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Panther Split

The Eastern baseball team splits a doubleheader in its home opened against Saint Xavier Saturday.

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Nothing to be shy about

♦ "Culture of Vaginas" informs, entertains crowd in honor of V-Day

By Ameer Bohrer
STAFF WRITER

A "culture of vaginas," complete with red boas and life-sized female genitalia, was celebrated in the Grand Ballroom Saturday at the campus production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues."

The production was sponsored by the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service in honor of the national feminist movement initiative, "V-Day," which aims to stop the violence against girls and women.

Service members, performers, and ushers were recognizable by their all-black ensembles and their red feather boas.

The boas were so popular many patrons decided to purchase them, and red V-day pins were worn to show support for the cause.

The event began with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. The room was bathed in red lighting as a projector screen broadcasted humorous and sobering facts about women, abuse, sex and the objectives and history of the V-Day movement.

The band Motherlode provided some pre-show musical entertainment and also opened the show by listing a variety of names for the vagina throughout the world.

Actresses for the show emerged out of the archway in the middle of the stage resembling a vaginal opening, decorated with pink and red fabrics to line the outside of the entry way.

Two new monologues concerning this year's theme "V-World," which pictures a world without violence, followed the performance and was performed by students, faculty and staff members of various ages.

The monologues covered topics such as pubic hair, tampons, gynecological exams, examining your own vagina, genital mutilation, rape during war, lesbian experiences, and reclaiming the word "cunt" as a compliment rather than a derogative.

"The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy," featured the point of view of a dominatrix clad in a vinyl dress and stilettos.

Actress Jennifer Stockbine caused the entire audience to erupt into hoots and cheers by demonstrating 13 different kinds of orgasmic moans, such as the "Irish-Catholic moan," the "uninhibited militant bisexual moan" and the "surprise triple-orgasm moan," in which Stockbine



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Above: Veronica Garcia, a sophomore elementary education major, performs an act in "The Vagina Monologues" Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. The performance was put on as a benefit for the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service (SACIS).

Left: Therese Supple Kincade performs Saturday night during "The Vagina Monologues" in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.



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Professors integrate Iraqi conflict into class

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

Professors have not strayed from their curriculum to discuss the Iraqi conflict separately in class, but most found a way to weave the subject into the day's lesson.

"Essentially, I showed a map recapping military action taken so far as I understand," said Charles Titus, assistant history professor about a day's events in his HIS 3920 U.S. Military class. "I made the decision to do this because it dealt with the curricular material — it seemed appropriate."

Bill Kirk, a psychology professor, integrated the Iraqi conflict into his second year clinical psychology class.

"We talked about the individuals they might be treating who have people anxiety and have loved ones in the war," Kirk said. "The students were extremely interested because we discussed how to treat and heal those people."

"It was a natural thing to talk about."

Last week, George W.

Bush gave Saddam Hussein and his sons a 48-hour ultimatum to exile Iraq or face military consequences. When the time period ended with no Hussein action, the U.S. military took action last Wednesday.

Since then, media coverage of the conflict has been thorough, although critics say it is too exposing. Reed Benedict, a sociology professor, discussed the new coverage style that trained journalists and embedded them within the military.

"We discussed how the media and/or military

Key developments concerning Iraq

By The Associated Press

♦ Iraqi television aired footage of what it said were dead Americans and interviews with five U.S. prisoners answering questions. U.S. officials confirmed that 12 soldiers were missing after an ambush near the southern city of An Nasiriyah.

♦ The U.S. Central Command said Marines defeated Iraqi forces near An Nasiriyah in the sharpest engagement of the war so far. It said up to nine Marines were killed in the battle.

♦ U.S. troops found a suspected chemical factory near the city of Najaf, about 85 miles south of Baghdad, and were trying to determine whether it was involved in making chemical weapons, U.S. officials said.

♦ In Washington, President Bush demanded that American troops held captive in Iraq be treated humanely and said he was pleased with the progress of the war. "Saddam Hussein is losing control of his country," Bush said.

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Former student pleads guilty to battery charges

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Former Eastern student Louis A. Taylor, 23, of Chicago, pled guilty to lesser charges in the hearing for the April 6, 2002 rape of a fellow Eastern student.

As part of a March 13 of a plea agreement, court records show Taylor offered a guilty plea to battery charges rather than criminal sexual assault.

A criminal sexual assault conviction could earn a four-to-15-year prison sentence. Battery is a class-A misdemeanor, which entitles less punishment than sexual assault.

Taylor pleaded guilty to battery, specifying he "without legal justification, knowingly made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with (the victim) in that the defendant fondled her sexual organs without her consent," the court records stated.

This plea agreement waived Taylor's March 14 jury trial.

Taylor, a former Eastern wrestler and psychology major, was accused of engaging in sexual intercourse with a woman last April without her consent. He was arrested June 3, 2002 and was released on a 10-percent-of-\$20,000 bond shortly

thereafter.

As part of the bond agreement, Taylor was issued a court order stipulating he must avoid contact with the victim, who also is an Eastern student, and her family. He complied to the bond requirements and faced trial March 14 following various postponements.

On March 13, he signed a plea agreement accepting guilt for lesser charges. The agreement canceled the March 14 sexual assault hearing.

The battery charge fines were "paid in full from bond with the balance refunded to (Taylor)," court records stated.

He was charged \$1,000 which was taken out of the \$2,000 bond paid last summer.

Taylor was one of three former Eastern students indicted on criminal sexual assault charges in the summer of 2002.

Antwan G. Oliver, 21, was found not guilty at his December 2002 trial. The jury found the prosecution was not able to prove force, one requirement to return a guilty rape verdict.

Condric A. Sanders, 34, is accused of forcing intercourse with a woman who could not consent Feb. 17, 2002. His trial has been postponed until a later, unspecified date.

Comedian's show involves students

By Matt Wills
STAFF WRITER

A packed Seventh Street Underground was given a treat after comedian Josh Sneed unleashed a stand-up routine that caused a roar of hysteria.

Sneed entertained the rowdy crowd at 1 a.m. Saturday with his views on life and everyday occurrences.

"I get my ideas from everyday life," Sneed said. "While I'm in the car, shower or just lying in bed, I get ideas."

"All of my jokes are an extension of the truth, but exaggerated to make you laugh."

Sneed joked about "white trash" and his club experience in Minnesota.

"I picture two rednecks sitting on the roof of a barn playing truth or dare," Sneed said when joking about the first person to ever drink milk. "There is less white trash behind a dumpster than at a flea market."

His performance also included a joke about rap music and how it affects children. Sneed said he caught his 4-year-old cousin screaming at his Easter basket.

When the boy was questioned about his screaming he said: "I'm just giving a shout out to all my peeps."

Sophomore elementary education major Maria Santoyo said, "He was incredibly hilarious and I love the peeps joke."

Sneed called four audience members up to compete in a joke contest. The jokes were not welcomed by the crowd and most weren't laughed at.

Sneed said the packed venue was a treat to him because people could have been other places, such as parties at the late hour.

Sneed tours large and small schools in his college tour. Last year he toured 50 weeks to colleges and clubs. More information about Sneed can be found on his Web site at joshsneed.com.

Dance kicks off events for International Week

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

An International Dance Monday will kick off International Week events at Eastern.

"The goal of International Week is to increase awareness at EIU of our international community and the 152 international students from 48 countries around the world that attend Eastern," Sue Songer, international student adviser of international programs, said. "This whole week of events will be celebrating international education at Eastern."

International Week activities will take place Monday through Saturday.

Songer said more than 100 students attended the dance held last year. Last year's dance was more formal and music was provided by a DJ, Songer said. This year, the dance will be less formal and students will provide their favorite

international music, without a professional DJ.

The Association of International Students will provide the decorations.

The evening, as well as events planned for the entire week, were organized by the Association of International Students and International Programs. Both organizations have been working on plans for International week since January, Songer said.

The night will feature international dance music and international students as well as any students interested in attending, Songer said.

"I would really like to issue a warm invitation to all Eastern students to attend," Songer said.

Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

The dance will be held from 7-10 p.m. Monday at 7th Street Underground.



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Michael Chron, a professor in the speech communications department, holds a candle Sunday night at Morton Park on Lincoln Avenue. Chron was taking part in a candlelight vigil for peace, held at 7 p.m. every Sunday at the park.

Fee committee will hear presentations this week

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate's Tuition and Fees Review Committee will meet this week to hear presentations on a number of student fees.

Fee presentations will be given on the student legal services, concert, student publications, computer technology, graduate student, athletic, grant-in-aid, the Lantz/O'Brien operation and the University Union operation fees and the Apportionment Board.

Brice Donnelly, Tuition and Fee Review Committee chair, said the duty of the Tuition and Fee Review Committee is to decide what fee-funded areas should get fee increases and how much.

He said the most important presentation will be on Monday when Jeff Cooley, vice president of business affairs, presents on the network increase. "That increase will be by far the largest."

Donnelly said while students

may not know the difference, the Apportionment Board and the Tuition and Fee Committee are quite different.

"The AB distributes the student activity fee, while we review all student fees," Donnelly said. "The AB appropriates funds to the five fee-funded boards (Student Government, the University Board, Dramatic Players, Sports and Recreation, and the AB). Tuition and fees is in charge of deciding if the AB has any more money, via a student activity fee increase."

After the committee votes on Wednesday, the Student Senate must approve the bills.

The meetings are open to students. Monday's tuition and fee review meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Tuscola/Arcola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Tuesday's tuition and fee review meeting is at 7 p.m. in 7th Street Underground. The committee will convene at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Tuscola/Arcola.

POLICE BLOTTER

Theft

◆ A CD player and CDs were stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in the Ninth Street lot Thursday, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

◆ A silver Tiffany's necklace was stolen from a purse on Friday, police reports stated. It could not be established whether the incident occurred on or off campus. The incident is under investigation.

CORRECTIONS

A story in Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly reported Jeff Cooley's title. He is vice president of business affairs.

Also in Thursday's edition, Joseph Rousey's name was misspelled.

The News regrets the errors.

CLARIFICATION

An article in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly referred to participants in a prayer vigil as protesters.

The News regrets the error.

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Dancers dazzle audience with concert

By Adam Testa
STAFF WRITER

Despite having a different venue, the EIU Dancers performed their annual spring concert, "Reflections" for hundreds of students, faculty, families and community members.

The concert, usually held in Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, was held in McAfee Gymnasium this year because of renovation of the Fine Arts building.

"It is different being in a gym," Jeanna McFarland, co-director of the Dancers, said.

Though the atmosphere was different, the audience enjoyed the variety of music genres and dance styles.

"The effect of not having the stage in (the) Fine Arts (building) affected the show," Linde Daniel, a graduate communication disorders and sciences major, said. "But the dancing is parallel to last year."

Whitney Darner, a junior recreation administration major, was pleased with the diversity of the performance.

"The music selection was pretty neat," Darner said.

Russ Fischer, a physical education professor, has attended dance concerts for 20 years because his daughter is a professional dancer. He said this year's show had much better diversity than performances in the past.

"The young ladies were having a great time and enjoying themselves," Fischer said. "It showed in their performance."

The directors and performers, along with the audience, were pleased with the group's performance.

"I think we did well," McFarland said. "They've really become a tight-knit group."

Brittney Yakey, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major and two-year member of the Dancers, was pleased with the performance.

"I think we did well for opening night,"

she said.

"The dance I will always remember is 'Chaos.'"

"Chaos" was the most technical performance of the evening. The music to "Chaos" was written by Terence Mayhue, a member of the music department faculty. The piece was performed live by percussionists from the music department and had the dancers continually creating different shapes with their bodies.

Another dance, "The Wall Between," used a large wooden fence created by the art department. Fischer said the participation of the art and music departments added to the performance. The emotions of the audience varied at different points of the performance. The dance to "Hallelujah" by the Weather Girls had the audience laughing while dances to songs such as "In the Arms of an Angel" by Sarah McLachlan touched the sensitive side of the audience.

"The kids are great," McFarland said. "I really enjoyed working with them."



PHOTOS BY COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

(Top left) Members of the Eastern Illinois University Dancers perform Saturday night during one of three performances over the weekend. "Chaos" was the most technical piece performed by the dance ensemble.

(Top right) A member of the Eastern Illinois University Dancers performs Saturday night in the McAfee Gymnasium. The group performed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Council one of many to hear report on budget from Hencken

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Some university committee members might have been hit with a feeling of deja vu last week.

On Friday, the Council on University Planning and Budget was the last group to hear a summary delivered by interim President Lou Hencken regarding Eastern's budget crunch.

Hencken told the advisory council Eastern could lose a combined \$4.1 million from this year's budget.

Last month, Gov. Rod Blagojevich requested state public universities set aside 8 percent of their operating budget,

totaling \$113 million across higher education schools and agencies.

Eastern's \$4.1 million comes from 2 percent already in reserve on top of 15 areas to possibly lose funds.

The governor asked monies simply be set aside until the state requests them, but \$475,000 of equipment costs would be the first to go.

Last to be cut would be up to \$800,000 in summer school, from cutting classes, Hencken said.

"One of the comments we made so far is sometimes this changes hourly," he said.

Laying off employees is not generally a solution because the individuals go from one state

"We have goals so we know where we're going and what we're going to do in the future."

—Carol Strode

payroll to another: the university to unemployment. And morale decreases, followed by spending in the economy, Hencken said.

Another cut will likely come from \$500,000 saved in closing some university buildings until the end of the fiscal year in June.

Starting mid-May, air conditioning will be partially shut off Fridays after noon. Even though the temperature will raise about 10 degrees, classes will not be affected.

"To my knowledge, I don't think we offered more than one or two courses on Friday afternoon," he said. The CUPB also discussed a list of strengths and opportunities of the university.

The list gives council members a chance to work together on a positive venture, said Anne Zahlan, English professor and council member.

The strengths will now be submitted to the president and others.

Items named emphasized such

aspects as diversity, class size, faculty/student ratio and campus appearance.

Physical Facilities are involved in a 15-year master plan for construction and improvement. That fact was listed as a strength.

"We have goals so we know where we're going and what we're going to do in the future," said Carol Strode, interim director of facilities planning and management and CUPB member.

Eastern's ranking in *U.S. News and World Report*, high student retention rate and high level of alumni satisfaction with the university were other specific points.

The CUPB also is working on a list of university weaknesses and threats.

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EDITORIAL

Potential budget cuts ridiculous

The state has left Eastern in an unwelcome, not to mention unexpected bind, and it has no excuse for wedging the university into this situation.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's request two weeks ago to Eastern and other state universities to set aside 8 percent of the operating budget for the current fiscal year ending in June has left interim President Lou Hencken scrambling to find where cuts can be made in Eastern's budget.

The state needs to get its budget together and find some way to not leave state universities hanging in uncertainty.

Hencken said the university was asked to stow away a percentage of its budget, which was double the expected amount. How the university will cope with the state's request (if it becomes a demand) and where the cuts will be made is still up the air, but regardless, the cuts will inevitably affect students.

The potential cuts also will affect other state universities, and Hencken has said the other university presidents are in the same predicament as Eastern.

With a mere three months left in the fiscal year, it's ridiculous universities are just being informed now their budgets may face some extensive trimming.

Gov. Blagojevich should have known a long time ago the condition of the budget and just how much each university would have to trim from its budgets.

Obviously, the state needs to get its budget together if the cuts will be potentially double what was originally expected.

Hencken said he will look at gathering campus feedback to help determine where spending cuts can be made.

He said if the state does demand 8 percent, funds likely would come from deferred maintenance, possible capital improvement projects or even a cut in summer school courses. For the universities to adjust to the budget cuts, they need more time to figure how and where cuts will be made.

Leaving three months before the fiscal year ends to inform state universities that budgets potentially may be cut 8 percent is something the state should have been able to avoid.

It is getting late; universities need to know how its budget situations are going to look for the coming fiscal year.

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

OPINION

Adventures found on the road



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You're heading out. Your bags are packed; the car's loaded; you've got a full tank of gas. Seatbelt's on; check the mirrors. Reverse. Drive. You're on the road.

Everyone should take a road trip. Plan a week-long vacation or a weekend trip with a friend or a group of friends. Or just get in the car, and see where you end up.

Near or far, short or long; it doesn't matter; just go somewhere.

In high school, my yearbook class took a road trip to our book's publishing company in Missouri. On the return trip, we stopped in Hannibal, MO, for free time, for picture ops and to see the river. The stop was one of the most memorable parts of that trip.

My freshman year of college, I went to St. Louis for a musical. On the way home, our driver missed an exit, and all of a sudden, we saw signs for Springfield. We saw a sign for Route 16 toward Mattoon, so we hopped on the exit for that road and drove through so many small towns. That drive is more memorable than the musical.

Last fall, I went to St. Petersburg where my friend's brother was performing in a circus for the town's festival. We spent more time in the car going there and back than we did in the town. It was worth it, first, because the circus was extremely enjoyable, and, second, the road trip provided time for my friend and I to talk and enjoy each other's company.

The map was our friend for that

"Plan a week-long vacation or a weekend trip with a friend or group of friends."

trip and a few others to the St. Louis area as we needed to check it occasionally because we weren't really sure where we were going, the fun of a road trip sometimes.

I took my longest road trip during spring break when one of my roommates and I traveled about 15 hours to South Carolina.

A long road trip sounds more glamorous, more exciting than its reality. You think you have hours on the road, time for who knows what kind of adventure. Well, there's the road, really fast cars going through mountains, and some road kill on the side of the road by the forest.

The scenery, especially over bridges and in the mountains, is beautiful, but as mentioned before, cars and huge semis still like to speed around every curve.

Still, the drive had its good moments.

One captivating attention getter on this trip was the mystery cars, empty automobiles left along the side of the road.

On day two, after 4 1/2 hours of sleep but happy to be driving in the daylight, happy because it was sunny and happy because it was pretty, my roommate and I made a few short stops.

In Tennessee, we exited the highway for a picture stop. We stopped by a stream, thinking we chose a spot where no one would be around, but four cars drove by, including a parks worker who laughed at us. But we didn't care; it was fun.

In North Carolina and South Carolina, we stopped and walked around the visitors centers.

It also could fun to make a road trip itself a vacation. You could stop at historical sites and tourist attractions throughout several states.

Some people may really enjoy the driving; some may love the road trip for all of the possibilities for stops along the way. The destination might be another road trip favorite. Being flexible is a key once you arrive at your destination.

On the agenda for one day in Charleston, S.C. was to see the historic district and the battery. We came across the Waterfront Park, so we walked along the pier. As I looked out at the river, I saw something gray jump up in the water — a dolphin. I was excited for a good 15 minutes. If we hadn't been flexible, we would not have seen my favorite animals.

Six weekends remain before the semester is finished. Try to squeeze in a day or a weekend trip, or make plans to catch up with friends on a trip during the summer. Be prepared for anything to happen along the way or once you're there.

Cartoon by Ryan Vila



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peace vigil was not 'disturbed'

It would take much more space than I am allowed to fully express to everyone my frustration about how Thursday's peace vigil was reported in *The Daily Eastern News*. The DEN took a very emotional and genuine moment for the great majority of participants and trivialized it by focusing on the unfortunate clash between an angry man and four drunk college students. This has little to do with what actually happened at the vigil and creates a false characterization of

everyone else who participated in the vigil.

What about the the words of an enlisted Marine who came seeking support and comfort in the presence of the concerned citizens present at the vigil? Why was this not reported? What about all of the tears shed by people not involved in the shouting as they quietly bared their deepest feelings to a group of strangers?

This article turned our plea for peace into a violent confrontation and colored us as protesters — and that sad-

dens me.

In that moment, our witness was for peace. There was no place for violent confrontation. As an organizer, I would like to publicly denounce the behavior that broke off of the vigil and say participants were there to reflect and share their concerns and thoughts — not to

shout at those who don't agree with us.

Lastly, people crying out peace are already up against the status quo, so please try and be fair in your reporting.

Sean Barth
Manager,
Coles County
Homeless Shelter

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Diversity panel discussion to jumpstart Unity Week

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Unity Week will kickoff Monday with a student panel discussion on unity and diversity.

The theme of the week is "Unity Week: Through Our Differences We Celebrate Ourselves."

The panel will talk about what the theme means to them and how people can incorporate that theme in their daily lives at Eastern, said Monique Cook-Bey, assistant director of student life.

The purpose of creating Unity

Week is "to bring campus and community together and to celebrate differences through not only culture and color, but in lifestyles," Cook-Bey said.

Unity teams of various student organizations ranging in groups of four to 20 have been organized to come out to show unity and the spirit of togetherness.

Throughout the week's events, unity points, with no specific amount, will be awarded to students demonstrating coming together as a group.

Cook-Bey said judges will be

Upcoming Unity Week events

◆ Tuesday: keynote speaker Forrest Parker will talk at 7 p.m. in Grand Ballroom

◆ Wednesday: spoken/student talent acts will take place at 9 p.m. in 7th Street Underground

◆ Thursday: Crazy Daze Game Night Springbreak Style at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom

looking for team spirit and extra effort from groups teaming up with other groups.

"We want students to step outside of the normal group they are comfortable with and used to working with. We want them to pair up and get together with other groups," Cook-Bey said.

"We want people coming together and mingling and saying 'we support unity.'"

Teams will be awarded points based on attendance and participation.

Admission is free and student groups or individuals are encouraged to attend any of the events.

Letters were sent to

Recognized Student Organizations and all student groups to raise interest and groups of friends are also encouraged to sign up.

Unity Week is sponsored by the Student Government, EIUUnity, the University Board and the Student Life Office.

Activities are scheduled to take place from Monday to Saturday.

The panel discussion will begin at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Hanner commended for work with career achievement award

◆ Award was distributed by Illinois-Speech Language and Hearing Association

By Evan Hill
STAFF WRITER

Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the college of sciences, was recently rewarded for years of student commitment with a career achievement award.

The Illinois Speech-Language and Hearing Association, based in Chicago, awarded Hanner the Honors of the Association on March 5.

The Speech-Language and Hearing Association lobbies for speech pathology and audiology professionals in the state General Assembly.

The organization also provides continuing education and professional development for its 4,000 members.

Hanner has been a member since 1972 and has served on the executive board and as president.

The award is given to recognize career-long achievement and is the highest honor a member can receive.

Education has always been an important part of her life, and being a part of education was always what she wanted to do. Hanner became interested in speech-language pathology when a high school guidance counselor suggested it to her.

"My parents set the example of hard work and responsibility. I had the privilege of knowing some wonderful teachers in elementary and secondary school who challenged me to do more than I thought I was capable of. I am sure many of my successful colleagues can relate to the inspiration they received from former teachers, professors and mentors," Hanner said via e-mail.



Mary Anne Hanner

Hanner attended Eastern and received her bachelor's and master's degrees. She received her doctorate from Indiana State University.

Hanner said her desire to be challenged helped her make the decision to begin teaching at Eastern.

"I was working as a speech pathologist in Arcola and my colleague Jill Nilsen, who was on the Eastern faculty, called me and asked me if I would be interested in a position that was available," Hanner said. "I always liked challenges and I love the education environment, so it was easy to make the decision."

Hanner has been involved in developing and teaching in the communication disorders and sciences program during her time at Eastern.

"The Communication Disorders and Sciences is one of the premier programs in this region," said Hanner, who has served as the chairperson from 1997 to 2000 when she became the acting dean of the College of

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Sciences.

Hanner remembered what it was like to participate in the creation of the program saying, "I had the privilege of being a part of the dynamic faculty who made that happen."

Since taking the job as dean of the College of Sciences, she continues to teach several upper-level courses in the department of communication disorders and sciences.

In this changing world, it can be tough to find values that don't change. Since Hanner began working at Eastern in 1981, the education world has changed in

many ways, but some similarities remain.

"Some things are the same, like strong commitment to high quality education, faculty who know their students and are willing to do what it takes to facilitate their students' success and a place where students and faculty can find ways to be successful," Hanner said.

The standards are what Eastern is committed to, and Hanner's career is an example of how those standards are applied to all of her students and often remain far beyond college.

Gail Richard, the current head of the department of communication and speech disorders and sciences, came to Eastern the same year as Hanner and both are members of the Speech-Language and Hearing Association.

"She is involved in lots of activities, and I think she has branched out to make a difference," Richard said. "She has great people skills — she's great at calming people and assuring them."

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Greg Senior, a senior academics major, tries out the mind machine oxygen parlor Friday night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The parlor was part of the Rest and Relaxation night sponsored by University Board, which also featured massages, wax hands, candle making and adopt-a-bear.

The Charleston Chamber of Commerce still has openings for its second annual "Choose Charleston" business showcase while tickets are now on sale for the "Taste of Charleston" to be held April 12.

Laura Sullivan, spokesperson for the Chamber, said the event is sponsored by five Chamber members. The Big Picture, Charleston Outfitters, Midas Auto Service Experts, Mooney Ford Lincoln Mercury and 21st Century Dental

Care are sponsoring the event and will feature booths at the showcase. Other showcase participants include Eastern, WEIU-TV, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Razorz Edge Salon, Baseball, Barbeck Communications, Citizen's National Bank and several other businesses, Sullivan said.

Non-profit organizations are also participating in the showcase.

The Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, the campus Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services, the Mid-Illinois Big Brothers and Sisters program, SAIL, the Charleston Tourism Office and Charleston

Jaycees will all be represented at the showcase.

Last year there were 60 exhibitors at the showcase. More than 400 people attended the business showcase and about 250 people took part in the "Taste of Charleston."

Last year's event had a large food variety from local vendors.

"There was everything from elegant tea to pizza, pasta, strawberry bread, fruit yogurt, meatballs and appetizers," Sullivan said. This year will feature new vendors and some who participated in the event previously.

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eight Faculty Senate chairs did not talk to their senate's members Friday.

Instead, they met with each other at Eastern to discuss state governance and budget issues.

The Council of Illinois University Senates took advisory positions on issues taken back to individual university senates, including one to make the council more official, said Eastern's senate chair Anne Zahlan.

A steering committee has been formed to help formulate bylaws and other planning on top of the council's existing constitution. The council also recommended a faculty member serve on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The member would be chosen from the board's Faculty Advisory Committee.

The representative should be from one of the public universities, even though the advisory council includes members from community colleges and private institutions, Zahlan said.

The council of senates also is concerned with spending in public vs. private universities, health care and fifth year Monetary Award Program grants.

The senate chairs took a position against an income bill currently in the Illinois legislature.

The bill deals with taking tuition funds back to Springfield, one situation the university would have trouble coping with, interim President Lou Hencken said.

"The funds that come from student tuition

should be maintained at the individual institutions," Zahlan said.

Hencken told the council Eastern could lose a combined \$4.1 million from this year's fiscal budget. Last month, Gov. Rod Blagojevich requested state public universities set aside 8 percent of their operating budgets, totaling \$113 million across higher education schools and agencies.

Eastern's \$4.1 million comes from 2 percent already in reserve on top of 15 areas to possibly lose funds in the \$84 million budget.

The governor asked monies simply be set aside until the state requests them, but \$475,000 of equipment costs would be the first to go.

The list of cuts, sent to the Bureau of the Budget, included a set of implications for putting the funds in reserve.

The only way Eastern is not going to feel a lot of hurt is if only a 2 percent cut is requested, something that will not likely happen, Hencken said.

Other universities share the worry of more than 2 percent.

"I've talked to the presidents of the other institutions in the last month more than I have in the last 36 years," he said. "You cannot cut 8 percent out of your budget without having some harm." Hencken and Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, also talked to chairs about more legislation in Springfield, one to keep four years of tuition at a freshman rate.

"That's the one we can live with the easiest," Hencken said. The bill does not specify how much increase can be set at the freshman rate.

opportunity to contribute to the raffle prizes and the Chamber is offering a grand prize of a \$300 Chamber check. The showcase is planned for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. April 12 at Charleston High School and attendance is free. Tickets for the "Taste of Charleston" portion of the event, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Charleston High School cafeteria, are on sale at the Chamber office and at E.L. Kracker's.

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Student Senate begins lobbying against cuts

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The remaining six weeks of classes will include a strong lobbying campaign as the Student Senate will work closely with the Student Action Team and the administration to lobby on behalf of Eastern.

Marty Ruhaak, Student Action Team chair, said in a worst case scenario Eastern could have to give up 8 percent of its allocated budget for 2003. That amount will equal \$4.1 million of Eastern's \$84 million budget.

"The danger is that the 8 percent would come from the money left from the budget remaining for the

last three months, not the whole year," Ruhaak said.

As a result of the possible loss of funds, Ruhaak has outlined a six-week lobbying strategy for the Student Action Team, which will also include mandatory involvement by Student Senate.

"Each week we will target members of General Assembly with letters, phone calls and e-mails before following up with a Student Action Team trip to Springfield on April 16," Ruhaak said. "We can't afford to give up 8 percent; this could affect summer classes."

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said the administration has been continually track-

ing proposed legislation introduced in either the House or the Senate to assess the impact the legislation might have on Eastern.

"As proposed bills are heard before legislative committees, we present information to the committee members regarding the impact the proposed legislation would have and encourage the legislators to either support or oppose the legislation," Nilsen said. Currently, we are tracking about 150 bills."

Nilsen said they also visit with legislators and staff members about Eastern's budget proposal.

"We share with legislators the positive outcomes students achieve during their time at Eastern and

present data such as our graduation rates, retention rates, alumni satisfaction rates, etc.," Nilsen said. "We will also be providing information about the impact that budget reductions will have on the educational opportunities available to our students."

Nilsen said lobbying duties by the Student Action Team will be backed by the administration.

"President Hencken and I spend a great deal of time in Springfield during the spring legislative session," Nilsen said. "In addition, members of Student Action Team, the CUPB Legislative Committee, faculty, staff, students, and parents, friends and alumni contact legisla-

tors to speak on behalf of the University.

"We also invite legislators to campus to learn more about the university. These visits tend to occur when the General Assembly is not in session and the legislators have more time to be away from Springfield and their home districts."

The Student Action Team will do its best to lobby against the possible budget cuts.

"We're going to give our best effort to let them know that it's a bad thing for Eastern and other universities, we're not guaranteeing success but it's worth the effort," Ruhaak said.

Professors

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shapes the perceptions of the individuals of society," Benedict said.

"The media and the military have always been separate identities - now they are the same."

The class, Benedict said, looked at the advantages and disadvantages of embedding journalists. Student reactions varied.

"There was apprehension with the journalists that they are giving us too much information,"

Benedict said. "But others, in this age of information, see it in their best interest to see how the military operates."

On the flipside, one political science class discussed the international perspective on the Iraqi conflict.

"I'm not going to structure a class around it, but the class is not on American foreign policy, but rather the world's perspective on the situation," political science professor Ryan Hendrickson said.

"The students asked some great

questions - they asked who is supporting the United States and about the Bush administration."

Other professors, who did not have curriculum that connected with the conflict so easily, still answered questions on the topic.

"I haven't directly talked about it in any of my classes," said philosophy chair Gary Aylesworth. "The students have not asked anything about it, but we would if students want to discuss it we could discuss it."

Sgt. David McKinney, a professor in the military science depart-

ment, answered some questions about his perspectives on the situation - he said it wasn't a taboo subject - but didn't set class time aside. Terry Barnhart, a history professor, did.

"It was an interesting conversation," Barnhart said. "I was quite surprised students weren't as informed, but it was worthwhile. We tried to put the situation in historical content."

Hendrickson said the students should gain information on the conflict through the media and not in classes.

"I pretty much kept on my normal schedule because I felt the students can educate themselves from the normal media," he said. "If anything, I thought they would need a break from it in class because they hear about it everywhere else."

Titus, on the other hand, will discuss current events at the beginning of class.

"We will try to stay in touch with what is happening," he said. "I'd like to spend more time on it than I do, but I don't feel we have the time."

Nothing:

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exercised a wide vocal range for several minutes.

After the production ended, the two new monologues composed by staff and volunteers were performed; the first by women and then later by men.

The first was the women's monologue, performed by nine women

from the organizations of the service, The Children's Advocacy Center, and Housing Outreach for Prevention and Education.

The monologue covered a spectrum of topics such as feminism, the athletic ability of women, porn, Herbal Essence commercials and even a reprise of the Salt n' Pepa song "Let's Talk about Sex, Baby."

The men's monologue was composed by a group of staff members

including Tom Edwards, president, and Eric Davidson, on the board of directors, and focused on violence towards girls and women.

"Haven't we all been violent one time or another?" Edwards asked the audience.

On helping to compose and perform the male monologue, Davidson said: "It's nice to be able to present a positive male viewpoint since so many activists are female."

When asked his opinion of the show, recent Eastern alumnus Jim Andersen said: "The treatment of women in third-world countries is decrepit and horrible. This brought to light some important issues that need to be dealt with."

The monologue about short skirts was the favorite of sociology department professor Janet Cosci because, "She can wear whatever she wants."

Michelle Rebellato, a women's studies intern, performed the monologue, "My Vagina Was My Village," about a woman who systematically was subjected to female genital mutilation in a different country.

"It's such an amazing, empowering experience," Rebellato said of her performance. "The best part is to be able to get up on stage and talk freely about these taboo subjects ... vagina, vagina, vagina!"

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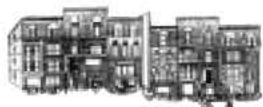
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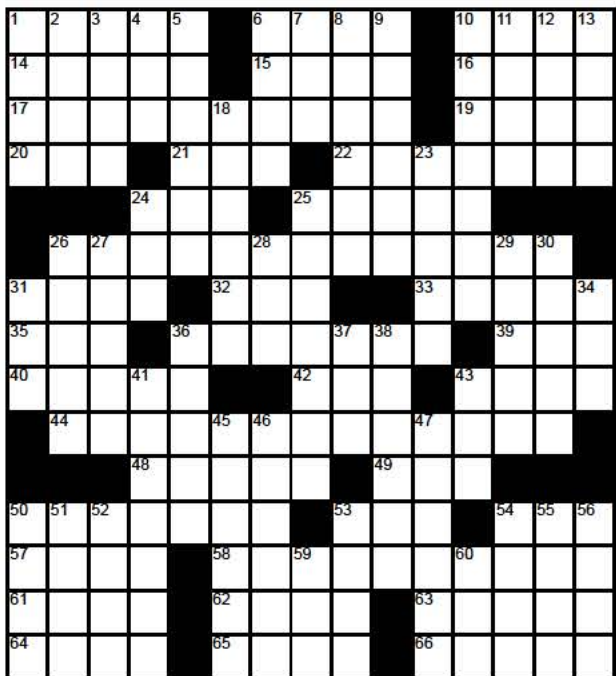
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Self-proclaimed prophet, wife charged with kidnapping

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Prosecutors charged a self-proclaimed prophet and his wife Tuesday with aggravated kidnapping and sexual assault in the abduction of Elizabeth Smart, disclosing for the first time details of the girl's nine-month ordeal.

Brian Mitchell and Wanda Barzee also were charged with burglary and attempted aggravated kidnapping — a charge stemming from what prosecutors said was an attempt to later abduct Elizabeth's 18-year-old cousin.

"We are not dealing with just a religious zealot, we are dealing with a predatory sex offender," District Attorney David Yocom said in announcing the charges.

Mitchell, 49, and Barzee, 57, could receive life in prison if convicted. They were scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday, and bail was set at \$10 million each.

Before Tuesday's charges, no details had been released about any abuse Elizabeth, now 15, might have suffered during her disappearance.

Prosecutors contend Mitchell, a drifter whose writings promote polygamy, entered the Smart home June 5 after using a knife to cut a window screen. Elizabeth, dressed in pajamas, was forced at knifepoint to walk four miles up a mountain trail behind the Smart family home to a concealed campsite,

according to court papers.

Mitchell threatened to harm or kill the girl's family members if she resisted, the papers said.

"She was under the threat of death," Yocom said. Prosecutors said that when the trio reached the campsite, Barzee tried to remove Elizabeth's pajamas. When the girl resisted, Barzee threatened to have Mitchell forcibly do it, they said.

Mitchell then "raped or attempted to rape her, or commit forcible sexual abuse against her," with Barzee's help, Yocom said. At some point, the girl was restrained with a cable around her foot that was tethered to a tree, he said.

The couple held Elizabeth against her will at the campsite until Oct. 8 with little or no shelter, water or food, prosecutors said. They then took her to California, where they stayed until March 5, according to the court papers.

Elizabeth was found with the couple on March 12 in Sandy, a Salt Lake City suburb.

Yocom said it was unclear why Mitchell would have picked Elizabeth. He could have seen her during his five hours of handyman work on the Smart home in November 2001 or when Lois Smart, possibly accompanied by her daughter Elizabeth, hired Mitchell as he panhandled outside a downtown mall.

Developments: U.S. military leaders expect fighting in Iraq to intensify

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- ◆ Explosions shook Baghdad early Monday as the Iraqi capital came under another heavy air attack.
- ◆ A U.S. Patriot missile battery mistakenly shot down a British Royal Air Force fighter aircraft near the Iraqi border with

- Kuwait, killing both fliers on board.
- ◆ A U.S. soldier was detained on suspicion of throwing grenades into three tents at a 101st Airborne command center in Kuwait, killing one fellow serviceman and wounding 15. The motive in the attack "most likely was resentment," a U.S. Army spokesman said.
- ◆ A British television news reporter who disappeared in southern Iraq was believed dead. ITN television news said its reporter

- Terry Lloyd and two colleagues apparently were caught in a barrage of "friendly fire" on Saturday.
- ◆ Hundreds of police and security agents in Baghdad searched for a possibly downed coalition pilot, shooting into the reeds and shallow water alongside the capital's Tigris River. The U.S. military said there were no reports of coalition aircraft being shot down or a missing pilot.
- ◆ The U.S. military's northern front

- against Iraq appears to be building, with American planes landing in the Kurdish north and more airstrikes pounding positions of a militant Islamic group with alleged al-Qaida and Baghdad ties.
- ◆ U.S. military leaders said they expect fighting in Iraq to intensify as coalition forces advance toward Baghdad, facing increased resistance from Saddam's troops and their possible use of chemical or biological weapons.

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FOOTBALL

Panthers expected to name new defensive coach Monday

By Matt Meinheit
SPORTS EDITOR

By the end of the day, Eastern's football team should have one remaining coaching vacancy.

Head coach Bob Spoo said he has selected a coach to replace defensive secondary coach Edmund Jones.

Spoo would not release the name of the coach, but said he expected the new coach to sign a contract Monday to work at Eastern for the 2003 season.

Spoo has already filled vacancies left by offensive coordinator Roy Wittke and defensive line coach Charlie Partridge. Former Tennessee State offensive coordinator Jon Carr was hired to replace the seat in the coaches box Wittke filled for 13 years. Former Navy coach Derrick Jackson was also hired to replace Charlie



Bob Spoo

Partridge as the defensive line coach.

The only remaining coaching position the Panthers will need to fill after they sign a defensive secondary coach is the offensive line coach.

Spoo said he would be interviewing applicants to replace former offensive line coach Steve Farmer later this week and into next week.

Farmer played and coached at Illinois State before coaching the offensive line for two seasons at Eastern.

He recruited in the Chicago suburbs, Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla. area and at junior colleges in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

Farmer was the tight ends coach at Illinois State in 2000 and the defensive tackles coach in 1999.

Schmitz attributed some of the bad play to the poor field conditions at Coaches' Stadium.

"The field is playing rough and sometimes it is hard to get in a groove defensively," Schmitz said.

Schmitz is one win away from his 400th career win.

The Panthers will have the chance to help Schmitz reach the landmark Tuesday when they play at Saint Louis.

Split:

Schmitz one win away from victory No. 400

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defensively," Schmitz said.

"It's hard to stay positive when you are giving up that many runs to the other teams."

NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Reds make picks, possible shifts; Cubs lose, Sox win

By The Associated Press

Jimmy Anderson is in the Cincinnati Reds' rotation, Kent Mercker is in the bullpen and Barry Larkin could wind up in the outfield.

The Reds firmed up their pitching staff Sunday by awarding Anderson a spot in the rotation and

giving bullpen jobs to Mercker, Felix Heredia and Josias Manzanillo.

Astros 2, Dodgers 1

At Vero Beach, Fla., Wade Miller gave up three hits in six shutout innings to beat Kevin Brown, who struck out seven in five innings,

allowing two runs — one earned — and three hits. Kazuhisa Ishii followed with four scoreless innings of two-hit ball.

White Sox 4, Rangers 0

At Tucson, Ariz., Jon Garland gave up six hits and five walks in six innings but pitched out of trou-

ble. Texas starter John Thomson gave up all four runs — two earned — and eight hits in five innings with five strikeouts.

Giants 6, Cubs 0

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Damian Moss pitched six innings of three-hit ball, Ray Durham hit his first

homer of the spring and Yorvit Torrealba drove in three runs.

◆ In other games it was: Indians 2, Reds 0; Twins 4, Devil Rays 3; Mets 11, Braves 10; Rockies 5, Brewers 4; Royals 12, Diamondbacks (ss) 11; Diamondbacks (ss) 7, Padres (ss) 7, tie.

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Senior pitcher Kristen Becker throws during a recent home game. Becker took the loss in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday at Western Illinois. Eastern also lost the second game.

SOFTBALL

Panthers blown away

◆ *Westerwinds fly past*
Eastern in doubleheader sweep
By Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

A barrage of extra base hits from Western Illinois enabled the Westerwinds to hand the Panthers two losses in Saturday's double-header in Macomb.

Eastern's attempt at a first game comeback fell short as the team lost 3-2, and the Panthers (5-15) were blown out in Game 2 falling 12-4.

In Game 1, Western (12-14) jumped on Eastern senior pitcher Kristen Becker early scoring two runs in the second and in the third inning to take a 3-0 lead.

Eastern got on the board in the sixth inning off of two Western errors for two runs. Senior outfielder Carrie Ninness opened the inning with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by junior Karl Hagerty. Senior Jen Green then reached first on an error advancing Ninness to third.

Ninness was sent home on the next at bat when junior infielder Kristin Lovering grounded to Western pitcher Becky Sullivan. Sophomore Bridget Owen, pinch running for Green, came in behind Ninness after another error by Western. Becker lined out to second base to end the threat.

Becker took the loss for Eastern, throwing six innings and giving up two earned runs on seven hits. Sullivan went the distance for Western, giving up no earned runs on five

Eastern Panthers
2-4
Western Westerwinds
3-12

hits. The Panthers went down in order in the second, fourth and fifth innings.

Eastern was led by Lovering and Hagerty, who had two hits a piece.

In game two the Westerwinds' bats awakened, but it was the Panthers that would strike first. Eastern came out strong, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning off of Western pitcher Lindsay Tasker.

Green reached home on a Lovering double to left center. Lovering later scored on an error by Western's shortstop for a 2-0 Panther lead.

The lead wouldn't last long because Western added four runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth off of freshman hurler Ashley Condon.

Hagerty replaced Condon in the fourth, but without much luck. Western outfielder Hannah Tull sent Hagerty's first pitch over the center field wall making the score 10-3. The Westerwinds added two more runs in the inning to increase the lead to 12-3.

Eastern was unable to avoid the eight run mercy rule as they were only able to score one run in the top of the fifth to end the game 12-4.

Condon was given the loss giving up nine runs in three innings of work.

Western got four home runs in Game 2 off the Panther pitchers and also added four doubles.

Western outfielder Cassandra Hallstrom led the Westerwinds with two home runs and six RBI while Lovering and Hagerty added two more hits and giving each four hits on the weekend.

Meinheit:
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features 52-point blowouts (No. 1 Tennessee 95, No. 16 Alabama State 43) is the total lack of balance between the haves and the have-nots.

On the men's side, small mid-major schools like Creighton and Gonzaga climb up the rankings and prove small schools are just as good as the big schools, but on the women's side the same three or four teams continue to dominate.

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Tennessee or Duke, you don't have a chance of winning a national title.

Maybe this is why the crowds at the women's tournament games look like they couldn't fill a freshman English class, let alone a 15,000-seat arena.

Maybe when Connecticut and Duke meet in the championship game and the game is not decided by 20 points, some people might show up. But until more teams become competitive with each other, women's basketball will remain a side show to the men's circus.

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SPORTS

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	Tennis at Chicago State	2 p.m.
SATURDAY	Baseball vs. IUPUI-Ft. Wayne (2)	Noon Coaches' Stad.
	Softball vs. Tenn. Tech	Noon Williams Field

LONG SHOT



Matt Meinheit
SPORTS EDITOR

Women's tourney: a snoozer

There have already been some great games in the NCAA tournament this year.

Most of them came from the East Regional. No. 10 seed Georgia Tech nearly upset No. 7 Virginia Tech in a 61-59 loss. No. 12 Old Dominion was one point short of upsetting No. 5 Boston College. And No. 9 Texas Christian came out of nowhere to upset the No. 8 seed Michigan State.

Confused yet?

In the East region of the NCAA tournament, the No. 5 seed was Mississippi State, No. 7 seed was St. Joe's, the No. 8 seed was California, the No. 9 seed was North Carolina State, the No. 10 seed was Auburn and the No. 12 was Butler. But that is the men's tournament.

In the men's tournament, upsets are always expected, but this year the number of upsets have gone down from years past. However, the few upsets in the men's tournament outnumber the one upset on the women's side.

Judging by the attendance at the women's tournament games, not too many people would have known which teams were even in the field of 64. Maybe this is a result of the low number of upsets compared to the men's games.

Texas Christian's upset over Michigan State was the only upset in the entire first round after Saturday's games, and a No. 9 upsetting a No. 8 is not exactly shocking.

What would have been shocking was if Ohio Valley Conference Champion Austin Peay could have upset No. 3 North Carolina. And the Governors nearly did!

OVC Player of the Year Brooke Armistead had a chance to tie the game at 72 in the closing moments of the game, but her shot fell just short, ending Austin Peay's season and 22-game winning streak.

Close games like the one between Austin Peay and North Carolina are the exception rather than the rule in the Women's NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Of the 24 games played Saturday, 17 games were won by 10 points or more. Nine of those games were won by 20 or more and in two of those games, the margin of victory was greater than the losing team's score.

Why are there so many blowouts and so few upsets in the women's version of the NCAA Tournament? Is it because the women's coaches are meaner and more willing to take it to their opponents than their male counterparts? Probably not. Is it because the people responsible for ranking women's basketball do a better job than the men's? Some might contend so, but not likely.

The biggest reason why the NCAA Women's tournament

SEE MEINHEIT ♦ Page 11

BASEBALL

Panthers tame Cougars to split

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's baseball games against Saint Xavier became Eastern's home opener after the original outing against Indiana State was rained out last Wednesday.

Eastern (5-10) split the games with Saint Xavier (15-7). The Panthers won the first game in nine innings 7-6 and lost the second game in seven innings 15-9.

In the first game, senior outfielder Kirk Walters led the Panthers in hits and RBI batting 4-for-5 and driving in a career-high four runs. Walters also claimed the game winning hit after he lined a single to left field to allow senior catcher Bret Pignatiello to score the winning run.

Saint Xavier
Cougars
6-15

Eastern
Panthers
7-9

"That is a really good sign that we are coming back and winning games and the offense is coming back and that is encouraging," Schmitz said.

Senior pitcher Damon White started the game and threw for six innings giving up five of Saint Xavier's six runs on eight hits.

Sophomore pitcher Jason Pinnell came in at the top of the seventh. He got the first two outs of the inning and then was relieved by senior Micah Gray. Gray threw for 2 1/3 innings and struck out four batters. The only hit off of Gray was senior shortstop Jake Brewer's home run in the top of the eighth inning.

Pignatiello and senior outfielder Danny Jordan had two hits. Junior infielder Kyle Haines had a pair of RBI and scored twice.

Gray claimed the win for the Panthers and improved his record to 1-0 for the season.

The Panthers were plagued by eight errors in the second game, allowing Saint Xavier to score 15 times.

After falling behind early, the Panthers closed in on a 7-1 deficit when Jordan and junior infielder Chris Uhle singled. Sophomore outfielder Eugene Oliver was hit by a pitch and junior infielder Jeff Cammann singled to score Jordan. Haines was walked and earned another run for the Panthers.

Pignatiello stroked a double gaining two more RBI. By the fifth inning, Eastern was down by a single run with the score 7-6.

The rally continued into the bottom of the fifth when Uhle hit his first a home run of the year, a 2-run blast giving Eastern the lead 9-7.

The Panthers' rally was silenced and the Cougars tied the game and surged ahead in the top of the seventh when senior pitcher/outfielder Joe Williams broke a 9-9 tie with a RBI double. Freshman infielder Luke Gregerson gave the Cougars an insurance run with an RBI single.

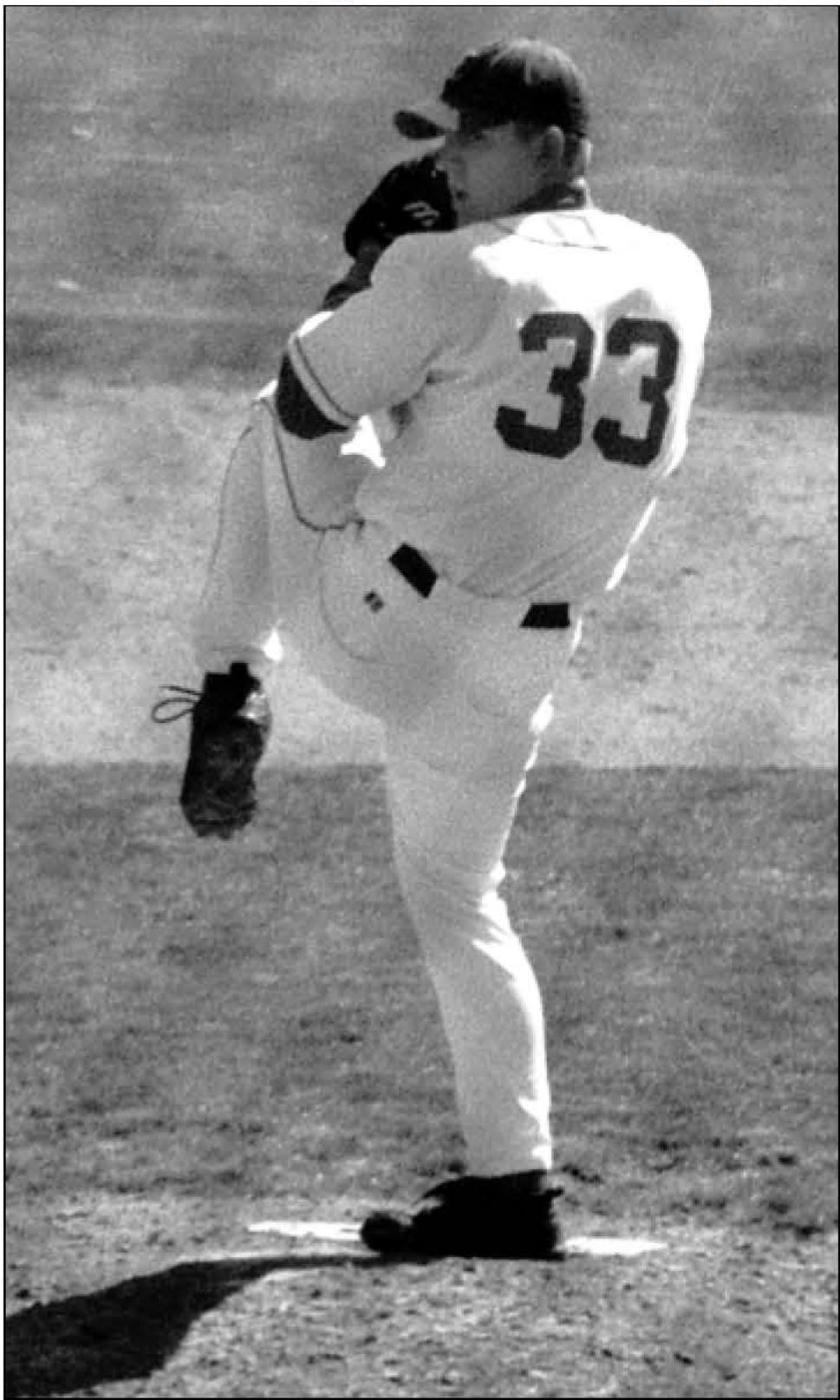
The final blow to Eastern came when junior infielder Mark Holstein hit a grand slam off senior Nathan Stone.

Stone took the loss for the Panthers bringing his record to 2-1.

Schmitz was optimistic despite the loss.

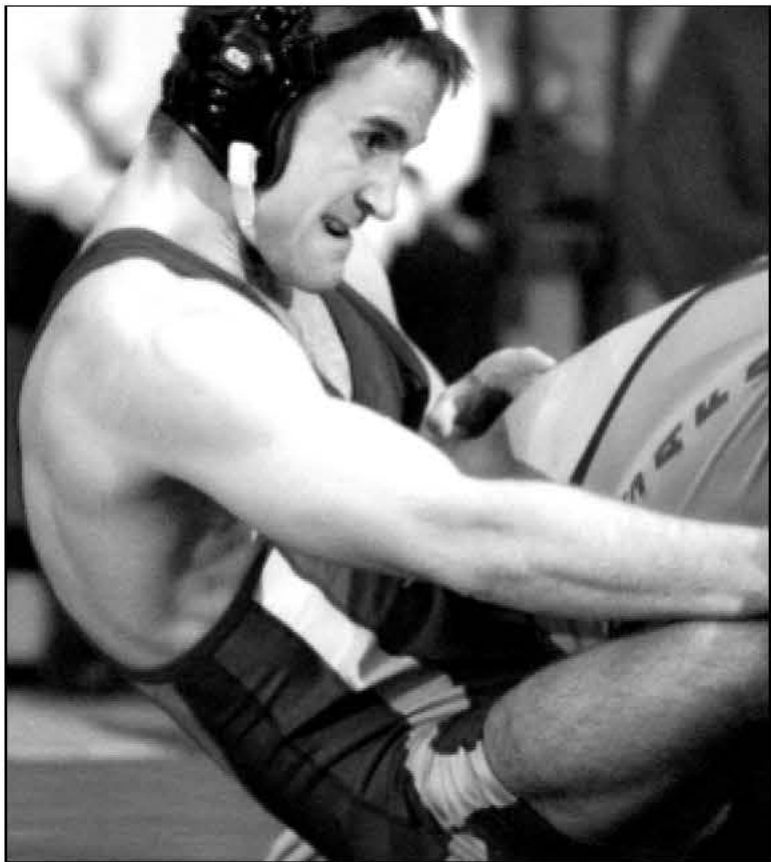
"The big thing we have and we are still struggling

SEE SPLIT ♦ Page 10



DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior pitcher Damon White rocks back during a delivery Saturday at Coaches' Stadium. White threw six innings of Game 1 against Saint Xavier, a nine-inning 7-6 win.



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Eastern junior wrestler Pat Dowty ended his junior season Friday after a 15-10 loss to Wisconsin's Tom Clum in the consolation bracket of the NCAA tournament.

WRESTLING

Dowty's run comes undone

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern wrestler Pat Dowty ended his junior season Friday morning by losing to red-shirt freshman Tom Clum of Wisconsin in the 133-pound consolation bracket.

Clum was defeated in the first round by Oklahoma State defending champion and number-one seed Johnny Thompson in the first round. In his first NCAA Tournament experience, Clum turned around to win and qualified for day two to face Dowty.

Clum defeated Dowty in a high scoring match ending 15-10 in favor of the young Badger.

Clum failed to place after losing to West Virginia's Brandon Lauer 15-13.

Dowty upset 11th seeded Phil Mansueto of Cleveland State 7-6 before being narrowly defeated by Northern Iowa 5-4.

Dowty will have the opportunity

next season to qualify for three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Eastern's only NCAA qualifier had to win five matches over the next three days to earn a third place finish and failed to make it to the weekend.

Cowboys senior Johnny Thompson ended his career by defeating Minnesota's Ryan Lewis for the second consecutive season to earn the National Championship.

Oklahoma State won its NCAA record 31st National Championship after clinching the title Saturday night during the consolation matches and ended with 143 points. The two-time defending champion Minnesota Golden Gophers finished second with 104.5 followed by Oklahoma, Lehigh and Arizona State.

The NCAA West Regional champion Northern Iowa finished 11th after winning at Lantz Arena March 8.