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LOCAL | ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRAQ WAR

## WAR NOT SO DISTANT FOR STUDENTS

**Marine Corps veterans saw the war begin, but don’t think it’ll end soon**

By Emily Zulz  
Activities Reporter

It’s been five years to the day that the United States invaded Iraq, but to Jason Adamiec and Brad Becker it feels like yesterday.

Adamiec joined the Marine Corps in January 1999 at age 18. Becker joined the next month at age 19.

They were in the same unit and Adamiec served as Becker’s squad leader.

Adamiec, a communication disorders and sciences grad student, has a family history in the Marines and wanted to be a Marine since he was 5 years old.

He wanted to go to college first and get a degree, but after failing to receive the naval scholarship, his plans changed.

“I chose to be in the infantry because, when I thought about the Marine Corps, I didn’t think about people sitting behind a desk or typing on a computer or driving a truck. I thought about shooting things and blowing things up,” Adamiec said.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jason Adamiec, a communication disorders and sciences graduate student, aims in a photo taken during his 2003 tour of duty in Iraq. Adamiec served in Iraq for two months at the start of the war as a Marine Corps sergeant. He is now a member of the Black Knights of the Embarras, an organization that provides support for Eastern students who are combat veterans.

CITY | RECREATION



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Kiwanis Park is located in the heart of Charleston, and is home to community concerts, baseball games and playground enthusiasts.

## Charleston-area parks prepare for spring

**City to get parks ready for spring, summer visitors**

By Jordan Crook  
Senior City Reporter

Brian Jones, director of the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, is busy since today marks the first day of spring.

It is his department’s job to prepare all of the parks for the spring and summer months.

Jones said his department starts the spring by turning on the water to all park facilities.

He said all water is turned off to Charleston’s various park facilities during the winter months.

However, the parks themselves are left open year-round.

Maintenance for the softball and baseball fields near parks around

town is also taken care of by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jones said the department has to get those fields prepared for the upcoming season since the first youth league game is on May 1.

“We’ll probably be doing all of these things over the next month,” he said.

In order to meet all of these demands, he said the department will hire a few part-time workers to help with the preparations and continued maintenance.

Some Eastern students may also provide assistance in cleaning up the Charleston parks.

Jones said the parks department will participate in Panther Service Day on April 19 by providing gloves and bags for students.

He said the event may help his department in the cleanup of city parks.

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NATION | ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRAQ WAR

## War: five years later

**Thousands dead, billions spent, long-term effects still unclear**

By Ashley Mefford  
Senior Campus Reporter

This week is the five-year anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

“After five years of struggle, the United States finds itself in the unenviable position of trying to create a more or less democratic civil society where none has ever existed,” said Martin Hardeman, an Eastern history professor.

Most Americans are somewhat familiar of the war’s effect on the United States, but many are oblivious to the effect of the war on Iraq.

Iraq has become less safe for the Iraqis since the United States invaded in 2003. The Iraqis have been where the U.S. was trying to fight, leading to many Iraqis’ deaths.

“Everyday life has been harder for most Iraqis as well, with much of the country’s infrastructure destroyed and the continuing presence of an occupying army often unable to discern harmless Iraqis from harmful Iraqis,” said Dr. Jeff Taylor, an assistant professor of political science at Western Illinois University.

Other effects in Iraq include the removal of Saddam Hussein.

“With the removal of Hussein’s dictatorship, open warfare between Sunnis and Shiites broke out,” Taylor said. “This removal has led to other, far-less-beneficial impacts,



CHUCK KENNEDY | MCT

Anti-war protesters participate in a demonstration near the White House in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday to mark the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion in Iraq.

including civil war, growing influence of Iranian-encouraged Shiite fundamentalism, and the introduction of al-Qaida into Iraq.”

### U.S. reaction changing

The invasion and ensuing war increased Americans’ interest in the Middle East, said Ken Cuno, a professor of Middle Eastern history at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

“I think that once things went wrong with the invasion, people began to think ‘Maybe we ought to know a thing or two about this place,’” Cuno said.

Being tied down in Iraq has also limited the ability of the U.S. to act effectively elsewhere in the region, and hurt our credibility,” Cuno said.

The United States has also been victim to economic effects because of the war. The amount of money the United States has spent on the war is a concern for many, with numbers well into the billions.

“Our government is spending an estimated \$12 billion a month in Iraq with no end in sight,” Taylor said. “This has contributed to massive deficit spending, greater reliance on foreign investment, and a weakening U.S. dollar.”

Foreign countries and populations have had their opinion of the U.S. change due to the invasion, Taylor said. Citizens have also become disenchanted with the government.

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## EIU WEATHER

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## Williams returns to TV with 'Law &amp; Order' role

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Robin Williams will guest star on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," but don't expect him to bring laughs to the NBC crime drama.

Williams is playing an "engineer whose life has gone terribly wrong" and who faces serious repercussions, series spokeswoman Pam Golum said Tuesday. The episode, which films later this month, is scheduled to air April 29.

After his breakthrough role on the 1980s sitcom "Mork & Mindy," Williams' career has mostly centered on a mix of movies, including "Good Morning, Vietnam," "Dead Poets Society" and "Patch Adams." He won an Academy Award for 1997's "Good Will Hunting."

The "Special Victims Unit" epi-

sode with Williams, titled "Authority," is the show's 200th.

**LeBeouf does not show at court for unlawful smoking**

LOS ANGELES — No thank you for smoking, Shia LaBeouf.

A \$1,000 bench warrant was issued for LaBeouf on Tuesday after the star of "Transformers" and the upcoming "Indiana Jones" film failed to appear in court on a charge of lighting up where he shouldn't.

The 21-year-old was cited last month for unlawful smoking, according to the warrant, which didn't contain details on the circumstances or location of the offense.

He was scheduled to appear in a Los Angeles County courthouse Tuesday on the misdemeanor offense, but neither he nor his lawyer showed up, according to court docu-

ments filed Tuesday.

LaBeouf was also arrested late last year on a misdemeanor criminal trespassing charge for failing to leave a Chicago drug store. Arresting police in that incident noted that LaBeouf was "very courteous and polite," and the charge was dropped.

**Berry names her newborn daughter Nahla Ariela Aubry**

NEW YORK — Halle Berry's newborn daughter is named Nahla Ariela Aubry, her publicist Meredith O'Sullivan said Tuesday.

Nahla was born Sunday to Berry, 41, and her beau, model Gabriel Aubry, 32. It's Berry's first child.

The couple met while shooting a Versace commercial in Los Angeles two years ago. Berry has said she and Aubry don't plan to marry, but feel fully committed to each other.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## A 'sign' for safety



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mike Adams, a senior finance major and Eastern defensive tackle, and Woodrow Brown, an Eastern graduate, urge drivers to fasten their seat belts Wednesday afternoon on Lincoln Avenue. Both are members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

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

## Sisters say eBay canceled Illinois corn flake auction

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two sisters from Virginia who are selling a corn flake shaped like the state of Illinois on eBay say the online auction Web site canceled their listing.

"Something really dramatic just happened with our corn flake," Melissa McIntire, 23, of Chesapeake, Va., said, explaining that the sisters received an e-mail from eBay saying the cereal violated the site's food policy.

But the flake is back. The sisters say the Land of Lin-

coln twin they discovered in a box of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes is still available after all.

McIntire and her 15-year-old sister Emily said they've relisted the flake on eBay, but this time they're auctioning a coupon redeemable for it, instead of the cereal itself. Bidding on Wednesday was at \$255.00.

The coupon listing specifies that the corn flake is "NOT edible." That was the online auction site's main concern in canceling the original listing, said Nichola Sharpe, a spokeswoman for eBay Inc. based in San Jose, Calif.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Payment dispute resolved

## Senate resolves accidental hiring of marketing director

By Rick Kambic  
Student Government Reporter

The Student Senate voted 19-6 with two abstentions to compensate and pay Scott Murray up to \$500 for his advertising work this semester.

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick authored the resolution and admitted to knowing Murray as a friend from class when she initially requested his help. Ogulnick voted yes for the resolution.

"He is a friend of mine, yes, but I've also worked with him on a professional level in doing campaign fliers," Ogulnick said. "I understand why I may have needed to abstain from the vote, but I didn't because I feel so strongly about us getting help."

The resolution transferred \$500 from non-employee travel expenses to pay for marketing assistance. Murray would get paid \$10 per hour, but he could not earn more than \$500 total this semester. Student Senate member Eric Hiltner asked Ogulnick what would happen if the resolution failed.

"There's nothing I really could have done but write him a formal letter apologizing for the misunderstanding," Ogulnick said.



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Student Senate respond with frustration to the prolonged discussion on a bill that would authorize the purchase of computers for the senate on Wednesday night.

Murray has already designed fliers for events such as Tuesday's DOA Murder Mystery Dinner. Student Senate member Ryan Oliver asked why paying Murray was not brought to the senate for approval when he first started designing advertisements. Student Body President Cole Rogers did not have a comment on the subject of Student Government accidentally entering monetary agreements without the consent of the senate.

Student Senate member Sean Wyrobek said what matters is Murray needs to at least be compensated for his completed work because he is not a student helping an organi-

zation, but an individual who works for a graphic design company.

Wyrobek said not paying Murray would be bad business on Student Government's part and could deter other contractors.

"This is not a Student Government position," Wyrobek said. "He is an individual from a professional company and it would reflect bad on us if we didn't pay him."

Student Government adviser Ceci Brinker said the Web site designer has also not been paid for his completed work.

"Yes, Scott (Murray) works for another professional company, but

we didn't go through his company to get him," Ogulnick said. "There were no contracts signed, so the only person who would really be mad about Scott not getting paid would have been Scott."

While several senate members were concerned about compensating Murray, others questioned retaining a paid marketing position. Ogulnick said Murray could possibly be named as the advertiser within the student Internal Relations committee. She later retracted the idea when Wyrobek asked if committee members could receive monetary rewards for work.

"I wouldn't have asked Scott to help and put the senate through this if I didn't think we needed the help," Ogulnick said.

Scott Murray is also a bi-weekly columnist for The Daily Eastern News. The senate also voted 19-4 with five abstentions to release \$13,000 from the Student Activities Reserve Account for 12 new computers to replace those in the Student Activities Center.

A second resolution to actually spend the funds was approved 19-7 with one abstention. Numerous senate members were concerned about a lack of effort to find free replacements within the university's recycling program.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Students' toxicology results still pending

The cause of death and toxicology results on Eastern students Jesse Mounce and Mark Schwartz are still pending, said Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols.

Nichols said he anticipates the cause of death and toxicology results for Mounce to be released before the weekend. Nichols has to sign the death certificate before the cause of death can be released to the public. Mounce was found dead in his apartment at 1701 Ninth St. on Feb. 8. Nichols said at the time Mounce's death was "apparently self-inflicted."

Schwartz's cause of death and toxicology results will be released within a week.

"It all depends on the lab time and microscopics," Nichols said.

Schwartz was pronounced dead at 7:09 p.m. at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Emergency room on Feb. 29.

### WEIU TV/Radio

#### celebrates Rogers

WEIU-TV and Hit-Mix 88.9 want students to celebrate what would have been Mister Rogers' 80th birthday by wearing a sweater today. WEIU-TV/Radio will give trolley rides today from their studio to downtown Charleston in the Lincoln Springs Resort Trolley. Students need to bring a non-perishable food item to the studio in order to receive a ride.

The rides will be from noon to 5 p.m., and all food collected will benefit the Charleston Food Pantry.

Hit-Mix 88.9 started giving out prizes on Monday for the celebration during "Won't You be my Neighbor?" Days.

Food donations will also be accepted until May 21.

Contact Jana Johnson at 581-9348 for more information.

### T-shirt design contest deadline this Friday

Eastern's Office of Orientation and the Coles/Cumberland County American Red Cross are sponsoring the Eastern Run for a Reason: Run Red. The run will benefit the local disaster relief fund. The run/walk will be held Sept. 27.

Currently the Office of Orientation and the Coles/Cumberland County American Red Cross are sponsoring a T-shirt design contest. The winning design will be placed on event materials and the designer will win a \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart. The design must include original art, a maximum of two colors, incorporate Eastern and the Red Cross and needs to be race-related.

Submissions are due to the Office of Orientation by Friday. Designers should include name, e-mail and phone number with entries. For more information call 581-6435.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT ELECTIONS

# SWAT party announces its candidates

## Bobbie Mitchell, Eric Wilber to run in April elections

By Rick Kambic  
Student Government Reporter

The Students Wanting Action Today party officially announced its candidates for the April Student Government election.

Bobbie Mitchell is running for student body president. Mitchell was recently appointed to the Student Senate for his first term after transferring from Lincoln Trail College. Mitchell said he was student body president at the community college for two years. When creating SWAT he recruited non-senate involved students as the executive board candidates.

"The reason why these people were brought from outside student government is because we're trying to change the image and direction of student government on this campus," Mitchell said. "Before you

can change the image, you have to change its perspectives."

Eric Wilber will be running for executive vice president. Wilber is a member of the Apportionment Board, is the student representative on the Charleston City Council, and is an intern for Illinois Rep. Chapin Rose. Wilber said when the senate is divided on topics the two sides usually represent senators who are engaged in activities and senators who are building resumes.

Mitchell agreed with Wilber. "Student Government is driven to pick sides on very controversial and emotional issues such as cultural diversity," Mitchell said. "There's also a big divide between the senators who actually work for the students and those who just like being senators."

SWAT wants to increase student government's visibility and relationships with registered student organizations on campus.

"The two biggest weaknesses with student government right now is its inability to follow through with

its plans, and we lack a professional image," Mitchell said. "The senators and execs may have a professional image, but Student Government as a whole does not."

SWAT has developed a plan to unite students campus-wide. The program would take a select group of freshmen, who will be nominated by resident assistants, and train them with current leaders of Registered Student Organizations. Mitchell said the new students would get exposed to leadership qualities much earlier than random participation would yield.

The new students and current officers would work on resolving hypothetical scenarios and would go on retreats to teach organization process and responsibility. Once the freshmen graduate from the program, they can take executive positions in Greek organizations, athletic teams, clubs, and RHA. Mitchell said the program would help reduce executive turnover within RSOs, thus making organizations stronger.

The program would also expose

future leaders of a variety of campus activities to each other to prompt teamwork among organizations, Mitchell said. The involvement of RSOs raises a funding question, because AB cannot allocate funding to non-fee based organizations. Mitchell said he would have to ask for a large volunteer base and also negotiate for co-sponsorships among the participating organizations.

All five executive board candidates have said they requested applications from the Student Activities Center.

Mitchell said the group is still busy collecting signatures for their petitions, but now that candidates have been chosen, the applications will be submitted shortly.

Laurel Fuqua, student activities center receptionist, said five of her 50 applications have been distributed.

Applications became available on Monday and will be due on April 1.

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## MEET THE STUDENTS WANTING ACTION TODAY CANDIDATES



• **BOBBIE MITCHELL**  
• Running for student body president.  
• Elected as a junior.  
• Served two years as student body president at Lincoln Trail College.



• **JACKIE ALEXANDER**  
• Running for student vice president for academic affairs.  
• Elected as a junior.  
• Was an intern for Campus Special and named one of the top ten interns out of 160, was an executive member of the American Marketing Association.



• **ERIC WILBER**  
• Running for student executive vice president.  
• Elected as a junior.  
• Intern for Illinois State Rep. Chapin Rose, Apportionment Board member, student representative to Charleston City Council.



• **KEVIN LEE**  
• Running for student vice president of business affairs.  
• Elected as a senior.  
• Resident Assistant for two years in Carman Hall, worked in the Office of Orientation.



• **PATRICK W. HOOD**  
• Running for student vice president for student affairs.  
• Elected as a senior.  
• Current member of Student Senate, non-commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, served two tours of duty in Iraq.



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## OTHER VIEWS ON IRAQ WAR

**Unjust to let Iraq slip back into chaos:** I still think many people, including myself, are unsure whether or not this war was for the best. We are a society that thrives off immediate facts and figures, and we grow impatient with having to wait for results.

But this is something that cannot be rushed, it is something that must be treated delicately so that those nearly 4,000 U.S. soldiers and thousands of other civilians who did not make it through the violence. What would be unjust is to consciously let Iraq slip back into that same dictatorial life.

— Cathy Wilson, Ohio University

**The Virtue of Humility:** America did remove a genocidal despot, has avoided an actual defeat, and has fought with respect for the civilians of Iraq. This war was the logical outcome of a school of thought that viewed as invincible America's power to aggressively pursue evil and spread democracy.

It was well-intentioned, but the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Now, thousands are dead, Iraq is broken, and America has suffered an immeasurable cost to its prestige and trillions of dollars of lost. We must now move forward, hold our leaders accountable, and draw this war to a close.

— Daniel Barbaro, Harvard University

**War of the words:** First, Iraq was an invasion. Slam dunks, shock and awe. Then it was an occupation.

Now it's a quagmire. It's a five-year war. Nearly 4,000 American servicemen and women are dead; 30,000 have been scarred by injury. There is no peace in Iraq, and nothing the United States can do in our short lifetimes will create peace in Iraq.

Ever notice the Bush Administration stopped coming up with one-liners at a certain point?

"Shock and awe" stops working after enough sons, daughters, fathers and mothers come home without limbs.

— Chuck Lippstreu, U. of Nebraska

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## Drawn from the news | Andrew Hicks



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Five years later, still no light at the end of the tunnel

At this time five years ago, the initial stages of U.S. military operations in Iraq began. Newspapers across the country had massive headlines and gave it coverage of immense proportions.

Sadly, the conflict is still on-going, with our military personnel facing the possibilities of still being sent to Iraq.

And now, we reflect back upon this conflict that has, at times, divided our nation, our political leaders and citizens and has sparked intense debate.

Here are some numbers to consider:

At least 3,990 members of the U.S. military have died in Iraq, as of Tuesday, since the conflict started five years ago to this day, according to the *Associated Press*.

That means since major combat operations started March 19, 2003 at 8:34 p.m. CST, which was 1,827 days ago, an average of two military personnel have died every day since.

To put a more local face on the loss, since January 2007, 29 soldiers from Illinois have lost their lives in Iraq, according to CNN, including Pfc. Danny L. Kimme, 27, from Fisher.

Kimme was one of three soldiers killed on Jan. 16, 2008

when they were attacked by grenade and small-arms fire during combat operations in Balad, Iraq.

Cpl. Allen C. Roberts, 21, from Arcola lost his life in Al Assad, Iraq, on Nov. 28, 2007, during a vehicle accident.

Pfc. Robert A. Liggett, 23, from Urbana died from injuries suffered from a non-combat related incident in Rustamiya, Iraq, on May 29, 2007.

Spc. Francis M. Trussel Jr., 21, from Lincoln, died of wounds suffered when a roadside bomb detonated near his position in Tahrir, Iraq, on May 26, 2007.

Pvt. Cole E. Spencer, 21, from Gays, was one of three soldiers who were killed when their vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb and small arms fire during combat operations in Salman Pak, Iraq, on April 28, 2007.

These men, as well as women, have lost their lives too soon. CNN has counted 4,297 total coalition deaths since the war began.

Along with the death tolls, a *National Post* article claimed 65,000 wounded soldiers and between 90,000 and 100,000 Iraqi civilian deaths — all in five short years.

Among the non-American deaths include two Australians, 175 British soldiers, 13 Bulgarians, one Czech, seven Danes, two Dutch soldiers, two

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Today marks the five-year anniversary of U.S. troops engaged in war in Iraq.

• **Stance:** As we reflect on the thousands of lives lost, the lack of weapons of mass destruction and the president's dismal approval rating, we question what is left to fight.

soldiers from Estonia, one soldier from Fiji, one Hungarian, 33 Italians, one Kazakh, one Korean, three Latvian, 22 Poles, three Romanians, five Salvadorans, four Slovaks, 11 Spaniards, two Thai and 18 Ukrainians as of Wednesday.

And, according to President Bush, all major military operations officially ended May 1, 2003. That was merely 1,784 days ago.

According to the Defense Department, 29,395 U.S. military service members have been wounded in hostile action.

The toll this war has brought onto our country is undoubtedly enormous. Our economy is suffering as a result of spending \$3 trillion to fight the second-longest war to date next to Vietnam, according to an article last week in the *Washington Post*.

Questions arise nearly every hour of every

day as to what we are doing in Iraq still, five years later. Saddam Hussein is dead. No weapons of mass destruction have been found.

Bush has pledged to maintain the course, but what course is still left after five years?

Bush has felt the wrath of the American public like almost no other president in our history has.

A look at his approval ratings in the USA Today/Gallup poll shows a disturbing trend that should embarrass our president.

A poll taken March 22-23, three days after the Iraq invasion started, his approval rating was at a stellar 71 percent.

Since then, it slowly decreased, all the way to an all-time low of 29 percent in a poll taken July 6-8 last summer.

The last poll, taken Jan. 30-Feb. 2 this year, showed only a slight increase to 34 percent.

Those numbers, along with all the others presented, are disheartening for the American public.

And it doesn't take much to figure out the correlation between Bush's decline among Americans and the start of the Iraq war.

Let's just hope five years from now on March 19, 2013 — the 10-year anniversary of the Iraq war — that newspapers will not be writing again about the staggering American and coalition.

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—Nicole Milstead



SCOTT A. MURRAY

## Pulling back the curtain

The attitudes of administration officials and the media that serve them can be summarized by a message written in lipstick found on a mirror in a destroyed house in Falluja: "Fuck Iraq and every Iraqi in it."

In making the original case for war, President Bush advanced what he called the "single question": will Saddam eliminate his arsenals of mass destruction? It's widely understood, and often conceded by the business press, that WMDs were never unearthed in Iraq; however, this is not entirely accurate. Stockpiles of materials and equipment to manufacture chemical, biological and nuclear weapons were discovered — those that were produced in the 1980s with the crucial aid of the United States and Britain, in violation of international law.

These stores were intentionally left unguarded by coalition forces, and as a result the sites were systematically looted. At the same time, a journalist from Jordan, when interviewing officials maintaining the Iraqi-Jordanian border, learned that one in every eight trucks leaving Iraq to destinations unknown contained detectable radioactive material. When asked to comment on the looting of the sites, then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld remarked, "Stuff happens."

Other key pretexts for the invasion and occupation of Iraq, such as the "bulletproof" link between Saddam and al-Qaeda, have also finally crumbled. Last week, the Pentagon revealed that, after studying over 600,000 internal documents liberated from Saddam's archives, no link had ever existed between the two — reaffirming what was being argued by dissident groups like the United Nations since 2003.

The current justification for our occupation of Iraq is that our presence is necessary to achieve and preserve stability in the region. The two chief obstacles to peace in the smoldering country are explicitly named by U.S. officials: "foreign interference" in Iraq and violent sectarian conflict.

Administration officials express deep concern about "influx of (approximately 3,000) foreign fighters" into Iraq that destabilizes the nation and vow to "push back against foreign interference," despite the fact that they have enthusiastically supported Turkey's own incursion into northern Iraq, with a force that consists of more than 10,000 troops that are "relying largely on intelligence and weapons provided by Washington."

The role of the United States' occupation in mitigating sectarian conflict is also called into question, given the results of a recent analysis delivered to the U.S. military earlier this year, which found that all Iraqi ethnic and militant groups agree that "the U.S. military invasion is the primary root of the violent differences among them."

Thus, there is hope for achieving relative peace and stability in Iraq, as long as the invaders show a willingness to heed the requests of the Iraqi people, who have long wished for Americans to leave the business of building an authentic Iraqi democracy to them. On the other hand, we can always choose to "fuck Iraq and every Iraqi in it," and ignore the desires of the population and the violent consequences of our occupation.

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## » Marines

FROM PAGE 1

Becker, a senior finance major, joined the Marine Corps because he needed a way to pay for college and the Marine Corps had the most honest recruiters. He said they were the only ones to tell him he would hate it.

Becker came from a small town and working-class family. He joined the infantry to get out of the small town and see something. He also said it sounded like a big camping trip and an opportunity to blow stuff up.

"The interesting part was when I first joined the infantry, I never thought war would come while I was in," Adamiec said.

By the time his second and third year came around in the Marine Corps, Adamiec said he kind of hoped war would come so he could put his training to use.

### Not nervous heading in

Adamiec and Becker were deployed overseas in August 2002 to perform real-world missions. They spent time in Kenya as security for the Navy, which had been deployed to give dental aid to the natives. Their unit also went to Djibouti, Africa to serve as security for the CIA while they arrested al-Qaida leaders at an airport.

Just before they would leave for home, the ship Adamiec and Becker's unit was on broke. The ship docked in Bahrain for a month while repairs were made. The unit had just started back to the U.S. when the orders came that they were going to Iraq.

"Two days later, we were in Iraq," Adamiec said.

Becker had mixed emotions when he found out the unit was heading to Iraq.

"It was a confusion of either being pissed off that we didn't get to go home yet or glad that we actually get to do what we're trained to do," Becker said.

Adamiec said he was pumped up about it.

"(My lieutenant) passed me in the hallway and I was filling up my canteen and he says 'Sgt. Adamiec, you nervous?' I looked at him and I said, 'Sir, I've actually been more nervous playing baseball — being up to bat in the ninth inning with a full count and the team's counting on me to hit a home run to win the game.'"

He wasn't nervous about going to Iraq, Adamiec added.

"We had to do it," he said.



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Jason Adamiec (far left) and Brad Becker (far right) pose with other members of their Marine Corps unit while stationed in Iraq in 2003.

### No shower for 33 days

Becker said he didn't know what to expect of Iraq.

As the plane was landing in Iraq, there was a firefight off the landing strip and the unit received a call saying chemical weapons might be used.

Everyone had to put on gas masks, which only added to the soldiers' discomfort. The gas mask was like breathing through a filter, Becker said.

The temperature was between 120 to 130 degrees. All were in their suits that are as thick as snowsuits.

Becker said the pack he wore outweighed him by about 30 pounds.

Adamiec said he had to have two guys to help put on his pack. One would help throw the pack over his shoulder, while the other would stop him from falling over.

There were no bases in Iraq when Adamiec and Becker were there. They lived in trenches just deep enough so when they lay down, they were even with the ground.

That's where Adamiec and Becker slept every night.

Becker said out of that whole year, they slept on a bed for maybe two weeks. Otherwise they were on the dirt and in the cold.

There was no shower, and Adamiec didn't even brush his teeth or shave. He had room for a toothbrush and shaving cream or room for more ammunition, so he threw out the toiletries.

Becker said not being able to shower for 33 days was unpleasant as well. He took his first bath in a moat. It was gross with green water.

"I didn't care," Becker said. "It felt good."

Adamiec said after a certain point, he couldn't tell the difference anymore. He changed his socks when they got too hard or got holes in them.

"We reeked," Becker said. "You could smell your own feet." He said the guy he slept next to in the trenches would bury his feet in the sand because they smelled so horrible.

### Seeing the Iraqi poverty

Adamiec was amazed at the reception the troops received from the Iraqi people while there. He said every day was like being in a parade.

"The kids absolutely loved us," he said. He said the Iraqi children would shout, "USA, USA, George Bush."

Flowers were thrown at them.

Becker said while they patrolled, about 150 children would follow them around.

They also saw several people who had been tortured or put in prison by Saddam Hussein.

Adamiec said there was a girl with her nose cut or burned off because of something her parents did.

He also said being in Iraq was like time-traveling. Iraq didn't simply have a different culture. They seemed 500 years behind the U.S.

This automatically made him realize how drawn out it was going to become.

Houses were run down with dirt floors and no sewer systems. Becker said a typical home would have one strand of wire connected to one outlet, which connected to one light bulb.

He also said there were two trenches down the middle of the road into which the Iraqis threw their gar-

bage and sewage.

"You can't even describe what it smelled like," Becker said.

Adamiec said there was literally a moat of raw sewage surrounding the city.

### Enemies without uniforms

Becker and Adamiec were in Iraq for about two months.

Adamiec said it was hard to know who was fighting them.

"It could be a little kid coming up to you with a stuffed animal and that family would be proud (if) that kid came up and blew you guys up because he was a martyr," he said.

There were no uniforms to tell who was against the U.S.

"All the people we did end up capturing looked just like any other guy," Becker said.

Adamiec and Becker were setting up roadblocks and doing vehicle checkpoints before their biggest raid on April 13.

Because Adamiec and Becker's unit had been overseas since 2002 before going to Iraq, they were the first unit to be pulled out of Iraq.

Baghdad fell in 21 days, and the unit stayed two to three weeks after they stopped the declaration of war.

Since Baghdad fell and the heavy fighting was over, Adamiec and Becker were done.

### Five years of progress

Adamiec believes the United States will always be in Iraq. The U.S. has bases in Germany and Japan that have existed since World War II.

"Five years is nothing," Adamiec said. "I think it's going to be longer."

Becker said it's going to take time

to rebuild Iraq.

"It took America 200 years to get where it is right now, and they're about where we were when we started the colonies," he said.

Adamiec said there has been five years of conflict, but also five years of progress. Schools have been built and garbage services and plumbing have been set up.

Becker said even though individually he didn't do anything, he was still a part of something.

"It's (definitely) a good feeling to know that you're a part of a change in the world," Becker said.

### Returning home together

Both Adamiec and Becker are a part of the Black Knights of the Embarras, a group for Eastern student combat veterans.

Larry Coblenz, chair for the military science department and adviser for the Black Knights, said the group provides support and helps veterans transition from military life to student life.

Coblenz said the group is filled with motivated young people and he is glad he is their adviser.

"They're squared-away guys and gals," Coblenz said.

He said the members are just as he's hoped they would be, and it is a group to be proud of.

"They're a great example of today's soldiers," Coblenz said.

The group rejuvenated itself at the end of spring 2006.

Adamiec said there was camaraderie with the guys in the military, but when he came back to society that feeling was lost.

He said it's hard to connect with anyone on the same level as those in the military. The soldiers get each other's humor.

"We have a bond. You don't even have to say anything; you already have a bond," Adamiec said.

He said he misses the Marine Corps a lot, but the Black Knights has given him a way to handle his emotions and channel his love of military.

Becker said it helps to also contribute to those still in service.


The Black Knights know what the troops are going through and how getting a care package can feel like the best feeling in the world, he said.

"You know how that feels and you want to help," he said.

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## CAMPUS | ANNIVERSARY OF IRAQ WAR

# Students look back on history of Iraq war

Some positions on conflict have changed in five years

By Sara Cuadrado  
Campus Reporter

Jenn Sliozias, a freshman nursing major, said she remembers worrying about a possible draft when the Iraq War started because she had two brothers that were of the age to be drafted.

The Iraq war started five years ago on March 19 at 8:34 p.m. CST.

President Bush announced the start of the war to disarm the country of possible weapons of mass destruction and free the Iraqi people.

Kelly Hughes, a sophomore management major, said she remembered people starting to talk about war after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. She said she supported the war when it started.

Emily Immel, a sophomore elementary education major, said she thought the war was a "hasty decision."

"I always thought we were there for the wrong reasons," Immel said.

She said it seemed like the war was a response to Sept. 11, but didn't understand why because the terrorists were said to be in Afghanistan.

Sliozias said she saw why we went to war in the beginning.

"I remember thinking we had to protect our country," she said.

David Stork, a junior social sciences major, also said he thought the war was necessary in the beginning because of the possible weapons of mass destruction.

He said after not finding any weapons of mass destruction and receiving incorrect information, he doesn't support the war.

"I think we were tricked into it," Stork said.

Sliozias said she also had some doubts on the war.

She said she was confused on why we were rebuilding another country when we had problems of our own here.

After five years into the war, Sliozias has seen a family friend serve in Iraq and return safely home.

She said she still thinks we have issues in our own country, but thinks pulling out of Iraq wouldn't change those issues.

Reyshawn Redmond, a sophomore business management major, said he never agreed with the war because he doesn't agree with idea of killing people.

Brett Nommensen, a junior physical education major, said he thought it was a good idea at first, but as more innocent people began to die, he said he began to think it was pointless.

Danyelle Parker, a sophomore communications major, said it was a shock to be in a gen-

eration that would witness the war.

Parker said she thinks President Bush made a good decision with the war, and it is not his fault that it didn't turn out as planned.

Many students also know people who have served, will serve or are serving in Iraq.

Parker said she knows people are enlisting in the military that may be sent to Iraq.

Nommensen said his friend's brother served in Iraq.

Stork said he knows people who have been to Iraq, people who are going to Iraq and people who have returned from serving in Iraq.

Although the start of a war is a historic event, none of these students could recall exactly where they were when the war started.

"I could tell you exactly where I was for September 11," Stork said.

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## NATION | IRAQ WAR

## President remains steadfast on war tactics in Iraq

Bush defiantly defends high cost Iraq war, says 'world is better' for it

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush defiantly defended the Iraq war Wednesday as U.S. troops began a sixth year of combat in the long and costly conflict that has dominated his presidency.

Bush conceded the war has been harder and more expensive than anticipated but insisted it has all been necessary to keep Americans safe. Bush, in a speech at the Pentagon, offered some of his boldest assessments of progress and said the war's legacy is absolute: "The world is better, and the United States of America is safer."

A war-weary country isn't nearly so convinced. Almost 4,000 U.S. military members have died, and more than 29,000 have been wounded. The cost is \$500 billion and counting.

"No one would argue that this war has not come at a high cost in

lives and treasure," Bush said. "But those costs are necessary when we consider the cost of a strategic victory for our enemies in Iraq."

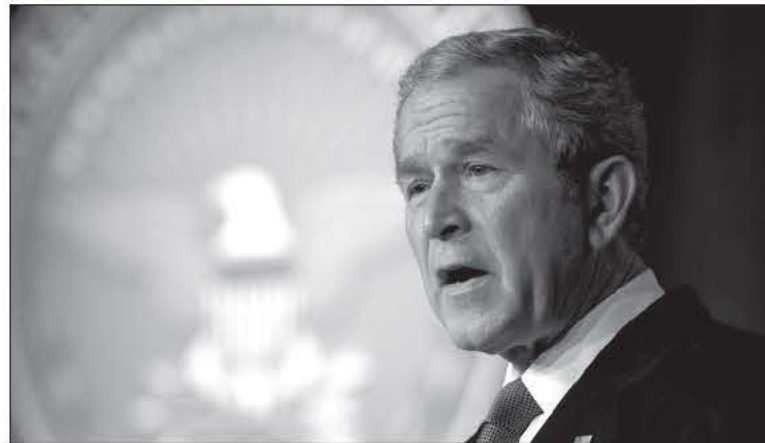
The U.S. has about 158,000 troops in Iraq, and that number is expected to drop to 140,000 by summer. But Bush signaled anew that he will not pull more troops home as long as his commanders worry that doing so will imperil recently improved conditions in Iraq.

"Having come so far, and achieved so much, we're not going to let this happen," Bush said.

Democrats in Congress assailed Bush for failed, tired leadership and questioned why he did not push Iraq's leaders to live up to promises.

"All the president seems able to offer Americans is more of the same perpetual disregard for the costs and consequences of stubbornly staying the course in Iraq," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Bush starkly described the costs of trying to end the war too quickly. From his perspective, retreat would lead to chaos in Iraq, embolden al-Qaida to pursue an attack on America and encourage Iran to develop



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President George W. Bush speaks at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, March 19, 2008, on the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion in Iraq.

nuclear weapons.

"To allow this to happen would be to ignore the lessons of September the 11th and make it more likely that America would suffer another attack like the one we experienced that day," Bush said.

Bush praised Sunni tribal leaders for rising up against al-Qaida in Iraq.

He said that has led to similar uprisings across the country.

"Iraq was supposed to be the place where al-Qaida rallied Arab masses to drive America out," Bush said. "Instead, Iraq has become the place where Arabs joined with Americans to drive al-Qaida out. In Iraq, we are witnessing the first large-scale Arab uprising against Osama bin Laden, his grim ideology."

Bush did not mention that weapons of mass destruction in Iraq — a main justification for the war — were

never found.

"This isn't the war we signed up for," said Jon Alterman, head of the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. Back in 2003, he said, Americans expected a quick, decisive defeat of Saddam and no lingering presence.

Bush spoke of Saddam's removal as a worthy end in itself, ridding Iraq of death squads, torture chambers and rape rooms.

He also jabbed at political critics who he said "still call for retreat." The message was similar to the "no surrender" theme of Bush's would-be Republican successor, Sen. John McCain, who also warns about pulling troops home too fast.

Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph E. Stiglitz and Harvard University public finance expert Linda Bilmes have estimated the eventual cost of the war could be as much as \$3 trillion when all the expenses are calculated.

"War critics can no longer credibly argue that we are losing in Iraq," Bush said, "so now they argue the war costs too much."

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CAMPUS | EVENT

# Historical women as seen through student's eyes

Showcase of artwork, books exhibited in part of Women's History and Awareness Month

By Josh Van Dyke  
Staff Reporter

Jaide Banning is inspired by Anne Curry. Curry, along with civil rights activist Rosa Parks, Nobel Peace Prize recipient Jane Addams and talk-show host Oprah Winfrey were featured in the gallery "Women in the Arts," a showcase of student artwork sponsored by Women's History and Awareness Month.

The student artwork was exhibited in Buzzard Hall Wednesday.

Part of the gallery's goal was to look at important women throughout history.

Participants were told to focus their work on female artists.

The result was a group of displays featuring a variety of inspirational female figures.

Banning, a junior elementary education major, focused on Curry.

"Anne Curry tries to help people so much and it inspired me," she said.

The students were also given the chance to show their talent in the form of children's books. The books, written and illustrated entirely by elementary education students, visited a variety of subjects.



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Observers stand among posters and books that were on display for the "Women in the Arts" exhibit in Buzzard Hall Wednesday afternoon.

"The Sun Who Could Not Shine" dealt with a rain cloud bully denying potential, while the young main character in "A New Addition" wrestles with the news of a baby sis-

ter on the way.

Some of the stories were very personal.

"Wishes and Dreams and All Those Nice Things" was based on author Kelika Chalmers' experiences raising children.

"I wish (Women's History and Awareness Month) was more than a month," said Chalmers, a elementary education major.

The goal of the gallery was to showcase the impact women have made on literature and the humanities that is often ignored.

"We wanted to make a contribution because the majority of our students are women," said Kiran Padmaraju, assistant professor in the department of early childhood, elementary and middle level education.

The showcase is part of a larger collection of events being run as part of Women's History and Awareness Month. There will also be a feminist film festival throughout next week, a student-led discussion titled "Sex and Sandwiches," and more.

The next event will be "College Women's Bodies," a presentation by Eastern alum Colleen Coffey that will go from 5-6 pm today in the Grand Ballroom of Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Coffey will discuss anxiety, eating disorder, and depression at the seminar.

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## » Spring

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Charleston outdoor areas are not the only places in the county preparing for spring.

Staff members at Fox Ridge State Park, located eight miles south of Charleston, are in the midst of preparing the park for a visitor increase.

Park ranger Arthur Jewell said along with getting all of the equipment and facilities ready for increased visitors, they are also help-

ing prepare warm-weather fauna grow.

Jewell said park personnel do this by having a controlled burn of their prairie grass in order to burn away some of the cold-weather grass varieties and allow the warm-weather grass to grow more easily.

"If you do a prairie burn, you will help the warm-season grass compete with the cool-season grasses," he said.

Fox Ridge is open year-round, but recent rains and flooding have caused some of the areas of the

park to be closed off. These include the canoe area and one of the park roads.

Jewell expects a significant increase in the number of visitors to Fox Ridge in May and June when all of the park areas and facilities will be available for use.

The Douglas-Hart Nature Center, located on the outskirts of Mattoon, is also preparing for droves of visitors brought out by the spring weather.

Nature Center Director Kim Ross said the preserve is open all year, but most visitors come in late spring or

early summer when it is warm but not oppressively hot outside.

She said the number of visitors increases dramatically as they pass from winter to spring.

"In the winter, we'll sometimes have days where no one will come in," Ross said. "But in the spring and summer we sometimes have up to 100 visitors a day."

She said the staff removes any garlic mustard plants to keep the invasive plants from taking nutrients from other plants near them, and plants trees and shrubs around the

preserve to prepare for these visitors.

Ross said most of the visitors the center sees are from around the area.

"(Visitors) kind of make a day out of the trip," she said.

Ross said some of the visitors are travelers on Interstate 57 who stop and visit the center while on the road. She said people are drawn to the center because of the three miles of trails they offer and the fact that it is free.

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## » Iraq

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"The Republican Party has become increasingly unpopular among voters as warnings of an Iraqi threat to U.S. national security were revealed to be false and as failures to achieve military victory and political stability have continued," Taylor said.

The war has had both long-term and short-term effects on Iraq.

"Long-term, it is hard to predict with any certainty," Cuno said. "Short-term (since 2003), the invasion has destabilized Iraq and drained resources from the effort to defeat the Taliban and stabilize Afghanistan."

Almost 4,000 Americans have been killed and tens of thousands have been wounded.

Estimates run between 30,000 and 100,000 Iraqis wounded or incapacitated, Taylor said.

**Election focuses on Iraq**

In the current presidential election, Iraq is one of the main issues candidates are discussing.

"In some ways, Senator McCain's statement that we will have troops in Iraq for the next hundred years seems more likely than the rath-

er vague statements by Senators Clinton and Obama calling for an immediate disengagement," Hardeman said. "The term 'immediate' is quite flexible. It could mean 60 days, 6 months or 100 years."

Despite candidates saying they will change current foreign policy, Taylor said he does not believe their claims.

"The next administration, even

under Obama's or Clinton's leadership, is likely to continue business-as-usual around the world, including overseas military intervention having nothing to do with U.S. national security," Taylor said. "This has been the bipartisan elite consensus for a century and is unlikely to change anytime soon."

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3/20  
Department of Special Education: Special Olympics, Friday, April 25 2008. 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. : O'Brein Stadium-- EIU, Special Olympics Volunteer forms are available in 12 12 Buzzard Hall, Department of Special Education, and are due by 4:30 p.m. March 20th.

3/20  
WEIU-TV and HIT MIX 88.9 are celebrating Won't You Wear a Sweater on Thursday, March 20th in honor of what would have been Mr. Rogers 80th birthday. It is in part of Won't You Be My Neighbor Days, celebrated March 17th-21st, with prizes being given away all week. So wear a sweater Thursday, and donate a non-perishable food item to their studios on the 20th to receive a free trolley ride to Downtown Charleston from 12-5 p.m., courtesy of Lincoln Springs Resort Trolley . All food collected will benefit the Charleston Food Pantry. For more information, visit www.weiu.net, www.weihitmix.net, or call Jana Johnson at 581-9348. It truly is...a beautiful day in the WEIU neighborhood!

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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The New York Times Crossword Edited by Will Shortz No. 0207

ACROSS

1 Jet

6 Bush people, for short

9 Retail, e.g.

14 Indo-\_\_\_

15 It may come after you

16 Spam flavorer

17 \*Hairy-leaved plant

19 Many a dance club tune

20 English author Blyton

21 Motor \_\_\_

22 Parish V.I.P.

23 Bootblack's need

24 \*Fighter at 112 pounds or less

26 Mind

28 "Without a doubt"

29 Not still

31 Seaver once called it home

33 \_\_\_ of the earth

37 \*Classic comical restaurant complaint

40 Fictional governess

41 S.O.S., in essence

42 Regarding

43 "\_\_\_ sport"

44 Singer Jacques

45 \*Umpire's invocation after a pop-up, perhaps

51 Time period for a C.F.O.

54 Reassuring result on a blood test

55 Mimic

56 Biblical prophet

57 Traditional spy wear

58 \*Advice to a careless dresser, maybe

60 Former N.B.A. star Danny

61 Enzyme ending

62 Obtuse

63 Occasion to sing "Dayenu"

64 Gen \_\_\_

65 They're found around a neck

DOWN

1 Penny \_\_\_

2 Bowl

3 \*Unreliable sort

4 Write an ode to

5 Wearer of a half-inch stripe: Abbr.

6 Decorated, on menus

7 Tropical tree-dweller

8 Zing

9 O.R. attire

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10 Car discontinued in 2004

11 Bluesman Willie

12 Web-based way to announce a party

13 Gender determiner, as on a chicken farm

18 The same, in a way

22 Third-stringers

24 "\_\_\_ #1!"

25 Villainous one in "The Lion King"

27 Where punts were spent

29 Bolted down

30 Short

31 Some greens

32 Hotfoot it

33 De bene \_\_\_ (legal phrase)

34 Restricted space ... or a hint to the answers to the six starred clues

35 One and one

36 White Sulphur \_\_\_, W. Va.: Abbr.

38 Relieve, as for a break

39 Easily maneuvered, as a boat

43 Lab receptacle

44 \_\_\_ cheese

45 They believed the world was created by Viracocha

46 "That's the truth!"

47 Makeshift fan

48 Subject of a certain Google search

49 Subject of union negotiations

50 Caffeine or nicotine

52 Bank's partner

53 Hurls defiance at

56 Assessor

58 Hole-punching tool for a slater

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SEASON RECAP

# Panthers ready for next season

Several program first accomplished; virtually same line-up and coach next year

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee took the Eastern women's basketball program to new heights this past season.

The Panthers finished with a winning record at 19-13 record and 15-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The program finished in a second-way tie in the OVC and made it all the way to the OVC Tournament championship game before losing to Murray State.

"We did a lot of good things this year," Sallee said. "We had put our ourselves in a great position. It was a good year for us. We grew quite a bit as a basketball team."

Sallee has gone 49-68 in four seasons at Eastern.

He is the first coach to post double-digit wins in four consecutive seasons since former Eastern head coach John Klein did it from 1994-1998.

In Eastern's 12 year-membership of the OVC, Sallee directed the program to its best finish in the league and guided Eastern to its first ever appearance in the OVC Tournament Championship game.

"I guess if you put a neat ribbon around it and tie it up, we've got ourselves at the top of the league," Sallee said. "We want to be the absolute at the top of the league. And that's the next step."

Eastern returns all five starters next season, and all players except for senior guard Brittney Coleman and sophomore guard Jessica Huffman.

Coleman did not play during the 2007-08 season because of a knee injury and Huffman, the 2007 OVC Freshman of the Year, decided to transfer at the end of the semester.

Sallee said he wants to stick around for the next couple of years and try to keep building the program.

His contract was extended to the end of the 2008-09 season by a vote of confidence by the Board of Trustees in April 2006.

"I don't worry too much about what I can't control," Sallee said. "I just coach women's basketball. (Building a program) is something I've dreamed about for a long, long time."

And Sallee said he could do it



**Brady Sallee**  
Eastern's head women's basketball coach has almost his entire team returning next season.

with the players, coaches and other intangibles around him.

"We're in a position to do it," Sallee said. "We understand it's going to take a lot of work."

Former Eastern athletic director Rich McDuffie said at the time when Sallee was hired picking a candidate who would stick around was important but would like to give him an opportunity to move up the ladder if that day comes.

"If after two conference championships, a school like Illinois comes calling, it's our responsibility for us to shake his hand and say it's time to move on," McDuffie said in April 2004. "If it comes to that, we'd be happy to do it."

Eastern interim athletic director Ken Baker said if any contracts are renewed or extended, it would be the decision of the new athletic director.

Baker said he would sit down with both basketball coaches and talk with them since the season just ended.

Sallee has recruited and developed his own players.

This includes Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan.

Galligan was the 2006 OVC Freshman of the Year in Sallee's second season. Galligan has gone to earn First-Team All-Conference honors the last two seasons and has earned the reputation as one of the top players in the league.

One of Sallee's other recruits, red-shirt sophomore guard Dominique Sims, earned All-OVC Newcomer honors this season. Sims was second on the team in scoring, second in rebounding and third in blocks this past season.

Sallee's first recruiting class, this year's juniors, have made two conference tournaments in three years.

"It was real exciting to have a lot of firsts," said Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale. "We're going in the right direction. We still have a lot of have to do. People may have not seen it. We kept working hard. We kept working out. We had this season. It's a great feeling."

Eastern sophomore forward Marie Baker could hardly describe her feelings about the team's success.

"It's hard to explain how it felt," Baker said. "We planned all this out. We talked about our goals in the postseason. It was just so rewarding."

Sallee said he wants his team to focus for next season, and the Panthers look to be one of the top teams in the conference.

"Now the challenge is not to be this one-hit wonder," Sallee said. "We all understand we have a good basketball team intact. The challenge is to build and duplicate what we did this year."

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## Klatter

FROM PAGE 12

Andrew Klatter, Jimmy's younger high school-age brother, was at home in Geneva when his dad broke the news of Jimmy's accident.

"Personally, it's very difficult dealing with what's been occurring with Jimmy," Andrew said. "One point during the day, he'll be in a stable area with his pressure and a couple hours later he'll be back up to where the unsafe numbers are."

Eastern senior forward Mick Galeski was teammates with Jimmy during his freshman season.

Galeski said he was supposed to meet Jimmy in Chicago the night of the accident, but Jimmy had to cancel. Galeski said he got a phone call from one of Jimmy's friends a few hours later.

"My heart broke," Galeski said. "Jimmy was my captain my freshman year."

Galeski said Jimmy was the veteran on the team that took him under his wing and was a good influence.

Galeski said he continues to receive updates on Jimmy from Jimmy's college roommate and mutual friend Shaun Leyden. Galeski was with Leyden the night of the accident.

For now, the Klatter family is updating Jimmy's status with a group on facebook.com and on CarePages.com and trying to cope with the situation.

"We are mentally, physically and emotionally exhausted," Laura said. "We've been living in a small waiting room at Delnor Community Hospital (in Geneva) since Jimmy arrived."

Laura said the hospital staff has been accommodating.

"Jimmy has the best nurses and doctors working with him," Laura said. "The staff (at Delnor) are his angels."

Laura said Jimmy is also suffering from pneumonia because he is on a respirator and the hospital staff hasn't been able to get him to cough or move much because any time the doctors try to apply any stimulus, Jimmy's ICP goes up.

But through this ordeal Laura said her family has witnessed a few miracles. "We have realized how strong each one of us truly is," Laura said. "We have seen our family come together as one cohesive unit."

Laura said the outpouring of supports from Geneva, the soccer teams Jimmy played with and Eastern has been wonderful.

"We're just so appreciative of what everyone is doing," Laura said. "From the bottom of our hearts, we just want to thank everyone."

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## SOFTBALL | NOTEBOOK

## Danca possibly out for season with injured thumb

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern junior centerfielder Angela Danca may be out for a long time.

"It's kind of all up in the air right now," Eastern senior pitcher Karyn Mackie said. "She can't catch. She just needs to heal."

Danca dislocated her left thumb on March 2 against Jackson State.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said the junior centerfielder dislocated her thumb when she tried to slide into second base.

"I was stealing second and the ball came across and she flipped me," Danca said. "I must have come down on my hand. She cleated me. It happened so fast I can't remember."

Danca is the team's second-leading hitter with a .348 batting average.

### Jacoby listed as day-to-day

Kathleen Jacoby has missed several games lately.

The junior pitcher had the flu and has not pitched since March 11 against Florida International.

She missed the Panthers' first Ohio Valley Conference series of the season against Tennessee State.

"Jacoby was sick the whole weekend," Schuette said. "Her (status) is kind of day-to-day right now."

That leaves Eastern with two healthy starting pitchers — Mackie and Ashley Robison, both seniors. Freshman Taylor Lawson could be the third starter, but is slated to be a reliever this season.

"Karyn and Ashley are doing well," Schuette said. "They can't put too much pressure on themselves. They just have to go out there and make (opponents) hit their best pitch."

Mackie said she understands

what is expected of her.

"We know we have to step it up," Mackie said. "We don't have as much backup. (Jacoby) will hopefully be back by this weekend."

### Starting conference well

The Panthers won two of three games last weekend against Tennessee State.

Eastern won 2-1, 3-2 and lost 5-2 in Nashville, Tenn.

"We fought," Schuette said. "We battled our way to come with two wins. I was pleased with the fight and the scratch and the claw to get a victory."

The Panthers won their first two conference games for the first time since the 2006 season.

### Close games against Tigers

In the past three seasons, Eastern has won six of nine games against Tennessee State and all have been

close.

Last season, Eastern won 1-0, 4-3 and lost 3-1 at Williams Field. In the 2006 season, Eastern won 3-2 twice and lost 7-0 in Nashville.

Schuette said TSU pitcher Amanda Vaught is the reason the games have been close.

"Amanda Vaught is a good pitcher for them," Schuette said. "She has a good curveball that kids have trouble hitting. That was evident with us."

### Menzione hits the long ball

Eastern sophomore left fielder Denee' Menzione leads Eastern with four home runs, which is the same number she had all last season.

Her eight career home runs places her sixth all-time in Eastern career history.

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JORDAN TOKARZ

Top Cat is a weekly feature that displays one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the player and moments from the sporting event.

SWING ADJUSTMENT LEADS TO HITS

Junior transfer leads Eastern in batting average and runs

By Micky Deming  
Staff Reporter

A slight adjustment at the plate and a positive attitude was all Jordan Tokarz needed for a hot-hitting spring break.

The junior transfer from Elgin Community College helped Eastern go 5-3 in the All-Star Challenge in Bradenton, Fla., by hitting safely in all eight games while batting .455 with one home run and five RBIs.

Tokarz is currently in the midst of a nine-game hitting streak going back to Eastern's final game against Northwestern State on March 2.

The successful trip came after a 0-6 start for the Panthers, in which Tokarz had only four hits in 22 at bats (.182 average).

With the slow start, the second baseman did not lose any confidence in his ability. He said he knew he was a good hitter, and he spent extra time working on his swing.

He said he was lunging at the ball and had too much movement in his swing.

Junior shortstop Jordan Kreke said Tokarz has been working hard, and the results of that hard work are beginning to show.

"He has a really good swing," Kreke said. "He's seeing the ball well



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Eastern junior second baseman Jordan Tokarz hit safely in all eight of Eastern's games at the Florida All-Star Challenge in Bradenton, Fla., during spring break. Tokarz leads the Panthers with a .345 batting average.

now and hitting everything hard."

Tokarz is proving he will do whatever it takes to help the team win in his first year at Eastern.

"I want to show everybody on the team that I'm here to play and to help us win a conference champion-

ship," Tokarz said.

Kreke said expectations of Tokarz's success preceded the season.

"We knew he was going to be a real good ball player," Kreke said. "I think it was big for him to do well early in the season."

One of the most important ways Tokarz can contribute is by getting on base. He has batted in the lead-off position and is expected to get on base and create opportunities to score runs.

Kreke said Tokarz getting on base

gets everything started and gives hitters in the middle of the lineup chances to drive in runs.

Tokarz said his job on offense is simply to get on base any way he can. He said he has been able to produce in the leadoff role by only swinging at strikes.

Tokarz led the team on the spring break trip with five walks and an on-base-percentage of .526. He had five walks to go with his 15 hits in 33 at-bats.

"I'm usually just looking for one pitch," Tokarz said. "If I don't get it, I'll work the count and make the pitcher work."

Tokarz will have to continue to get on base to accomplish his ultimate goal to lead Eastern to an Ohio Valley Conference championship.

He's doing that as more than just a good leadoff hitter. Kreke said Tokarz is a good teammate who just loves to play baseball.

"He comes out every day and never complains," Kreke said. "He just plays the game hard."

That hard work and good attitude helped Tokarz fixed his swing just in time for the spring break trip.

"I just want to get on base and help this team win a conference championship," he said. "The most important thing I can do is work hard every day and have a positive attitude."

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But the problem with those two, along with starting junior forward Kyle Duncan, is the lack of size compared to James and Atchley.

Reed measures in at 6 feet, 5 inches and 236 pounds and scored all but 12 of his 483 points this year from inside the three-point line. Lockett (6-4, 210) only made three 3-pointers all year, while Duncan (6-5, 205) isn't much of an offensive threat (6.9 ppg), but is an accurate outside shooter (OVC-leading 57

percent shooter from 3-point range).

Peay's point guard Derek Wright (11.6 ppg) is a worthy guard in the OVC, but will have to have the game of his life to try and contain Augustin or Abrams.

Which brings us to Peay's fifth starter, Todd Babington. The senior forward is the wild card giving Peay the slightest bit of hope on Friday.

The Crystal Lake native made 99 3-pointers on the year, and Peay head coach Dave Loos said earlier this year Babington "can be a real weapon when he's on."

Which is what he's done lately. The Governors come into Friday's

game on a six-game winning streak, and Babington has made 22-of-49 3-pointers in that stretch, including a decisive 6-for-8 performance in the OVC title game. He finished with 24 points in that game en route to earning tournament MVP honors.

If Babington can repeat his OVC title game performance on Friday, Vitale might scream at the top of his lungs again about the team with the infamous cheer 'Let's Go Peay!' — only this time without standing on his head.

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TODAY'S NCAA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE - SHOWN ON CBS

West Regional

No. 3 Xavier vs. No. 14 Georgia - 11:20 a.m.  
No. 6 Purdue vs. No. 11 Baylor - 1:50 p.m.  
No. 2 Duke vs. No. 15 Belmont - 6:10 p.m.  
No. 8 BYU vs. No. 9 Texas A&M - 6:20 p.m.  
No. 7 West Virginia vs. No. 10 Arizona - 8:40 p.m.  
No. 1 UCLA vs. No. 16 Miss. Valley St. - 8:55 p.m.

Midwest Regional

No. 1 Kansas vs. No. 16 Portland St. - 11:25 a.m.  
No. 8 UNLV vs. No. 9 Kent St. - 1:55 p.m.

No. 6 USC vs. No. 11 Kansas St. - 6:10 p.m.

No. 3 Wisconsin vs. No. 14 CS-Fullerton - 8:40 p.m.

South Regional

No. 5 Michigan St. vs. No. 12 Temple - 11:30 a.m.  
No. 6 Marquette vs. No. 11 Kentucky - 1:30 p.m.  
No. 4 Pittsburgh vs. No. 13 Oral Roberts - 2 p.m.

East Regional

No. 3 Washington State vs. No. 14 Winthrop - 6:20 p.m.

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MATT DANIELS

Babington  
needs to  
let it fly

Dick Vitale didn't make any outlandish claims about Austin Peay this year.

The ESPN loudmouth proclaimed 21 years ago if the Governors defeated No. 3 seed Illinois in a 1987 NCAA Tournament first-round game, he would "stand on his head."

Vitale did just that after the Governors beat Illinois 68-67.

But Austin Peay, the Ohio Valley Conference regular season and tournament champion, faces an even more daunting task in this year's NCAA Tournament when it plays No. 2 seed Texas at 2 p.m. on Friday.

When the Governors take the court at Alltel Arena in Little Rock, Ark., not many people outside of Clarksville, Tenn. have Peay penciled into a second-round game against either Miami (Fla.) or St. Mary's.

In a poll on espn.com that had nearly 45,000 votes as of Wednesday afternoon, the Texas-Austin Peay game didn't even register a full one percent as the best first-round game in the South region. At 0.7 percent of the vote, it was slightly ahead of the first-round game between No. 1 Memphis and No. 16 Texas-Arlington that generated 0.4 percent of the vote.

History isn't on Peay's side either. The OVC representative in the NCAA Tournament hasn't won a first round game in the last 18 years, the longest such streak of any Division I conference.

The Longhorns boast not only a regular season title in one of the toughest conferences in the nation this year, the Big 12, but also the top guard duo in the country in sophomore D.J. Augustin and junior A.J. Abrams.

Texas also boasts a considerable advantage inside with sophomore Damion James (6 feet, 7 inches and 230 pounds) and junior Connor Atchley (6-10, 226). James averages 13.2 points and 10.5 rebounds, second in the Big 12.

The Governors' Drake Reed, the 2007 OVC Player of the Year and Peay's leading scorer (14.6 ppg), and Fernandez Lockett (10.9 ppg) are Peay's starting post players and most adept offensive threats inside.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ROSTER CHANGES

RESERVE ROLE NOT QUITE RIGHT



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore guard Jessica Huffman sits on the bench during the OVC Championship game in Nashville, Tenn., after being replaced.

Former freshmen of  
the year to transfer;  
Huffman went from  
starter to backup guard

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Jessica Huffman will not be in Eastern blue and gray next season.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee announced on Wednesday Huffman, a sophomore guard, had decided to transfer at the end of the semester.

What school she plans on transferring to at this point is unclear.

All of the members of the Eastern's women's basketball team are expected to return next season except for senior guard Brittney Coleman, who will graduate in May.

Sallee said he met with Huffman

on Tuesday to discuss her future.

"I can't say that I was surprised," Sallee said about Huffman's decision to transfer. "Clearly the kid is very, very competitive, and she loves to play the game. No question about that. We asked her to play a role this season. That role wasn't what she was looking for."

Huffman was named the 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year after averaging 16.9 points and 3.4 rebounds her first year at Eastern.

Those numbers declined in her sophomore season.

Huffman started eight of the 26 games she played in during the 2007-08 season. She averaged 7.4 points, 2.7 rebounds and 1.8 assists but also had 72 turnovers on the season.

Huffman missed four games in December with a stress fracture in her

right leg.

"There were probably a lot factors (in Huffman transferring)," Sallee said. "The leg being one of them."

She played a reserve role in Eastern's nine-player rotation after she recovered.

Sallee said the rotation was something that helped Eastern to a successful season.

The Panthers finished the year 19-13 and lost in the OVC title game to Murray State on March 8.

"As a coach you've got to make tough decisions on playing time and rotations," Sallee said. "You can't play everybody 30 minutes. This year we made good decisions."

Sallee said his meeting with Huffman ended on good terms.

"I respect her thoughts, and I know she respects what I have to say," Sallee said. "I'm all for helping her find the

right situation."

Sallee said he is not worried about next season's team.

He said he is bringing in at least three new players in addition to the 11 returning players. Filling Huffman's role, he said, would not be a problem.

"Honestly, I think we've got a pretty good group," Sallee said. "I sure do like the group I have coming back."

Both Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale and red-shirt sophomore guard Dominique Sims would not comment on the situation.

Canale did say, though, the team loved Huffman and they considered Huffman a part of their family.

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Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy contributed to this story.

MEN'S SOCCER | FORMER ATHLETE UPDATE

Former soccer  
player still in coma

Family dealing with  
emotional roller coaster

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Laura Klatter was in New Orleans on March 8 when she got a phone call from her dad with news she said no family member wants to hear.

Her younger brother, Jimmy Klatter, a former Eastern soccer player from 2002-05, had fallen from a balcony in his hometown of Geneva and fractured the back of his skull on a brick wall.

Within three hours, Laura was on a flight back to Chicago with help from her friends who packed her a bag and helped her get a plane ticket back home.

"There's no way this is happen-

ing," Laura said was the first thing she thought when she heard what had happened. "I actually had to give my friend, Amy, the phone. I was just pacing back and forth."

Jimmy recently underwent surgery to remove the damaged brain tissue in the right frontal lobe of his brain, Laura said.

"Now he is still in a barbiturate coma the doctors put him in," Laura said. "They are trying to wean him off the barbiturates slowly so his intracranial pressure (ICP) doesn't rise too much."

Jimmy's ICP is currently between 15 and 19. If his ICP rises above 25, the pressure in his brain could increase to the point it causes a brain hernia, Laura said. A high ICP can also damage the nervous system.

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Jimmy Klatter, a 2006 Eastern graduate and former men's soccer player, is currently in a coma after suffering an accident on March 8.

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