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## Softball sweep

Eastern softball team takes two games from Butler.

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# International students face new concerns

By Ali Vlahos  
STAFF WRITER

New concerns have risen about international education opportunities.

The Student and Exchange Visitors Information System (SEVIS), a government maintained database, must be used by schools to keep record of information on international students.

Bill Elliott, interim director of International Admission, said schools have to enter any changes with an international student such as change of address, change in their major, if they are enrolled in any optical or practical training and any other significant changes.

Elliott said nonimmigrant proce-

dures have seen many changes since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Obtaining a visa is a difficult process, always has been," said Elliott. "Now it takes more verification, and it takes much longer to get a visa."

Elliott said national figures from two years ago showed a 6 percent increase in international enrollment whereas last year there was only a 0.6 percent increase.

Eastern, however, has maintained a steady level.

"Eastern has remained stable in their number of international students," Elliott said.

According to their Web site, SEVIS regulations were implemented in 2002 on a voluntary

## Foreign money

International students, like domestic students, pay plenty of money for a college education. Here is how Eastern compared with the rest of the state during the fall of 2002.

### NUMBER OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

Eastern	148
Illinois Colleges and Universities	27,116

### TUITION AND FEES

Eastern	\$1,255,000
Illinois Colleges and Universities	\$372,803,000

### LIVING EXPENSES AND DEPENDENTS

Eastern	\$2,650,600
Illinois Colleges and Universities	\$443,619,000

### LESS U.S. SUPPORT

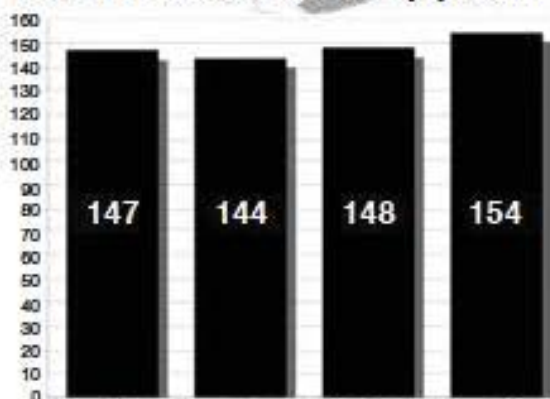
Eastern	\$585,500
Illinois Colleges and Universities	\$221,411,000

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTION

Eastern	\$3,320,900
Illinois Colleges and Universities	\$616,956,000



## Eastern's international student population



DAILY EASTERN NEWS ILLUSTRATION BY MATT MEINHEIT  
SOURCE: SUE SONGER, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISER

basis, however, stricter laws have since been implemented.

Sue Songer, international student adviser at Eastern, said SEVIS is now moving to a biomet-

ric retinal scan in addition to fingerprints and detailed paperwork.

"It's very controversial," she said.

While some governmental agen-

cies may perceive exchange students as a potential threat to homeland security, exchange students'

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# Former speakers lend advice

◆ Jeff Collier and Ryan Berger get advice on being senate speaker

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Former speakers of the Student Senate have advice for the two students running for the position for next year.

Jeff Collier, a junior political science major, and Ryan Berger, a sophomore political science major, have announced they will run for the position.



Jeff Collier

Collier has served three semesters as a senate member and two semesters as the senate secretary. He is currently the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.



Ryan Berger

Berger has been a senate

member since the fall of 2002 and has held such positions as chair of the Student Affairs Committee and senate parliamentarian.

Mike Walsh, a senior psychology major, served as the speaker last semester and said there are a lot of characteristics necessary for a speaker.

"Being speaker is all about managing people," Walsh said. "And you have to stay neutral on everything."

Last semester, Walsh sat between Collier, the senate secretary, and Berger, the parliamentarian at the senate meetings.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

## Precious

Katie Tyson, a freshman physical education major, watches the softball game at Williams Field Tuesday afternoon with her six-week-old miniature pinscher and Chihuahua mix, Tilly.

# Assaulted teacher takes medical leave

◆ English professor Bill Feltt is back in hospital from lingering ailments

By Tim Martin  
SENIOR REPORTER

English professor Bill Feltt will not teach again this semester because of health complications lingering from a brutal assault more than 20 months ago, a case that the University Police

Department has yet to identify a suspect.

As of Monday, replacement professors were assigned to Feltt's three classes. Feltt, who left work April 1, will need bone marrow transplant surgery after alternative medicines to the transplant did not work, English professor Keith Spear said.

"He's been in amazingly good spirits considering what he's been through," said Spear, who shares room 3734 in Coleman Hall with

Feltt.

Feltt's health complications began on Aug. 27, 2002 when six to eight men in their early twenties assaulted him, swelling his face to twice it's size and knocking out his teeth.

Feltt despite repeated attempts to reach him at his home could not be reached for comment.

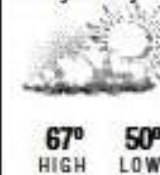
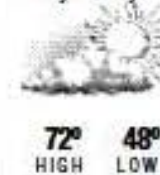
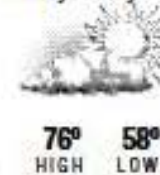
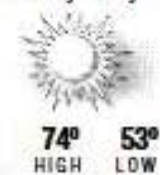
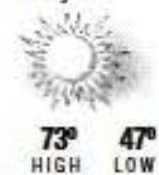
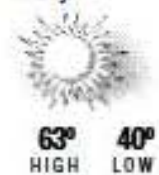
Last week, Feltt was hospitalized at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Ind., where he previously had been treated

when the assault happened on Aug. 27, 2002. He has since returned to his home in Robinson, says Jean Toothman, an English department office systems specialist, who added Feltt had left school a couple of times this semester for week-long periods.

As far as how Feltt's health affected his performance: "I mean, he was fatigued, but Bill never has, never does complain,"

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**PRIDE WEEK:  
LIVING OUT LOUD**

## Activist mother shares story

◆ *PFLAG mom tells of raising a lesbian daughter in Illinois*

By Megan Jurinek  
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

One out of 10 people may have some form of different sexual orientation, Penny Newton said Tuesday.

Newton is the vice chair of the Springfield chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Individuals.

PFLAG is a national organization that was founded by a mom whose son was a victim of police brutality.

"Basically I'm what you call a PFLAG mom," Newton said.

"A lot of work that I do is really geared to making people aware," Newton said.

Newton said a lot of people just don't understand others who are gay or if they are gay themselves.

"A lot of youths don't know what their sexual orientation is and have many questions," she said.

The fastest growing hate crime is because of sexual orientation, which can happen anytime between fourth and fifth grade all the way up to adulthood, she said.

As Newton began to tell the story of her oldest daughter who came out of the closet, she teared up.

She explained how her daughter was teased all during junior high school and high school.

Her daughter once called her up sobbing and told her to come and pick her up from school. Newton immediately went to her daughters' school and picked her up to find out that her daughter had been contemplating suicide.

The first thing Newton



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

**Penny Newton, mother of a lesbian daughter, talks about how she became part of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Tuesday night in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.**

did was find help for her daughter, and the therapist told Newton that her daughter had been experiencing homosexual feelings for a while and that probably wasn't going to change.

Not only did her daughter's sexuality have an impact in her older daughter's life, but in the lives of her younger children as well. Both were teased

about the elder daughter and both handled it differently.

Her middle child and second daughter stood up for her sister. The younger brother changed schools in order to prevent further confrontation about his sister.

"School districts need to be able to protect these kids," she said. "Schools are safe areas for most

kids."

Newton encouraged younger people to think about their rights and what's at stake, and they need to vote, Newton said.

Newton's talk was one presentation scheduled during Pride Week, a group of events sponsored by Pride, an Eastern group focused on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues.

**PRIDE WEEK**

## Petition table will support gay marriage

By Brittany Robson  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

As Pride Week continues, members will have a table set up in the north side of Coleman Hall from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday in support of same sex marriages.

"We are having a petition, we want signatures of people who support Illinois recognition of same sex marriages," Maurice Tracy, a senior political science major and Pride Week chair, said.

Tracy said Illinois currently does not recognize same sex marriages, and will not recognize any same sex marriages from any other state.

"This will tie into Monday's discussion on same sex marriages," he said. "We just want our voices and the voices of people who support us to be heard."

Tracy said after the petition is complete Wednesday it will be sent to an Illinois representative or a senator in the Illinois legislature.

In February, President George W. Bush endorsed a constitutional amendment that would restrict marriage to two people of the same sex but leave open the possibility that states could allow civil unions.

According to the CNN Web site, Bush did not sign on to a specific bill, but called on Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification an amendment defining and protecting marriage as a union of a man and woman as husband and wife.

The amendment requires two-thirds majority of each the House and Senate and ratification by three-fourths, or 38 of the 50 states.

**CHARLESTON POLICE BLOTTER**

David E. Rybski, 24, 1118 W. Hayes, was arrested Saturday on charges of domestic battery, police reports said.

According to police reports, Daniel P. Pearch, 21, 520 W. Madison Ave. #15, was arrested Friday on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with an alcohol concentration of .08 percent or more, and speeding.

Robert D. Westland, 22, Roselle, was charged April 3 with public possession of alcohol, police reports said.

Kevin M. Sherman, 18, Riverside, was arrested April 3 on charges of purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, police reports said.

According to police reports, John E. Ocamp, 18, 810 Jackson, was arrested Friday on charges of motor vehicle theft.

Bradley R. Dalton, 20, Chicago, was charged April 4 with criminal damage to property, police reports said.

Jorge Sanchez, 19, Chicago, was charged April 4 with criminal damage to property, police reports said.

Matthew B. Major, 24, Beecher City, was arrested April 4 on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with an alcohol concentration of .08 percent or more and two charges of improper lane usage, police reports said.

According to police reports, Shundell L. Swann, 20, 716 Monroe Ave. #2, was arrested April 6 on charges of purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor.

Daniel C. Bottomley, 21, Roscoe, was charged April 3 for obscene conduct, police reports said.

According to police reports, Justin J. Hasenor, 18, 2222 Ninth St., was arrested April 3 on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more, illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, disobeying a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

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**CORRECTIONS**

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was reported that Trisia A. Jones was warranted "released on recognizance" and issued home confinement in September. Coles County State's Attorney Duane Deters said Jones fled upon the issuance of that warrant, the warrant was quashed and a new one without home confinement was then issued. The *News* regrets the misunderstanding.

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Jim Wooten, president of Eastern's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, was quoted improperly in the page 4 editorial. *The News* regrets the error.





# Education majors fuse fun with math

By April McLaren  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern education majors are doing more than just adding their education skills and experience to become a future teacher. They are multiplying their skills and experience by their involvement in the math-focused Recognized Student Organization, Math Energy.

Nicole Denham, a junior elementary education major and Math Energy president, said the RSO meets once a month in Buzzard Auditorium to listen to guest speakers and work on worksheets and projects that could eventually be brought into their own classrooms.

Denham said while the program is open to anyone, it is most beneficial to elementary school and junior high teachers rather than high school because of the age range.

Crystal Zuniga, a senior elementary education major, said Math Energy is more than just learning how to teach math.

"We try to provide students with interesting and diverse topics," she said. "We don't always focus on math."

She said while math is a difficult subject to teach, Math Energy tries to connect it to other subjects such as literature. Not only do they integrate math to other subjects, they try to have a good time while doing it.

Zuniga is the chair of Math Energy Jr., which is a direct branch of Math Energy. While Math Energy



Amanda Jones, a junior elementary education major, tries to catch bubbles on her tongue during a skit at Carl Sandburg Elementary School, Tuesday night. Math Energy sponsored a night of fun with math and numbers.

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focuses on learning how to teach math and listening to guest speakers, Math Energy Jr. is more of a hands-on experience by going to the schools and working directly with children, Zuniga said.

"We can sit in the classroom and learn, but you really learn when you get out there," she said. "It takes it to

the next level." The big event Math Energy Jr. was involved in was the first ever Math Fest that was Tuesday at Carl Sandburg Elementary School in Charleston.

Education majors went into the school with different manipulatives to teach math.

Zuniga said learning math is more than just worksheets. She said they used a lot of strategic games along with fun activities children can use and apply to different real-life situations.

To be an education major at Eastern, students are required to get involved in a professional organiza-



tion on campus when they become an upperclassman in the program. Because of this, Math Energy has grown in popularity and has become the largest RSO at Eastern. Denham said last semester it had 220 paid members. This semester it is at 145.

To become a member, a \$6 fee is required every semester to go toward speakers and events such as Math Fest.

Denham said the RSO is unique because of the people involved.

"I think more than anything the variety of people makes it stand out," she said. "Even though we are all educators, we are all going in different directions."

Zuniga said it's all about the math. "We're hoping to get a better perspective for math," she said. "A lot of kids hate it and we want them to have a positive attitude (about math)."

She said not only do students need the positive attitudes toward math, but teachers do as well.

Overall, Denham said being a part of Math Energy has been her best experience at Eastern and has encouraged her to look towards the future.

"It shows me teachers really do make a positive difference," she said.

## CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL

# Budget approved for coming fiscal year

By Jessica Youngs  
CITY EDITOR

During a special city council meeting Tuesday evening, the council discussed and approved the city budget for fiscal year 2004-05.

The special meeting was held to familiarize the council with the new layout of this year's budget, which runs from May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005.

"It's going to be simpler when we get it all done," Mayor Dan Coughill said.

The new software from New World Systems that this year's budget was prepared on transferred all accounts from a cash to accrual basis.

Comptroller Tamara Moshtagh said with a cash system, all accounts received and paid out are noted; however, with the new accrual basis, all revenue and expenses for operating during the following year will be included for each department.

In the budget, the adopted budget for FY 03, actual budget for FY 03, adopted budget for FY 04, projected budget for FY 04 and the planned budget for FY 05 are all included for comparison.

Because the city is using the new soft-

ware, City Manager Scott Smith warns that amounts budgeted for this year may be higher than last because expenses that run a month or two behind are included.

This causes several department totals to increase to cover the extra months from April 2004 to April 2005 and occasionally May 2005.

These 13 and 14 month budgets will happen only this year while the software is being changed over, Moshtagh said.

When the change-over is finally complete, the council agreed that the format will be easier to follow.

"We'll be able to ask what is the status for each fund and (Moshtagh) can get it in a heartbeat," Coughill said.

Although the council's goal was to get the budget out by the end of March, several problems and server crashes kept that goal from being accomplished.

"I have watched this week and last week as the staff worked extra hard with New World Systems," Coughill said.

The budget will remain on file to public inspection until the council's April 27 meeting when action will be taken.

Copies will be available for viewing both in City Hall and the Charleston Carnegie Library.

# Policy would address complaints about faculty

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

A policy could soon be in place that would address students' complaints against faculty members.

Faculty Senate Vice Chair Barbara Lawrence will introduce the motion during next week's senate meeting and said the proposal would create an official procedure for dealing with students' complaints about faculty members and would be similar to the grade appeal process and the current process for civil rights complaints.

"It's simply to clarify what should happen with complaints from students," she said of the proposed policy.

Currently, there is no policy in place that deals with complaints students have of their instructors.

If the policy is passed by the senate during next Tuesday's meeting, it would be sent to Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, for further approval and implementation.

Lord said he would not have a problem with the proposal and said, "I'm always open to senate requests."

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the policy creates informal dialogue between the student making the complaint and the instructor the complaint is made

against.

"There are procedures by which students can file grade appeals and civil rights complaints but the complaints that fall outside that context have no process," Carpenter said.

In the past, students have taken complaints of teachers to the dean of that teachers' college, something Carpenter said has escalated problems more than was needed.

"Sometimes a formal investigation by a dean happened before the faculty member even heard there was a problem. The instructor has to know there is a problem. If they aren't informed, they can't fix the problem," he said.

Carpenter said the senate is allowed to make this motion because it does not affect the faculty contract, something the senate motions cannot do.

"The senate can't make recommendations on contractual matters. I checked, this is not a contractual issue," he said.

According to the motion, the policy would contain a first-step in addressing informal students' complaints, at least one meeting between the student with a complaint and the faculty member against whom the complaint is directed, and require the department chair be present during the meeting if either the student or instructor request the chair be present.

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## EDITORIAL

# GPA standard for athletes positive action

Now transfer students will have to live up to a higher standard.

The Council on Academic Affairs rightly revised the university's policy on the grade point average of students participating in intercollegiate activities.

Last week's decision won't allow transfer students to participate in sports if they don't have at least a 2.0 GPA by the end of their first semester at Eastern. Traditional freshmen must have a 2.0 by the end of spring semester.

In the past, students could still play intercollegiate athletics with a

lesser GPA if they had completed fewer than 30 semester hours at Eastern.

Now that won't matter for students who are entering the university having completed course credit hours elsewhere.

The CAA's decision will hold athletes to a needed academic standing.

Transfer students are already required to have a "C" average overall. Freshmen must have a higher GPA average before being accepted to Eastern.

The 2.0, the equivalent of a "C" average, is not unnecessarily high.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association couldn't agree more.

The CAA's decision puts Eastern in compliance with the NCAA's guidelines that said transfer students should not be given time to complete 30 credit hours before obtaining a 2.0 GPA.

A main reason for the CAA's decision was to prevent conflict between Eastern's and the NCAA's rules. The council's decision will prevent that, said Betty Ralston, assistant director of intercollegiate athletic operations.

"Freshmen and transfer student athletes will now have to abide by stricter requirements to meet NCAA guidelines," Ralston said.

Athletes maintain a balancing act between playing sports and academics, but beginning next semester, the new GPA requirement will only make them accountable sooner.

Athletes have the privilege of participating in sports, but to maintain the privilege, there are always standards.

The CAA was right to add to the GPA standards.

Athletes and other students represent the university and their grades, accomplishments and failures are a reflection on Eastern.

The CAA's decision holds athletes to standards they should meet, but hopefully can exceed.

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

## At issue

The Council on Academic Affairs raised academic requirements last week for students participating in intercollegiate activities.

**Our stance**  
 Athletes represent the university and should maintain academics.

## OPINION

# Ephedra ban a necessary step



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The manufacturers of a popular diet supplement containing ephedra urged a judge to block a nationwide ban that took effect Monday on the herbal stimulant.

The producers argued there is no proof it is dangerous if used properly.

No proof; I guess those 155 deaths and dozens more heart attacks and strokes are simply a matter of coincidence.

After years of fighting manufacturers over ephedra's risks, the Food and Drug

Administration announced in December that it was banning sales of the amphetamine-like herb — the first such ban of a dietary supplement. This happens to be a huge breakthrough for the FDA because it doesn't normally act in a way that could be considered impulsive. Logic would state that this herbal stimulant might be harmful in one way or another for the government to step in and take action.

"Clearly, adverse effects of ephedrine alkaloids can be serious, and indeed, fatal," said Dr. George Ricaurte of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

One of the most important things to remember when getting a diagnosis like the one from Dr. Ricaurte is to get a second opinion.

"There is really no correlation between the serious side effects — I'm talking about death and stroke that can be attributed solely to the ephedra-containing dietary supplement," said Dr. Norbert Page, a veterinarian and toxicology expert who is spokesman for the herbal indus-

*"The scary part of this drug is until Monday, you could probably walk into any GNC store and pick up the product off the shelf."*

try's Ephedra Education Council.

I don't know about you but I would be led to believe a medical professor from one of the most prestigious collegiate medical programs in the country over a pet doctor who's apparently being paid by the people who produce ephedra.

The scary part of this drug is until Monday, you could probably walk into any GNC store and pick up the product off the shelf.

This clearly means any athlete at Eastern could be using a product containing ephedra and be potentially setting themselves up for a fatal result if they aren't careful. However, NCAA regulations ban ephedra-based products with its athletes so I'm not accusing any of the Panther student athletes of wrong doing but in the age of bigger, stronger, faster, maybe some of those our age are getting wrong information. Also, in the era of technology, who knows what is in anything you put into your system? The simple daily vitamin has become more complicated than ever.

The fact of the matter is the ephedra producers understand

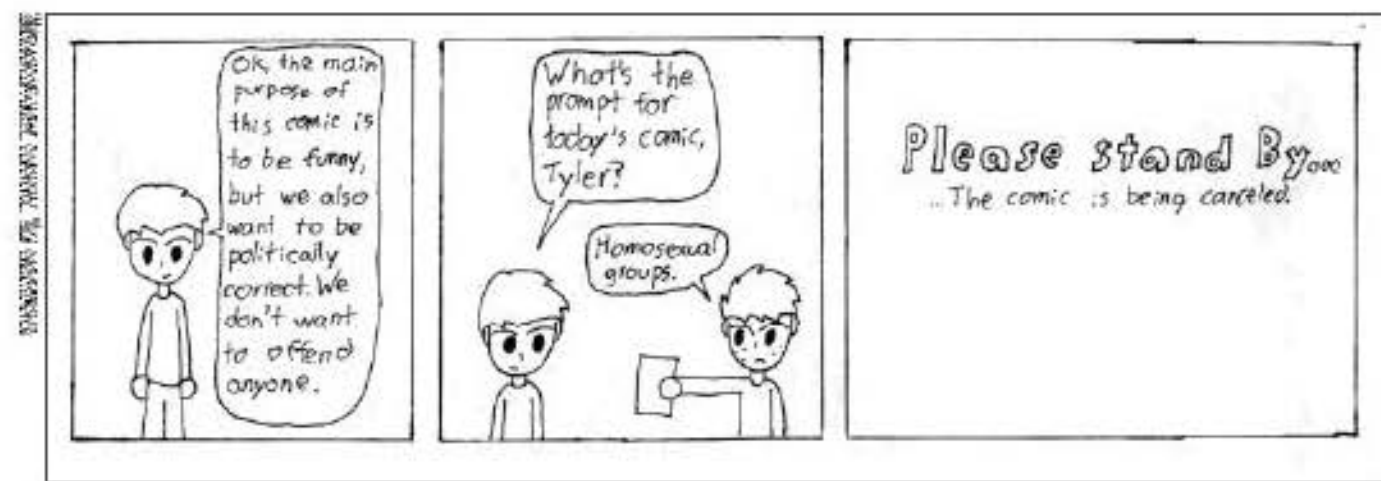
that the removal of their product means little to no money and they are in the pursuit of the almighty dollar.

I happen to know somebody who plays high school baseball that takes an ephedra-based product to get better physical results when he takes the mound to pitch.

Last spring, relief pitcher Steve Bechler of the Baltimore Orioles called the safety of ephedra into question once again. Bechler was under pressure to lose weight rapidly in spring training and used an ephedra-containing product to assist in that process. He died of organ failure brought on by heat stroke when his body temperature reached 108 degrees. Dr. Joshua Perper, the Broward County medical examiner, said he was told that Bechler was taking three capsules of Xenadrine RFA-1 each morning. Cytodine Technologies, the manufacturer of Xenadrine, said that two capsules per day is the recommended dose.

This was obviously a case of an athlete going overboard on a medical drug and abusing his body that way. However, until we can fully know the entire effects of ephedra, it has to be banned for the time being.

I'm sure that this ban will be disappointing to the people who make ephedra, but a question they should ask themselves is would we want to be sued by the parents of a college student. Medical science doesn't know everything this drug does to a normal body and therefore, for people between 18-21, it could be the scariest product we could get our hands on.



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Greek Week parking tickets unfair

I would like to write this letter to congratulate the Eastern Police Department on an excellent and compelling job of generating such a staggering amount of money for the university March 28.

The outstanding number of parking tickets and citations that were given to students and their parents as they were competing in the 2004 Greek Sing competition has set a new standard for greek competitions to follow.

One parking citation clerk informed me that she estimates the officer on duty distributed 90 parking tickets to students and parents on the Sunday of Greek

Sing.

If this number is correct, we can assume that the parking citations department at Eastern generated an estimated \$1,800 for the university.

One of the ways this money could help the university is to be used for a down payment on a contract aimed at developing more parking for the students.

I understand that there were a number of vehicles parked in motorcycle parking spaces, handicap parking spots and other serious violations, but not 90 of them.

I have read the "greek system parking" rules and regulations; however, cer-

tain exceptions should be made for students that have no choice but to park at their houses "drives" or in the street in front of it.

Obviously, the time constraints in these rules were established for Greek Court because there is not enough parking for greek chapters that are held Sunday nights; therefore, since the lack of parking has been noted, it should include a clause for massive greek gatherings or competitions. This is

especially true for those gatherings or competitions that will require greek students to park at their houses.

If this can't be done, please allow me to be the first member of the greek system to invite the police department in the planning of future events to an effort to generate more money for the university.

*Brent Smith,*  
 senior journalism major

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## Talking figuratively

Yu Ji, a former Eastern art professor speaks to students about the 'figurative approach to painting that centers around urban environments,' Tuesday night in Tarble Arts Center.

## Possible stoles for all students to wear during commencement

By Christine Doheny  
STAFF WRITER

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, is looking to get stoles for students for commencement. Stoles are long scarves, usually of embroidered silk or linen, worn over the left shoulder by deacons and over both shoulders by priests and bishops while officiating.

The deans of Eastern currently wear the stoles on commencement day and now the deans and staff are working to have all students wear stoles on commencement.

As of right now, only students from Lumpkin Hall's college have stoles, said Martha Hackler, public functions supervisor for commencement.

Hackler said Nilsen is the person who makes the final decision.

Julia Abell, director of Planning and Institutions Studies, said the stole would be worn in different colors to represent each college. Abell said the current policy does not require any student to wear a stole, but some still do.

ROTC members wear their uniforms and African Americans are allowed to wear a certain type of material, said Student Body President Caleb Judy.

The commencement is not formal so the committee would like to unify the school with the stoles.

Not much information was given about the stoles because they are still having meetings about it.

"I'm assuming we would work with the cap and gown company to include the stoles in the fee," Abell said. "That way, the students would be able to keep the stole instead of just 'renting' one."

Judy said, "I am graduating in May and I wish I could have one."

Abell said the deans and vice president will have the meeting to discuss the stole after spring commencement.

Abell said nothing will be decided until December's commencement.

### FACULTY SENATE

## Senate announces eight write-in winners for spring 2004

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate Tuesday ratified the winning write-in candidates of the spring 2004 faculty elections.

Faculty Senate Vice Chair Barbara Lawrence said she was happy the write-in candidates with the most votes chose to accept the positions.

Those candidates include: Tom Sinclair, assistant professor of special education, to the admissions appeal review committee; Music Professor Doug Dibianco and Ingyu Chiu, assistant accountancy and finance professor, to the academic

program elimination review committee; Patricia Belleville, associate art professor, to the council on teacher education; English Professor David Radavich and Pat Fewell, secondary education and foundation department professor, to the council on university planning and budget; English Professor Carol Stevens and Associate History Professor Joy Kammerling, to the university personnel committee.

Senate members also discussed an error that occurred during the election, in which the name of a current council on academic affairs member was added to the ballot.

Lawrence said CAA Member Debra Reid's name was accidentally added to the ballot.

Lawrence said since Reid was not one of the top vote-receiving candidates, the top two vote-receiving candidates will fill the open positions.

The percentages of votes from each college were also released during the senate meeting, of which Lawrence said she saw "a marked increase in voting totals."

The College of Arts and Humanities had 54 percent of its eligible voters vote, while the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences had 53 percent; the College

of Education and Professional Studies had 50 percent; the College of Sciences had 52 percent and the Library had 78 percent.

Senate members heard a presentation about the electronic writing portfolio program from Mary Herrington-Perry, assistant vice president for academic affairs, and members from the committee for the assessment of student learning.

Herrington-Perry said assessment in the form of the electronic writing portfolio is necessary because it helps students become better writers.

Assessment is also required by the

state and for a university to be accredited by the North Central Association, she said.

"Teaching and learning improve as a result of assessment," Herrington-Perry said.

Although the senate members took no action on the subject, many had their own opinions on the program.

Senate Member Matthew Monippallil and Senate Recorder John Allison said they are unhappy with the current system.

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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## COLES COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Chambers to learn lesson on serving customers

By Jessica Youngs  
DN 2/27/04

Local businesses may soon have that extra something that makes customers return time and again. No, the secret is not the cheapest prices in town - it is outstanding customer service.

Businesses that are members of the Coles County Chamber of Commerce will have the opportunity to attend a customer service excellence workshop Thursday where they will be revealing the 10 service mistakes customers get frustrated with and how to correct those annoyances.

"(We'll) be talking about how to 'wow' customers with customer service," said Paul Mejdich, the Charleston area Chamber of Commerce board president.

The event's coordinator, Tiffany Smith, said the workshop titled "Achieving Customer Service Excellence" will focus on service and effective communication with customers.

Speaker Joe Constance of Constant Training will give attending businesses some tips on how to handle problems and com-

plaints in addition to letting them in on the top 10 mistakes, Smith said.

This month's customer service workshop is the fifth workshop in a "Tool Box for Success" series that has been held jointly by the Mattoon and Charleston chambers focusing on a variety of topics important to local businesses.

"Every business deals with customers and we felt that it would be beneficial to the members to have some customer service training," Smith said.

Because members are involved in choosing the topics for the series' workshops by filling out surveys or sitting on the series' committee, Smith said the previous workshops have been very well-attended.

In fact, Innovative Staff Solutions, where Smith works, is sending six employees to the seminar because it is "very customer service focused," Smith said.

The workshop will be held in the Education Center at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon. Preregistration is required and sign-in for the event will begin at 8 a.m. with the workshop beginning shortly thereafter and ending around noon.



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## Chalk it up

On Tuesday afternoon the vice president of the Eastern's Blood Drive Comm ttee Christie McDonald (left), a junior business major, and Michelle Auxier (right), a sophomore merchandising major, were out by Booth Library chalking up advertisements for the Blood Drive in Andrews Hall basement that runs through Wednesday.

## STUDENT SENATE

# Senate to vote on four district changing motions

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate Wednesday will discuss and vote on four motions to change the senate voting districts.

Of 30 senate members, 12 represent all students, 12 represent on-campus students and 6 represent off-campus students.

One of the motions would even the districts out to 10 senate members each.

A committee of four senate members and Student Body

President Caleb Judy was created earlier in the semester to review and restructure the districts.

Redistricting Committee member Ryan Herdes said he is an off-campus senate member and his on-campus friends aren't allowed to vote for him.

"Since I came to senate, this is something I wanted to see accomplished," Herdes said.

Kyle Donash, chair of the senate External Relations Committee, said the senate bylaws require that 12 senate

members represent on-campus students.

"The reason that there are 12 on-campus senators is because there are 12 residence halls," Donash said.

The four motions were tabled last week because it is required by the senate's bylaws.

The senate will also discuss five budgets the Apportionment Board approved April 1.

The AB funds five groups on campus including themselves. The other boards are University Board, the Student Government,

the Student Recreation Center and the Dramatic Player's Club.

More than \$200,000 was approved for the Student Recreation Center, which is approximately a \$5,000 decrease from the request. The amount is still nearly \$7,000 more than the amount the center received last year.

The UB was approved for more than \$210,000, after the board requested more than \$250,000. The approved amount is an increase of more than \$6,000 from last year.

The Student Government was approved for more than \$35,000, which is approximately \$2,000 fewer than the request. The amount is an increase of approximately \$3,000.

The AB requested and was approved for more than \$21,000 and the Player's Club requested and was approved for more than \$8,000.

The Student Senate will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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SEPT. 23, 2002: Felt returned to Eastern and resumed teaching his ENG1001 classes

OCT 13, 2002: University Police Department receive tip an attacker is from Champaign, but the tip results to nothing

JULY 2002

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SEPT. 3, 2002: Felt was admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Ind in critical condition one day after leaving Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center

SEPT. 12, 2002: Felt was released from Good Samaritan

DEC. 5, 2002: University Police Department release a sketch of a man it believes to be the main offender more than three months after the attack



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English professor Bill Felt addresses his class on Oct. 15, 2003.

JANUARY 2004

PRESENT

NOV. 16, 2003: University Police Department Chief Adam Due said they have "exhausted all leads" in *The Daily Eastern News*

APRIL 1, 2004: Felt left school again because of health complications

APRIL 11, 2004: Three English professors volunteer to pick up Felt's classes

**Felt:**

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English Chair Dana Ringuette said. "He was tired, but he was still meeting with his classes."

English professors Ruth Hoberman, John Martone and Dagni Bredesen have volunteered to finish off Felt's semester of classes, a nearly month reprieve Felt's doctor suggested to avoid a sudden illness.

"His students really miss him," Bredesen said. "He has a wonderful rapport with them, and he went

in with a well of good will towards them."

Over the past year and a half, Felt has battled general fatigue and the susceptibility to other infections. He has also had flashbacks of the incidents. Ringuette said Felt currently receives platelet and red blood cell transfusions and will continue them in the near future. The blood marrow transplant helps replace the spongy tissue in some bones that produce the body's blood cells, which protect the body against illness.

During that same time, campus police, the UPD, has been unable to find a suspect to charge for the assault. A group of men from Champaign were suspected, but that did not lead to charges.

While the case still is considered open, "unless we get more information, really there's nothing we can do about it now," said UPD Chief Adam Due on Tuesday morning.

The search for evidence and witnesses caused a rift between the UPD and Felt in the ensuing months after the assault. The UPD

said Felt's memory was hazy soon after the attack and specific information on the location of the assault and appearance of the assaulters was inconsistent. Felt said his story has never changed.

That lag in information resulted in a sketch drawing of the assaulter coming more than five months after the attack. Felt has previously communicated a perceived lack of communication from the UPD.

"Any information I got from them, I had to make an effort to get, except for at the very first,"

Felt said in the Oct. 16, 2003, edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

A return for the fall semester, Ringuette said, is likely for Felt who became a professor shortly after earning his master's degree here in 2002. Still, the spring semester is not a complete loss. Spear said one of Felt's students received a writing award at the departmental banquet a few weeks ago.

"That shows in spite of having medical difficulty, he's been doing his job seriously enough, he produced at least one award-winning student," Spear said.

**Speakers:**

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The secretary's responsibilities include recording minutes, taking attendance and recording votes.

The parliamentarian's responsibilities include taking the speaker's list and assisting the speaker with the process of the meeting.

Walsh said Berger was helpful

because he studied Robert's Rules of Order, the rules the senate runs their meeting on, in high school.

"Obviously (Berger) could run a meeting because he knows Robert's Rules very well," Walsh said. "I didn't know Robert's Rules to save my life."

Walsh said Collier might have more of the people managing skills it takes to be the speaker.

"I think Jeff is a little more of a people person," Walsh said. "Last semester he would come into my office and really put forth the effort to understand the position."

Walsh said he will show up to the elections, which will be held near the end of the semester to support the candidates.

"They'd both do a fine job," he said. "It's not all about Robert's

Rules. It's going to come down to who is the better people person."

Bill Davidson, a senior political science major, served as speaker from the fall of 2002 to the spring of 2003.

"Both individuals would make a great candidate for speaker," Davidson said. "The toughest thing is to get the senate member to accomplish tasks and not just talk

about getting them done."

Joe Robbins, an Eastern graduate, served as speaker from fall of 2001 to the spring of 2002.

Robbins said the speaker should be someone who has been involved and knows the way the senate works.

"I think an individual must be experienced and have served on important committees," Robbins said.

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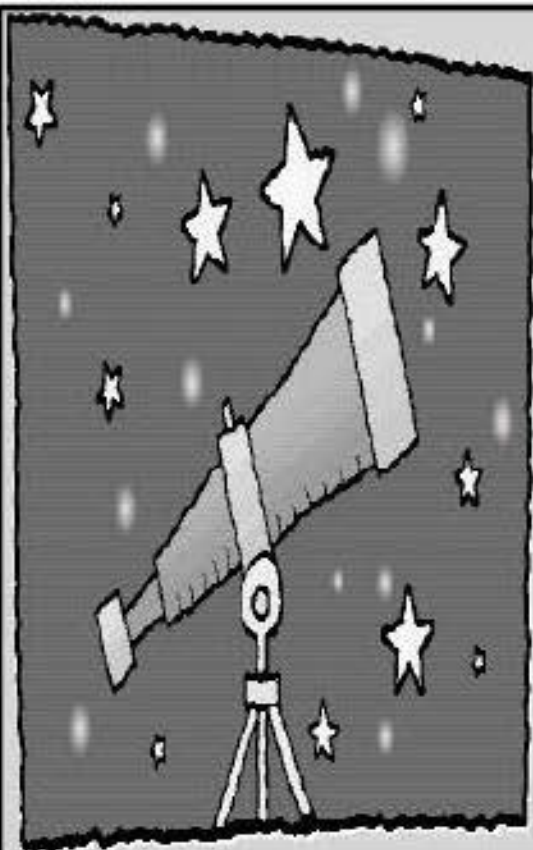
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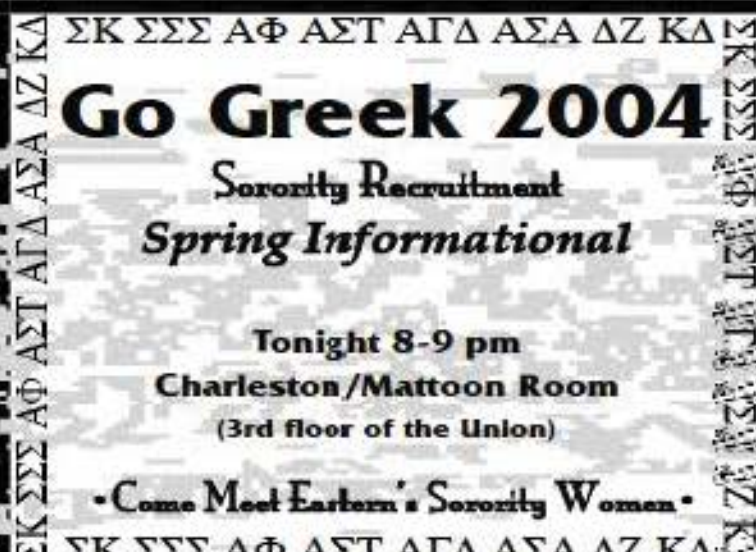
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1 Check, as the horizon

5 Pick out

9 Home feature

14 Lotion additive

15 Walk in water

16 They may be spent in France

17 Restaurant lines?

18 Atlas section

19 Some transportation stocks

20 End of a line

23 Swamp goo

24 Charged particle

25 Move with stealth

28 The Merry Men, e.g.

30 Like a wall-flower

33 \_\_\_ as good as another

34 Symbol of stubbornness

35 Race in an H. G. Wells story

36 Ending for a line

39 Curved lines

40 2%, maybe

41 Tolerate

42 #25 of 26

43 Up for something

44 Film components

45 Quadrennial convention-goer

46 Sci-fi writer Frederik

47 Ending line

53 Bond before Dalton

54 Joint problem

55 Creep (along)

57 Oktoberfest air

58 "When in \_\_\_"

59 Clothing line

60 Hint of light

61 Parishioner's line

62 One getting a decoration

DOWN

11950's-60's singer Cooke

2 Staff symbol

3 Top-of-the-line

4 Ones getting "worry lines"?

5 "Dirty Dancing" co-star

6 Stickum

7 Garfield's pal

8 Go lickety-split

9 Certain

36-Across

10 Greg Evans comic strip

11 Diva's lines

12 Car payment

13 Curved line

21 Settle down for the night

22 Sal of "Exodus"

25 Shade of yellow

26 Harden

27 London cop-pers

28 Montana city

29 It's a Sin to Tell (1936 hit)

30 Done in

31 Bunch of people

32 "Omigosh!"

34 What to call a lady

35 Add frills to

37 Russian range

38 Snack chip

43 Stadium cheer

44 Tone down

45 Winter wear

46 Feather in one's cap

47 Hammer or tongs

48 Doughnut's center

49 Taj Mahal city

50 Weaving machine

51 Kind of pad

52 Operation memento

53 Auto ad stat.

56 Med. care plan

Puzzle by Mark Dieth



**International:**

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Open Doors, a report on international educational exchange, stated that in the 2002-2003 school year, the United States economy generated almost \$12.9 billion from international students.

According to the Open Doors report, international students coming from India make up 12.7 percent of the international student total in the United States, and the Middle East accounts for 6 percent of the total.

Songer said Eastern has seen an increase in Middle Eastern students since Sept. 11.

Songer said there are more than just money issues with SEVIS' new guidelines.

"It's good will with other nations," Songer said. "To hinder international education is a tragedy."

Hopeton Dias, a sophomore pre-law and sociology major and international student from Jamaica, said he understands the reasons for the more stringent laws.

"I understand that they are try-

ing to be safe," said Dias. "And I feel very safe here."

Dias, who has been at Eastern for two years, said he has had no trouble traveling back and forth to Jamaica.

Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas Halls are the only three residence halls on campus that are open all school year. In turn, it is an ideal place for athletes and international students, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services.

"Students are by no means restricted to those buildings," said Hudson. "Those buildings are just the only ones staffed during breaks."

Hudson also said schedules are arranged so international students arrive around the same time. Most fly into Chicago's O'Hare Airport and are picked up by shuttle and brought to Eastern, he said.

In the other direction, Eastern has seen a steady number of American students study abroad.

Staci Provezis, interim coordinator of education abroad, said 159 students studied abroad last summer, while during fall 2003 there were 20 students and spring

2004 has seen 23 students study abroad.

"During the summer, more students study abroad than at any other time," Provezis said.

Australia has been the most frequented country, according to Eastern's study abroad statistics. Open Doors cites Western Europe as the nationally leading destination of those who study abroad; Australia is fifth on their list of most frequented destinations.

The study abroad program has a separate financial aid form specifically for studying abroad to help with the expenses. Provezis said Eastern's study abroad program has at least five schools that cost about the same as Eastern and some schools cost less.

"An international experience will not only allow students to learn about another culture, but will also allow them to learn more about themselves and how they are perceived as Americans in the world at large," Provezis said.

More information about the study abroad program is available at the International and Study Abroad Programs Office located in room 1306 of Blair Hall.

# Bush says American troops will 'finish work of fallen'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conceding a couple of "tough weeks in Iraq," President Bush signaled Tuesday night he is ready to put more American troops on the front lines and use decisive force if necessary to restore order. He said he was confident the nation would stand with him despite "gut-wrenching" televised images of fallen Americans.

At a combination speech and news conference at the White House, Bush rejected suggestions that Iraq was becoming another Vietnam — a quagmire without ready exit. "I think that analogy is false," he said. "I also happen to think that analogy sends the wrong message to our troops and sends the wrong message to the enemy."

Standing before cameras for an hour — giving a 17-minute speech followed by reporters' questions — Bush offered no

apology for the government's failure to prevent the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In response to questions, he also could not cite any mistakes or failures of his as president.

One year after the fall of Saddam Hussein, Bush said a recent spike in violence is neither a civil war nor a popular uprising. "The violence we've seen is a power grab by ... extreme and ruthless elements" from inside Iraq and from outside.

While the troops will remain, Bush also said the United States would stick to a June 30 deadline for handing over political power to Iraqis. He said a U.N. envoy would help decide which Iraqis would be placed in charge.

With casualties climbing and doubts rising, Bush said America's yearlong involvement in Iraq "seems like a long time to the loved ones whose troops have been overseas."

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BASEBALL

# Long third inning no joking matter

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

It was an inning that lasted nearly an hour with eight meetings on the mound, four pitching changes, eight bases on balls, four hit batters and a total of 17 runs scored.

The third inning between Eastern and St. Joseph's Wednesday was anything but pretty as the Pumas and Panthers both batted around in a wild frame.

"That inning was so long I think my wife could have driven back and forth to Cincinnati," Panthers head coach Jimmy Schmitz joked.

But Schmitz wasn't laughing as Saint Joseph's scored 11 runs on just five hits after sending 17 hitters to the plate. The Pumas also benefited from two Eastern errors and six walks as Saint Joseph's turned a 5-1 deficit into a 12-5 lead.

After two relatively unevent-

ful innings to open the game, Eastern's starting pitcher Erik Huber struck out the first batter in the third before getting into trouble. The big right-hander recorded only one out over the next nine hitters and was replaced by former closer Andy Kuntz.

Kuntz struggled with his control as he walked all five batters he faced. At one point in the inning, Kuntz tossed 13 consecutive balls and of the 24 pitches thrown, 17 were out of the zone. Schmitz replaced Kuntz with Charleston native Jason Pinnell who also was wild after taking the hill. Pinnell hit the first batter he faced and was behind the second batter before a meeting with catcher Joe Hernandez appeared to settle the lefty down as he struck out St. Joseph's Mike Marshall to end the frame.

Schmitz said one reason the pitching was shaky could have been because Eastern started

Jared Marshall in their previous two non-conference games. Marshall was coming back from offseason surgery and the Panther coaches wanted to let him take the mound in non-pressure situations. While the Panthers successfully accomplished their goal with Marshall, other pitchers who normally would have made appearances in non-conference games were scratched from starts.

"We started Jared the last couple of mid-week games so we have pitchers who missed their regular starts," Schmitz said. "Maybe these pitchers don't feel like their part of the main staff because they looked rusty."

Eastern countered with their own high-scoring third as the Panthers scored six runs on just two hits. However, Eastern wasn't able to overcome St. Joseph's 11-run outburst and dropped just their second home contest in the previous six games at Coaches Stadium.

Baseball:

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Freshman third baseman Ryan Campbell extended his hitting streak to a team season-high 15 games during his 2 for 5 performance which included three runs scored and an RBI. Designated Hitter Mike Gavin broke out of a 2-for-41 slump by hitting 3-for-6 Tuesday which included three RBIs and two runs scored. The Lansing native raised his average 31 points from .138 to .169.

Softball:

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In the Bulldog's sixth inning, Andrea Walker hit a double on a 0-0 pitch. Katie McHugh entered the game to pinch run for Walker. Lynn Hohs hit an RBI double to score McHugh and put the Bulldogs ahead by one.

Offensively, the Panthers had a high-powered seventh inning. Sophomore infielder Jenny Cervetto singled up the middle and then advanced on a wild pitch. With one out and a full count, freshman outfielder and Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week, Katy Steele had

Pumas pitcher Mark Lowry (2-1) got the victory coming in relief working 4 1/3 innings giving up four runs, three earned on six hits striking out five Panther batters.

Eastern left 13 runners on base which was the only complaint Schmitz could have with the offense but is concerned about the overall performance heading into a road trip to face Northern Illinois (16-15).

"If we play this bad against Northern tomorrow, I'll really flip out," Schmitz said.

a right field single to advance Cervetto to third and tie the score. Short doubled to score Cervetto and Steele and win the game.

"Katy Steele had the key hit for us," Searle said. "This last inning was a true test of our offense."

Eastern's starting freshman pitcher Brittany Whelan went five full innings, allowed eight hits and gave up one walk. Sophomore Ashley Condon went two full innings, surrendered one hit and one walk. Condon received the win in this contest, boosting her record to 1-2. Butler's hurler Meghan Howard went 6 1/3 innings, yielded nine hits and walked four.

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# Look who's back

Senior pitcher Jared Marshall removes doubt upon return from surgery

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

In just his third start back after arm surgery, Eastern senior pitcher Jared Marshall ended any doubts as to who was the ace of the Panther pitching staff.

Still limited to a strict pitch-count by Panther coaches, Marshall went six solid innings scattering six hits while allowing just two runs against a Jacksonville State team that was voted as the preseason Ohio Valley Conference favorite by the coaches and sports information directors in the conference.

"That was just an outstanding performance by Jared," Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz said. "Being able to throw him in conference play gives this team such a boost."

It has been a long road for Marshall to get back on the mound at Coaches Stadium for conference play. At the end of a season that saw him go 7-2 with a 5.34 ERA, Marshall said he heard a pop in his arm while pitching in the OVC tournament last May.

Despite completing the game, the Jacksonville native needed offseason surgery to repair the damage.

"[The doctors] basically had to reattach my bicep tendon which was coming off," Marshall said.

After the surgery, Marshall faced a vigorous rehab process that started in the summer of 2003. There was hope from the Panther coaches and Marshall the senior would be back on the hill at the start of the season but unfortunately that was not the case.

"The rehab was a long process," Marshall said. "I've been through it once before because this was my second surgery, but [head athletic trainer] Mark Bonnstetter has been working with me everyday. It wasn't so much that I was behind schedule, rather, it was just a lengthy process, but hopefully I'm getting back to form now."

As can be expected with a long rehab, Marshall said he had some doubts whether or not he would return. After redshirting in 2002, Marshall knew this would be his last chance to pitch for the blue and white and understood his collegiate career could end without making a single appearance his senior year fueled the comeback.

"There's always doubts during rehab," Marshall said. "But with this being my senior year, I knew I wanted to finish my career here and I just had to push through it even though it was very difficult."

If dealing with his second lengthy rehab in three years wasn't difficult enough, Marshall also had to endure missing the start of this season while the Panthers struggled with the likes of Mississippi, Southern Mississippi and South Alabama.

"It was really tough not to be out there with my teammates," Marshall said. "Last year obviously was a good year, and this year I wanted to come and get a whole season in. It didn't work out but hopefully I'll be able to finish strong."

If last Saturday was any indication, Marshall certainly appears to be the pitcher who led the Panthers in wins the previous year while holding opposing batters to a .261 batting average, which also was tops on the staff.

However, after a major surgery, Marshall knows better than to proclaim himself as the same pitcher he was a year ago.

"Maybe arm strength wise I'm not where I used to be, but mentally I feel as long as my arm holds up I'll feel confident and comfortable."

Marshall's return now provides the Panthers with three solid arms to throw during conference play. Sophomore Kirk Miller is second on the team behind Marshall with a 4.60 ERA and has two of the Panthers' four complete games. Junior college transfer Kyle Widegren leads the Panthers in wins (4) and strikeouts with 32.

"With our pitching staff, everybody on this team goes into the weekend conference games believing we can sweep the other team," Schmitz said. "The weekend games go by quick because you play three games in two days so you need to bring your 'A' game and right now the pitchers are doing that."

With Eastern winning six of their first nine OVC games and sitting in a tie for second place in the league, the possibilities of Marshall ending his Panther career as champion isn't out of the question. And going out with an OVC crown would suit the right-hander just fine.

"The OVC title is what I'm shooting for," Marshall said. "I'd really like to end my career with a championship."

"[The doctors] basically had to reattach my bicep tendon which was coming off."

— Jared Marshall



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Jared Marshall pitches against Westem Illinois last week at Coaches Stadium. Marshall has started three games and struck out eight batters in the 11 innings he has worked since returning from offseason surgery.







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# SPORTS

Panther sports calendar			
WEDNESDAY	Baseball at N. Illinois	3 p.m.	Dekalb
THURSDAY	Softball vs. W. Illinois (2)	2 p.m.	Williams Field
FRIDAY	OVC Tennis Championships	TBA	Nashville, Tenn.
	Track and Field at Pacesetter	TBA	and/or Kansas Relays

## BASEBALL

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**THROW DOWN**  
Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Stadium is nice but view is a big pain

In last Saturday's softball game against Morehead State, a vicious line drive off an Eastern hitter's bat went deep into left field.

As the ball and the fielder drifted further and further back, the crowd grew a little suspicious about the outcome of the play. But a curious thing happened; instead of lifting their hands to cover their eyes from the sunlight in order to see the outcome of the play, the patrons at Williams Field raised their hands to their ears to try and hear the action that was about to occur.

Thankfully for the patrons, the play in left field did result in some noise as many people thought the ball bounced off the wall after quite a crashing sound was heard.

But the uncertainty of the situation caused these fans sitting down the third baseline to be wrong about the ball bouncing off the wall, because it was actually the left fielder who bounced off the wall and the ball ended bouncing away from her resulting in an extra-base hit.

Why, I'm sure you're asking, is there so much uncertainty in this situation?

Actually, the answer is quite simple. The renovation of Williams Field doesn't allow fans to see over the dugouts. For example, when a ball is hit down the left field line, it cannot be seen by the fans sitting on the third base line.

The new seats in the stadium are nice, the new brick surrounding the stadium is nice and the overall look of the new stadium is nice. But still the actual seating and the view that results from that seating arrangement is not nice.

The dugouts angle upward to meet with the new and taller backstop for support. But in the process, the dugouts are constructed at such an angle and height that it is difficult for fans to see over it while sitting down.

While I sat in the stands instead of in the press box over opening weekend of the newly remodeled field, it didn't take me long to notice this. The situation is the same for those who sit on the first baseline.

Because the dugout is high enough and on an angle in which it can meet and connect to the backstop, views are obstructed when people look to the outfield on either corner position.

It's a shame that such renovations, which fully enhanced the appearance of the once shoddy stadium, failed to pay attention to the view which is of utmost importance to new stadiums.

The home opening weekend for the softball game sparked the Panther's while they swept away Morehead State.

But, unfortunately for many Panther fans, much of the action was obstructed. Besides the seating flaw everything about the stadium was nice, and the action on the field was even better even if some of the play was missed.

## Teams combine for 17 runs in third inning of nearly four-hour game

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

After the Panthers' 26-17 loss to Division II St. Joseph's (Ind.) Tuesday at Coaches Stadium, head coach Jimmy Schmitz may have said it best.

"Can I get a no comment please," Schmitz said.

The positive aspect to Eastern's first ever loss to the Pumas is the four-hour game that seemed like it would never end actually did.

"I was a shortstop when I played and I understand how there's no chance to have any fire on a freezing cold day where we just walked in every possible batter," Schmitz said.

Samuels was right on as it seemed every Puma batter in the lineup got a free pass.

Eastern pitchers walked a total of ten batters, six of which in the third inning that lasted nearly an hour. During that inning, St. Joseph's plated 11 runs on five hits which included the relief appearance of senior Andy Kuntz who replaced starting pitcher Erik Huber (0-4).

The freshman completed 2 2/3 innings allowing nine runs, two earned on eight hits in 55 pitches of work receiving the loss.

Kuntz came in with two outs in the third but proceeded to walk the five batters he faced. The Bloomington native failed to record an out and in his 24 pitches, he only threw five for strikes.



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Rightfielder Mark Chagnon throws the ball back to the infield Tuesday in Eastern's 26-17 loss to St. Joseph's. Chagnon went 3 for 5 with one RBI. Only one batter, St. Joseph's first baseman Luke Barrett, failed to get a hit in Tuesday's game.

When Kuntz came into the game, nobody was in the bullpen warming up so when the senior walked the third consecutive batter, there wasn't a new pitcher warm enough to replace Kuntz. After the third consecutive walk, Schmitz sent the southpaw Jason Pinnell sprinting to bullpen to get warm and eventually enter the game.

Pinnell's turn in the revolving door of Panther pitchers couldn't be what he envisioned. The Charleston native allowed five

runs, two earned on five hits in 59 pitches but it didn't get any better on the mound for Eastern. Sophomore Mike Bouchez allowed nine runs, four earned on seven hits in only 1 and 2/3 innings.

Of the 26 runs that crossed the plate for the Pumas, only eight of them were earned as they came on 22 hits.

"No matter who you are facing whether it be Jacksonville State or St. Joseph's," Schmitz said. "There has to be a little bit of pride for

these guys to get the ball over the plate."

The Panthers not only handed St. Joseph's 10 walks in the contest but committed seven errors.

"The errors were a result of being out on the field way too long and just losing focus because of the amount of walks," Schmitz said. "We basically need two more arms to get this team where it needs to go."

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## SOFTBALL ♦ GAME 1: EASTERN 6, BUTLER 2 ♦ GAME 2: EASTERN 4, BUTLER 3



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Sophomore infielder Jenny Cervetto makes contact Tuesday afternoon during game one of a double header against Butler. Cervetto was a combined 3 for 4 in the doubleheader with an RBI and run scored.

## Panthers take two

By Jenni Teresi  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's softball team sent the Butler Bulldogs back to Indianapolis with two losses Tuesday night at Williams Field.

In game one, the Panthers' bats were hot in the bottom of the second inning. To lead off the scoring, freshman catcher Sandyn Short went deep to center. Sophomore designated player Cassandra North reached first base on an error by the third baseman and freshman shortstop Chelsea Adams sacrificed North over to second with a bunt. Senior second baseman Kristin Lovering finished the pounding as she hit a two run homer to left field.

Eastern scored two more runs in the third and one in the sixth. Butler scored one lone run in the fifth and seventh inning, but could not overcome the early deficit.

Freshman pitcher Andrea Darnell (5-7) went seven complete innings, giving up six hits and one walk in the Panthers' 6-2 victory.

A knee injury forced Lovering to sit out the second game. She joins Mandy Lindwall as another starter out because of injury.

"Everybody was out of position in the second game," Eastern's head coach Lloydene Searle. "I was happy because the team stuck together more."

The second inning was a battle of the bats. In the top of the inning, Butler's Andrea Walker singled on a line drive to center field. Lynn Hobs grounded out to first to advance Walker. Heather Ryan reached first base on a single.

The Bulldogs scored two runs when Cameo Wrasse brought Walker home on an RBI single and Amber Cox's bunt scored Heather Ryan.

The Panthers retaliated in the bottom half of the second when Adams singled to right field. North advanced Adams to second on a sacrifice bunt. Freshman left fielder Molly Rambo set up a first and third situation by bunting Adams to third and beating the throw to first. Rambo drew a throw to second to get herself in a rundown in order to score Adams for the Panther's first run of the game.

The Panthers trailed the Bulldogs until the bottom of the fourth when Rambo hit an RBI single to tie the game.

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