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TRIAL Miller guilty in students' deaths

Former police officer sentenced to eight years

Staff Report

A woman responsible for the deaths of three Eastern students was sentenced to eight years in prison Thursday.

Christine L. Miller, a former Sunset Hills, Mo., police officer, pleaded guilty to four counts of first-degree involuntary manslaughter and one count of assault in the second degree in December.

Miller was sentenced Thursday to eight-year terms for each count of manslaughter and seven years for the count of assault, according to Missouri case.net.

The sentences will run concurrently.

Priya Darshini Muppavarapu, Anusha Anumolu and Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneni, from India were earning masters degrees in technology.

The young women were traveling on Dougherty Ferry Road in St. Louis with two other individuals when Miller, who was driving in the wrong lane, crashed into their car on March 21, 2009.

Miller was reportedly intoxicated when she hit their car.

The women were in St. Louis for spring break visiting Nitesh Adusumilli, who was the driver of the car and sole survivor of the crash.

Circuit Court Judge Michael T. Jamison in St. Louis County presided over the case.



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Priya Darshini Muppavarapu, left, Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneni, center, and Anusha Anumola, right, than Eastern graduate students in the technology department were killed in a car accident March 21, 2009 in Des Peres, Mo. Christine L. Miller was found guilty of four counts of involuntary manslaughter and one count of second degree assault and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

STUDENT LIFE Spending spring break at Eastern

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

With Spring Break approaching, most students will be leaving for home or to party in warmer weather, but some will find themselves staying at the mostly deserted Eastern campus.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said there is housing available on campus for any student wishing to stay. There is an extra fee of \$75 and the extra rooms are only located in Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas Hall.

"I know a lot of athletes often find themselves in that situation since they will have practice and games over break," Hudson said. "But we also get international students and students with jobs who wish to stay. We've had grad students who stay here to work on their thesis."

Hudson said most of the athletic teams who need to stay over break are already housed in Lincoln, Stevenson or Douglas Hall.

"Students who don't already live at LSD will have to pack up a suitcase and move into one of the extra rooms for the week," Hudson said.

He also said the housing and dining office will be open over break, so any student who has forgotten anything will be able to contact the office and have access to the locked halls.

"I've had students who have gone to Europe call and say they've forgotten a pair of shoes they just had to have," Hudson said. "I went into their room and got them for them."

Mobolaji Adams, a freshman pre-business major and an international student from Nigeria, said he will be on campus over break. He said that some international students who have friends or family within the United States do have the option to stay with them if they choose.

"I think we are up to five or six (international students) staying here," Adams said. "A couple of them could decide at the last minute to stay with their family in Chicago. I know some of them could probably afford to stay at a hotel for a couple of days."

Adams said that he will likely study at Booth Library or relax over break.

"It's probably just going to be really boring," Adams said. "I'll try and do something to make it fun for myself. I'd love to do like a million things like go to Florida. The States are big and I've never been outside the Charleston area."

Adams said getting food or groceries will be difficult since the dining halls and the Panther Express will be closed over break.

"It will probably be a lot of Subway and County Market," Adams said. "(It's) another experience all on its own. It's a situation I don't have any control over."

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Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining

CAMPUS Abolished death penalty impacts sorority

By Dave Balson
Opinions Editor

When Gov. Pat Quinn signed a law abolishing the death penalty Wednesday, he commuted the sentences of everyone on death row to life in prison, including Anthony Mertz, who was awaiting execution for murdering, raping and mutilating Eastern student Shannon McNamara in 2001.

Kaitlin Van Scooter, the president of McNamara's former soror-

ity, Alpha Phi, is "in utter shock."

Van Scooter is too young to have known McNamara, but the sorority still remembers and honors McNamara and considers it part of their identity. Van Scooter took Quinn's decision personally.

"I was really upset when I heard the news," she said. "I was up all night. So I decided to send (Shannon's parents) a letter. I realized, 'this means more to me than anything.' It's funny because, yeah I didn't know her, but just the fact

that she was a sister, it means so much to me to be there for the family. My chapter honors her and remembers her. As a sister, this is my duty, it's what I need to do."

Van Scooter was surprised that Quinn signed the bill. She thought he would never let a man like Mertz off death row.

"At first when I heard they were thinking about it, I was like, 'no it'll be fine. He's not gonna pass it,'" she said. "But now that he has given Mertz life in prison, I just don't

agree with it. I'm still trying to process it all. For someone who does something like that, he should get the same in return. He made someone suffer, a poor, innocent girl. He shouldn't be allowed to live."

Van Scooter also said she sees the other side of the argument.

"Then again," she continued, "I understand that there were innocent people also on death row, and that's a different story and understandable."

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FORUM EIU Democrats and Republicans speak on Egypt

By Sara Hall
Staff Reporter

The EIU Democrats and Republicans and three professors spoke at a forum to discuss the revolution and current political state in Egypt Thursday in Coleman Hall.

The forum began with a video of compiled coverage of the Egyptian Revolution. It began with shots of Jan. 25, known as "The Day of Rage" and ended with Feb. 11, or "Farwell Friday."

Ahmed Abou-Zaid, a professor of economics and former citizen of Egypt for 35 years, said he has a more personal connection with the subject matter.

"I'm not speaking (just) as a professor, but as an insider," he said.

Abou-Zaid said one of the causes of the revolution was the middle class diminishing, causing the people to revolt. He said surprisingly, the upper class helped bring about the revolt.

"It wasn't started by the lower (class) people," he said.

Abou-Zaid said fraud also caused the Egyptian people to become angry with the government.

"There was a long list of corruption and monopoly done to the



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jeremy Haas and Ryan Plunkett, student representatives of the College Democrats, listen during the question and answer portion of Thursday's forum on the ongoing Middle East revolution in the lecture auditorium of Coleman Hall.

Egyptians," he said.

David Carwell, a professor of political science, said the country's unsatisfactory economic status and high unemployment rate contributed to the revolt.

Brett Anderson, an instructor

of geography, agreed with Carwell, saying economics shaped the call for reform.

"Economics is at the heart of what happened in Egypt," he said.

The professors cited technology as a key factor in bringing the

protests together in Egypt. Abou-Zaid said posts on Facebook were especially instrumental in getting people involved with the cause and bringing down the government.

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EIU weather

TODAY SATURDAY



Clear High: 52° Low: 40°
Partly Cloudy High: 49° Low: 27°

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what's on tap

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Closings
The Residence Halls and Greek Court will officially close for spring break at 8 p.m. today.

7:30 a.m. Shorter hours
The University Food Court and Java B&B will have abbreviated hours from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

All day- Speech Team
The Eastern speech team will be competing in the Last Chance Qualifier Tournament all day Sunday at Illinois State University.

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Student Senate
Student Senate will meet in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the MLK Jr. Union for their weekly meeting.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

ONLINE



Vlog: On the cheap

Going into spring break with an empty wallet? For cheap ideas on how to spend your break, go to DENnews.com for this week's ON THE CHEAP with Christopher O'Driscoll, the assistant online editor.



Audio: EIU Fitness

To find out more about what it takes to partake in the Mr./Ms. EIU, and how to prepare properly, go to DENnews.com and listen to the audio package by the managing editor Abby Allgire.

And then there was one



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Courtney Beals, a kinesiology and sports science major, enjoys spending some free time between classes on Thursday in McAfee Gymnasium. Beals said she likes to come to McAfee because it's quiet.

STU'S

Thursday
\$4 Red bull Vodka
\$2 Rails
\$3 Margaritas
\$4 Pineapple up/dn Martini

Friday
\$4 Long Islands
\$3 Coronas
\$4 Pitchers
\$4 Mint Chocolate Martinis

Saturday
\$2 Domestic
\$8 UV Pitchers
\$3.50 Bacardi Mixers
\$3 Whiskey DOUBLES

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EIU History Lesson

March 11

2002 Eastern organizations and faculty started taking a look at online courses to see if the same content could be provided via a computer as could be taught in a class.

1992 The Panthers went to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 84 years after clenching a tight game against the University of Illinois-Chicago.

1980 Republican presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan flew into Mattoon and spoke briefly at a farmers convention.

CONCERT

Jazz band's goal to be genuine

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

After rehearsing for the entire semester, the students of Eastern's jazz studies program got the chance to show off what they learned during their concert Thursday evening in Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Paul Johnston, associate music professor, directed the concert. He said the goal of the concert was not only just to put on a good show, but to give students a knowledge and experience with different styles of music.

"It always gives us new energy and excitement to play in front of people," Johnston said.

"It's hard to describe music we like," Johnston said. "When we do we talk about colors and textures, things we can see."

The jazz lab band performed 12 songs during the concert and admission was free.

Johnston said his favorite piece was "(I've Got the) World on a String" arranged by Patrick Williams.

"It's got a wonderful groove and makes all the sections shine," Johnston said. "I get to pick the music so in general I like them all."

Kurt Swan, a sophomore jazz studies major, played piano during the concert. He said he also enjoyed "(I've Got the) World on a String" and had a solo during it.

"I've listened to the record over and over again trying to pick up on all the things he does but I cannot be perfect," Swan said. "(The concert) was awesome. I enjoyed it. There are always things that are shaky in rehearsal but they didn't happen. I would have clapped after each solo if I could, but I can't play and clap at the same time."

Swan said his goal was to sound as genuine as possible and not as a recording.

"I wanted to sound as if I was 85-years-old up there," Swan said.

Eric Fitts, a senior jazz studies major, played guitar during the concert. Fitts had a solo in "On Green Dolphin Street" arranged by Les Hooper. He said he felt the song was very colorful since it switches between both Latin and regular swing music.

"I feel great. It was lots of fun and



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Danny Kent, a senior music major with teacher certification, performs a solo on alto saxophone Thursday at a Jazz Lab Band concert in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

had some intense moments," Fitts said. "That was the best we've ever played ('No Blues.') I was on my toes the entire time."

Swan agreed with Fitts and said that the song is called "No Blues" because much of it is just improvisation.

"I get to go off the page. Me and Eric had a lot of musical moments on that piece," Swan said.

"My favorite moment was Kurt on 'No Blues'," Fitts said. "He kind of steered everything and had some intense and beautiful moments."

"No Blues" is by Wes Montgomery. The band also performed "Stompin' at the Savoy" arranged by Ralph Burns,

"Mary Ann" arranged by Michael Sweeney, "Here's the Rainy Day" arranged by Dee Barton, "The Queen Bee" by Sammy Nestico, "Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me" arranged by Dave Wolpe, "Jive Samba" arranged by Tim Clarke, "Stuffy" arranged by John Berry and "Misty Morning" by Chris Gallaher.

The band ended the performance with "Salt Peanuts" by John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie. Fitts said that no one is certain who arranged the song, however, but they think it was Dave Wolpe.

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ACADEMICS

Students and teachers voice opinions on attendance policies

By Ryan Baffield
Staff Reporter

Attendance policies have become a hot topic as teachers and students share different views.

Teachers have various attendance policies: some do not take attendance or learn students' names, while others do. Others have very harsh consequences such as deducting percentage points from a student's overall grade for each absence.

Dan Hagen, a journalism professor, only views attendance as a partial percentage of a student's final grade.

"Performance is more important as the point for them is to learn the skill whether they're here or not," Hagen said.

While some teachers do not actively enforce attendance policies or deduct points, others have incentives for students to attend class daily.

Florentina Larabee, a math and computer science professor, waives the final exam for students with perfect attendance, enabling them to make a choice of taking it or not.

Brytney Taylor, a senior family and consumer science major, disagrees with

attendance policies as students are responsible for their own education.

"I don't agree with attendance policies, it's the student's responsibility to attend class since they're paying for their education," Taylor said.

While many students and professors agree with having no attendance policies, some argue that the policies can give students an extra push.

Ronald Wabomnor, a sophomore sociology major, believes attendance policies provide an added sense of motivation to various students to attend class while being productive.

Some students, like Nick Canaday, a junior English major, feel that classes with required group projects should have attendance policies.

"I say yes to attendance policies if there are group project assignments," Canaday said. "I hate when your partners don't know what's going on. Honestly, I'm not so much bothered when someone is absent, more so when they come in late and rustle around or talk while I'm trying to pay attention."

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CAMPUS

NRHH to host spring fundraiser for scholarships

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

The National Residence Hall Honorary is taking pre-orders for its spring fundraiser T-shirt after selling the bulk of the 400 shirts to students.

This is the second annual spring fundraiser to raise funds for four housing department scholarships.

Colleen Nelson, communications coordinator of NRHH and senior special and elementary education major, said they only have larger shirt sizes left from selling Monday through Wednesday. She said NRHH is taking pre-orders to accommodate more students who still want a shirt.

The front of the shirt says "You Know You're EIU When..." and the back of the shirt consists of different sayings relating to Eastern.

Some of the content includes "Squirrels are close enough to touch," "Snowpocalypse 2011= 2 Snow Days," "You have a picture of yourself on the panther in front of Marty's" and "You have seen President Perry wearing a blue wig."

Abby Ford, vice president of NRHH and junior sociology major, said students really took a liking to the shirts because it represents parts of their college experience.

"The shirt is a reminder of what students have seen on campus this year and it is something they are able to relate to," Ford said.

Ford said they spent about \$2,200 to purchase the shirts and they deposited about \$1,000 of profits on Tuesday.

Nelson said they will deliver the pre-order shirts to people living on-campus after spring break and those living off-campus will have the opportunity to

pick the shirts up from NRHH.

The four scholarships NRHH is raising money for are the Louis V. Hencken Housing Service Scholarship, the Sean R. McKinney Scholarship, the Brad Wright Memorial Scholarship and the Richard G. Enochs Scholarship. Nelson said each scholarship has different qualifications and monetary value.

"Some scholarships are just offered to first year students who show leadership in the housing department while others are offered to everyone," Nelson said.

Both faculty and housing department employees participated in the "Pie Your Professor" event on Wednesday.

Hudson said Moe Samad, associate resident director of Carman Hall, brought a contingent of residents from Carman Hall to pie him and Andrew Methven, a biological science professor, told students about the opportunity to pie him after he had a test in one of his classes.

Ford said the executive board of NRHH went to the Mill's Breast Cancer Foundation Feb. 15 to present the \$5,275.08 amount rose from NRHH's fall breast cancer fundraiser. The Mill's Foundation named an examination room after Eastern's NRHH chapter because of its donation to the foundation.

"NRHH is an organization that really distinguishes itself and really brings honor to the housing and dining operation by virtue of the ways of which they raise money for worthy causes," Hudson said.

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UNIVERSITY

UB asks for increase in budget

By Courtney Bruner
Staff Reporter

The University Board is asking the Apportionment Board for more than \$10,000 more for next year's budget than the previous year's budget.

While the increase does not come from one particular committee, most of the committees had small increases that added up to the \$10,852 increase.

The largest increase comes from the productions committee of the UB of \$3,925, for a total of \$13,725. This is to buy two subwoofers and two top speakers. The second biggest increase was the comedy committee who is asking for \$23,930, which is up \$3,400 from this year.

Alyssa Anderson, the vice chair of UB, said this increase comes with the idea to bring more well known acts to campus.

Anderson said a crucial committee that is asking for a slight increase in funds is marketing and public relations because they help students become more aware of the events the UB puts on.

"These are just 'thank you's' to students, staff and faculty for attending events. We just want to bring something new."

Jessica Leggin, marketing and public relations committee chair

Jessica Leggin, the marketing and public relations committee chair, said the UB has increased its advertising with table tents and sandwich boards, but they plan to decrease advertisements in other places such as in *The Daily Eastern News*.

The committee is looking for an in-

crease of \$208 for a total of \$22,809. This is to help increase the knowledge of events on campus and in the community and bring about unique and creative advertisements.

"These are just 'thank you's' to students, staff and faculty for attending events," Leggin said. "We just want to bring something new."

Overall, the University Board is asking for \$257,928 for the next year.

The outline of the AB's budget was handed out to members as well. The board is asking for a \$1,550 increase, for a total of \$25,500.

Ted Hart, one of the advisers to AB, said the increase comes from an increase in the civil service salary along with group insurance. However, the AB plans to decrease its cost for repair of computer equipment, office supplies and printing supplies.

Both budgets were tabled for the March 24 meeting.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Death penalty was not justice

Gov. Pat Quinn signed a bill Wednesday to abolish the death penalty in Illinois and commute the sentences of current death row inmates to life in prison, without the chance of parole.

We support Gov. Quinn in his decision.

We did not come to this conclusion easily. A valid moral argument exists for those who support, and those who oppose, the right of the justice system to punish the most heinous crimes with death.

The question weighs more heavily upon the Eastern community than most. Before Quinn signed the bill, the first person in line for execution was Anthony Mertz, who killed Shannon McNamara in 2001. Both were Eastern students, and further descriptions of this horrific crime can be found elsewhere in today's issue or on DENnews.com. Suffice it to say, the idea that Mertz will have a long, if not full, life after ruining so many others disgusts us. It is repulsive to think of him wearing the same sick grim of his mug shot into old age. Too many, it seems the gravest injustice. We fully sympathize with that sentiment.

Some believe that it is never right for the government to take a person's life on behalf of the people, others say it is the only way true justice is served. But reality does not allow for such a clearly defined philosophical argument. Evidence of a broken system, racked with mistakes, plagued with coercion and blatant institutional discrimination, lead us to the same conclusion as Gov. Quinn:

"Since our experience has shown that there is no way to design a perfect death penalty system, free from the numerous flaws that can lead to wrongful convictions or discriminatory treatment, I have concluded that the proper course of action is to abolish it," Quinn said in a statement Wednesday.

The death penalty has proven imperfect. In Illinois alone, 20 men sentenced to death have been exonerated and freed from death row.

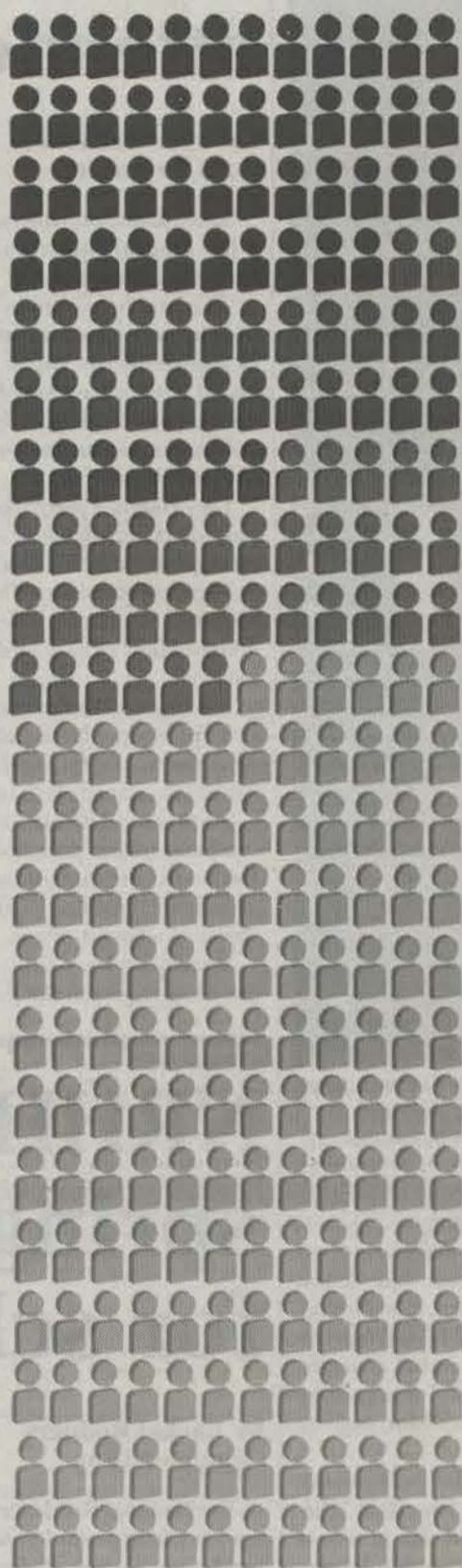
Race also seems to play a significant role in death penalty sentencing. According to the Death Penalty Information Center, in 96 percent of the states where there have been reviews of race and the death penalty, there was a pattern of either race-of-victim or race-of-defendant discrimination, or both.

This, we believe, changes the whole moral dynamic of the death penalty. No longer is the question about whether it is just for the state to kill a heinous killer. If the state, on our behalf, has killed an innocent person, is that not clearly murder? Does that not undermine the higher moral standing upon which the state justifies its righteousness to decide who lives or dies?

More importantly, aren't we all, as citizens in a democracy, culpable, if not complicit, in the murder of an innocent?

We are. The blood is on all of our hands, no matter how noble our intentions were or how ignorant we were of the process. If executing 100 men guilty of the worst of crimes means allowing the murder of one innocent man, justice has still been undone.

Less than two months ago, we published an editorial in support of the death penalty. We, like any judge or member of a jury, are human and, after reconsidering the evidence, have changed our opinion.



46 inmates sent to death row in cases where prosecutors used jailhouse informants to convict or condemn defendants.

33 inmates represented at trial by an attorney who had been disbarred or suspended.

At least 35 African-American inmates on death row convicted or condemned by an all-white jury.

Half of nearly 300 capital cases reserved for new trial or sentence hearing

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COLUMN

Women's history an Eastern tradition

By Sarah Bigler
 Columnist

Happy Women's History Month! Women have contributed some major inventions over the years, and hardly ever get the same kind of recognition as men for it. Despite all we routinely hear about women being underrepresented in the sciences and in math, we've actually had some pretty big accomplishments, and we often do it with a beauty and grace men can't match.

Women invented COBOL, which was one of the first computer codes and languages, the circular saw, chocolate chip cookies, the windshield wiper, and Kevlar.

Eastern has had its share of impressive women. Joan Allen, a three-time Academy Award nominee studied acting and theater arts at Eastern in 1978. Her screen credits include "The Notebook," the "Bourne" trilogy, "Nixon," and "Pleasantville." She is a Tony Award and Screen Actors Guild winner.

Yvette Moyo-Guillard, a 1974 alumna, co-founded "Real Men Charities," which aims to recognize the role men play in their children's lives. Real Men Cook has spent 20 years in Chicago, celebrating Father's Day and Barack Obama participated while he was senator from Illinois.

Other female Eastern alumni include a retired assistant secretary of the Air Force, health and education workers, a reporter for Channel 7 news in Chicago, scientists, and the NCAA vice president for championships.

Past women might have invented dishwashers, paper grocery bags and the submarine telescope, but we're definitely going to have even more influence in years to come. Just remember girls and boys, as Faith Whitelsey's famous quote says, "Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, except backwards and in high heels."

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COLUMN

Student fees go a lot farther than you think

By Jennifer Brown
 Columnist

Students who attend Eastern may not realize how much of their money returns to the university in fees. Without these fees, however, faculty on campus would not be able to teach their courses in a personalized and individualized manner that helps students succeed.

The programs and services fee, which is over \$600 a semester, gives students the opportunity to contribute their free time to campus organizations that may further their future careers.

While this may seem like a steep price to pay, organizations such as student government may not have the campus funding to give students the opportunity to receive hands-on experience of what their work environment may be like.

Activity fees are included in the program and service fees, which includes campus conveniences such as the shuttle bus or computer labs available for student use on campus.

This fee is beneficial to students because it's a fee that allows guest speakers to come speak to students; concerts can be performed in Doudna, and students can express their views through publications.

Field trip fees also apply in some courses

where students may go off and explore something for a project or paper. While this may seem fun at the time, it's money out of your pocket that you're paying to the university. It's to benefit your education, however, and should be embraced in order to take advantage of the unique opportunities.

Eastern wouldn't be able to have Health Service without the support of its students paying for its services each semester. It's a fine medical facility for Eastern's campus; students can see a doctor for a variety of conditions, and have the opportunity to get quality care, for around \$80 each semester.

You're still paying this, even if you stay healthy. You're still paying the fee if you use this accidental coverage off campus with another co-existing insurance. The discounted prescriptions are less than you'd pay at Walgreens, but it's a money-saver for this hidden fee on your semester bill.

Students who don't use these services are still being billed to use them. It's beneficial to the university, and to the students, because it provides opportunities and services which the student may not otherwise be able to afford.

While an athletic fee may seem awkward for those students who don't play sports, it's a money-saver for athletic directors and coach-

es. It helps provide money for their sport programs and give students the benefit to exercise in a state-of-the-art recreation facility.

Eastern's Textbook Rental Service charges a fee for renting books every semester, but compared to other universities, this fee is one to be thankful for. It gives students the opportunity to rent their textbooks for a low fee, instead of buying them and spending hundreds of dollars.

The next time you pay your student bill and find all the fees itemized on it, don't fret over the costs. Without those fees, the university would not be able to provide the services it does to its students.

There wouldn't be any legal services, for when you need legal advice on an issue. Activities would be limited, and organizations would be few. The textbook prices would go through the roof if we weren't able to rent our books.

The university uses the fees to better the university, to provide more services for present and future students. So, don't look at the number and gasp at how much something costs. Be grateful it's there and you're not paying out of pocket each time to use that service.

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RHA

Elections to begin after break

By Jennifer Brown
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association presented nominations for future elections in Pemberton Hall with Spring Fling just weeks away.

A representative from National Residence Hall Honorary was the first to make announcements on behalf of RHA.

The NRHH representative announced the awards for February's Of-the-Month awards at the RHA meeting.

One of the awards was for educational program of the month, and Voodoo Valentine's Day received the award, which was nominated by an RHA member from Ford Hall.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, spoke to RHA members on behalf of the elections and delivered a spring break message.

"We have invited 35 or so potential graduate student candidates who are looking for lots of institutions to come to next year," Hudson said. "We're looking to replace our former graduate students who are looking to go off and get their first full-time job."

Hudson said there will be a gathering in Pemberton Hall's lobby and the first group comes on March 20. Two more groups will follow, on March 24 and March 27; all start at 8 p.m.

"There will be student leaders, R.A.'s and other grads," Hudson said. "What we're trying to do is helping those candidates get a feel for this campus. They're interviewing us like we're interviewing them."

Hudson encouraged all members of RHA to attend the session and take advantage of the meet-and-greet op-



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Kristina Bultema, a senior psychology major and chair of the Residence Hall Association social justice and diversity committee, gives her committee report Thursday during the RHA meeting in Pemberton Hall.

portunity.

Following these events, Eastern will bring in full-time candidates for positions such as resident director, associate director and others.

Jake Nees, a junior sociology major and president of RHA, was nominated for president after being president this academic year.

"I'm only running for president," Nees said. "It's my third year, and I've enjoyed getting to know people from different halls."

Nees said he was taken to a RHA meeting three years ago by his R.A. and encouraged to become involved.

Dondre Keeler, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major and vice-president of RHA, was nominated for the vice-president and NCC/ICC positions.

"The best thing is seeing everyone grow as leaders," Keeler said. "My R.A. brought me to hall council and I became an RHA rep, which got me involved."

Kristina Bultema, a senior psychology major, announced the Social Justice and Diversity committee will have a week of programs March 28-April 1.

On March 28, the committee will host a bingo night in the 7th Street

Underground to help raise money for polio vaccinations.

"Bill Gates is doing an incentive where everyone that donates towards polio vaccinations, he'll match it," Bultema said.

Hudson said the opportunity to be on the executive board is an advantage by working with those in leadership and gaining experience working for an organization.

"For those that do it, it completes their education," Hudson said. "It helps develop leadership skills."

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UNIVERSITY

Budgets still allow for scholarships

Staff Report

Despite tight budget constraints, the university continues to have available methods to fund scholarships.

For fiscal year 2011, the university is currently receiving a 17.2 percent return on their endowment fund investments. Endowment funds are donations the university has received for a specific purpose, most commonly scholarships, said Treasurer Paul McCann. The earnings of those funds go to pay the donor designated scholarships.

Currently, the university invests more than \$555,000 with Schwab Institutional Brokerage accounts. This data is a part of the Deposit and Investment report submitted to the Board of Trustees for their meeting today.

During the meeting, the Board of Trustees will also vote to approve the building at 975 Edgar Drive, which currently houses the Textbook Rental Service, will be named after Louis M. Grado.

Grado, who died on July 16, 2010, served Eastern for 35 years in elementary education.

The naming committee proposal being submitted to the board said this vote would symbolize, for all future generations of Eastern's students and faculty, the spirit of excellence and service in education that Grado embraced and embodied.

The board will meet at 1 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CONCERT

Duo to perform women's pieces for history month

By Dave Balson
Opinions Editor

Here is a quick quiz for Women's History and Awareness Month (WHAM): Try to name four great classical composers who are women.

If the curve is set to two, would you still pass the test? If so, congratulations. Feel free to take a week off classes. If not, don't beat yourself up. But do make sure to spend "An Afternoon of Violin and Piano Music by 19th and 20th Century Women."

The concert, which will take place at 3:30 p.m. on March 13 at the Table Arts Center, will feature compositions by four classical composers performed by two professional musicians from the Charleston area.

Elaine Fine, a violinist, and John David Moore, a pianist and associate

professor of English, have been playing together for well over a decade. This will be their third year performing in honor of WHAM.

Though none of the composers are particularly well known, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel is probably the most notable. Her brother, Felix Mendelssohn, was, in Moore's words, "one of the top biggies in 19th century composition."

Fine said Hensel's work was never published for fear it might undermine the work of her brother.

"For a woman of her class to have that music published was considered a way of dissing her brother as a breadwinner of the family," Fine said. "So she is a victim of the upper class. And now, finally, her music is being published and people realize that she was a very, very fine composer."

But, Moore added, "a lot of things that Felix Mendelssohn did were first pioneered by his sister."

The concert will also feature compositions by Louise Farren, who Moore said "was roughly a contemporary of Beethoven and very influenced by Beethoven," and Germaine Tailleferre, the only female member of a group of avant-garde composers in the early 20th century called Le Six.

Fine and Moore found their fourth piece, "Sonata in D major, Op. 26," by Dora Pejasevich, in Booth Library. They had never heard of Pejasevich before finding her work at Eastern, but once they played it they realized it was something worth sharing with the entire community.

Researching rare compositions and working on them is one of the best parts of Fine and Moore's work together.

"Most of the fun of doing this is actually the rehearsal," Fine said. "We enjoy the performances, but most of all we enjoy learning the music."

As performers, the duo brings combined decades of experience. Moore has played piano "pretty much since sixth grade," and used to perform with the Eastern Trio years ago.

Fine teaches at Lake Land College, but her main work is as a professional musician. She studied flute at Juilliard and was a professional flutist after she graduated. Then, at 32, she made the switch to violin. Fine said it was a difficult transition.

"I had to start from the beginning and be extremely patient with myself, make mistakes and embarrass myself on occasion," she said. "Now I've been playing for close to 20 years and I think I'm as good a violinist as I was a flutist."

She no longer plays the flute.

"The wrist position on the flute and the wrist position on the violin are at odds with one another. So holding the flute with my wrist back effects my violin position," Fine said. "I much prefer playing the violin to playing the flute."

Fine said this concert is important for everyone in the community.

"I think it should mean a lot to not just women, but men as well," she said. "It brings an awareness to music that had previously not been acknowledged as a great accomplishment, as great art."

Doing concerts like this makes it possible to hear music that, otherwise, people wouldn't hear."

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Criminal damage to property reported

Criminal damage to property was reported at 10 a.m. on Monday near Carman Hall. This incident is under investigation.

On Tuesday, 3/8/11 at 5:15 a.m., Olarenwaju Anibaba, 22, of 1547 Third Street., Charleston, was arrested at 5:15 a.m. on Tuesday at Third Street and Grant Avenue. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams. Anibaba was released at 6:48 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond.

A theft was reported at 2:07 p.m. on Monday at Douglas Hall. This incident is under investigation.

Sean McElhenny, 28, of 1018 Thirteenth St., Charleston, was arrested at 1:35 a.m. on Wednesday at Fourth Street and Roosevelt Avenue. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 and was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 3:45 a.m. pending a \$1,000 bond.

NATION

Defeat could help launch counterattack

By The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — With the labor movement suffering an epic defeat in Wisconsin, union leaders plan to use the setback to fire up their members nationwide and mount a major counterattack against Republicans at the ballot box in 2012.

Wisconsin's measure stripping public employees of most bargaining rights swiftly advanced to GOP Gov. Scott Walker on Thursday, and he promised to sign it as soon as possible. But labor leaders say the events in Wisconsin have helped galvanize support for unions across the country. They hope to use the momentum to help fight off other attacks and grow their membership.

Said the president of the AFL-CIO: "I guess I ought to say thank you particularly to Scott Walker. We

should have invited him here today to receive the Mobilizer of the Year award from us!"

As several states seek to follow Wisconsin's lead, newly invigorated public unions are looking ahead to the next election. Democrats are pressing to recall Republican opponents of organized labor and turn the debate into a focal point of next year's campaign.

The Wisconsin Assembly voted 53-42 Thursday to pass the bill after about three hours of discussion, far less than the 61-hour, three-day marathon it took to approve a previous version two weeks ago.

The passage drew shouts of "shame, shame, shame" from protesters in the gallery and came only a day after dramatic action in the Republican-controlled Senate, which used a legislative maneuver Wednesday to quickly adopt the bill without any of the 14

Democrats who fled to Illinois three weeks ago.

Democrats said their counterattack efforts were already beginning to bear fruit in the form of donations: The party's Wisconsin chapter said it raised \$300,000 overnight and has collected \$800,000 from 32,000 donors in just five days.

Party chairman Mike Tate said Senate Democrats have raised \$750,000 over the past month alone.

Republicans said they were simply doing what voters wanted.

In last year's election, "people spoke very clearly and very loudly and said they wanted government to change here in Madison," Republican Assembly Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald said. "It's a tough vote, but it's the right vote. People are sick of the status quo."

Shortly before the vote, police had to move dozens of protesters who

were sitting just outside the Assembly chamber doors, blocking the way for lawmakers. Officers dragged many of them away, but there were no arrests.

The protesters have been a constant presence in the building for more than three weeks, with their numbers swelling to more than 80,000 for one weekend rally. About 1,800 were in the building Thursday, and hundreds screamed outside the chamber doors before the vote.

Walker had repeatedly argued that ending collective bargaining would give local governments the flexibility they needed to confront the cuts in state aid necessary to fix Wisconsin's deficit, which is projected to grow to \$3.6 billion deficit over several years.

Walker said at a news conference in the West Allis community of Milwaukee. He said the bill would prevent layoffs of 1,500 state workers.

Wisconsin Capitol quiet after anti-union vote

By The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The Wisconsin Capitol was eerily quiet Thursday night following three weeks of protests against anti-union legislation that drew tens of thousands of demonstrators to Madison. While people had been sleeping in the building for weeks, all eventually left after the Assembly voted to approve a bill eliminating public employee's collective

bargaining rights.

The Senate had passed the bill the day before, and with the Assembly's action, the bill pushed by Republican Gov. Scott Walker was certain to become law with his signature.

The demonstrators' mostly peaceful departure ended a tense day that started with about 50 protesters being hauled from a hallway leading to the Assembly chamber. Police carried them out one at a time, dragging

some in a seated position and holding others a few inches off the ground.

The protesters, who didn't resist, were set down behind a line of officers about 20 yards away. Other protesters walked out voluntarily. No one was arrested.

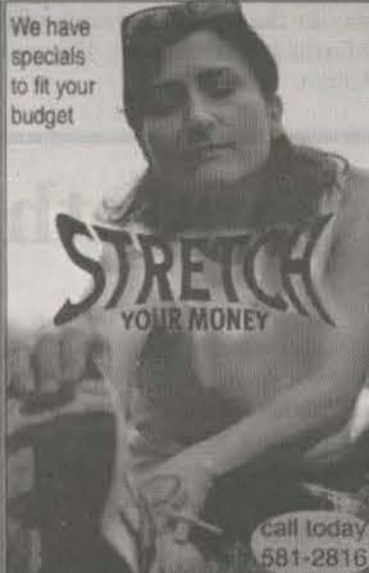
Danny Spitzberg, 26, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said officers gave protesters vague explanations for why they had to leave. He walked out on

his own after being ordered to leave.

"This is grossly undemocratic," he said afterward. "It stinks up the whole process."

The protesters had gathered in anticipation of the Assembly's vote scheduled for 11 a.m. But when Democratic representatives showed up, they found the Assembly's doors locked and began pounding to be let in. Police had closed down the building while they performed a security check.

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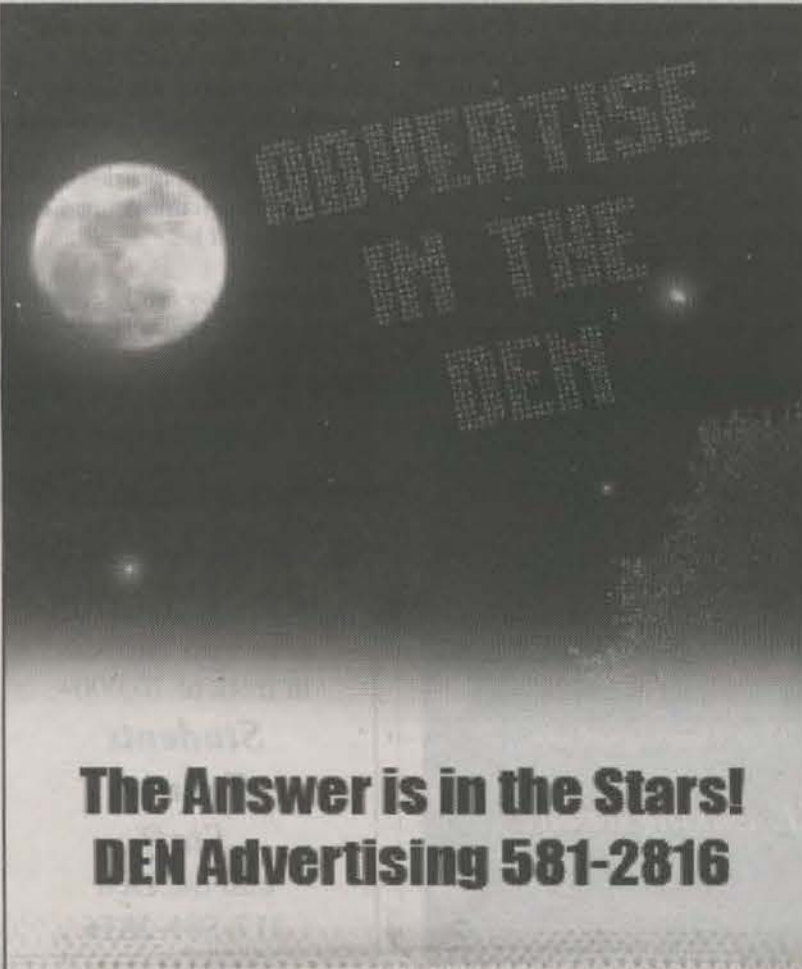
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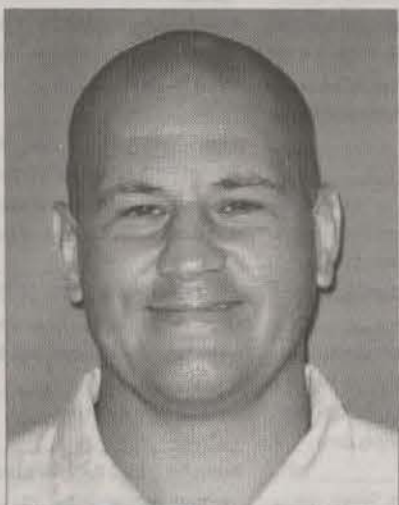
But you just have to look at the situation. My (sorority) sister was brutally murdered, mutilated and raped. To know that he gets to walk around, justice has not been served."

Van Scooter said while the sorority may not have been able to change the governor's mind, they should have done more to stand with Shannon McNamara's family.

"Our sorority is huge," she said. "We have a lot of Illinois chapters. We probably could have made a better impact. We could have done something to help the McNamara's, even just giving them support. I wish I would have been more aware. I feel bad. Seeing that Shannon's parents were trying to stop the bill, I wish that we had tried to make more of an impact."

However, the sorority does sponsor two events every year to honor McNamara.

"We do the 4k run/walk for Shannon in April. Every year Erin Weed, the chapter president when Shannon was in the house, comes and tells Shannon's story and teaches girls how to fight back."



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Anthony Mertz, convicted in 2003 for the 2001 murder of Eastern student Shannon McNamara, was one of 15 men waiting on death row when Gov. Pat Quinn signed a bill Tuesday to eliminate the death penalty and commute the sentences of the 15 men, making Illinois the 16th state to have the death penalty repealed.

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Carwell added that fast communication was also crucial.

"Could they have done this without cell phones?" he asked. "They were a key variable."

Anderson said although Egypt is on their way towards democracy, it will be a long battle.

"We know what they didn't want, but what do they want?" he said. "The creation of a whole new government will be an interesting thing to watch."

Carwell added that organization of the new government will be necessary, but will also take time and consideration.

"It's easy to say you're going to have elections, but how are they going to do it?" he said.

"The old rules don't count anymore, but you don't have any new ones yet."

The forum members discussed the U.S.'s role in aiding Egypt. Jeremy Haas, a senior history major and young college Democrat, said if the U.S. helped Egypt out, we would inevitably benefit.

"We have to say we're pro-democracy," he said. "We want to respect

the people doing it and don't want to go back on our word."

Don Stone, a senior history and pre-law major and president of the EIU Republicans, said by not providing foreign aid to Egypt, the U.S. could be viewed in a more negative light.

"It would bring about anti-American sentiment," he said.

Although Ryan Plunkett, a sophomore political science major and president of the EIU Democrats, said he thinks the U.S. will help Egypt, he does not think it will be out of moral obligation.

"The U.S. will do what we feel will benefit us in the long run," he said. "It's not right, but it's what we've been known to do."

Stone said that he thinks Egypt's people will eventually be able to establish peace.

"People don't want war," Stone said. "Egypt wants peace. There are always radicals, so I hope Egypt keeps (those) views out and keeps it moderate."

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Hudson said the dining halls and Panther Express will be closed to help make dining plans and housing more affordable and because they would likely get very little service.

Caity Walsh, a freshman journalism major, said she will not be staying on campus, but will still be staying in Charleston with some friends. She said she will spend time practicing guitar and visiting Jackson Avenue Coffee.

"I think Charleston makes it easier to get homework done over the break," Walsh said. "It's more of a normal setting, and when you're just out of high school you are used to going home and doing your homework anyway."

Adams agreed with Walsh and said Charleston is a good place for students to focus on their studies because there are less distractions.

Walsh also said that she will occasionally visit campus since she works at the Library.

"It will be creepy," Walsh said. "There's usually always people. It will be like a zombie apocalypse."

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NATION

NFL owners' labor committee at mediation

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the sides far apart on key economic issues, nine of the 10 members on the NFL owners' labor committee, including co-chairmen Jerry Richardson of the Panthers and Pat Bowlen of the Broncos, attended Thursday's negotiating session with the players' union.

After two extensions, the collective bargaining agreement is now due to expire Friday. If a new deal isn't reached by then, there could be another extension. Or, talks could break off, possibly leading to a lock-out by owners or decertification by the union followed by antitrust

lawsuits by players — actions that could threaten the 2011 season.

Other committee members present: Jerry Jones of the Cowboys, John Mara of the Giants, Art Rooney II of the Steelers, Clark Hunt of the Chiefs, Mark Murphy of the Packers, Dean Spanos of the Chargers and Mike Brown of the Bengals. Eagles president Joe Banner and Redskins general manager Bruce Allen also were there with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The only missing member of the key league group was Patriots owner Robert Kraft, part of a delegation visiting Israel with Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick. Asked Thursday whether he expects next season to

start on time, Kraft told The Associated Press: "That's my belief."

While Mara, Hunt and Murphy occasionally participated in the talks since mediation began Feb. 18, a group this large attended only one previous session, last week.

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith was joined at Thursday's session by several current and former players, as well as outside counsel Jeffrey Kessler, making his first appearance of the week at the mediator's office.

On Wednesday, Smith said even though owners were willing to reduce the amount of extra money they want — from \$1 billion to \$800 million — on top of the \$1

billion or so they already get up front under the old CBA, it isn't a sufficient cut. And he also said the financial data the league has offered to reveal isn't nearly enough to satisfy the players.

Under the old CBA, owners received an immediate \$1 billion for operating expenses before splitting remaining revenues with players. Owners initially tried to double that, and while they have lowered the up-front figure they want, Smith tied that to the full financial transparency he's sought for nearly two years in what is a \$9 billion business.

"Just to be absolutely clear, the information that was offered wasn't

what we asked for," Smith said, "and, according to our investment bankers and advisers, they told us that information would be utterly meaningless in determining whether to write an \$800 million check to the National Football League" in each year of a new CBA.

"We have requested access to fully audited financial statements since May 2009," Smith said. "We believe that is the appropriate information to analyze the league's request to write a multibillion check to the owners."

NFL lead negotiator Jeff Pash said the union has received unprecedented financial data, including some information the league doesn't give to its clubs.

STATE

Ex-White Sox scout pleads guilty to fraud

By Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A former Chicago White Sox scout has pleaded guilty in an alleged kickback scheme targeting players from impoverished parts of Latin America who were determined to play in the U.S.

Dominican-born Victor Mateo

pleaded guilty to wire fraud Thursday in a Chicago federal court. Speaking in a quiet voice in Spanish, the 40-year-old also apologized.

Prosecutors say Mateo and two others were supposed to pay signing bonuses matching a player's skill but fraudulently inflated amounts and took the added money.

Mateo recently travelled from Lat-

in America to turn himself in.

He faces a maximum 20-year prison term though prosecutors are recommending a couple years at most.

He'll be allowed to leave the country as he awaits sentencing.

Last month, former White Sox scouting executive David Wilder pleaded guilty to the same scheme.

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"Cam (Berra) is swinging the bat really well in practice," Schmitz said. "Cam is probably going to catch a game, but I might also play him as a DH or at third or something. He's swinging the bat really well and we've got to get him in the lineup."

The pitching staff has been a strength for the Panthers this year, and Schmitz said he thought the top starter, red-shirt junior Mike Hoekstra, looked more like the pitcher who was voted pre-season Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year.

"I don't think he looked great against Southern Miss, I don't think he looked great against Central Arkansas," Schmitz said of Hoekstra. "But, against Evansville it was 'Here's the real deal.'"

If we can get him into that six to seven inning range either at Alabama or at Memphis, we're going to feel real good about him being ready for EKV the first conference weekend."

As far as Tuesday's starter, Schmitz said he was unsure about who would get the start against Mississippi State, but he said one option for the mid-week start is junior left-hander Adam Clark, who since starting in the opening weekend against Southern Miss has allowed one run on four hits and two walks over 4.2 innings while striking out six over two relief appearances.

Another option Schmitz mentioned was freshman right-hander Joe Greenfield, who had injured in pre-season and is just starting to travel

with the team.

Beyond the rotation, Schmitz also said he thinks the bullpen has been a strength, as well as a point of confidence late in games. He added that while last year's bullpen was a point of uncertainty last season, it has been a strong spot so far in 2011.

The Panthers will spend their spring break on the road, traveling Tuesday morning from Tuscaloosa to Starkville, Miss. to take on Mississippi State in a mid-week battle before heading north to spend the rest of their week in Memphis preparing to take on the Tigers.

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RECERTIFICATION, from page

"This was an in-depth and lengthy process that looked at all facets of our Division I program," Athletic Director Barbra Burke said in a press release.

Both Burke and Perry thanked everyone who was a part of the certification process.

"I would like to thank all the individuals who served on the recertification committee and helped with the successful completion of this process,"

Burke said.

"The certification process is a thorough process which was handled extremely well by our steering committee and its subcommittees," Perry said. "On behalf of the university, I thank the committee and all who participated in the certification process."

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NCAA, from page 12

Having already been in College Station, Texas since midweek, Boey has been using his time wisely to prepare for Friday's race while also enjoying himself.

"I'm enjoying the weather down here," Boey said. "It's 75 degrees out right now. But other than that, I've just been in my room watch-

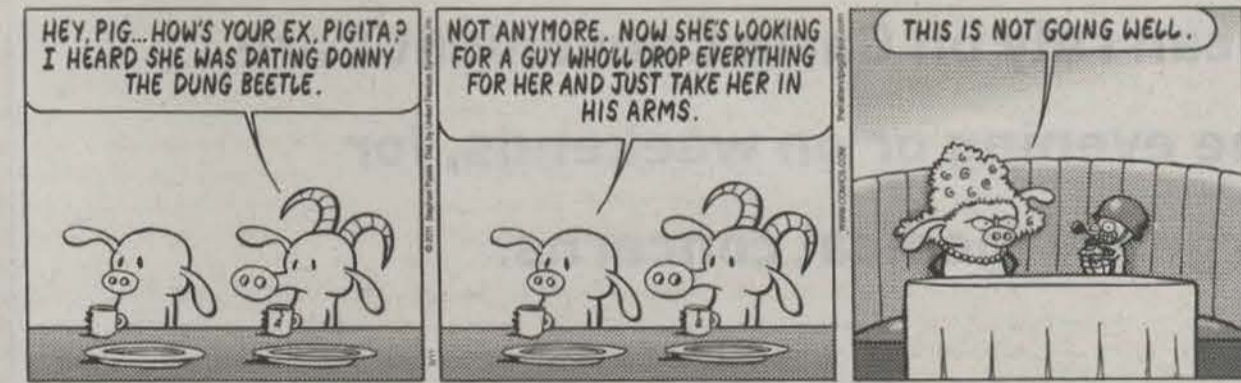
ing videos of myself from previous meets, weigh out the pros and cons and fix a few flaws."

Boey's first race is set to begin Friday evening, with the finals slated to being later that night.

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WORLD

Police open investigation of Bruins player

QUEBEC CITY — Montreal police started a criminal investigation Thursday into the on-ice hit by Boston's Zdeno Chara that left the Canadiens' Max Pacioretty with a severe concussion and cracked vertebra.

Police said they are acting on a request by Quebec's director of criminal and penal prosecutions, Louis Dionne. They added that after evidence is collected, it will be determined if there are grounds for prosecution.

Chara took part in the Bruins' morning skate before Thursday night's home game against the Buffalo Sabres. He did not speak at length on the investigation, but did acknowledge it.

"I got some media information on

that this morning," he said. "But like I said, right now, I'm focusing on playing my game, and playing hockey."

The NHL said on Wednesday it would not suspend Chara for Tuesday night's hit, when he slammed Pacioretty into a glass partition.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman defended that decision after a congressional panel discussion about encouraging youngsters to play hockey.

"Our hockey operations people are extraordinarily comfortable with the decision that they made," he said, according to The Canadian Press. "It was a horrific injury, we're sorry that it happened in our fast-paced physical game, but I don't think whether or not supplemental discipline was im-

posed would change what happened and, in fact, the people in the game who I have heard from, almost to a person ... believe that it was handled appropriately by hockey operations."

He also said there is no need to "over-legislate" hits to the head.

Canadiens owner Geoff Molson said in an open letter to the team's fans on Thursday that "the Montreal Canadiens organization does not agree" with the league's decision and that he had made his position clear to Bettman.

"The news of the NHL decision (Wednesday) was a hard blow for both the players and fans of the Montreal Canadiens," wrote Molson, who noted that Bettman had agreed to make the issue a priority at

the league's general managers' meetings next week in Florida. "It was one which shook the faith that we, as a community, have in this sport that we hold in such high regard."

In Toronto, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said the NHL, "for its own sake," should look seriously at the increase in serious injuries. He declined to comment on the hit on Pacioretty.

Bruins coach Claude Julien said after practice that he wouldn't comment too much "because no matter what your answer, there's always going to be two sides to that. We're supportive of our player. We know he didn't do it on purpose. It wasn't intentional. I said that yesterday."

"But, at the same time, I understand their frustration at the other end because we've been on the other side of the coin, and it's normal to be frustrated and I understand them as well. And that's basically my thoughts on that."

This cloud now hovers over the Bruins, the leaders of the Northeast Division, as they try to snap a two-game losing streak.

"There's still things hanging over our heads right now. It doesn't seem to want to disappear. And those are situations that are unfortunate, and they're not easy to deal with for anybody, whether it's the organization, the players and everybody involved here," Julien said.

NATION

Woods' playing schedule limited by time with kids

By Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods is hitting some of his best shots when no one is watching.

That's typically the case when Woods tries to build a new golf swing, and his third major swing change is no exception. Put him on the practice range at home in Isleworth and

he says he goes through long stretches of hitting the ball how he wants. Put him inside the ropes, with a scorecard in hand and TV cameras in the towers, and he has stretches of looking ordinary.

But there is one big difference this time around.

Woods isn't playing very much. When he tees it up Thursday

in the Cadillac Championship at Doral, it will be only his 10th competitive round of the year, an unusually low number with the Masters around the corner. Woods talks about needing more competition, and most would agree that would speed along the process of revamping his swing. It also leads to a natural question.

Why not play more tournaments? "Because I have a family. I'm divorced," Woods replied solemnly. "If you've been divorced with kids, then you would understand."

It spoke to a personal life that remains as much a work in progress as his golf swing.

There was speculation after Woods lost in the first round of the

Match Play Championship that he would play the Honda Classic, especially since he is close to moving to south Florida.

But that was his time with his 3½-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son as part of the "shared parenting" with ex-wife Elin. There are no plans to play next week at Innisbrook, either.

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SOFTBALL | PREVIEW

Softball looks to improve record in Florida

Panthers start busy break with double-header against Columbia

By Lenny Arquilla
Staff Reporter

The Panthers will play eight games in Florida before starting conference play in Murray, Ky. on March 19.

The team will face a busy spring break, as the team will play double-headers four days straight.

Sunday the Panthers play Columbia at 8 a.m., followed by Fairleigh Dickinson at 10 a.m. Monday the team will play Siena at 10 a.m., with Hartford following at 4 p.m.

Play will continue on Tuesday, with the Panthers taking on Houston Baptist at 8 a.m. and Manhattan at 12 p.m. Wednesday, they play Akron at 12 p.m. and Rider at 4 p.m. After a short, two day break, the Panthers will arrive in Murray, Ky. to play Murray State in a doubleheader Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. and Murray State again on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Even though the team is 5-5, Coach Kim Schuette has reassured the Panthers are better than their record shows.

"We are not a .500 team and we are playing better. We just want more wins," Schuette said.

The goal for the next couple games is to just stay relaxed and focus on the ball.

"We just have to stay strong, stay hot, and focus on the ball," said senior designated hitter Melinda Jackson.

Jackson will be coming off of a perfect day at the plate against Butler last weekend. Jackson recorded four RBIs off of two homeruns in the team's shutout victory.

Jackson is batting a .400 on the season so far and looks to stay on top of her game this weekend. Jackson was also nominated for Player of the Week after her performance.

The team also looks to continue to improve off of Panther newcomer, Stephanie Maday's first career Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week honor by continuing to put together good hits, pitching, and take a couple wins home with them. Maday proved why she seeks to be dominate in Florida when she recorded a new career-high 12 strikeouts last weekend. She improved her record to 3-1, while still maintaining an ERA of 0.

"We just need to keep putting everything together. Everything we learned in practice, everything we learned from previous games. If we do that, we should take a lot of those close games," Maday said.

Kim Schuette, coach, said one of her goals is to get freshman pitcher Reynae Hutchinson more starts while keeping May and Maday strong. Schuette determines the pitcher based on the day, the team, and the game. The element of surprise should throw off any opponent trying to get a jump on the panthers.

"We have a good thing rolling. If we can just keep that and keep a relaxed confidence, we will be able to do anything"

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Jen Saucier, a junior outfielder, focuses on a pitch while at bat in a March 27, 2009 game against Tennessee Tech.

VIEWS

Sallee in waiting: Sunday phone call will determine fate



Alex McNamee

Last season was my first covering the women's basketball team, and I had the pleasure of covering them into mid-March thanks to the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT).

The Panthers made it to the WNIT last season because they won the regular season Ohio Valley Conference title, but lost in the OVC tournament.

This year, the Panthers didn't win

either the regular season crown or the tournament title.

The team's postseason fate is not set in stone like it was last year.

However, the Panthers have a couple opportunities to make different postseason tournament, like the WNIT and the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI).

They will find out Sunday if they have made it to either of these two tournaments, but I think they have a good chance of making it to the WBI.

The WNIT is a bit of a long shot at this point.

It would have helped them if they had made it further in the OVC tournament instead of bowing out in their first game.

But the WBI selection committee must consider the way the Panthers

played in February. They have an impressive resume.

The Panthers won their final nine regular season games, earned a first round bye in the OVC tournament, and beat many top OVC teams during its nine-game streak.

After losing to Austin Peay in the tournament, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he hopes to make it to a postseason tournament.

Sallee said the Panthers' women's basketball program, during his time as head coach, should be impressive enough to make the selection committee keep Eastern in mind when making its selections.

The Panthers have won a lot of games in the past years that Sallee has been head coach, and they finished this season especially well until the loss in the tournament.

I know all of the players are hoping to get the call Sunday night saying they will be playing in a tournament.

The team doesn't want to be done, and it shouldn't be done this season.

I was spoiled last season by being able to cover them deep into March, and I want to again.

Tennessee-Martin might be the team representing the OVC in the NCAA tournament, but Eastern wants to be a team to represent the OVC somewhere else.

However, Eastern was only the fourth seed in the OVC tournament, meaning there were teams in front of them.

We know Tennessee Tech is going to be in the WNIT, being in the same situation as Eastern was last season - having won the regu-

lar season title but not the conference tournament.

So Eastern will have to impress the selection committee enough to beat out Morehead State for the selection.

Then again, who says both teams can't play in the WBI? It could happen.

The Panthers aren't ready to stop playing this season. I'm not ready to stop covering the team this season. So let's hope Eastern makes it to the WBI.

If I had to make a prediction, I'd say Sallee will be getting a happy phone call from Eastern's athletic department Sunday night.

I think the Panthers will play on.

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ATHLETICS | CERTIFICATION

Eastern recertified as Division I school

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

On Thursday, Eastern received recertification from the NCAA to compete as a Division I school.

There were 26 other Division I schools that met the requirements set by the NCAA. All 355 institutions participate in the certification to meet the requirements for Division I status.

"The certification of our athletics program is a tribute to everyone in the university who has contributed to the academic, personal, and athletic development of our student athletes, upheld the integrity of our programs, and held to the highest ideals of intercollegiate athletics," said Eastern's President William Perry in a press release.

The NCAA started requiring schools to meet this athletic certification legislation in 1993. The process contains a study done by the university president. The study looks at student-athlete well-being, gender and diversity issues, academic integrity and commitment to rules compliance.

After the study is completed, there is a visit by peer reviewers who file a report regarding the institution's resolution of those issues before a final certification decision is rendered.

The certification process is different from the NCAA's enforcement program, which conducts all of the investigations of rules violations.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions can ask the Committee on Athletics Certification to review an institution's certification status because of a completed infractions case.

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TRACK & FIELD

Boey 'ready to run fast' at NCAA nationals Friday

Red-shirt junior returns to NCAA meet for second try

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

A season of hard work will conclude this weekend at the NCAA Indoor Championship for red-shirt junior Zye Boey.

Boey will be the lone Eastern track and field representative, competing in the 200-meter dash. Boey is currently ranked No. 6 in the nation in the men's 200-meter dash. Along with being the only Eastern representative, Boey is also the only Ohio Valley Conference athlete in the event and entire NCAA Indoor Championship.

This will mark Boey's second trip to the NCAA Indoor Championships.

His first trip was during his red-shirt freshman season, where he qualified again in the 200-meter dash. Boey was disqualified in the preliminary event. Boey did not compete in his red-shirt sophomore indoor track season, where he sat out with a knee injury.

Now back, Boey looks to cap off an already successful season with an impressive performance at the NCAA Indoor Championship.

Boey will be competing in the first of four preliminary heats. Boey will be facing some of the top competition in the country, especially in his heat. In Boey's heat will be Gerald Phiri of host Texas A&M, Tony McQuay of Florida and Kind Butler of Indiana.

"It's by far the best competition I've faced all year,"

Zye Boey, red-shirt junior runner

The top eight times of the four preliminary heats will advance to the final round.

"It's by far the best competition I've faced all year," Boey said.

Boey said he is a little nervous competing against the best of the best, but says he is up to the challenge.

"I'm ready to run fast," Boey said.

With all the talent, Boey says there is still no clear-cut winner in the race.

"Everybody's pretty close together," Boey said. "A lot of the times are within a one hundredth or half a hundredth of a second between each other. Who ever runs the better race will come out a national champion."

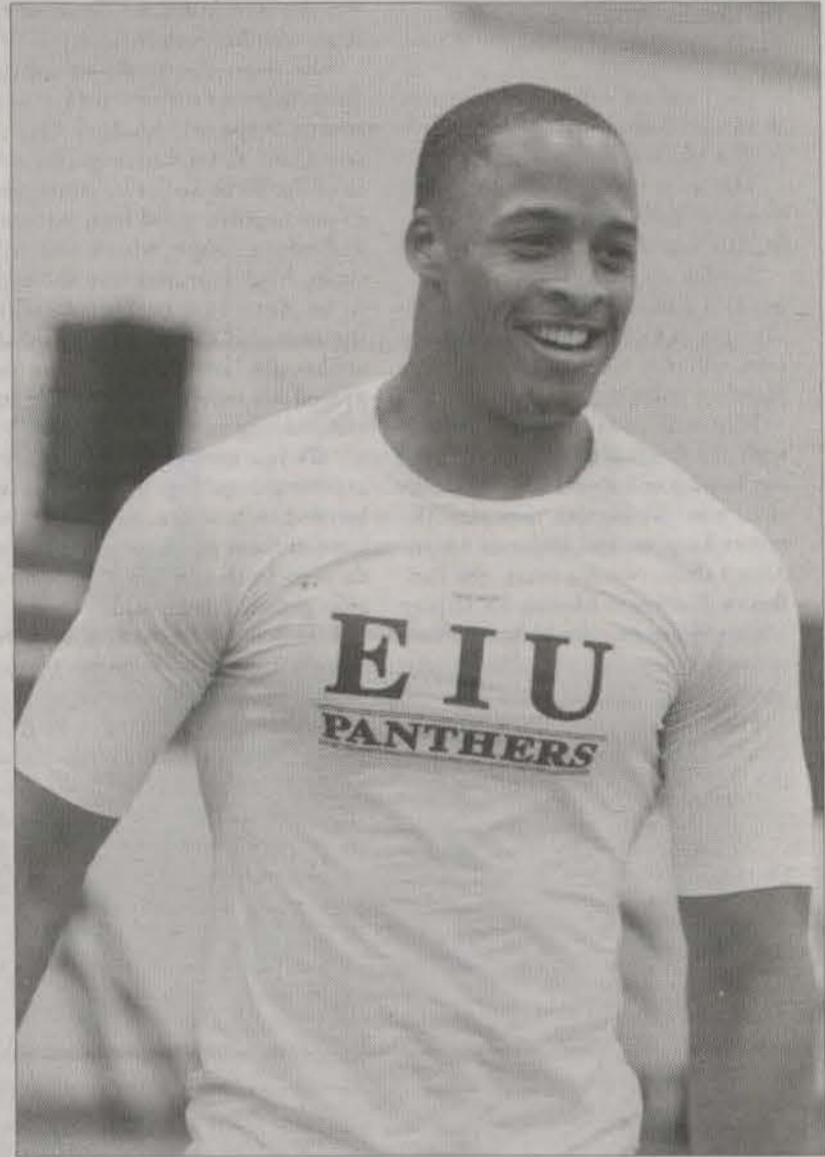
One thing Boey said has carried him through the week has been the support of his family, friends and coaches.

"They tell me 'just race, go out and enjoy it,'" Boey said.

Boey said he wants to have fun, run his race and do the same things he has been doing and to not worry.

"It's an honor to be here," Boey said. "I've put in a lot of hard work this season. I deserve it."

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Zye Boey, a redshirt junior sprinter, reacts after winning first place in the 200 meter dash Feb. 26 at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships in Lantz Fieldhouse. Boey will compete in the 200 meter dash this weekend at the NCAA Indoor National Championship hosted by Texas A&M.

BASEBALL | PREVIEW

Panthers head south for spring break

By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

Eastern baseball is heading to Tuscaloosa, Ala. for a three game series this weekend to kick off spring break.

The Panthers head into Tuscaloosa with a record of 1-7 after picking up their first win last Sunday at the University of Evansville.

Following their three-game series with the Crimson Tide, the Panthers will then remain on the road throughout the academic break, as they will take on Mississippi State for one game on Tuesday and then head to Memphis, Tenn. for a three game set with the Memphis Tigers.

Head coach Jim Schmitz said he feels good about the team going into the week based on how the team's week of practice went looking into the spring break road trip.

"Guys came in Monday and hit extra. Guys have come in early and worked on some thins. The win, I think, gave us a little confidence. It always helps going down on this trip."

Jim Schmitz, head coach

"Last week, we had a really good practice week and I thought this week was the same thing," Schmitz said. "Guys came in Monday and hit extra. Guys have come in early and worked on some things. The win, I think, gave us a little confidence. It always helps going down

on this trip."

Schmitz said he did not think he would make too many more adjustments with the lineup, but he did say he wanted to get freshman catcher Cameron Berra into the lineup somehow against Alabama.

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Mike Hoekstra, a junior pitcher, winds up to throw during a game March 23, 2010, against Chicago State University.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Track
Friday - NCAA Championships
TBA - College Station, Texas

Baseball
Friday at Alabama
1:05 p.m. Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Softball
Sunday vs. Columbia
8 a.m. - Kissimmee, Fla.

M&W Golf
Sunday - North/South
Spring Invitational
All Day - Jacksonville, Fla.

NATIONAL SPORTS

College Basketball
Big East Tournament - Semifinals
Friday, 6 p.m. on ESPN

NBA
Hawks at Bulls
Friday, 7 p.m. on CSN

NHL
Thrashers at Flyers
Saturday, 6 p.m. on CSN

NBA
Jazz at Bulls
Saturday, 7 p.m. on WGN

NHL
Red Wings at Blues
Saturday, 7 p.m. on FSN