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### COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

# Dean candidates finalized

By Sarah Ruhoff  
Administration Editor

The College of Arts and Humanities will soon have a permanent leader as the search for a new dean enters its final stages.

"The college, I think, is very anxious and ready for a new dean

to be identified and appointed," Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "They are, I think, optimistic about the future as well as a little anxious because of the changes, but we're all ready to have a new dean identified to join us."

Lord, who will make the final

hiring decision, said he would like to have a candidate named early in the spring semester, but the new dean will not start until July 1.

Interim dean Jeffrey Lynch will finish his one-year appointment, which began after dean James Johnson retired on June 30, 2009.

An initial search was conducted last year, but did not yield a candidate Lord thought was right for the university. The second search brought six final candidates to Eastern's campus for two days of interviews late last semester.

"There were approximately 60

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### UNIVERSITY

# CUPB forum continues

By Jason Hardimon  
Campus Editor

William Weber, vice president for business affairs, is heavily invested in the process for developing a decisive furlough policy.

After attending all three forums, the last of which was yesterday, Weber reiterated that furloughs should be a last resort in approaching the university's tough fiscal times.

"We have a tradition at this university that when we run in to tough fiscal times, layoffs are the absolute last thing that we want to do to address them," Weber said. "I personally see furloughs in the same light."

Wednesday's open forum, scheduled to collect comments and questions from the campus community regarding Eastern's draft furlough policy, marked the final of the three forums, which took place this week.

Members of the Council on University Planning and Budgeting will now prepare to submit their final recommendations to President Bill Perry at their meeting on Friday before a decisive policy is drafted.

Sandy Bowman, interim assistant human resources director, who conducted all three forums, stressed the importance of the open discussion surrounding the draft furlough policy.

"There is no way to know what the final policy will be until we know what our shortfalls are," Bowman said.

Bowman mentioned that the hundreds of people who attended the forums, as well as those who submitted comments via the CUPB Web site, voiced a number of concerns, but that two in particular were among the most common.

"Some have assumed that the draft policy implies a furlough period of 30 consecutive days, although the policy doesn't stipulate that in any way," Bowman said.

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### LUMPKIN HALL



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Campus electrician J.P. Taylor opens up the floor ducts in Room 1011 of Lumpkin Hall Wednesday afternoon. Opening the ducts allows for workers to vacuum and let the floor air out to dry easier. Everything in the basement was taken off the floor to avoid further damage.

# Repairs under way after flood

## Damage's cost still not yet determined

By Collin Whitchurch  
Managing Editor

The 1000-level of Lumpkin Hall reeked of murky, stagnant water Wednesday as workers attempted to restore the floor back to a functioning facility.

The building was damaged Tuesday afternoon when a burst pipe on the 3000-level sprayed thousands of gallons of water down two stories to the basement.

The flooding led to the cancellation of all classes on the 1000- and 2000-level floors after 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, and the cancellation or relocation of all 1000-level classes the remainder of the week.

The pipe burst because it was exposed to freezing temperatures during winter break. When the building was reheated at the start of the semester, the pipe thawed, leading

to the flood.

Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management, said the burst was not a routine failure and FPM is currently working to determine why the pipe was exposed to freezing temperatures in order to correct it.

He said the overall damage to the building is still being evaluated, but wall surfaces in the building's northwest stairwell — near the breezeway connecting Lumpkin and Coleman Hall — and some lower level wall sections are being inspected as they dry out. Preliminary assessments of equipment, he said, indicate little if any damage to electronics in the building.

## Professors dealing with rescheduling

Meanwhile, professors who had their classes displaced because of the flood had to work with changing locations or dealing with class cancellations altogether this week.

Of the 29 1000-level classes scheduled for Wednesday, three were canceled while the other 26

were relocated to classrooms in Coleman Hall, Blair Hall, the Physical Science Building or Buzard Hall.

Thirty classes are affected today: four were canceled, 26 have been relocated. A list of Friday class changes has not yet been posted.

Vicki Woodard, coordinator of public information, said the reason some classes were canceled instead of relocated was because they were in classrooms that contained specific computer software that could not be duplicated in other classrooms.

She said they are still assessing if those classrooms will be able to resume class or if the software for those classes will need to be relocated.

Ayse Costello, an assistant professor of management in the school of business, had her Strategy and Policy class affected by the flooding.

Her Wednesday class was relocated to Coleman Hall, but she said it was a minor inconvenience.

"I teach on a Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule, so the im-

pact was not substantial," Costello said. "I don't expect any further disruption from this event, except for having to teach in the new location until the clean up is complete."

For David Boggs, assistant professor of management in the school of business, the flooding was not much of an issue either. He said the only class of his that was affected was his 3:30 p.m. Tuesday class. Boggs was asked to leave the building at 2:45 p.m. after the flood started and said it was not until the time of his class drew near that he realized he wouldn't be able to hold class.

"It became clear I would not be allowed to re-enter the building in time to have class or make my students aware that it was canceled," he said. "If I had access to my office (inside Lumpkin), of course I would have contacted my students by e-mail, but I understand they posted something on the Web about it."

Reed said all classes inside Lumpkin are expected to return as

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### WORLD

# Students react to Haiti quake

By Emily Steele  
News Editor

Tony Curcuro stood in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 8 where there is now only rubble.

The streets he and groups of missionaries walked together are torn up, the effects of a 7.0-magnitude earthquake that ripped the island nation apart.

The status of a nutrition center for infants they volunteered at, with the children's faces still fresh in his mind, remains unknown.

"Now looking on every news channels and every article online you just think of all those faces and what's next for them," he said.

Curcuro, a senior foreign language major, was part of the Haiti Connection missionary trip through the Newman Center and spent nearly a week in Haiti during winter break.

Along with 15 other people, Curcuro arrived in the capitol, Port-au-Prince, on Dec. 30 and stayed until Jan. 8.

The earthquake hit 10 miles southwest of the city.

Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Catholic Center, has been leading groups down to Haiti for almost 20 years and has made many

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

**HIGH**  
**39°**  
**LOW**  
**30°**  
Sunny during the morning hours but more clouds move in throughout the afternoon. Chance of drizzle tonight and tomorrow morning. Expect the clouds to stay around through the weekend. However, temperatures will continue to be near 40 degrees throughout the next week.

WEATHER TOMORROW



**Friday**  
**Mostly Cloudy**  
**High: 41°**  
**Low: 29°**



**Saturday**  
**Mostly Cloudy**  
**High: 40°**  
**Low: 28°**

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Still time for Warbler yearbook portraits

Yearbook portrait times are still available for seniors from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 21, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 22 in the Shelbyville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Portraits are free. To schedule your appointment, visit [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com). The school code is 1611.

Health Service now has H1N1 hotline

Health Service has established an H1N1 information hotline at 581-H1N1 (4161). Information on the hotline will include H1N1 campus updates, signs and symptoms of the virus, vaccine information and recommendations on flu prevention.

Callers will also be able to speak to a nurse or set up an appointment at the Health Service medical clinic.

Campuswide student video competition

Students wishing to enter the video competition, "A Day in the Life of Me," can attend the information meeting at 4 p.m. today in Room 2522 of Buzzard Hall.

The video contest is a part of African-American Heritage Month. Entries should be a three-to-five-minute short film. Prizes will be awarded.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor  
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

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Indulge in warm foods

Online Editor Sam Sottosanto gives suggestions of what foods to eat during the cold season. Read her blog at [DENnews.com](http://DENnews.com).

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, a photo of the sculpture "Community Machine Gun" was misidentified.

*The DEN* regrets the error.

BLOTTER

A theft was reported in Carman Hall on Monday. The incident is under investigation.

A cannabis complaint was reported in Douglas Hall on Tuesday. The incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

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Panthers' pool practice



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The setting sun shines into Ray Padovan pool as coach Matt Bos watches the team practice Wednesday afternoon. The Panthers are getting ready for two meets Friday and Saturday this week.

Thursday @ **Marty's**  
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Saturday

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Sunday

Well Bloody Marys \$2.25  
Gin and Tonics \$2.25  
Regular Coors Light \$2.00  
Bears Tower Miller Lite \$13.50



## MATTOON

## Villa Pizza building succumbs to fire

Cause not yet known because of several safety issues

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
City Editor

The building that has housed Villa Pizza in Mattoon for more than three decades was lost on Friday during one of the most severe fires the town has seen in nearly 10 years.

The building, which did not have a sprinkler system, was destroyed along with the three apartments located above the restaurant.

Mattoon Fire Chief Tony Nichols said the fire was called in around 12:30 a.m. Friday and was contained within four hours, but firefighters were working on "hot spots," pockets of hidden fire, until midnight on Saturday. Three weather-related injuries sustained by firefighters were reported.

"The snow fall happened the day before, but it was more the ice and the cold that hampered us more than anything," Nichols said.

The Lincoln, Wabash and Charleston Fire Departments were called in to assist the 28

**"They have to make it safe before we can get in there and see what all is damaged."**

Tony Nichols, Mattoon Fire Chief

Mattoon firefighters already on the scene, Nichols said.

"They were brought in mainly just for water supply," Nichols said. "They had their tanker trucks filling up (our) tanks because we didn't have enough water to supply all of our...devices out of the hydrants."

No official word has been given on the cause of the fire because no one has been able to examine the building due to safety issues. We won't even be able to get inside the building until probably Tuesday or

Thursday of next week," Nichols said. "They have to make it safe before we can get in there and see what all is damaged."

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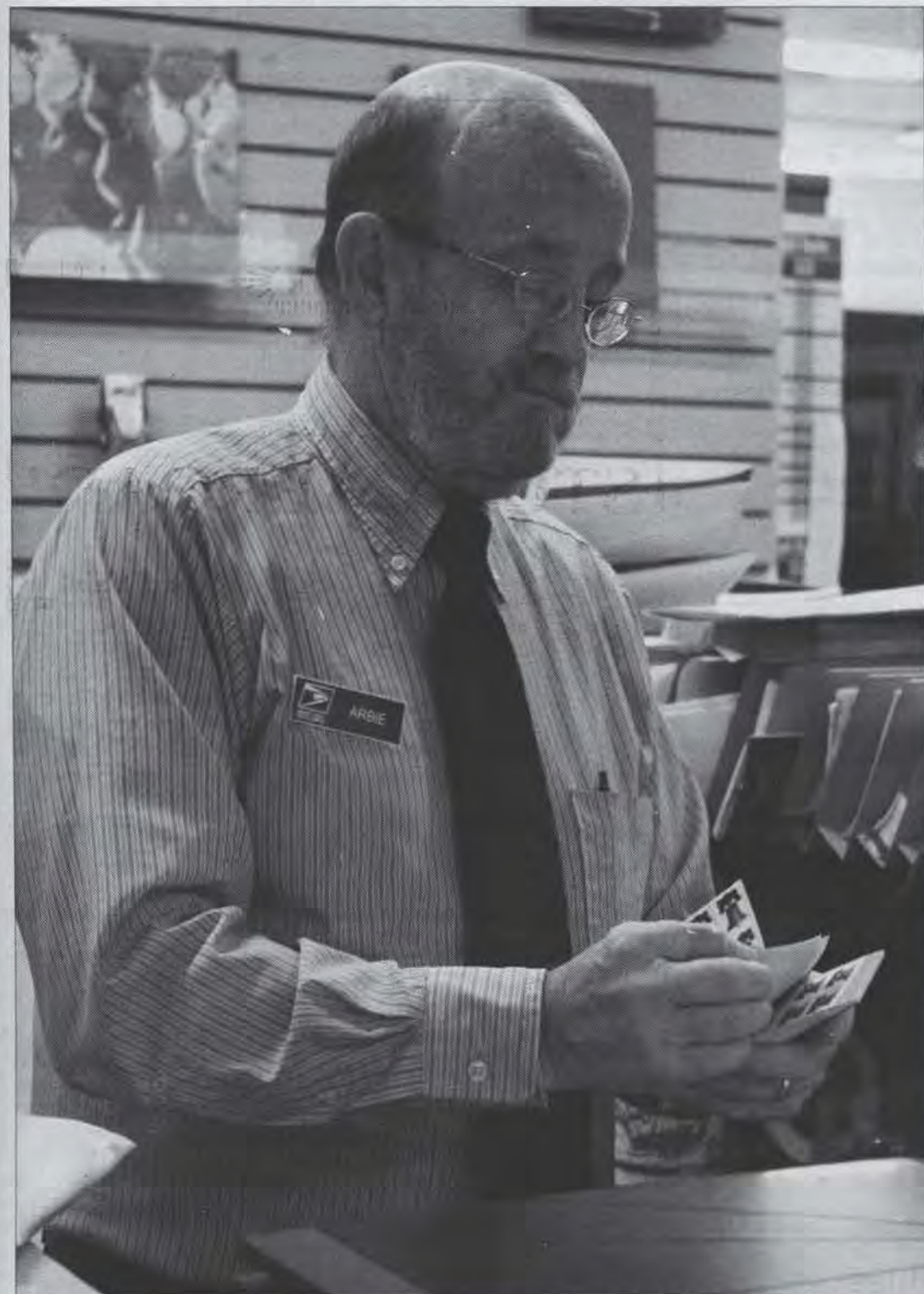


AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Icicles hang off the outside of Villa Pizza, located in Mattoon. The building, which has been home to the pizza place for more than 30 years, caught fire Friday morning.

## CHARLESTON

## Post office nominated for endangered historic places list



Arbie Lewis counts out books of stamps to give a to customer at the Charleston Post Office. Lewis has worked for the postal service for 32 years.

AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
City Editor

Despite talks of closure, the application to nominate the Charleston Post Office for the 2010 list of the 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois went out Wednesday.

The U.S. Postal Service announced in late December that the discussions to sell the Charleston Post Office, located on 320 Sixth St., ended.

The Charleston Historic Preservation Committee has decided to continue the application process because of a lack of communication between the Postal Service spokesperson and the local post office, committee chairwoman Elisa Roberts said.

"The corporate spokesperson for the Postal Service failed to inform the local post master the sale negotiations had ended," Roberts said. "We are continuing with the nomination in case the Postal Service decides to resume negotiations to sell it, we want to be ready."

The committee is trying to make sure the building remains intact whether a sale occurs or not, Roberts said.

"We don't want the United States Postal Service to sell the building to someone who they know intends to demolish it," Roberts said.

Eilish Tuffy, commissioner of organization, said the 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois is an annual list of potential locations compiled from feedback from grass roots preservation organizations across the state.

"We try to act as the liaison between organizations and resolving preservation challenges," Tuffy said.

Once the organization has received the nominations, the Illinois Landmark committee consults with those who submitted the site for consideration as well as local officials and people within the planning offices of those municipalities and organizations to get a full understanding of what the threat is to that site, Tuffy said.

"Based on the 30 to 40 nominations that we receive every year, we assess them at a staff level and try to determine which sites would benefit the most from assistance from our organization," Tuffy said.

**"We don't want the United States Postal Service to sell the building to someone who they know intends to demolish it."**

Elisa Roberts, Charleston Historic Preservation Committee chairwoman

"Typically we try to work with these groups prior to putting them on the top 10 most endangered list, we try to keep this as a last effort to try to draw attention to these resources."

The organization tries to promote productive reuse of the historic structures, which is usually feasible because most of these structures were built very well, Tuffy said.

In order to make this a possibility, the staff and the board is comprised of different architects, preservationists, engineers and other people with experience in these fields.

The final list is typically decided in early March and officially announced at a press conference in late April or early May in Springfield.

Roberts is confident the Charleston Post Office has a fighting chance.

"We have a chance because this Illinois Landmark competition does not include Chicago," Roberts said. "Chicago has its own competition."

The Historic Preservation Committee hopes to gain some notoriety, in case there is a developer out there who is looking to take a building and possibly convert it into offices, a museum or a restaurant, Roberts said.

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## VIEWS



Jose Gonzalez

## Finding ways to shed labels

Even past the days of high school, social labels follow people everywhere, including a university like Eastern.

The labels jock, cheerleader, preppy, emo and goth tend to follow college students after they graduate high school, though this fad should have died after graduation.

Do these labels follow us because that is how our society works, or do we simply stay in these roles out of comfort?

Philosophy professor Jason Waller said he has some theories on the basis of individuality and group mentality.

"Much less than in a high school setting, for example, you'll have various cliques, and if larger cliques exist in classrooms, then it's harder to control them," he said.

Waller thinks groups like fraternities are an instrument of conformity because of their strict requirements for entry and acceptance. He said they present a certain image, though it's one small part of a major university.

Waller said these groups and social labels force people to hide who they really are through media influence and social opinion; through paying certain "social prices."

On the other hand, I feel like these labels still exist because of the thought process hardwired into students throughout their middle and high school years.

For example, the people we see in the media every day from childhood on.

The media places social stigma in the minds of adolescents by comparing them to people of a similar age like Miley Cyrus and Paris Hilton.

These labels aren't restricted to popular culture, but in areas like politics as well, such as being pro- or anti-war, or pro-life or pro-choice.

Being a part of a group or wearing a label gives a sense of security young adults are simply too comfortable wearing.

A university — a place of higher learning — should help us grow and think and shed these labels.

Though, going outside the social majority has its price as well, its own "social cost."

Waller said social cost could stop people from living life creatively in specific ways or make them feel like an outcast because cliques require people to live by certain rules.

He said labels could be the problem because of their expectations.

If people don't meet them, are they living to be what they truly want to be, or is it a product of a sort of "follow-the-leader" theory of life?

I realized this as a problem early in my teenage years.

However, I decided to take labels attached to me and reverse them into what I wanted. I tried to make these labels work for me.

I embraced the ones I liked and ignored those I didn't.

As a result, I was more accepted by my peers and made more friends, as well as seeing people's real potential and seeing them as equals, rather than on a social ladder, or simply as their label or the group they may appear to fit in.

Wearing a label is, ultimately, the choice of every individual.

Staying inside one's comfort zone or group may be safe and easy but, then again, life isn't meant to be safe and easy.

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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

## DAILY EDITORIAL

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

## McHugh's contest, grocery money goes above and beyond

The Charleston community has seen its fair share of hard times for locally owned businesses recently. Within the past year, several small businesses have been forced to close their doors, the owners left wondering if perhaps they would have been able to find success in different, safer economic times.

However, McHugh's Double Drive Thru seems to be one of the local businesses able to buck that trend. The restaurant, with locations in Charleston and Mattoon, opened in 1991.

The Charleston location is just across the street from McDonald's. It's easy to see how the business could have failed, considering the competition just yards away.

However, McHugh's thrived and continued its success, becoming something of a fixture in town.

But it would appear that mere financial gain is not enough to the owner, Tom McHugh, who has recently made clear his intentions to give back to the community that has afforded the restaurant its success.

Certainly the efforts have not gone unnoticed by Carol Myers, the Eastern student who received \$3,500 for tuition for the spring when she became the winner of a contest McHugh's began advertising in the fall.

As reported in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, "Since McHugh's is a privately owned company, they have full control of their budgets and how profits are spent. The money (for the contest) came straight out of the restaurant's operating profits."

In an age where "me first" is a mentality that seems almost mandatory for a successful business, it is a truly great thing to see a local business doing the right thing.

But McHugh isn't stopping with the tuition contest. Instead, he has gone one step further, offering a drawing for customers where they have a chance to win \$50 in grocery money. A new winner is chosen each week.

And where does the money for those awards come from? You guessed it; again it is the restaurant's profits.

**"In an age where 'me first' is a mentality that seems almost mandatory for a successful business, it is a truly great thing to see a local business doing the right thing."**

Not only is McHugh making efforts no other business in town has matched thus far, he is doing so out of his own pocket. Where many other business owners put so much of their profits into upgrading and improving their businesses, or even keeping said profits for themselves, McHugh is giving back.

We at *The DEN* not only applaud this type of behavior but also find ourselves proud to have this type of person present in our community.

And McHugh isn't simply handing out cash for groceries, the money is coming in the form of gift cards for Save-A-Lot in Charleston and My Store in Mattoon. He is not only giving back to the members of the community but also making tangible efforts to help other locally owned businesses.

According to the article in Wednesday's *DEN*,

"McHugh said he chose these stores because they are locally owned and operated and wants to help promote other local businesses."

"(We wanted to) do something direct and tangible for the community," McHugh said.

And his efforts are not going unnoticed.

As stated in a previous editorial, it is comforting to know that down-home sensibilities and the type of values that one thinks of in a rural town haven't gone away.

McHugh's contest to give away tuition money was a tremendous gesture.

But to continue to give money for groceries as well as promote small, local businesses while doing so is going above and beyond the call of duty.

We hope that more Charleston businesses follow McHugh's example and give back to the community.

The strength of a small town like Charleston is the feeling of safety and knowing that people think about one another and are willing to help.

McHugh's is the type of business, owned by the type of person who makes *The DEN* proud to call Charleston home.

## FROM THE EASEL

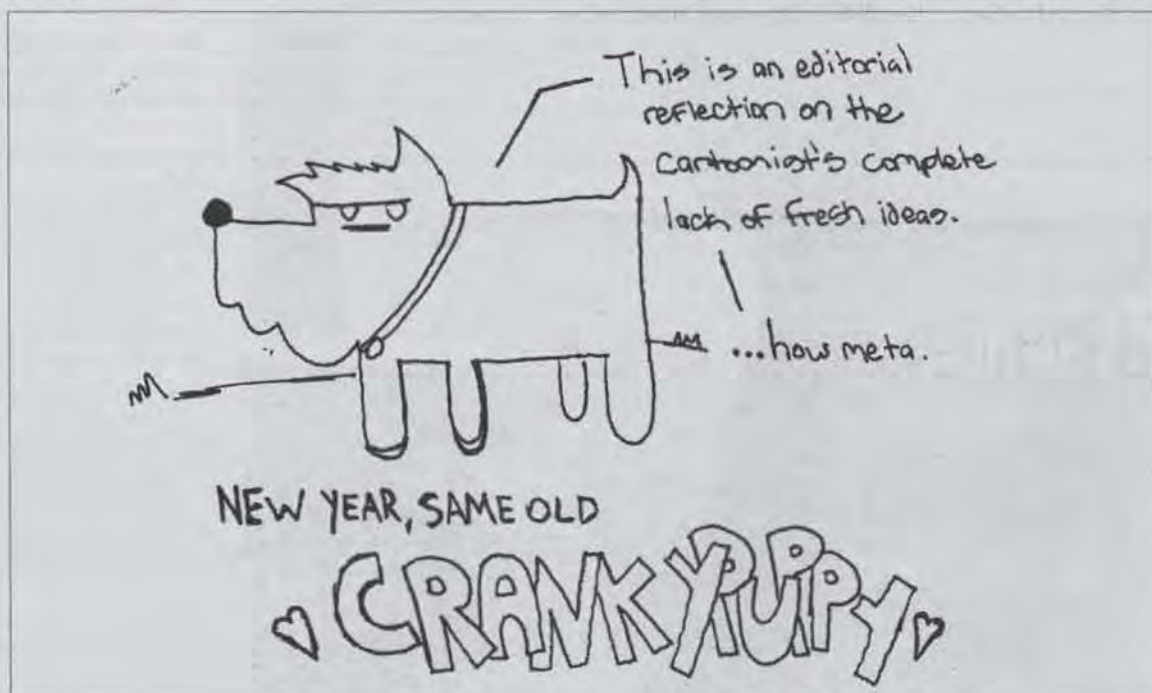


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pj1983, 1/12/10

**Editorial: Common sense must prevail to keep Eastern's pedestrians safe**

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**"...It works both ways. If I had a nickel for every time I pushed the crosswalk button, waited for the walk sign, and then proceeded across the intersections only to have some space cadet careen around the corner with one arm holding a cellphone, oblivious to my impending doom, I'd be a rich man."**

bicyclist, 1/13/10



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Six seats open in student senate

By Erica Whelan  
Student Government Editor

Student senate commenced the semester with six empty seats to fill at its first meeting of the year Wednesday and will accept applications for new senators through Jan. 25.

Kristina Bailey, who filled in for former student speaker Tiffany Turner until Wednesday, was sworn into the seventh seat at the start of the meeting because of a technicality that had previously rendered her position illegitimate.

At the time Bailey assumed Turner's seat, Turner had not officially submitted a letter of resignation at the end of her term, requiring the senate to induct Bailey once again.

The senate also acknowledged letters of resignation from former senators Vince Kroll and Noe Lara and expect to fill all open seats by Feb. 10.

Isaac Sandidge, speaker of the senate, recognized three senate members as committee chairs for the spring semester and will be accepting applications to chair the other committees through Jan. 25.

Michael Stopka will continue to serve as the chair of the shuttle bus committee and indicated that his



Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, swears in a new student senate member, Kristina Bailey, a junior nursing major, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday.

top priority for the semester will be providing laminated bus schedules for the bus shelters across campus.

At fellow senate member DeMar-

lon Brown's request, Stopka said his committee will be looking into possibly scheduling more pickups from Carman Hall to Old Main in the ef-

fort to accommodate students' travel needs.

Kendall Jackson will continue to serve as the Internal Affairs co-chair

along with Lindsey Woodcock.

"The position doesn't have a committee, and it has so many duties, it's unbelievable," Jackson said. "When I was looking through the bylaws, I realized that it was too much for one person, so with both of us working together, we'll be able to get a lot more done. We're both very organized and this will make it a lot easier."

Other positions that must be filled include two seats on the Apportionment Board, as well as members to staff two new committees devised by Mark Olendzki, senate vice president for student affairs.

Olendzki plans to begin preparations for a new RSO Recognition committee to enable the opportunity for student government to give back to the organizations on campus in addition to a Panther Service committee intended to emphasize involvement in community service.

He encouraged all senate members to participate in a day of service Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, in which volunteers can choose between a variety of activities, including sorting donated goods and making teddy bears.

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## STATE

### STATE OF THE STATE

# Quinn avoids tax talk in election-year address

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Handed a chance to lay out his election-year agenda, Gov. Pat Quinn delivered a 72-minute speech Wednesday that wandered from traffic statistics and soybean paint to jobs and taxes.

The Democratic governor offered no details on budget cuts or tax increases

that he thinks will be necessary to solve the state's "financial calamity."

He called for an overhaul that he said would make the tax burden fairer while also producing more money for the state, but did not specifically renew his call for a 50 percent income tax increase.

In fact, he never used the phrase "tax increase" at all.

In his first formal State of the State address, Quinn focused mostly on the accomplishments of the past year.

He said Illinois now has important new ethics laws, a leaner budget and a major public works program that will create jobs.

Quinn promised to focus on jobs. "Our mission this year is to revive our economy and put people back to

work.

"We can do it in the state of Illinois," he said in his speech to a joint session of the state House and Senate.

The governor's political opponents immediately accused him of failing to offer a serious response to the state's many problems.

"Long on words and short on solutions, the governor's address masterful-

ly — if not intentionally — made the case for fresh voices and new leadership in state government," said Bob Schillerstrom, a Republican candidate for governor.

The response from legislators was tepid.

The biggest applause line was Quinn thanking Secretary of State Jesse White for his years of public service.

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## EXHIBIT

# Tarble displays children's books

By Doug T. Graham  
Staff Reporter

An exhibition on illustrations from children's books is at the Tarble Arts Center through Feb. 21 in the eGallery.

The exhibit features work from 30 children's books spanning the last half-century.

Works like the Richard Cowdrey illustrated "Frosty the Snowman" share the exhibit with recent works like "Curse in Reverse," illustrated by Dirk Zimmer and published in 2006.

All the illustrations come from a collection owned by Mariann Dana Younger, an Eastern alumna who graduated in 1954 and went on to become a teacher.

In 2008, Younger was awarded an honorary fine arts doctorate degree by the University of Findlay for more than 17 years of work with the University's Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books. The Mazza Museum was established in 1982 and has more than 3,000 original illustrations.

In her time volunteering at the Mazza Museum, which recently exhibited a portion of Younger's own collection of children's books, she was the head of the board of directors for Mazza Enthusiasts, a volunteering organization.

Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center, said he was introduced to Younger and her husband, Charles, by a colleague and over the course of time they built a relationship based on mutual interests.

About a year ago Charles asked Watts if they wanted to do an exhibition. Watts accepted because it valued Tarble in many ways. Not only was children's book illustration an area of the visual arts that has not been presented for a number of years, but it also served as a way to recognize an Eastern alumna for her efforts in promoting children's literacy and the arts as a volunteer and as a donor.

"(The exhibit) served as the catalyst for the Tarble to work with the early childhood, elementary and middle level education department and other EIU offices to develop an educational outreach program the served both Sullivan Elementary School fourth-graders and EIU students, and in so doing also encouraged or supported an interest in reading and the arts among the school students involved," Watts said in an e-mail.

He said he hopes to do a similar program with another school before the exhibition closes.

The exhibition is being held in Tarble's eGallery, a space Watts said has been used for more modern works in the past, but is well suited for the exhibit because of its flexibility.

The Children's Book Illustrations exhibit from the Mariann Younger Collection is available for viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the exhibit is free.

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Children's book illustrations from Eastern alumna Mariann Dana Younger's collection are on display in the Tarble Arts Center through Feb. 21.

## Further Information

The collection contains winners from three of the most prestigious awards in Children's Books Illustration

- "The Donkey's Dream" by Barbara Helen Berger won the 1985 Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Illustration.
- "Smoky Night" by Eve Bunting and illustrated by David Diaz won the 1995 Caldecott Medal.
- "Snow Music," by Lynne Rae Perkins won the 2006 Newberry Medal.

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normally scheduled next week.

One exception may be Room 1040 in Lumpkin, which Reed said sustained more damage than any other because it is adjacent to the northwest stairwell where the leak was most prevalent.

### One office flooded

Roann Kopel, a professor in the college of business and applied science, has an office right next to the stairwell where the flood started.

She was in her office when water started pouring in, but to her knowledge, nothing was damaged other than the carpet.

"When I saw the water coming in I quickly unplugged all the electronics," she said. "I took my laptop home. It wasn't nearly deep enough to get the desk."

She said she was uncertain when she would be able to return to her office, but was told there was a chance they might have to go through a wall in her office to get to the leak.

Reed said overall repair costs for the damage done has still not been determined.

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## CUPB, from page 1

The other most common concern involved the effect that a furlough policy may have upon the reception of benefits.

A page featuring frequently asked questions concerning the draft furlough policy was posted Wednesday on the business affairs' Web site.

Karen Drage admitted that those who attended might have expected more out of the forums.

"We've tried to communicate that this is a general policy, and I think some have been disappointed that we haven't been able to give many specifics," she said.

Despite Drage's feelings, one indi-

vidual who attended Wednesday's forum took the opportunity to thank the council members directly for encouraging discussion and collecting input from the campus community.

"I would like to say something positive. I appreciate the fact that the president and the counsel didn't just implement the policy, but are having these discussions and asking people for input," an unidentified audience member said. "I think this is probably unusual given the way it's done at most universities and I hope that as you give your advice to the president and as he comes up with a policy — and I do think having a policy is bet-

ter than not having a policy — that you'll be listening both to the specifics of what people said and the spirit behind these specifics."

Weber said having a policy in place does not necessarily mean it will be implemented.

Bowman agrees with this statement.

"This is a very emotional topic," Bowman said.

Once this policy is finally in place, hopefully we can just sweep it under the rug, Bowman said.

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individuals that turned in applications, and 45 of them met the stated qualifications," Lord said. "I believe it was a stronger group overall than last year, and I'm looking forward to being able to make an appointment from this group."

The finalists' group included Eastern's own Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, as well as five others.

Marilyn Levine is currently the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Oregon University, Le Grande, Ore.

Steven Brown is the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak is the associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Elizabeth Dunn is the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minn.

Roger Smither served as the executive director of the National Communication Association in Washington, D.C. from 2004 to 2009.

Interviews concluded on Dec. 17, and the search committee, led by Dr. Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, presented its information and feedback to Lord on Dec. 18.

"I'm sifting through all that now," Lord said. "It's a matter of finding a candidate that I think brings a skill set, a vision and a temperament to be the very best we can have for this college at this moment. It's a lot of qualitative judgments that go into that."

Lord said he is looking for a candidate who will help pull the arts and humanities together.

"I'm not looking for a dean to make wild changes," said Lord. "I want someone to help us consolidate what we already have and move us to the next level in accomplishment."

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personal connections during that time.

"We've been in touch with some folks in Haiti," Lanham said. "It's terrible right now."

Lanham has been attempting to contact people since yesterday, with little success.

"Our hearts and minds and our prayers are going out to everyone down there," Lanham said.

Curcuro is still shocked by how close they were.

"Today they were talking about a group of 15 people that went down for mission work and no one can get a hold of them now, that could have been us," Curcuro said.

The Newman Center is collecting donations that will go directly to relief services in Haiti, due to their established contacts.

"Whether that's for clean water, for food for shelter, there's still going to be hundreds of thousands of Haitians in need of water and shelter"

The Newman Center has tables

set up in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union today and Friday to collect donations for direct relief.

Donations can be made there or by writing checks to the Newman Haiti fund, memo earthquake which can be dropped off at the Newman center or sent for free through campus mail to the Student Life Office addressed to Haiti Connection.

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GOP gubernatorial hopefuls debate in Chicago

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Republicans running for Illinois governor promised Wednesday to fight efforts by Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn to raise the state income tax, vowing to try to repeal it if lawmakers approve one before the November election.

"I think that the worst possible thing we could do in Illinois is raise taxes, especially during recession when people are out of work, people are worried about losing their jobs," former attorney general Jim Ryan said during a WLS-TV debate.

Taxes were a central issue for the seven GOP hopefuls during the debate, with some rapping fellow candidates for saying they won't raise taxes but refusing to sign a pledge to that effect.

Quinn has proposed a 50 percent bump in the state income tax rate to generate more revenue as the state grapples with a budget deficit that likely will top \$11 billion this year. But lawmakers have been reluctant to pass a tax increase so close to an election.

Republicans said during the debate

sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Illinois and the Better Government Association that more spending cuts are what's needed to fix the state's fiscal mess.

But none of the candidates detailed what they would eliminate if they had to make deep cuts in state programs and services.

"I will go to Springfield, I'll draw a line in the sand: We're going to cut spending and not raise taxes," Chicago businessman Andy McKenna said.

Businessman Adam Andrzejewski said he has a menu of choices to cut \$10 billion in spending from the state's budget, which would help reverse any tax increases Democrats might pass.

DuPage County Board chairman Bob Schillerstrom and state Sens. Kirk Dillard of Hinsdale and Bill Brady of Bloomington said the fight against an income tax increase has to start now in the Democrat-controlled Legislature.

"No state's ever taxed its way into prosperity," Dillard said.

But communications consultant Dan Proft said it's not enough for Illinois to hold the line on taxes.



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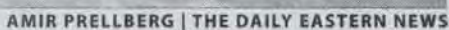
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

## Momentous weekend ahead for team

## Team prepares for top-tier talent in conference play

By Alex McNamee  
Assistant Sports Editor

Morehead State (12-6, 5-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference), Eastern Kentucky (8-7, 5-1 OVC) and Eastern's women's basketball team (8-8, 4-1) make up the top three teams in the OVC standings coming into this weekend.

The Panthers begin a road trip in which they will take on EKU 4:30 p.m. today in Richmond, Ky. Eastern travels to Morehead, Ky. to take on OVC foe Morehead State Saturday.

"These next two games are really

big for us right now," senior guard Dominique Sims said.

With wins this weekend, Eastern could solidify itself as a top contender in the OVC, as it would be defeating two of the league's top teams.

The Panthers were projected fourth in the OVC preseason poll, while Morehead State was picked first. Eastern Kentucky remains the league surprise to this point, as it was projected eighth out of 10 schools.

After having a three-game home stand in which Eastern went 3-0, Eastern has to overcome its road woes, going mere 2-5 record away from Lantz Arena.

According to freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon, the road struggles are because of a lack in team chemistry early in the season. Now, how-

ever, Nixon said the team is no longer lacking.

"Now, we have a lot of chemistry, so being on the road shouldn't be a problem," she said. "We are just going to buckle down and try to get these big wins on the road."

Eastern will have to deal with the road this weekend, but no matter the result, it will have another shot at both teams back-to-back at season's end.

The Panthers will take on Morehead State at home Feb. 11. Two days later, EKU will visit Charleston.

## Eastern atop OVC stat leaderboard

In 13 out of 19 OVC conference-only statistical categories, the Panthers are either first or second, leading in nine categories.

The Panthers have the No. 1 scoring offense in the OVC, as they average 71.2 points per game, while Austin Peay averages 66.2 ppg for second place in the category.

Along with the league's best offense, Eastern also has the top scoring margin in conference play as it is beating OVC opponents by an average of 15.8 ppg.

As the best shooting team in the conference, Eastern is shooting 43.8 percent from the field.

With missing about 56 percent of its shots, Eastern proved it can get second-chance points, as the conference's top rebounding team.

Eastern dishes out two more assists than Morehead State per game, making it the top passing team.

Adding to this, the Panthers are also the league's top team in assist-to-turnover ratio, with Nixon lead-

ing the league in passing efficiency.

## Around the OVC

Saturday was a busy day around the OVC, as it saw all 10 schools having conference action.

Eastern defeated Southeast Missouri 67-39 to win its fourth OVC game and third consecutive.

While the Panthers were hot on a win streak, Saturday also featured the league's top two teams being handed their first OVC losses.

Morehead State lost by 10 to Jacksonville State (4-11, 1-4 OVC), as JSU got its first conference victory.

Also, EKU was dealt its first loss against Tennessee Tech in a 75-47 blowout.

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## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING SPORTS NOTEBOOK

## Florida provides good training opportunity

## Rigorous week prepared teams for Tunica Invitational

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

Florida is a place to escape the dregs of work and kick back and relax during icy winter months.

The Panthers' men's and women's swim teams, though, have a different perspective on the Sunshine State.

"We had a really hard week in Florida," senior swimmer Lauren Zillmer said. "We had doubles every day and I work as hard as I can during the practices and do everything Matt tells us to do."

A week before the Tunica Invite in Tunica, Miss., Eastern swim coach Matt Bos put his team's through trying workouts to build strength and focus on some specific aspects of racing at Fort Lauderdale.

"We drove down there and had a small relay meet and trained for six days," Bos said. "We got a lot of work done in a short period of time. We went really hard for six days and

at the end of the six days, they were really tired and broken down yet the attitudes were positive."

At the meet, Bos' squads finished third, behind perennial swimming powers Missouri State and Delta State, and procured five individual first-place finishes.

"We really had good workouts down there, so coming off that training and coming into a big two-day meet, I was a little bit leery because people were tired and it was a rough time of year," Bos said. "But we got in and competed well. We were enthusiastic and third place finish on both sides was really nice for us. I think we swam better for us."

## Walk-on performing well

One of the pleasant surprises, this season, has been the emergence of freshman walk-on Joe Ciliak.

Ciliak, a Naperville Central graduate, made a splash at the Illinois High School Association State Finals. He placed fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke (58.09 seconds) and was the backstroke on a third place 200-yard medley relay (1:34.33).

"After the state meet last year, a bunch of coaches actually contacted me and Eastern was definitely the best fit," Ciliak said. "Matt

**"We drove down there and had a small relay meet and trained for six days. We got a lot of work done in a short period of time. We went really hard for six days and at the end of the six days, they were really tired and broken down yet the attitudes were positive."**

Matt Bos, Eastern men's and women's swimming head coach

(Bos) is a great guy and when I met with him, I decided this is the place for me."

This year has seen Ciliak rank first on team times in the 100 breast (59.49), and second in both the 200 free (1:47.74) and 200 breast (2:13.42).

Bos is excited to see what Ciliak will do in the future.

"To do what he has done as a freshman this year and step in is amazing," Bos said. "The exciting thing about Joe is that he has a long way to go and has just come into his own. He will be a huge part of this team, this year, and the three years to come."

## Diving gone from program

The diving program has been discontinued indefinitely.

"It was a decision last year to no longer offer diving as a sport here, so we have kind of moved on to be a swim team only from this season on," Bos said.

The old diving boards have been removed for safety reasons, and the swim coach was not able to get a certified diving coach.

Without a diving coach, athletic director Barbara Burke said it was not safe to resume diving.

"Not having a certified diving instructor from a safety standpoint and a student athlete welfare is-

sue, that was one of the driving factors in that, and understanding the economy, we truly didn't have the opportunity of hiring one."

Burke said the faculty could not handle swimming and diving and had only three women in the program. She said it made sense to focus on swimming to do well in the Summit League.

## Upcoming schedule

The Eastern men's and women's swim teams return home for the first time since October this week.

The teams host a pair of in-state foes this week.

They welcome Western Illinois at 4 p.m. and Millikin, which is located in Decatur, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Both meets will be held in the Ray Padovan Pool.

Overall, the teams have six meets left this season.

They have a dual meet Jan. 24 against both Valparaiso and Ball State.

That meet will be held in Fishers, Ind., and will start at 11 a.m.

The teams conclude the season at home against IUPUI and Saint Louis.

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## Top Cat

with Lauren Zillmer,  
senior women's swimmer

# Zillmer racing with fluid adjustments

Senior, coach  
work together to  
streamline success

By Kevin Murphy  
Staff Reporter

Ask anyone in the Eastern swimming program about senior Lauren Zillmer and he will tell you she is a competitive person.

The senior from Park Ridge does not hold back, especially on the starting blocks.

"You can tell she's very competitive," said Eastern head swimming coach Matt Bos. "It's nice to see that. She doesn't shy away from that. That's the way she goes about racing."

Zillmer's competitive drive has taken a turn within the past few weeks and within the past two seasons. She was in the driver's seat at Delta State's Tunica Invitational. She won the 50- and 200-yard freestyle and was the anchor in the 400-yard medley relay.

To get to that point was not easy for Zillmer, who is focusing on the small technical aspects of swimming, including starting off the blocks and heading into the turns to gain the most momentum.

"She was able to win a couple of those races because she did those little things before," Bos said. "It's one of those things where she's working hard and having some success with that. It's already paying off."

Zillmer credits her success and those training techniques within the past two seasons to Bos.

"Sometimes I wish I had another year with Matt Bos," she said.

And it's something Zillmer is grateful for as she closes her career in the final six weeks.

"I never thought my times would be as fast as they would be right now," she said.

Zillmer said when she was in high school, coaches would tell her she could do it, with different training, but she never believed them.

"But now, I think that's why I have

more faith in myself, because it's actually happening. And I'm starting to figure out what they were saying."

Zillmer evaluated Bos' training and translated it into the pool.

"I feel stronger in my races when I focus on the little things," she said.

Those little things include taking momentum into the wall, constantly practicing starting off the blocks, keeping a streamline off flip turns and controlling her breathing.

"Where she was having trouble in was the last couple of strokes," Bos said. "Her timing was off a little bit. She was losing a little momentum going into the wall."

That changed within the past few weeks, and Zillmer, along with the rest of the team, noticed those changes right away.

"I remembered it during my races, just the little things adding up and I ended up touching people out of it," she said.

Delta State's Tunica Invitational happened to be an example of change within the program. The swimming programs usually train in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and then the teams rest until a dual meet.

Bos, in his second season, added the two-day meet, which prepares people for the Summit League Championships and tests people to compete when they are tired after intense workouts.

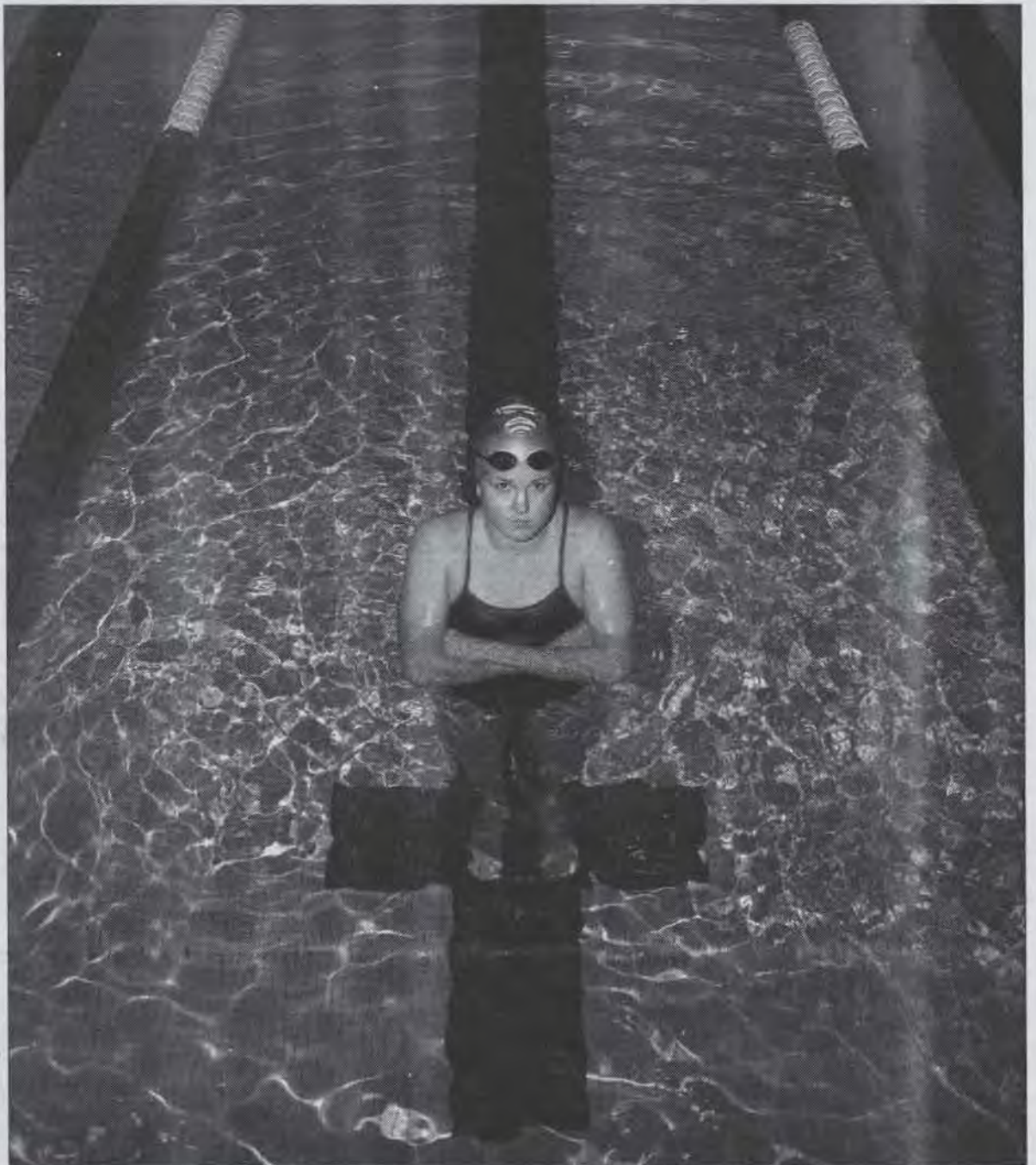
"It's a good sign because we were coming off 12 days of hard training," Bos said. "Physically, her body was broken down. Mentally, she was exhausted. For her to swim the way she did, it was very positive."

For the senior, she adapted to different techniques from Bos' instruction, something that also started at the beginning of the season.

"Right away, I started swimming with the boys," Zillmer said. "They always try to work really hard, and I try to keep up with them, so that motivated me a lot."

This coaching practice came from Bos.

"Right away from the beginning, he's like, 'You don't need to go on the slower (interval). You can do this



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Senior women's swimmer Lauren Zillmer, the team's captain, had first-place finishes in the 50- and 200-yard freestyles and anchored the first-place 400-yard medley relay team.

faster one," she said. "I just knew it would benefit in the long run. (Guys) do swim a lot faster than girls do. Keeping up with them is a challenge. I like having a challenge in practice."

The relationship between the two

has made Zillmer a better swimmer this season, even after earning Second Team honors from the Summit League last season.

"If he thinks I can do it, then I think I can do it," she said. "I feel a

lot stronger than I'm used to. I feel really good all the time."

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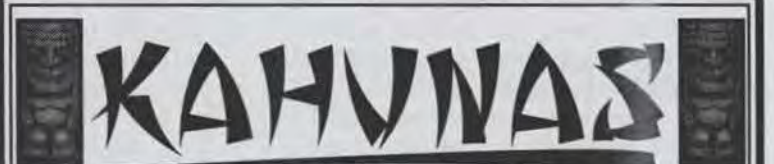
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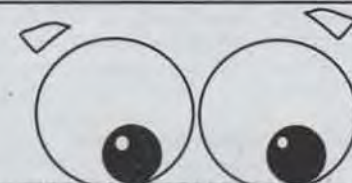
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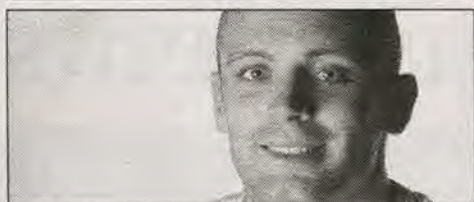
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## And so it begins...

The coaches have spoken. The Ohio Valley Conference looks to be just as competitive as it was last season. The other familiarity from last season is that the OVC coaches have chosen the Panthers to repeat their championship performance. The men received three of four first place votes while the women received six first place votes.

The men will be looking for their twelfth championship in the last 14 years. In order to do so, they will have to fight off strong opponents such as Eastern Kentucky (one first place vote), Southeast Missouri and Tennessee State.

"It's like a three-headed monster between Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee State and us for the championship every year," head coach Tom Akers said.

EKU, who finished third last season, will be looking to return to its championship form of 2008. Leading the way for the Colonels will be reigning Co-OVC Male Track and Field Athlete of the Year Stanley Mugo.

Another strong opponent the Panthers should be looking at is Southeast Missouri. The Redhawks are led by senior Audrey Harwood and reigning OVC Male Field Athlete of the Year Joshua Uchtman.

"SEMO and Eastern Kentucky will probably be our toughest challenge," senior jumper Ian Winston said.

Even with other OVC teams looking strong, the Panthers are sure they can repeat, but they have to put last season's impressive performance in the past.

"As long as they do not get caught up with what happened last year (they can repeat as champions)," assistant coach JaRod Tobler said. "They have to put it on the back burner and focus on this year."

If Winston can repeat his dominant performance from the last season, the Panthers should have no problem returning to their championship form. Winston was a first team All-OVC last season after he finished first in the high and triple jumps at the 2009 OVC Outdoor Championship.

Also leading the way will be sophomore Zye Boey, who finished first in both the 60-meter and 200-meter dash at last year's championship. Boey also holds an Eastern record for the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.66 seconds.

Senior thrower Kandace Arnold, who won the championship in the weight throw and shot put last season, will lead the women.

Although the OVC Indoor Championship does not take place till Feb. 26, it is still something that is lingering in the back of all the athletes' minds.

For now, they will have to focus on their upcoming meet, which will be next Saturday at Lantz Field House.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. EASTERN KENTUCKY, 6:30 P.M.

# Colonels bring unique style

### Offense, defense pose problems for Panthers

By Bob Bajek  
 Sports Editor

The struggle to be an Ohio Valley Conference's top team has many bumps along the way.

One of those bumps for the Eastern men's basketball team is a road match up with rival Eastern Kentucky (11-6, 4-2 OVC) 6:30 p.m. today at Richmond, Ky.

The Colonels have won 16 consecutive home contests and 10 of the last 11 conference games

**"They take three guys and smother 'em and they match up in other places. It's a very different style of play."**

Mike Miller, Eastern men's basketball head coach

on their court.

Panther head coach Mike Miller said the Colonels present several challenges to his squad (10-6, 4-2 OVC).

"Eastern Kentucky is probably the most unique match-up in the OVC just because of the style that they play," Miller said. "The style

they play is very unusual and this is the only time we will see it."

"They are going to play the Michigan style, the Beilein system their coach (Jeff Neubauer) ran at West Virginia," Miller said. "He has been very effective in running it at Eastern Kentucky."

Neubauer was the top assistant

at West Virginia for three seasons under Mountaineers coach John Beilein from 2002-2005, including an NCAA Elite Eight appearance in his final season.

Miller said the Colonels shoot many three-point shots and can drain over 10 treys a game and make numerous layups. Eastern Kentucky is hitting 40.5 percent from beyond the arch.

Miller said they don't play a traditional low post offense; instead, everything is outside and plays off the dribble to cut to the basket.

Defensively, the Colonels play three different zones, Miller said. They run a 1-3-1, funneling the

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. EASTERN KENTUCKY, 4:30 P.M.

# Panthers ready for 'big-time'

### Coach expects battle between top OVC teams

By Alex McNamee  
 Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's women's basketball team will take to the road today, as it will play Eastern Kentucky (8-7, 5-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference) at 4:30 p.m. in Richmond, Ky.

Eastern (8-8, 4-1 OVC) and EKU are two of the top three teams in the conference so far this season. This will be the first meeting this season between the rivals.

EKU, much like Eastern, enters the game led by a freshman, forward Alex Jones. Jones leads the team in scoring and rebounding. Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he believes Jones has a bright future ahead of her.

"Alex Jones is a kid who has already established herself as one of the better post players in the league," Sallee said. "She can shoot from multiple places, which presents a problem for us."

The Panthers are also led in scoring by a freshman, guard Ta'Kenya Nixon, who is scoring 14.1 points per game and leads Eastern with 4.3 assists per game.

Nixon said she knows how good the Lady Colonels are, but said that she does not have any major concerns about going against them.

"As long as we go out there and focus on us and get ourselves going, then it'll be a good game," Nixon said.

Eastern, along with EKU, have two of the hottest players in the OVC at this point in the season with senior forward Maggie Kloak (EKU) and junior guard Talisha Davis (EKU).

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Sophomore forward Chantelle Presley tries taking the ball away from Kellie Cook, a Tennessee Tech freshman guard, on Jan. 4 in Lantz Arena.

# Walker tears ACL; out for season

Sophomore guard Pilar Walker is out for the remainder of the season because of a torn ACL.

The women's basketball team received the news after visiting with a team doctor Tuesday.

"There are just so many thoughts going through my head

right now, but I've gotten a lot of support from my teammates and coaches," Walker said.

Walker said after hearing her diagnosis, she considered a medical red-shirt which would save her one season of athletic eligibility.

According to the NCAA Web

site, if an athlete participates in more than 20 percent of his team's scheduled games, then he is ineligible for a medical red-shirt.

Walker has participated in 16 of Eastern's 30 scheduled games this season, meaning she cannot red-shirt.

## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Women's basketball**  
 Today at Eastern Kentucky  
 4:30 p.m. - Richmond, Ky.

**Men's basketball**  
 Today at Eastern Kentucky  
 6:30 p.m. - Richmond, Ky.

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 Friday vs. Western Illinois  
 4 p.m. - Padovan Pool

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 Saturday at Morehead State  
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