that doctors advised him to check into the hospital. He was taken to Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach.

In a statement, Kravitz apologized to his European fans. Kravitz's Euro-

pean trip will be rescheduled as soon as possible, Donovan said.

Shakira's auctioned clothes raise \$76,000 for children

MEXICO CITY — Ever paid \$3,000 for a bra? That's what one fan forked over for one of Shakira's bras.

Another admirer shelled out \$14,000 to meet the pop sensation and receive front-row seats at a future show in Toronto.

The two bids were among the highest offered for 40 items that Shakira donated to an Internet auction for her Bare Feet Foundation, which is building a school for impoverished children in northern Colombia.

Another popular item: a shiny lavender skirt with turquoise-and-coral beading that she wore while singing "Hips Don't Lie," which fetched more than \$1,000. The items were from Shakira's 2007 "Oral Fixation" tour.

The auction has raised \$76,000.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

A little piece and quiet



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Yodit Yirga and Seniet Paulos-Zere study in a secluded corner of Booth Library Tuesday night. As the semester presses on, more and more students occupy the study tables and rooms in the library.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Taxi cab driver plays Cupid to lonely New Yorkers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Finding your better half this Valentine's Day could be as easy as hailing a taxi — especially if Ahmed Ibrahim is in the driver's seat.

The 53-year-old Cupid cab driver, as he refers to himself, has spent the past few years playing matchmaker to lonely New Yorkers, setting up more than 70 dates. Nineteen have led to relationships that lasted more than a year.

Ibrahim planned to decorate his yellow cab with red and white hearts and roses for Thursday.

"I've organized so many dates, and it really makes

me feel good about it," Ibrahim said.

Ibrahim said he offers his matchmaking services to passengers he evaluates by listening to conversations and asking a few questions. He then exchanges phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

"I want to know if they're the real deal or just a player," he said.

One of his clients, Martin Karamon, said he successfully found romance through the Cupid cab's services. The relationship ended after about six months, though the two remain friends.

"I might have to get in his cab again because I just broke up with my girlfriend," said Karamon, 37.

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CAMPUS | ATHLETICS

Student takes physique to higher level

David Keyes maintains strict diet to prepare for competition

By Jessica Leggin
Staff Reporter

David Keyes said he had a hard time not eating certain foods during the holiday season.

The senior physical education major is in the process of training for "Mr. EIU," Saturday's fitness competition at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Contestants comprise of men and women who will show off muscle groups in the body, along with a fitness routine.

"The more definition the competitors have, the more pronounced it will be," said Kevin Linker, campus recreation sponsor and co-director of the recreational center.

Keyes, about to enter his fourth fitness competition at Eastern, has his diet down to a science.

One of his recent dinners was a half-pound of almonds, four ounces of chicken and 1.33 cups of green beans.

But that dinner is not typical for Keyes.

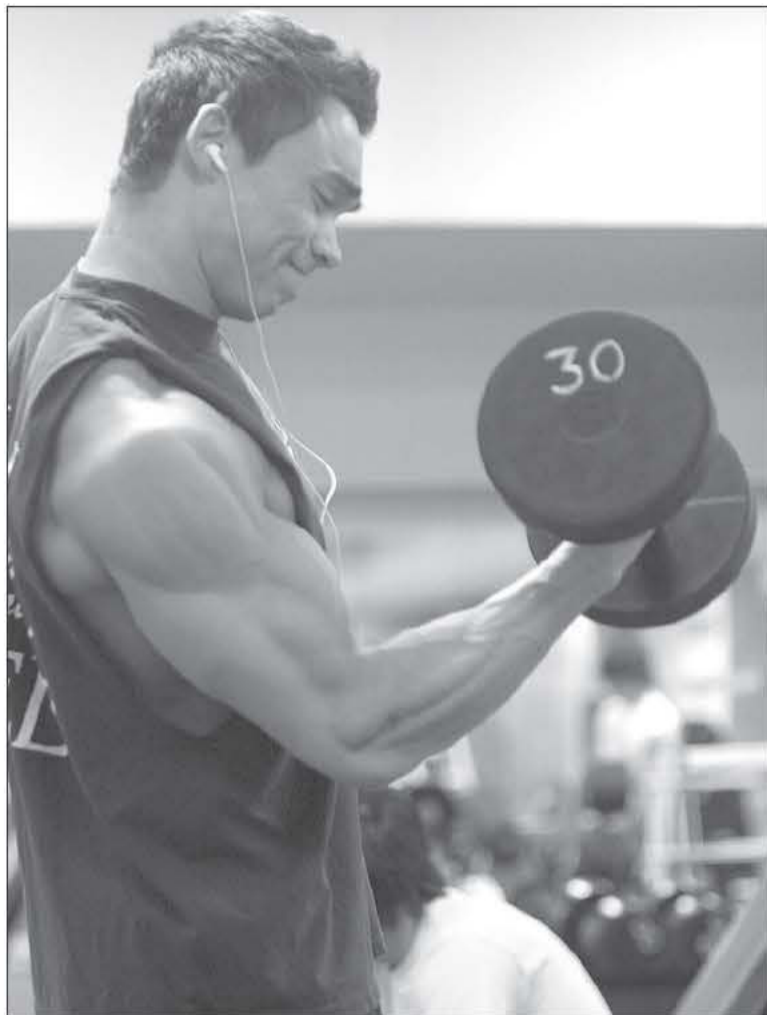
"I'll usually have more carbs," he said.

Participants in the contest have prepared for the competition well in advanced by visiting the student rec center several times a week.

Keyes said he has lost 22-25 pounds since he beginning training for the competition.

He described the experience as a constant roller coaster ride.

"It was a constant fog, but it's all



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Senior physical education major David Keyes works out Tuesday at the Student Recreation Center in preparation for the annual Mr. and Miss EIU competition, which takes place Saturday in the Grand Ballroom.

mental," he said. "You have to maintain your physique."

Keyes did not compete last year because he held an executive position on Student Government.

"The time is here, and I'm back again," Keyes said.

He considers himself stron-

ger than before in all areas such as knowledge, physique and confidence.

Men can compete in four divisions: bantam, middle weight, light-heavyweight or heavyweight.

Keyes will compete in the light-heavyweight division this year.

To keep his physique, Keyes works out seven days a week for a maximum of two hours.

"I want to keep my muscle mass by working out with the weights," he said.

Keyes also does cardiovascular exercise work to lose body fat.

To stay hydrated, Keyes drinks two gallons of water every day.

Melanie Taggart, a graduate physical education major, motivates the competitors during the competition. She also takes care of the necessary paperwork for the event.

"I am like their (competitors) go-to girl," she said.

Keyes said Taggart is doing an amazing job.

Taggart said if the competitors want it, she would make it happen.

"If he wants cake, I'll make it," Taggart said.

She will be just as surprised as the audience members at the contestants' physique at the competition, she said.

Keyes said preparing for the competition is hard work.

"You have to shop every few days," he said. "You have to cook everything, weigh everything and just prepare."

Keyes said the greatest opponent in the competition is himself.

"The hardest thing to do is to just worry about yourself and not the competition," he said.

Keyes said this competition is a display of how hard he has worked during the past months.

"If you want the best results, you have to do everything it takes," he said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Eat well, live well with Health Services

Health Services will sponsor "Heart Healthy Cooking with Couples" today at 5 p.m. in Klehm Hall.

The event is in correlation with Healthy Heart Month for February.

Dawn Wilcox, Health Services' nutrition education coordinator, said the event will comprise of a lecture on how to prepare foods for a healthy heart.

Karyn Cole, an exercise specialist at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital in Mattoon, said some symptoms for heart failure are a heart attack and a sensation of heaviness on the chest.

According to American College of Sports Medicine, adults from the ages of 18 to 65 years old should receive 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week.

Exercise such as swimming, dancing and other activities can help your heart, according to the American Heart Association.

Use your tech skills for iLife competition

Students can put together a three-to-five minute iMovie video using the iLife 2006 suite of programs. Each team can comprise a minimum of two faculty members and up to three students.

The video must have a theme of academic interest like teaching, research, service or creative activity. Competitors must submit one DVD containing a raw iMovie file and another DVD containing the final presentation using iDVD.

Finalists of the competition can attend a showing and awards ceremony in April. The deadline for registering a team is today. Apple Inc. and the Center for Academic Technology and Support are sponsors.

Contact the CATS office at 581-8396 for more information.

Serenade your sweetheart this season

The members of the Coles County Barbershop Singers will deliver singing valentines on Thursday.

The singers have performed singing valentines for several years. Proceeds will benefit Charleston and Mattoon high schools. Singing valentines will be delivered on Valentine's Day from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Coles County Barbershop quartet will sing two songs and give out a card and a box of candy. A photo will also be taken. Singing valentines cost \$40.

Contact Les Heath at 348-8677 for more information.

— Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry and Staff Reporter Jessica Leggin

CAMPUS | BOOTH LIBRARY EVENTS

Fast-paced newsrooms explained during panel

Three journalists, one an Eastern alumnus, share experiences with the Associated Press

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Chris Sundheim made the decision to post the Associated Press story about the 12 miners trapped at Sago Mine in West Virginia when the New York bureau received word all were alive.

Sundheim, a national news editor at the Associated Press headquarters in New York City, posted the story at midnight that evening in early January 2006.

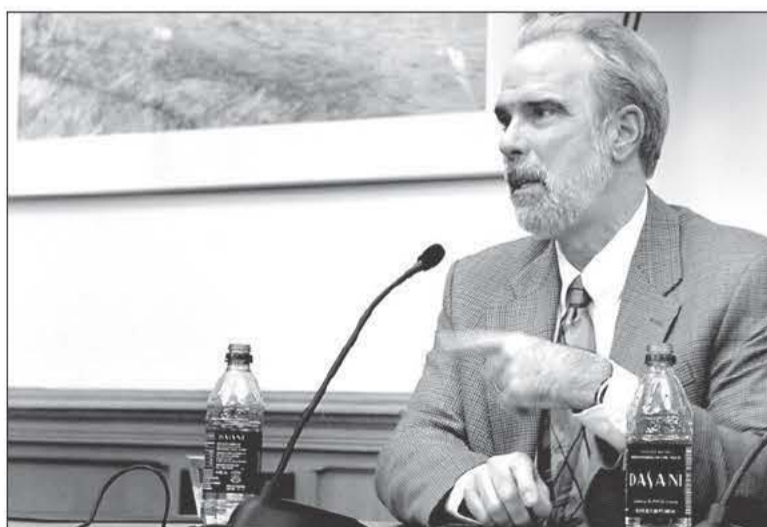
While he was leaving the office around 3 a.m. EST, someone came to him and said: "They're all dead."

"All the blood drained from my face at that time," Sundheim said.

This was one of the stories presented Tuesday night in Booth Library as part of the Associated Press traveling exhibit in the library this month.

Sundheim, an Eastern alumnus, along with George Garties, the AP's Illinois bureau chief, and Martha Irvine, an AP writer based out of the Chicago bureau, led a panel discussion titled "Always on Deadline: How the Associated Press Covers the World."

Irvine presented multimedia slideshows, one of a serious topic about a group of New Orleans resi-



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

During the "Always on Deadline" panel Tuesday, Georges Garties, Illinois Associated Press bureau chief, fields questions from the audience.

dents who mourned the loss of residents killed during a streak of crime since Hurricane Katrina with a moment of silence for each victim.

The other slideshow focused on a lighthearted moment at Northwestern University, involving students who need to relieve stress before the start of finals week.

They gathered in a residence hall, ate some snacks and then went outside into the night. Neighboring dorms then competed for the loudest "primal scream" as students emitted stress-relieving screams for a minute or two.

Irvine said the story about the Northwestern students couldn't have been told any better than through

sound. "In the end, we're all storytellers," Irvine said. "We have to find out the best way to tell the story."

Sundheim gave a presentation of photos about the new Associated Press headquarters in New York City.

He said in order to work for a news organization like the Associated Press, a journalist has to have the ability to multi-task.

He showed a photo of a fellow employee who had four computer screens and two televisions turned on in front of her.

Sundheim also pointed out features he liked about the building, like world clocks displaying the time

of various cities around the United States and world.

Sundheim said television screens turned to CNN, MSNBC and other major news channels are constantly on.

AP uses the TVs to get ideas for stories and breaking news, Sundheim said.

The Internet is becoming a large part of the AP. If a major story breaks, it will put the information it has online and build off that. But on the next day, it will not run a story like the first day.

"We want to take it beyond that and get something that other people don't have," Sundheim said.

He gave an example of the Virginia Tech shooting. A gap in time happened during the time the shooting happened and when police told the campus.

This was the angle the AP took in its follow-up story because it was not repeating the same basic information.

The Internet and other mediums have also broadened AP's scope. Garties said only one-third of AP's revenue comes from print newspapers now.

"As the industry has given and diversified," Garties said, "we have gone with that."

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UNRELIABLE ELECTABILITY

U. Pennsylvania – Journalists, pundits and candidates are engaging in the political calculus of finding the perfect electability equation, offering their best arguments about why their candidate is most likely to win the presidency.

As the Democratic nomination battle rages on, those of us voting in the back of the heat are coming to the refreshing realization that our votes might actually matter.

We can't help but feel tempted to jump on the electability bandwagon, heed the endless debates about who's likely to beat the opposition and rely on this make-believe measure to determine how we will vote.

But there's a problem: The electability equation is not calculus, and there is no reliable way for any of us – including the pros – to identify the more electable candidate.

As Paul Herrnsen, a political science professor at the University of Maryland, explained to me, experts generally rely on several indicators to predict electability: image, message, resources, free media coverage, ads by independent groups, voters' predispositions and distribution of supporters in the states. But, he added, these measures are unquantifiable, imprecise and don't offer definite answers.

Sure, we can toss around poll numbers that claim one thing or another about the general election. But as we've learned this year more than ever, polls can't be trusted (think Clinton versus Obama in New Hampshire last month).

But in casting a vote, sorting out your own personal preferences seems to be a much wiser strategy than attempting to predict the voting behavior of the entire American electorate.

Nicky Berman
Daily Pennsylvanian

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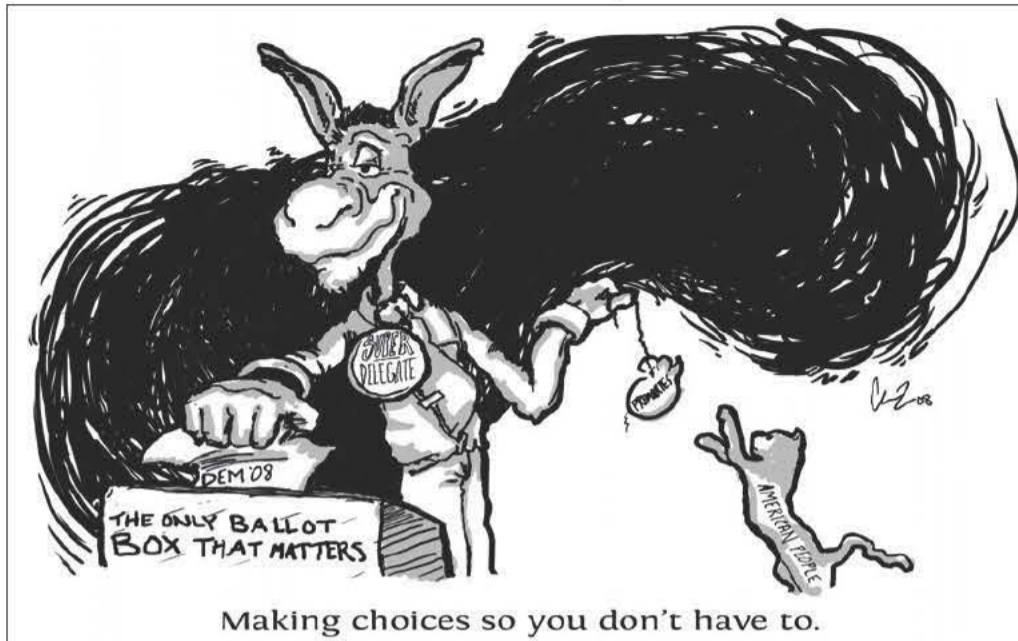
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Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



Making choices so you don't have to.

Op-Ed

Playing the DOE's game isn't very amusing

Dear Under Secretary Albright of the Department of Energy:
It is with great regret that I am forced to defend the integrity, honor and commitment of the citizens of East Central Illinois to our own national Department of Energy.

At one time I held the forward-thinking ambitions of your department in as high esteem as I hold those of this community.

Wasn't it a great day when your department launched the FutureGen initiative?

When proposals were invited from across the country, this community enthusiastically responded to partner with you at your request to host a world-class project and build a power plant to address the carbon crisis facing this world, even in spite of the significant costs we were advised we would incur. Your department organized this important team. We bought new sneakers and showed up for tryouts.

Today, however, the people of Illinois are saddened to learn that after embracing this important project and making personal and professional sacrifices, you have shown only an astonishing level of personal contempt of our community.

Some of the best minds in this region and throughout this state, joined by some of the most dedicated community leaders and citizens, gave you everything they had to make this project, DOE's project, a success.

Your caustic "Disneyland in a swamp" reference is incredibly demeaning to all of those people who thought they were your partners – people still standing here in their sneakers because they know this is far too important a game for them to give up and go home.

We cannot comprehend why DOE would so abruptly abandon the team it organized and then for two years encouraged to work harder, longer and faster in the pursuit of this project.

This community, without complaint, met every one of DOE's demanding deadlines. Deadlines we understood were in place because the window of possibility in addressing CO₂ emissions was closing fast. We know this is a game we can't afford to lose. Our children know it. They know FutureGen means a better world for them.

Your patently offensive statement demeans not only the people of this community, but also the extraordinary effort on behalf of people around the world, even people within your own department, as we have all worked together on this remarkable project.

With great conviction, many people supported DOE's supposed strategy in developing the nation's technology options for reducing greenhouse gases.

Written materials that I personally picked up from your booth at the International PowerGen Conference in New Orleans on Dec. 11 hail FutureGen as "combining the most capable technologies emerging from R&D."

We cannot fathom that an evaluation and selection process to build FutureGen only had the appearance of being driven by science, research and commitment to clean energy.

We cannot fathom that your office had the FutureGen project on display for the 17,000 international power industry experts attending that December conference only to completely abandon the project the following month.

DOE Secretary Samuel Bodman's assertion this week that because IGCC technology is so mature it is unnecessary to test it in integration with carbon capture and sequestration directly contradicts the Strategic Plan at DOE's Office of Clean Coal.

The Secretary's inconsistent written remarks, along with your offensive statement, leave us, and the entire world, without an honest or plausible explanation about what has happened.

We want to know why our teammates at the DOE, with two minutes left on the clock, called time out, took their ball and walked off the court.

It goes without saying that this world deserves better, but since you've made it personal, I want to personally tell you this community deserves better, too.

Our mayors, our city councils, our schoolteachers who held FutureGen poster contests and our children who participated in them – they deserve better. Citizens who have written checks for as little as \$10 to help us keep our part of the bargain – they deserve better.

Folks who worked to meet your deadlines, who sacrificed weekends, holidays and time with their own families – they deserve better. They deserve to have you, Secretary Bodman, and Deputy Secretary Clay Sell show an equal amount of sincerity.

We hope the wisdom that the DOE showed in launching this important project will prevail. We're still standing here in our sneakers.

I think the world wants us to play this game you invited us to play.

Angela Griffin is president of Coles Together.



ANGELA GRIFFIN

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"The movie captures his life story in all its essence. A crazy person is praised for writing creative, inspiring songs."

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SCOTT A. MURRAY

Donate your tax rebate

By the time summer arrives, more than 130 million Americans will have received rebate checks from the federal government as part of a new economic stimulus package designed to help resuscitate a struggling economy.

The goal of this bipartisan effort is to "either prevent a recession or make one relatively brief," according to CNN.

Rebate recipients are encouraged to go out and spend the money immediately. House Minority Leader John Boehner agrees, explaining that the "beauty of this package is that it is simple, it is clean, it is neat and it will get the money back out into the American economy as quickly as possible."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reiterates this concern, and insists that people "spend [the rebate] immediately" in order to "(inject) demand into the economy." This benefits the business class in the United States, which expects to see tax incentives for business investments and renewed profits from the impulse buys President Bush and Congress strongly encourage us to make.

Democratic dissenter Charles Rangel opposes the package on these grounds, alleging that the federal government is not targeting "struggling families for compassionate reasons, but instead to spur businesses."

Many Americans agree. A recent ABC poll reports that only a quarter of Americans plan on spending the money – the rest are choosing to save the money or use it to pay off debt. One woman, Elaine Sonowki, echoes the sentiment of most Americans by taking serious issue with the government's push for citizens to immediately spend their rebate. "I'm going to put it right in the bank and save it," says Sonowki. "I'm not going to spend it. No way on Earth."

The stimulus package is also problematic for a number of other, more serious reasons. Despite the noble rhetoric of compassion and economic sympathy boasted by Congress, the stimulus comes at a time when essential social services are being gravely slashed. In fact, the stimulus itself was the product of a compromise on the part of congressional Democrats, who agreed to Bush's "refusal to expand funding for food stamps and unemployment benefits."

The package also comes at a time when the Bush administration plans to make "deep cuts to Medicare" and other health spending totaling \$208 billion – \$40 billion more than value of the trumpeted stimulus package. The federal government additionally plans to make massive cuts to "food assistance for poor children, grants for career and technical education (and) community development."

Because of this completely backwards arrangement, I encourage the campus community to not only defy the federal government's call to eagerly hand your rebate check over to the business class, but to also engage in resistance by donating their rebate to a public service or outreach organization to whom this money should be going in the first place.

I, for instance, am donating my stimulus check to HOPE of East Central Illinois, and – if you can spare it – I implore you to donate to a community service organization that is close to you as well.

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» **Public Works**

FROM PAGE 1

However, equipment was not the part of the Department of Public Works affected by the lack of space. Buescher said the new building would allow Public Works staff to have a place to repair equipment. They can also plan projects away from the cold.

He said even though 75 percent of the time Public Works personnel are working on projects throughout Charleston, this building will allow them a warm place to work when not involved with project.

The building was funded by the Water Sewer Fund and cost \$343,000, he said.

Heather Kuykendall, Charleston comptroller, said this fund comprises money collected from city residents' water bills.

"The building is like a hub for all of the Public Works services," Kuykendall said.

She said the money was disbursed from her office to K. Waltman Construction, the contractors hired to work on the project, after the company won the bidding process used to decide who would oversee the project.

That is the company that is working on the City Hall renovations.

Kuykendall said the money for the project was first labeled for the building when this year's city budget was first drawn up, though she said Public Works has long wanted the new building.

"They've wanted the project for much longer than a year," she said.

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» **Diversity**

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Opposition to the resolution

During last week's meeting, Student Senate member Ryan Kerch discussed potential problems for math and science majors who may have limited courses suggested by departments for skill-related needs.

Kerch said he didn't fully support the plan because he thinks the plan would actually limit the variety of classes a student could take.

"It's especially harder for those with majors that recommend or require specific general education classes on top of the university's requirements," he said.

Kerch was not the only person to have reservations about the resolution.

The Residence Hall Association was the only registered student organization to oppose the change.

They voted 18-16 against it because they were concerned about the university needing to add more class sections and finding faculty to teach additional classes, RHA president Jarrod Scherle said.

Rogers told the Senate last week not to worry about class sizes and faculty arrangement because it is not Student Government's job to make those decisions.

"My point about it not being Student Government's job to put in more sections is that, if it is necessary, the CAA will add sections and amount of classes needed," Rogers said.

Rogers does not believe that

GARY FOSTER | CHAIRMAN OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

"I don't think that one more course would serve the need and intent that cultural diversity requires, but it's better than three hours."

additional sections of classes will not be necessary to ensure that students fulfill the requirement.

Gary Foster, chairman of the sociology and anthropology department, agreed with Rogers' statement about adding more sections.

"I really don't think it would (matter)," Foster said. "I've raised the question myself before. I asked Cole Rogers if the Student Government knew what percentage of students have six or more credits and they did not know. I suspect that many do."

Five classes from his department are listed as culturally aware within the Student Government's resolution.

Foster said he's concerned about which courses are chosen as culturally diverse and why African American studies courses do not meet the cultural diversity requirement.

The university's catalog defines a culturally aware course as one that has content relating to, "the study of diverse peoples (including issues of race, ethnicity and gender) at home and abroad; the history, traditions and/or language of other countries or cultures; and the role or cultural sensitivity in making informed and ethical decisions."

Michael Loudon, acting coordinator of the African American studies program, said all classes within his program should be considered culturally aware by Fall 2009.

He said the university had placed certain African American studies classes into the humanities requirement before a definition of culturally aware was created.

He said the CAA has already approved all classes within African American studies to meet cultural awareness requirements, but it wants to wait until new courses are incorporated into the department before making the decision final.

Rogers said students who would not already meet this requirement by accident should be exposed to diverse cultures to prepare students for the multicultural world that gets smaller every day.

Last week, senate members questioned the effectiveness of one additional class to those who are not culturally aware.

"I don't think that one more course would serve the need and intent that cultural diversity requires," Foster said, "But it's better than three hours."

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» **Primaries**

FROM PAGE 1

Interviews with voters leaving the polls in Maryland and Virginia showed Obama split the white vote with Clinton, and his share of the black vote approached 90 percent. She led among white women, but he was preferred by a majority of white men.

In all, there were 168 Democratic delegates at stake Tuesday.

Obama moved past Clinton in the delegate chase on the basis of the day's primaries and newly released results from last Saturday's Washington caucuses.

McCain's victory in Virginia was a relatively close one, the result of an outpouring of religious conservatives who backed Huckabee.

Four in 10 Republican voters said they were born again or evangelical Christians – twice as many as called themselves members of the religious right in 2000 – and nearly 70 percent of them supported Huckabee, an ordained Baptist minister.

Virginia voters could vote in either primary in their state. In a twist, Huckabee was running slightly ahead of McCain among independent voters, who cast about a fifth of the Republican votes there.

There were 113 delegates at stake in the three GOP races.

The Democratic race was the definition of unsettled, with Clinton surrendering her long-held lead in delegates, having shed her campaign manager and lent her campaign \$5 million in recent days, and facing defeats next week in Wisconsin and Hawaii.

She is focusing campaign efforts in Texas to help offset those states.

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CAMPUS | SCIENCES

Clearing up Darwin confusion

Evolution lecture explains theory to students, faculty

By Brittni Garcia
Staff Reporter

Alyssa Boynton had a good understanding of the Darwin event lecture.

"It condensed a lot of control materials that can be understandable," said Boynton, a junior biological science major. "It was interesting how Goodenough used scientific facts to back up claims to show evidence to such facts."

On Tuesday night, the biological sciences hosted a lecture, "Walking Back Through Evolutionary Time," for the celebration of naturalist Charles Darwin's birthday, presented by Ursula Goodenough from Washington University in St. Louis.

Tuesday marked Darwin's 199th birthday, which allowed the biological sciences to create a three-day celebration.

The lecture began with Goodenough explaining to the audience that the "survival of the fittest" idea has been misused in Social Darwinism, but most importantly, it has nothing to do with evolution. Throughout the lecture, she concen-

TODAY'S DARWIN DAYS EVENT:

• The last event celebrating Darwin will take place in the Life Sciences Building, Room 3080. At 5 p.m., Michael Engle from the University of Kansas will present the lecture.

trated on the idea of a common ancestor we share. Goodenough said one idea people misunderstand is believing we come straight from monkeys. However, the lecture described that humans share a common ancestor with monkeys.

"Most of the ideas, I understood, but it was a refresher to listen to the lecture," said Lindsey Goers, a junior biological pre-med major. "It answered good questions I had."

The lecture walked the audience through different periods of time, showing how humans share ancestors with 28 present-day organisms. Goodenough started with the most present organism humans share a common ancestor with, the chimpanzee, and ended with the latest organism humans share a common ancestor with, bacteria. The PowerPoint also showed how the continents changed from the continents being connected to

separated.

"I wanted the audience to explore evolution, experience, the times involved and biological diversity we live among," Goodenough said. "Understanding the story I told helps people with environmental perspectives, which is very important to me and my life."

Goodenough said the most common ancestor can be traced back 30,000 years ago. The lecture described how human beings share a common ancestor with organisms such as orangutans, old world monkeys and plants.

"Darwin would love to hear this: There is a common ancestor with Archaeo, Eukaryotes, and bacteria," said Goodenough.

"The person who had the idea of a common ancestor is Darwin, who is one of my heroes," Goodenough said.

The Darwin event ended with questions and comments that gave the audience more facts to understand evolution.

"She literally walked us back 700 billion years ago," said Ann Fritz, associate biology professor.

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As a part of Darwin Days, Ursula Goodenough gave a lecture titled "Walking Back Through Evolutionary Time" Tuesday night in the Physical Science building.

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CITY | AREA HISTORY

Tracking Lincoln throughout the area

Sites show Lincoln's journey to White House

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

A "stovepipe hat" is a common response when asking someone about Abraham Lincoln. But in Coles County, the answer could focus on the multiple sites nearby to get a glimpse of Lincoln's life before his presidency.

While Friday may be just an additional day off for students to observe Lincoln's birthday, the rest of the state observed his birthday on Tuesday, just one year from his bicentennial.

The main Lincoln site in Coles County is the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, located at 400 S. Lincoln Highway Road, where visitors may go back in time and visit the home of his father, Thomas Lincoln, and his stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, in the 1840s.

Site Manager Matthew Mittelstaedt said visiting the Lincoln Log Cabin is a "glimpse of what Abraham's life is like."

Previously, Lincoln lived in log cabins in Kentucky and Indiana.

Lincoln was a lawyer by that time, so he did not live on the site. He did visit when traveling between Paris and Shelbyville while traveling the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Charleston was not included in the Eighth Judicial Circuit. It was in the fourth, Mittelstaedt said.

The farm is open to visitors year-round with a visitor center that contains exhibits about living during the time period in the area.

Between mid-April and October, historical reenactors work the farm as it was during the 19th century.

With four demonstration fields, corn, oats and wheat are planted, and reenactors can be seen working the fields.

Bea Purdue, who portrays Sarah Bush Lincoln, said people today have it much easier than back in the 1840s.

"(The women) are in charge of getting the noon meal ready," she said.

Open-hearth cooking is used to



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A display at the Lincoln-Douglas Museum in Charleston mimics Lincoln speaking in front of the original crowd present during the debate.

prepare the meal.

The jobs of the reenactors change as the seasons change. Harvesting of the wheat and oats is done in late June and July.

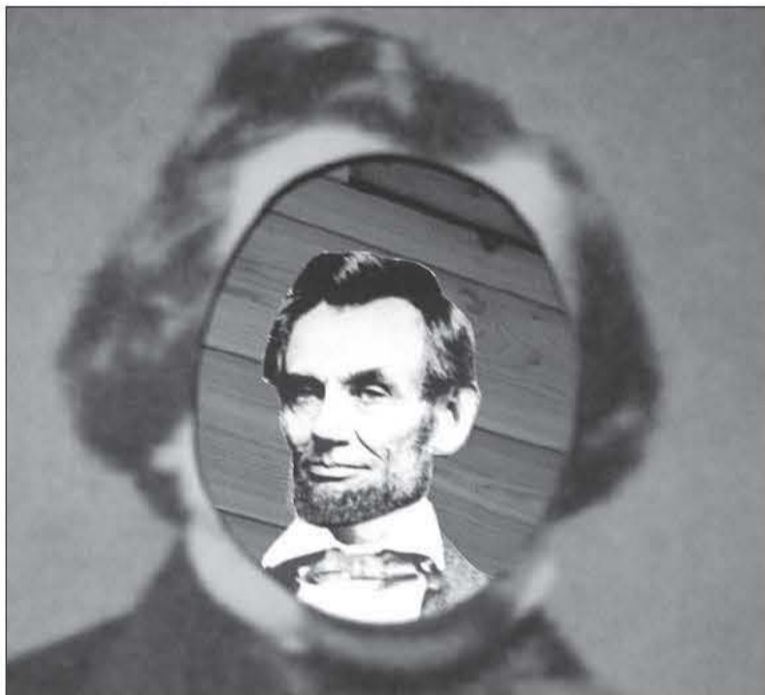
Sometimes bread-making, cheese-making and other tasks have to be done every day, Purdue said. When in character, Purdue speaks in the dialect of the time and sometimes even keeps the dialect after she is done.

The interpretive program is not to lecture visitors, but show them living history, Mittelstaedt said.

Also at the site is the Sargent farm. The farm was the home of Stephen Sargent and his wife, Nancy Chenoweth Harlan, who built a timber-frame house unlike the log cabin of the Lincolns.

Sargent tried new methods at the time for time and labor saving and produced to sell some goods — unlike Thomas Lincoln.

Besides the Lincoln Log Cabin, the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum, located at the Coles County Fairgrounds, is the only museum in Illinois dedicated to the debate, despite seven other debate sites throughout the state.



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Visitors to the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum can stick their head through Stephen Douglas'. Until then, Abraham Lincoln's head is visible.

On Sept. 18, 1858, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas appeared in front of 10,000 to 12,000 people at the site. The museum is home to interactive exhibits that allow the

visitor to learn about the debates many years ago.

Karen Peterson, Charleston director of tourism, said Charleston has so many Lincoln-base sites.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: LINCOLN SITES

• **Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site**
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The site is open from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, Wed.-Sun., year-round. The Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed.-Sun., April through October; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wed.-Sun., November through March. It is closed on winter holidays.
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• **Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum**
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Abraham Lincoln said farewell to Sarah Bush Lincoln here on his way to the White House in 1861. It is one mile north of the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site on Lincoln Highway Road.
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• **Shiloh Church and Cemetery State Memorial**
Thomas Lincoln and Sarah Bush Lincoln are buried at this cemetery.
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MORE ONLINE

• **Check out** dennews.com for a Lincoln podcast, which includes a discussion with Matthew Mittelstaedt, site manager of the Lincoln Log Cabin, about Lincoln's relationship with his father Tom and a conversation with history professor Charles Titus on how we should remember the former president.
• Also on dennews.com: a map of historical Lincoln sites in the area.



"Several coach bus tours make trips from Chicago, St. Louis and Springfield," she said.

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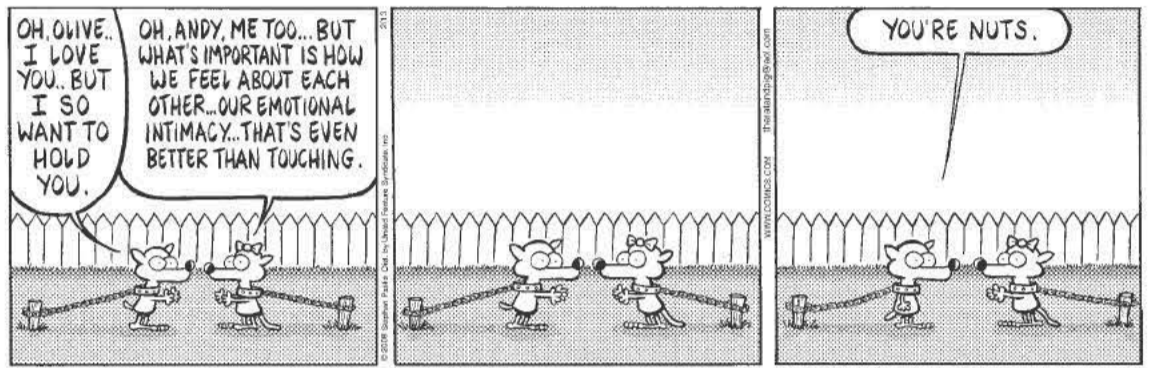
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The time was good enough for second place at the event and is the third-fastest time in the Ohio Valley Conference this year. Eastern Kentucky's Katy Ankrom's time of 4:49.14 is the best in the conference. But O'Grady is not the only Eastern Illinois track athlete to be plagued by injury this season. Senior sprinter Brenton Emmanuel spent a majority of the season on injured reserve. Because of the injury, Emmanuel has only been able to

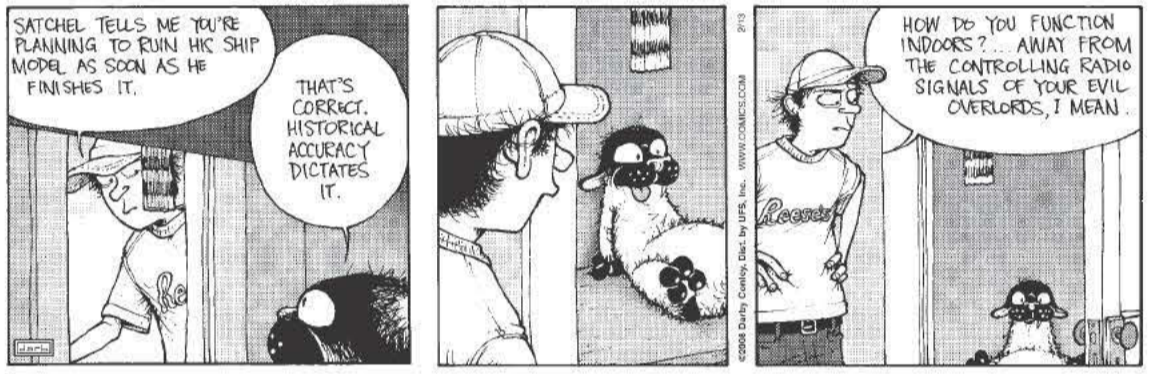
compete in two meets in the indoor season. The senior, who was used to running his 200-meter dash in the low 22 seconds his entire career at Eastern, failed to break 23 seconds in his first two meets. But Emmanuel kept working and training while recuperating from his injury, and this weekend the senior was able to break that mark by running the 200-meter dash in 22.95 seconds. This just shows that athletes can recover through hard work and persistence. They do not need needles or steroids to get them back to where they want to be. We are about to be inundated by the national sports

media with stories about Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds and Andy Pettitte and the alleged steroid use of these athletes to recuperate from injuries they sustained during their careers. Trainers and athletes will appear before Congress and answer questions and tell their side of the story. When we hear these stories and wonder if these athletes cheated or not, we have to remember athletes like O'Grady and Emmanuel are some of the millions of athletes who are still doing it the honest way.
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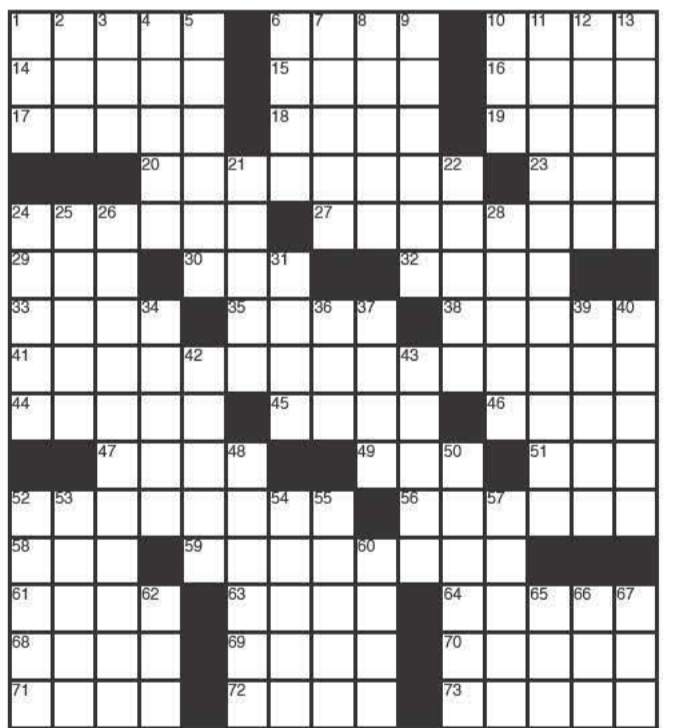


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0102

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rivera of the original "Chicago"
 - 6 "Dragnet" force, in brief
 - 10 Org. for which a D.V.M. might work
 - 14 Southwestern shepherders
 - 15 Mythical king of the Huns
 - 16 Press
 - 17 Unending pain
 - 18 Ayatollah's land
 - 19 N.Y. neighbor
 - 20 With 59-Across, hint to this puzzle's secret
 - 23 Grp. that conducts many tests
 - 24 Honeymoon suite feature
 - 27 Souvenir from a bad trip?
 - 29 Le Figaro article
 - 30 Epigram
 - 32 See 65-Down
 - 33 "Come here often?," e.g.
 - 35 Chewy candy
 - 38 River to the Rhone
 - 41 What to do after completing this puzzle, with four straight lines
 - 44 Children's author Blyton and others
 - 45 Chief Whitehorse, e.g.
 - 46 Subject of illicit trade
 - 47 Japanese leader of the 1960s
 - 49 "The Gift of the Magi" gift
 - 51 Ample shoe width
 - 52 Promoted
 - 56 Gwen of the original "Chicago"
 - 58 Berlin cry
 - 59 See 20-Across
 - 61 "Yikes!"
 - 63 Like some hands
 - 64 ___ Gay (W.W. II plane)
 - 68 Some votes
 - 69 Cain of "Lois & Clark"
 - 70 China company
 - 71 Secy.
 - 72 Dry
 - 73 Jim-dandy
- DOWN**
- 1 Half a dance
 - 2 Keep all to oneself
 - 3 New issue on Wall St.
 - 4 Color faintly
 - 5 Sanctuary



PUZZLE BY PATRICK BLINDAUER

- 6 Dragon's ___ (early video game)
- 7 Central courts
- 8 Alternative if things go wrong
- 9 Bread for burritos?
- 10 Order to attack, with "on"
- 11 Made a killing, say
- 12 Individually owned apartment
- 13 Former U.N. chief Kofi
- 21 Multiple-choice choices
- 22 Kind of approval
- 24 Actor Tom of "Amadeus"
- 25 Bialy flavorer
- 26 Some court attire
- 28 Violinist Schneider, informally
- 31 Curtain puller of film
- 34 Wrap up by
- 36 50 degs., maybe
- 37 Former Swedish P.M. Palme
- 39 Beau
- 40 City north of Cologne
- 42 Any acetate, chemically
- 43 Pope after John X
- 48 ___ Foods, Inc.
- 50 Instruments for drawing angles
- 52 Animals
- 53 Spanish skating figures
- 54 Cain vis-à-vis Abel
- 55 ___ Lama
- 57 Freshen
- 60 Be inclined
- 62 Post W.W. II pres.
- 65 With 32-Across, a ball game
- 66 Response to a joke in an I.M.
- 67 Rocker ___ Rose

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

Teams vie for conference spots

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Both Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois have clinched first-round home games, but the majority of the remaining teams in the Ohio Valley Conference are still seeking a tournament berth.

Samford (18-6, 11-3 OVC), who is third in the league, is also guaranteed a tournament berth. Even if the Bulldogs lose their remaining five games, they will clinch at least the No. 8 spot because they will not finish with more than 10 losses.

Morehead State (7-16, 5-9) is a half-game ahead of ninth-place Tennessee Tech (6-19, 5-10). Morehead State has lost twice to first-place Southeast Missouri this season and has also lost twice to the second-place Panthers.

"I really didn't know and didn't have expectations (of the league)," said Mike Bradbury, the Eagles' first-year head coach.

Last season, Bradbury was able to see Southeast Missouri (when he was an Xavier assistant coach) when the Redhawks played No. 3 seed Oklahoma in the NCAA Tournament. The 14th-seeded Redhawks lost in the first round against the Sooners, 74-60.

"Outside of them, everybody has a chance to win," Bradbury

OVC STANDINGS

School	Overall	OVC
SE Missouri	17-6	12-2
E. Illinois	14-10	13-3
Samford	18-6	11-3
Murray St.	16-7	10-5
Jacksonville St.	10-14	7-8
Tenn. St.	10-14	7-8
E. Kentucky	11-9	6-7
Morehead St.	7-16	5-9
Tenn. Tech	6-19	5-10
Austin Peay	5-18	2-12
UT-Martin	5-20	2-14

TOP 10 SCORERS

Name	School	PPG
1. A. Guffey	MUR	18.9
2. R. Galligan	EIU	18.8
3. A. Hayes	MUR	18.3
4. C. Fuller	UTM	17.2
5. K. Appling	TSU	16.8
6. O. Okafor	TSU	16.7
7. K. Tyler	TTU	16.2
8. C. Jones	EKU	15.5
9. M. Whitney	SEMO	14.9
10. A. Caze	EKU	14.5

TOP 10 REBOUNDERS

Name	School	RPG
1. B. Pittman	MOR	9.5
2. P. Mitchell	UTM	9.3
3. A. Hayes	MUR	8.6
4. C. Fuller	UTM	8.4
5. O. Okafor	TSU	8.3
6. C. Duhart	JSU	8.0
7. M. Whitney	SEMO	7.0
8. K. Tyler	TTU	6.5
9. R. Galligan	EIU	6.4
10. J. Efezokhae	JSU	6.3

TOP 10 ASSIST LEADERS

Name	School	APG
1. A. McGee	AP	5.00
2. A. Guffey	MUR	4.61
3. L. Pierce	TSU	4.60
4. N. Avery	EKU	4.05
5. S. Petty	MUR	4.00
6. A. S.-Williams	MOR	3.78
7. T. Towns	SAM	3.75
8. C. Jones	EKU	3.55
9. A. Caze	EKU	3.40
10. M. Edwards	EIU	3.29

said. Tennessee Tech head coach Amy Brown has similar thoughts.

"No team needs to be taken lightly in the conference," Brown said. "It's anybody's game on any given night."

Coaches across the league are more concerned about making the conference tournament and finishing in the top eight.

"We control our own destiny," Brown said.

TTU has made every postseason conference tournament since 1982.

Bottom teams show prowess against top teams

OVC teams have between four and six league games remaining before the conference tournament. If they want to pull some upsets, they need to win against some teams at a higher ranking in the

conference.

Tennessee-Martin (5-20, 2-14) has proven it can hang with the top of the conference. The Skyhawks defeated second-place Eastern Illinois, 66-64, on Jan. 10. The Skyhawks also defeated TSU 73-57 on Feb. 7.

Even first-place SEMO lost to fifth-place Tennessee State, 61-49, on Dec. 6. The Lady Tigers defeated 10th-place Austin Peay on Monday night, 70-69 in the final four seconds.

"Last night, they showed they could stay with it," TSU head coach Tracee Wells said.

Samford head coach Mike Morris also recognized the play of Austin Peay.

"Austin Peay played very well," Morris said. "Their post players are tough and tough for us to handle." Samford needed overtime to

beat the Lady Governors, 65-56, on Feb. 9.

Coaches excited for Thursday's big game

Coaches around the league are excited for a big game in the conference between first-place SEMO and second-place Eastern Illinois.

SEMO will play the Panthers at 5 p.m. on Thursday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"It'll be a very good game to watch," Tennessee-Martin head coach Tara Tansil said. "It will definitely be determined by who stays out of foul trouble."

Morris recognizes the importance of the game for his third-place Bulldogs.

"That's going to be a great game," Morris said. "Eastern's a talented team. It's going to be a fun race."

THIS WEEK'S OVC SCHEDULE

Thursday
 • E. Illinois at SE Missouri - 5 p.m.
 • Morehead St. at Samford - 5:30 p.m.
 • Murray St. at Tenn. State - 5:30 p.m.
 • UT-Martin at Tenn. Tech - 5:30 p.m.
 • E. Kentucky at Jacksonville St. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
 • Morehead St. at Jacksonville St. - 2 p.m.
 • SE Missouri at UT-Martin - 4 p.m.
 • E. Kentucky at Samford - 4 p.m.
 • Tenn. Tech at Austin Peay - 5:15 p.m.
 • E. Illinois at Murray St. - 5:30 p.m.

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• Check out dennews.com for podcasts from Tuesday morning's OVC teleconferences.

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» Huber

FROM PAGE 12

Huber may have played just four months of minor league baseball last season, but his year of baseball began much earlier.

Eastern's 2007 spring season was Huber's last as a Panther. Like previous seasons, he went out on top. With a .409 batting average, nine home runs and 42 runs batted in a season that included a 21-game hitting streak, Huber was the top hitter for the Panthers, the top hitter

in the OVC and the 18th best hitter in the nation.

Not only did he lead the OVC in batting average, but he also had the best slugging percentage and best on-base percentage. He was named to the All-OVC First Team and was a CoSIDA Academic All-American.

"He was just one of those guys that had the body type and potential to be good," said Chris Vaculik, former Eastern pitcher and Huber's teammate.

Vaculik said Huber came into his senior year knowing he had to work out and get stronger, and once he

buckled down, his hitting growth was evident.

Huber started his first professional game June 19 against the Williamsport Crosscutters. His stat line for the night: four hits (two doubles) in four at-bats and one run scored. Huber hit .227 with 11 RBIs, 14 walks and 29 strikeouts and played in 45 games during the Spikes' season.

A swing change initiated by his State College coaches may have contributed to Huber's drop off in batting statistics from the Panthers to the Spikes, but this isn't the first

time he's had to adjust to a new swing.

When Huber was a freshman at Eastern, he was a 6-foot-6 shortstop with no power.

"If you would have seen his swing his freshman year," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said Huber swung more like someone who was 5-foot-8 than a man his own size. Because Huber lowered his shoulders and dropped down in his swing, he wasn't able to drive the ball well.

Three years later, after swing changes and hours of watching vid-


eo to analyze his swing with Eastern assistant coach Sean Lyons, Huber had turned into a power hitter.

Schmitz said he has talked with the scout who drafted Huber, and the Pirates organization is more concerned with how Huber progresses and plays next season since he's had a year in professional baseball to adjust.

"It's going to be exciting to see how he develops," Schmitz said. "His ceiling is as high as it goes."

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK | NOTEBOOK

O'Grady, Ericson named Competitors of the Meet

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

Sophomore middle-distance runner Erin O'Grady ran a personal best in the mile Saturday at the Wabash Open in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Grady's time of 5 minutes, 8.68 seconds in the mile was the eighth fastest in school history and helped her to be named Competitor of the Meet for the women's team for the event.

"It feels good to be named Competitor of the Meet," O'Grady said. "I'm coming off of a knee injury and now I can finally start doing track workouts and not just run outside."

O'Grady said she expected a big race after talking to her coach.

"My goal was to break 5:10,"

O'Grady said. "Usually I don't care about times; I just try to run as fast as possible, but I knew the competition was not going to be that strong."

Sophomore pole vaulter Anci Borozan was named Co-Performer of the Meet for her seventh place finish in pole vault.

"The way they had it set up she did not know when she was going, so she actually looked better in practice before than she did in the meet," Eastern head men's track coach Tom Akers said.

Freshman thrower Dominique Turner was named the other co-performer for a personal best in shot put with a mark of 38 feet, 10.50 inches.

For the men's team, freshman distance runner Derek Ericson won Competitor of the Meet for his time

of 9:07.45 in the 3,000-meter run.

Senior sprinter Brenton Emanuel was named Performer of the Meet for running the 200-meter dash in less than 23 seconds for the first time this season.

Winston named OVC Field Athlete of the Week

Sophomore jumper Ian Winston was named the Ohio Valley Conference Field Athlete of the Week this week for his performance at the Wabash Open.

Winston won the high jump with a mark of 6-4 and placed second in the triple jump with a mark of 44' 4 3/4".

This comes one week after senior jumper Obe Eruteya was named the OVC Field Athlete of the Week for

the week of Feb. 5 and third time this season. Eruteya was chosen for his high jump mark of 6' 8 3/4" at the Indiana Relays on Feb. 1-2, which was good enough for third place at the event and is the highest mark in the OVC this season.

In addition, Eruteya was chosen as the Eastern Male Student Athlete of the Month for his outstanding performance in jumping events and in the classroom this season by eiu-panthers.com.

Panthers to compete at Iowa State this weekend

Eastern men's and women's indoor track teams will compete at the Iowa State Classic this Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Akers said he expects to send

between 30-35 athletes to the meet, and the meet should have more than 100 teams competing at Lied Recreational Center.

"This is one of the top indoor meets in the country," Akers said. "We will have some really great competition, and there will be some very talented athletes."

Akers said he expects to continue to see some improvement in his teams and that it is common for athletes to set personal bests and have breakthrough performances at this meet.

"It is a 300-meter track, which is bigger, and allows our athletes to run faster," Akers said.

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» Coach

FROM PAGE 12

When the assistant coach position opened up at Eastern, Sallee had no question who he thought would be a good candidate.

"We always talked about working with each other," Sallee said. "It worked out that there was a position opening up. I'm thankful he made that jump."

Buchanan was an obvious choice. Buchanan, a Harrisburg native, shares a trait with the Eastern women's basketball team this season: Both are experienced.

The Murray State graduate has coached since 1986 and has been a head coach longer than Sallee.

BUCHANAN'S COACHING RESUME

Eastern Illinois (July 2007-08), assistant women's basketball coach

Missouri-Saint Louis (2003- Feb. 2007) Women's head basketball coach

Southern Mississippi (2002-03) Head associate women's basketball coach

Francis Marion University (1998-2002), head women's basketball coach

Brescia University (1986-98), head women's basketball coach

McLean County High School (Ky.) (1983-1985) assistant coach for girls' and boys' basketball

But Buchanan has found a role at Eastern.

"He's been a tremendous asset to our program," Sallee said. "It's not often you get to work with a really good basketball coach, but someone who is also your best friend. He knows I'd do anything for him, and I know he'd do anything for me. Hopefully, he's here for a long time."

To some players, Buchanan's a

quote machine.

He can recite any line of most movies or sports moments and he'll tell them to the players. Most of these are awe-inspiring moments at the time.

"When you've been coaching as long as I have, you pick up all kinds of quotes, thoughts, comments," Buchanan said. "I've always been into motivation, things that speak to your

heart."

When the inspirational quotes didn't work, Sallee and Buchanan put together an inspirational movie package of movie clips.

It had clips from sports movies, such as "Hoosiers" and "Miracle."

They put it together when the Panthers went through an 0-7 stretch to start out the season.

"I wasn't so sure after the first seven games," Buchanan said. "We weren't just sparking for whatever reason. One thing led to another, and it started a snowball effect (of winning)."

Buchanan said the purpose of the movie was to help the team figure out its identity.

And now the Panthers have found their identity, especially in the perim-

eter players - the group Buchanan coaches. The Panthers have made 38 3-pointers in the past four games.

"You never know when you're going to hit the game-winning shot," Buchanan said in practice the other day to the player.

The Panthers have had players make big shots this season. Red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards and sophomore guard Ashley Thomas have both hit game-tying 3-pointers this season.

"I feel like my job as a coach is (that) everybody's shot is different," Buchanan said. "My job is to kind of learn their tendencies of when their shots are going in."

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TRIPLE THREAT



Brady Sallee

Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee (above) and the Panthers are preparing for one of their biggest games of the season. Eastern plays Southeast Missouri at 5 p.m. on Thursday in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The Show Me Center will be the host on Thursday night to the top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference. Southeast Missouri (17-6, 12-2) and the Panthers (14-10, 13-3) are going to have a late-season battle for the conference regular season title.

Here are three other OVC games to watch.

1. Murray State at Tennessee State — The fourth-place Racers take on Tennessee State at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in Nashville, Tenn. The Lady Tigers are in fifth place and are looking to make the conference tournament for the first time since the 2004-05 season.

2. Eastern Illinois at Murray State — The Panthers play Murray State on Saturday in Murray, Ky. The Panthers pulled out a three-point win against the Racers on Jan. 3.

3. Samford at Southeast Missouri — The Bulldogs are in third place and will play the Redhawks on the road Feb. 28. This game will be the third consecutive road game the Bulldogs will play away from home to end the season.

—Kevin Murphy



DAN CUSACK

Panthers learn to recover

Sophomore distance-runner Erin O'Grady said she was happy she could start track workouts again.

This was two days after she ran a personal best in the mile at the Wabash Open on Saturday.

For a while, O'Grady was only able to run outside until her knee was able to hold up to workouts again. Working out, stretching and lifting weights were things she was unable to do while her knee healed. This weekend, her knee looked like it was back where she wanted it to be. The sophomore came out strong, maybe too strong she said, and she took an early lead.

O'Grady then calmed herself down, found the right pace and was able to run a time of 5 minutes, 8.68 seconds.

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BASEBALL | FORMER PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Erik Huber was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates on June 8 in the 12th round. He is playing for the State College Spikes, the Pirates short-season Class A affiliate in State College, Pa. The Belleville native accepted his Academic All-American Award at a home basketball game on Jan. 26 at Lantz Arena.

Huber still with the Spikes

Former Panther headed to minor league spring training

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Erik Huber's first professional baseball season with the State College Spikes ended on Sept. 7, 2007, but he was back at Eastern on Jan. 26 to receive his Academic All-American Award from the 2007 season and be honored for his first year in the minor leagues.

But the Huber that returned to Eastern in January was noticeably bigger than the former first baseman that graduated in May. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates on June 8 in the 12th round and was

the 386th player overall. He said his agents set him up with a hitting instructor and prepared a plan for strength and conditioning training in the offseason.

"They pretty much kind of mapped out what I need to do to get myself ready for next year," he said.

Huber said he took some time off following his year with the Spikes — the short-season Class A affiliate of the Pirates.

The Spikes play in the New York-Penn League, a league featuring both New York Yankees and New York Mets farm teams.

His weight-training program started in November, and he said he has noticed a large increase in his strength.

Although he was lifting weights, Huber said he did not throw a baseball or work on his swing until Jan-

uary. All of this offseason work was preparation for minor league spring training, which starts March 4 in Bradenton, Fla.

Huber said he would like to move up one or two levels during the 2008 season, but he said hiring within the Pirates' organization has made the next several months an uncertainty.

What is certain, however, is what Huber can bring to the Pirates.

Eastern baseball coach Jim Schmitz said scouts from the Pirates organization trained Huber exclusively. He said for the Pirates to draft Huber in the 12th round they saw a potential that could develop.

"Everyone obviously saw the great size and great athletic ability," Schmitz said.

Mark Chagnon, former Eastern outfielder and Huber's teammate for four years, said Huber is an ide-

al major league prospect because he has a great build and is a five-tool athlete, with ability to hit, throw and run.

"It was really exciting to see somebody from Eastern go that high in the draft," Chagnon said.

To stay competitive, Huber said he needed to work on his hitting the most during the offseason.

"Compared to the (Ohio Valley Conference), you're seeing an ace pitch almost every night," he said. "It took me some time to get used to the pitcher's speed and breaking balls."

Huber said it is almost expected that a pitcher will throw in the upper 80s, if not 90 mph or above, and the overall speed of the game was also something he had to adjust to.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | COACH SPOTLIGHT

Coaches, who once were rivals, are now friends

Long-time friends now work on the same team

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Lee Buchanan has traveled a long way to get Eastern.

And many of his coaching stops along the way have kept him in contact with Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee.

Buchanan, an Eastern assistant women's basketball coach, and Sallee have known each other for more than 15 years. But after coaching on opposing sides of the court for several years, the two now reside in the same wing in Lantz Arena.

Buchanan and Sallee first started out as rivals when Buchanan was the head coach at Brescia University and



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern assistant women's basketball coach Lee Buchanan has known Eastern head coach Brady Sallee for more than 15 years.

Sallee was a student assistant coach at Thomas More College.

The two went their separate ways as Sallee moved on to an assistant

coaching position at Idaho State and Buchanan remained at Brescia.

The two were once again rivals when they joined the staffs of women's basketball teams in Conference USA. Sallee was an assistant coach at East Carolina, and Buchanan was the associate head coach at Southern Mississippi.

Then, the two friends were bought even closer, at least regionally, when Buchanan became the head coach at Missouri-Saint Louis in 2003 and Sallee became the head coach at Eastern in April of 2004. Their relationship continued as Buchanan brought the Tritons to Lantz Arena for exhibition games from 2003-06.

"We really leaned on each other," Sallee said. "No matter where we were, we always kept in touch."

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Thursday at Southeast Missouri 5 p.m. — Cape Girardeau, Mo.	MEN'S BASKETBALL Thursday at Southeast Missouri 7:30 p.m. — Cape Girardeau, Mo.	MEN'S TENNIS Friday at Indiana State 5:30 p.m. — Terre Haute, Ind.	WOMEN'S TENNIS Friday at Indiana-Purdue-Ft. Wayne 6 p.m. — Fort Wayne, Ind.	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK Friday at Iowa State Classic All Day — Ames, Iowa
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