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Coughing up a win

Women's basketball picks up a win with all but seven players out with an illness.

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Financial Aid Programs Report

	FY 02	FY 03	Change
Financial aid recipients	8242	8692	5.5%
Percent of enrollment receiving aid	78.3%	77.9%	-0.4%
Total dollars received	\$50,572,635	\$57,373,411	13.4%
Average recipient receives	\$6,136	\$6,600	7.6%
Federal programs	\$29,568,207	\$34,935,805	18.2%
Illinois programs	\$9,062,751	\$9,139,271	0.8%
Other sources	\$2,888,756	\$3,459,490	19.8%
Institutional sources	\$9,052,921	\$9,838,611	8.7%
Grants, Scholarships, Waivers	\$20,857,579	\$22,418,823	7.5%
Loans	\$25,116,511	\$30,101,002	19.8%
Total work	\$4,598,545	\$4,853,586	5.5%

SOURCE: FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Fighting for funds

Number of financial aid recipients increased by 450 from 2002 to '03

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Exactly 8,692 Eastern students received some form of financial aid in 2003; an increase of 450 students from 2002.

Jone Zieren, director of financial aid, said in the fiscal year 2003 financial aid totaled \$57,373,411 at Eastern and came from federal, state, institutional and private sources.

Zieren said the number of people who receive aid "typically increases every year, even if it's a small amount."

The number of recipients depends heavily on the number of students enrolled and the number of programs offering aid.

"It really depends on enrollment. The number of recipients will increase if enrollment increases," Zieren said.

The number also goes down with the decrease in enrollment.

There was an increase in total enrollment between 2002 and 2003, which could explain the increase in financial aid recipients.

Julia Abell, director of planning and institutional studies, said the total enrollment at Eastern in 2002 was 11,163. That number grew to 11,522 in 2003.

Zieren said forms of aid include loans, scholarships, grants, tuition waivers and/or employment.

"All students are usually eligible for some form of financial aid, even if it's a loan," Zieren said.

Many students don't consider loans financial aid, she added.

The number of students applying and receiving financial aid can affect the amount of money the department has to give.

The amount of financial aid the department has to give can also depend on budget cuts made by the state.

"The more sources of aid go up, that's going to increase the number of recipients," Zieren said. "If you see an increase in those programs, you will see an increase in students receiving aid. When the governor cuts money from schools, that cuts money from state scholarship programs."

Cuts made by the state also reduce the amount of money available in the monetary award program, more commonly known as MAP grants.

"The cuts in the state have also included financial aid programs for students," Zieren said.

A lack of state funding is to blame for a 0.4 percent decrease of enrollment receiving aid, Zieren said.

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— Jone Zieren,
director of financial aid

lars are reduced, it usually means students are working more or will be taking out more loans," Zieren said.

The increase of students applying for and receiving aid puts several strains on the amount of funds available.

Three campus-based programs are on a first come first served basis. The Federal Perkins Loan, the Federal College Work Study Program and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant are funded by the federal government and come with a set dollar amount, Zieren said.

"It makes our cut-off date come quicker," when more students apply for these types of aid, Zieren said. "It could exhaust our funds more quickly."

Although these types of financial aid could be used faster, state and federal funds are easier to access.

Zieren said no student who applied and qualified for a federal Pell grant has been denied the money.

"All students who qualify receive (the Pell grant)," she added.

To ensure students get financial aid, Zieren recommends filing early.

"Students now should be applying for financial aid for next fall," Zieren said. "The most important thing is to file and file early. Even if they think they're not going to be eligible."

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Grade appeals process changed

By Jennifer Peryam
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday approved the revision of the existing grade appeal process at Eastern, clarifying procedures and reducing the number of steps necessary to appeal.

"We wanted to distinguish a time line and steps to occur to aid in the grade appeal process to make sure the time line fits into three steps," said Bob Augustine, dean of the graduate school and research program at Eastern.

Augustine said the current system would still be effective until this summer. The new system

will require three steps as specified in a revision handout he provided for the council.

First, an informal discussion between the student, faculty member and department chair must take place. The student initiates a grade appeal by scheduling a face-to-face meeting with the faculty member who gave the grade. During the meeting, the student identifies the basis for the appeal as specified and provides evidence to support the appeal.

An appeal to the department grade appeal committee occurs next. The student initiates this step in the appeal process by requesting a formal review by

the department grade appeals committee.

In the third step, a final appeal to the dean of the college, graduate school or school of continuing education takes place. The student must send a letter to the appropriate dean, citing the basis for continuing the appeal requesting a final decision to be made.

"Colleges certify and confer degrees. There is still not value at the Provost level to make these grade appeal decisions; because, we are constantly turning to the dean for questions," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Blair Lord.

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NOT IN SERVICE

♦ Touchtone registration for classes
gives way to the internet



"Students find it so much easier to point and click with a mouse."

— Allen DeRoos,
Western Illinois University registrar

By Jessica Perillo
STAFF WRITER

Students registering for summer and fall 2004 courses will no longer be able to dial in their class choices.

Beginning May 16, Eastern's online registration system, Panther Access to Web Services, will be the primary source for class registration.

"Most schools are utilizing Web registration and eliminating touch-tone facilities," said Sue Harvey, Eastern's acting registrar.

Discontinuing use of the system will save Eastern money, Harvey said. Eastern will no longer have to pay the annual maintenance fee once the touch-tone system is terminated.

"It will save approximately \$10,000 per year plus any additional costs related to the support of Touch-tone registration," Harvey said.

Although few students now use it, the touch-tone system has been in use for several years. The system was first used at Eastern in the summer of 1991.

At the time, it was a new way to register for classes by phone. The system used recorded voice prompts to help students through the registration system.

However, Kathy Reed, associate director for Information Technology Systems said the touch-tone system is old technology and not as flexible or efficient as Web registration.

"Many more functions are feasible using PAWS than using a number on a telephone," Reed said.

Through PAWS, students are able to determine whether courses are open or if there is a waiting list, if the course is located on or off campus or if the course is offered via the Internet, Reed said.

Students can see open and closed sections of a course and add a course to their schedule all on the same screen.

Mike Mantonya, a graduate student, said he doesn't mind this change.

"It took forever," he said. "It was a hassle to sit and be prompted through the entire registration process."

Western Illinois University uses a touch-tone registration system as well as a Web system.

"Students find it so much easier to point and click with a mouse," said Allen DeRoos, Western's registrar.

He said less than 3 or 4 percent of students use their touch-tone registration system, while 85 percent register by the web.

He said the remaining students use a computer lab directly connected to their registration system. When the web is slow, going to the computer lab is a good alternative for students, DeRoos said.

Since all students who used the touch-tone system in the past will now be logging on to PAWS, the amount of network traffic they generate could have an effect on the network.

Harvey said 98.9 percent of students already use the PAWS system, so any impact it might have will be small.

She said students who have not used PAWS in the past should not worry about getting into the system. According to the PAWS Web site, students use the same pin number for PAWS as the touch-tone system.



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Bazooka Joe

Cadet Major Matthew Custer, branch engineer for the Army and a senior philosophy major, sizes up a Light Antitank Weapon, which shoots small missiles, Friday evening in McAfee gymnasium during ROTC lab.

Coalition giving away free coffee

◆ *Free Trade trying to spread awareness of its work*

By **Brittany Robson**
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Eastern's Fair Trade Coalition is promoting giving as well as awareness this week.

The coalition will be handing out free fair trade coffee in the southeast lobby of Coleman Hall from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Coalition members want to make everyone aware of Fair Trade.

Fair Trade is the coffee company 80 percent of the university uses, it is served in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and Java B&B.

They are handing out coffee to promote an informational meeting Wednesday. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in room 1621 of Coleman Hall.

"Our goal last year was to convert the union and make it a Fair Trade zone," said Kelly Bryan, sophomore graphic design major and coalition member. "Our future goal is to have the whole campus using Fair Trade products."

Departmental offices and dining centers do not serve Fair Trade coffee, Bryan said.

Wednesday's meeting will include presentations by members of Eastern's coalition to educate interested students about fair trade practices and the Fair Trade coffee movement at Eastern. Free pizza will be served.

A press release said the Eastern Fair Trade Coalition was formed in 2001 to promote the sale of fair trade coffee on Eastern's campus. Fair trade coffee and other prod-

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— **Kelly Bryan,**
Fair Trade Coalition member

ucts guarantee the farmers who produce them a living wage for their crops.

"We are promoting Fair Trade because they treat their workers better," said Justin Cummings, a biology and Spanish major and coalition member. "Hypothetically, Folgers may pay their workers three or five cents a pound, but Fair Trade coffee guarantees their workers \$1.50 per pound."

Cummings compared other coffee companies to sweat shop laborers because of the unfair wages.

Cummings said they are holding the informational meeting to keep students aware of the issues Fair Trade stands for.

The Fair Trade Coalition meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at the Newman center.

African American heritage events coming soon

Hey Eastern students, hope your three-day Valentine's weekend was great. There are a couple great movie opportunities this week, and with February in full swing, check out some African American heritage events going on.

◆ Eastern's Fair Trade Coalition will be giving out free coffee in the southeast lobby of Coleman Hall from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Fair Trade is promoting an informational meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in room 1621 of Coleman.

◆ Eastern Illinois University's Music Department is looking for those who love to sing. The University's Oratorio Society will begin rehearsals on Monday for

the spring performance. This year's program will be a performance of the Haydn "Lord Nelson Mass" scheduled for April 24 - 25. Anyone interested in singing may contact the choral office at 518-3111 or the music office at 581-3010

◆ Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., The Association for Early Childhood International will be selling children's books in the reading center conference room. The conference room is located on the first floor in Buzzard Hall. Call Sara Cassata for more information 518-2728.

◆ Booth Library will present a free screening of "The Intolerable Burden" on Tuesday at 4 p.m. and 7



p.m. in room 3202. This one-hour documentary brings to life the challenges of school integration after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, showing the events through the eyes of one courageous family. David Bell, assistant professor of references services at Booth Library, said the film committee decided to show this film during February because of Black History month.

◆ Tuesday, Myron Pope will give a lecture titled "Challenge for the

Future: Civic Engagement for Young African Americans." The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Auditorium.

◆ Wednesday, a panel of four education members will speak about the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education Supreme Court decision that led to school desegregation. The lecture will be chaired by Dr. Charles and is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. in the Effingham room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

◆ Thursday, Becky Bradway, author of "Pink Houses" and "Family Taverns" and editor of "In the Middle of the Middle West," will read from her literary essays at 4 p.m. in Lumpkin Auditorium.

Bradway's writing focuses on the Middle West, especially Central Illinois.

◆ Thursday, the movie "Fighting Temptations" will be shown at 8 p.m. in Lumpkin Auditorium. The film is about a New York advertising executive who travels to a small southern town to collect an inheritance but finds he must create a gospel choir and lead it to success before he can collect.

◆ The Student Recreation Center will be holding a lifeguard certification class Feb. 27-29 and March 5-7. The cost of the class is \$85 and is open to anyone interested. Contact Alison Swango at the Student Recreation Center at 581-3961.

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Head in the clouds

Mediacom lineman Rod Parker sets up cable Internet connections Thursday afternoon outside of Coleman Hall.

Council to be meeting place for RSOs

◆ *Joint Student Government, Residence Hall group considering development of online database for organizations*

By Liz Richards
STAFF WRITER

The Student Leadership Council Thursday discussed using Recognized Student Organizations as a networking tool for organizations around campus.

Lisa Flam, student vice president for student affairs, said the council hopes to bring RSOs together and support each other's events.

"I really think segregation happens on different levels on our campus," Flam said. "And this is a huge way for us to come together."

The council will work on community service opportunities to emphasize the idea of the entire campus working together for Charleston, Flam said.

She also said the council would like to put together an online database listing organizations and allow prospective students a chance to see what each organization has to offer.

A handbook with detailed descriptions of RSOs to be offered to incoming freshmen during orientation is also in Flam's plans.

The council discussed important events to be held in February through April, such as Unity Week and the RSO Awards Banquet.

Jon Dean, president of EIU Pride, voiced concern that Pride Week and EIU Unity week will fall on the same week this year. Flam said she has ideas that could form a collaboration between Unity Week and Pride Week.

Kenneth Bauer, member of the Pre-Law Society, said the Public Relations Student Society of America is a group that will help organizations with any public relations work they may need for events.

The council has not been approved by the Student Government as an RSO yet but will continue whether they are recognized or not, Flam said.

Flam said before the RSO presents itself to the Student Government, she wishes to have four coordinator positions filled.

The four coordinators will each be responsible for a different aspect of the council, Flam said. Applications for these positions will be handed out at next week's meeting.

The Student Leadership Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in a room to be determined in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Senate considering paid secretary position

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Several Student Senate members said they support the senate secretary being paid, but they disagree with the way it's being done.

The senate Wednesday tabled a motion to pay secretary Christine Ruhaak \$400 for her services this semester.

Senate member Andrew Berger said the secretary position is a tough job and should get paid, but it was never a paid position in the past.

"I support the secretary getting paid," Berger said. "This is a

shady way of going about it. It's creating a paid position that the student body has no say on."

Senate member Ryan Herdes said he agrees with Berger that students don't have a voice in the matter.

"I am 100 percent against this," Herdes said. "This is student fee money. Students don't really have direct say."

Student Body President Caleb Judy said the senate represents the students' voice.

"You are that voice," Judy said. "We are the ones that approve the budget."

Student Senate Speaker George

Lesica authored the motion and said \$200 is in next year's budget to pay next year's secretary.

"We're not doing a bylaw and requiring it right now," Lesica said. "As long as the individual is qualified, they deserve to get paid."

Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs, said the Apportionment Board Jan. 22 approved the senate \$400 to pay the secretary.

Jeff Collier, chair for the Academic Affairs committee and former senate secretary, said the senate does not have to approve anything just because AB did.

"AB does not set a standard for us," Collier said. "I'm not saying don't approve this, I'm just saying we don't have to just because they did."

"If I was offered this when I was secretary, I would have worked harder."

Bill Davidson, student executive vice president, said making the secretary a paid position would help in hiring one every semester.

"When I was speaker, it was really, really tough to get a secretary," Davidson said.

Senate member Joe Gubbins agreed money will make the secretary work harder.

"If it's getting her to do a better job, we should give it to her," Gubbins said. "She deserves it."

Gubbins said senate members don't get paid, but the secretary position won't help someone get a job in the future. "It means something to be a senator," Gubbins said. "It looks good on a resume if you were a senator, but no one cares if you were a secretary."

The Student Senate will vote on the motion at the next meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

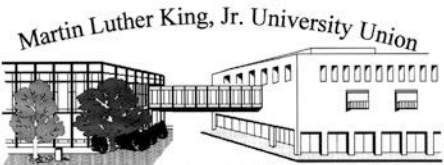
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EDITORIAL

Funds not necessary to celebrate

Yet again, state funds could head north.

Chicago State University has requested \$200,000 in state appropriations to celebrate the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*, Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Charleston, said last week.

So far, the Senate has only approved Chicago State's request, and the House should closely consider other alternatives for the funds needed elsewhere in the state's budget crisis.

The court's ruling 50 years ago legally ended racial segregation in the nation's public schools, a decision to remember, but Chicago State is looking to fund the celebration out of the wrong pockets.

There has been a recent focus on sending state funding to northern Illinois. Chicago State didn't receive the same cuts in appropriated funds in the current fiscal year as other state institutions.

The 1954 court decision started the country on the road to equality, especially on such a widespread level as education.

Chicago State still could have looked elsewhere for examples of how to celebrate without asking for so much state funding. The university would have only had to search about 100 miles south.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign devoted its entire 2003-2004 academic year to celebrating the decision.

Lectures, seminars, films, performances, art exhibits and visiting speakers began addressing the court decision last fall and will stop with commencement ceremonies this May.

The university planned it with help from private individuals, volunteer time and grants.

Eastern was not high enough on the list to receive state money for capital improvement projects next financial year. The Doudna Fine Arts Center will sit without money to continue expansion and renovation, forcing fine arts students to keep taking classes off campus for another year.

The governor and state should remember the universities, cities and people living below Chicago are still part of Illinois.

Chicago State should honor the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education* without spending money the state and other universities desperately need.

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

OPINION

Enjoying the vacancy of campus



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The hearts of students like myself sunk Sunday as the line of cars started pilling off Interstate 57 and headed back toward Eastern's campus.

The return of students to campus marked the end of a much-needed break from the daily grind of classes and work. The observance of Lincoln's Birthday was what I needed. Just five weeks into the semester, I find myself behind in most of my work for class and no relief in the near future.

There was another reason to mourn the return of students to Eastern's campus: their return signaled the end of an extremely peaceful weekend.

Campus is a different place during a three-day weekend. Many students try to get Charleston in their rearview mirrors as fast as possible on three-day weekend. Their departure leaves only the brave souls who choose to stay on campus during the extended weekend.

There are certain inconveniences those staying around the area have to put up with. The dining halls were closed on Friday, so the only place to eat on campus was the food court. Many of the buildings on campus were open for shorter hours. Even some local businesses shortened their hours with the knowledge less stu-

"There was ample parking day or night, and humble folk without temptation this weekend"

dents would be in town to spend their money.

There also were plenty of benefits to staying on campus. The Student Recreation Center isn't as crowded. When the dining halls reopened on Saturday, the lines were shorter. For me, the biggest advantage is campus was a lot quieter with over half the students gone.

There was ample parking day or night, and humble folk without temptation this weekend. And a dork like myself was free to spend a quiet evening at home with an episode of "South Park" and a couple of friends.

A three-day weekend makes campus feel a lot like home for someone like myself who grew up in a small town. It was easy to find privacy anywhere, and I was left alone to catch up on most of the homework on which I had fallen behind.

The vastly diminished popula-

tion of campus was also enjoyed by some of my friends from much larger communities than my hometown. They're used to being in more crowded areas, and a three-day weekend is a break from the crowded side-walks, dining halls, stores and restaurants.

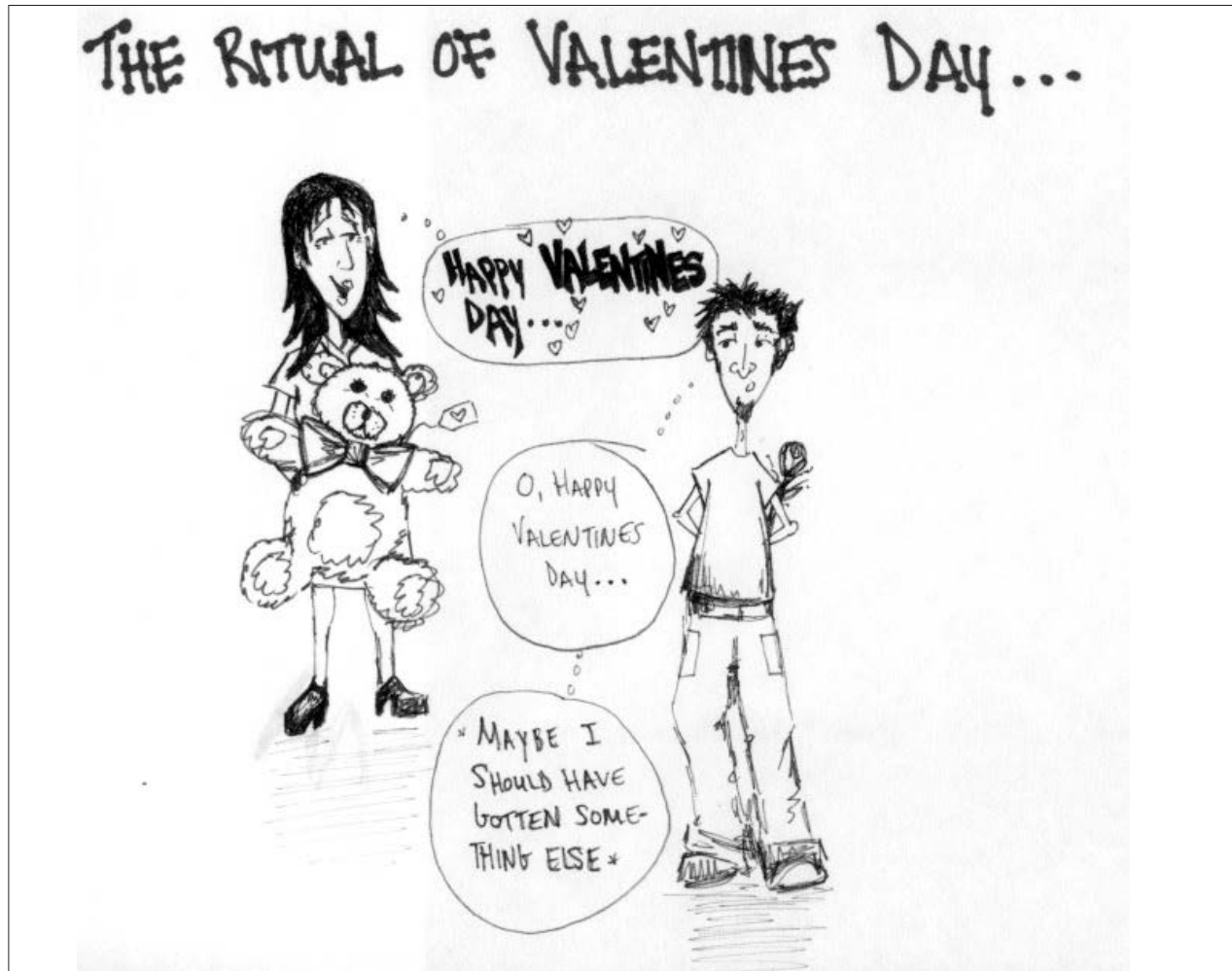
I can understand why people want to go home every chance they get. The social life in Charleston isn't the most exciting thing in the world, or even Illinois, for that matter. Eastern students want to go home and see their friends, or maybe just go on a road trip looking for some fun on their own.

I encourage everyone to find his or her own fun as long as it doesn't interfere with the fun of others. For some, fun is going out to the bars every night. For others, it's going home to see their friends. For people like me, it's staying in a ghost town with a small group of friends enjoying the peacefulness of campus.

Today brings the drastic change.

Not only do all the students return, but the campus will be full with high school students visiting Eastern. Instead of the normal crowds on campus, students also will have to walk around the tour groups, which is enough for me to crave another three-day weekend.

Cartoon by Becky Aurich



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Air conditioning appreciated

After three years spent sweating in the hallowed halls of Weller Hall, I can breathe easier knowing that future residents will not have to spend the months of August, September, April and May in the same discomfort.

Many students just like me have spent time living in Weller Hall, obviously not for the air conditioning amenities, but rather the camaraderie and friendships made among the residents there. Although to some living on campus and basking in their air conditioned rooms, it may not

seem necessary for such a convenience, but rather an added bonus or a choice.

Sure, one could always choose to live in nearby Ford or McKinney Halls or even any number of halls on the South Quad and the LSD complex, but to most that have experienced Weller, these choices simply won't do.

With much input from former Weller Hall Councils, members of the Residence Hall Association, and even former members of Student Government (ahem), air conditioning for Weller has finally made it to

the University Housing and Dining priority list and with great pride, funding has finally been approved by the Board of Trustees. As such, I would like to thank those vocal students over the past years for their tenacity and determination as well as Director of Housing Mark Hudson, Shirley Stewart, vice president for student affairs,

President Lou Hencken, and the members of the Board of Trustees for finally allowing this measure to come to fruition.

I can only hope to assume on behalf of the women of Pemberton Hall that they're next.

*Alison Mormino
Eastern graduate, 2002*

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Listen up

Senior theatre majors Aaron Lawson and Luke Gerdes and sophomore theatre major Cory Vogt, all of the improv group Hello Dali, participate in the game Sitting, Standing, Leaning, Thursday evening in the 7th Street Underground. Dali will have another performance at 9:30 p.m. Thursday in 7th Street Underground for \$1.

Area museums to receive exhibit grants

By David Thill
STAFF WRITER

Two local museums will be awarded grants by the Illinois Association of Museums for exhibits to be displayed later this year.

Antonia Dauster, a history graduate student at Eastern, said Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site in Lerna will be awarded \$250 for its exhibit “Hog pen to Hearth: Survival in the 1840s.”

Lincoln Log Cabin provided \$1,000 for the exhibit, \$500 of which will go to supplies. The rest will go to labels for the displays, Dauster said.

“It’s kind of a challenge to put everything together for that amount of money,” she said.

The exhibit is the final in a series of four, all displaying the struggles of frontier life

during the four different seasons, Dauster said

This exhibit will focus on the hardships of winter in Illinois in the 1840s, she said.

Dauster was the member of a class of graduate students working at Lincoln Log Cabin on grants last semester.

Of the eight students who worked on grants, two were for Lincoln Log Cabin.

Only Dauster’s grant won money for the historical site, she said.

The exhibit will feature displays including hog butchering, maple sugaring, hunting, textile production, quilting and social activities.

“The interior portion of the exhibit will focus on the hearth, the focal point of family life in 1845,” Dauster said.

The other local museum awarded grant

money is Landmarks Inc. in Oakland.

Landmarks Inc. was awarded \$500 for their exhibit concerning Samuel Ashmore, Oakland’s first resident, and Hyrem Rutherford, Oakland’s first doctor.

Rutherford’s was the state’s first free-standing doctor’s office, a representative from Landmardks Inc. said.

Like Lincoln Log Cabin, Landmarks Inc. had a class of Eastern graduate students who worked at the museum, she said.

“The class was working on preserving artifacts and inventory inside the home,” she said.

The Landmarks Inc. grant is a collection conservation grant for acid-free storage boxes to store textiles dating back to the 1840s, said Mary Turner, a representative for the Illinois Association of Museums.

Famous expedition retelling by modern explorer

◆ *Photographer follows Lewis and Clark travels*

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

The adventures of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark during the early 19th century captured the fascination of many. Charleston’s Carnegie Public Library will bring these adventures to life Tuesday night through a time-period exhibit and program.

The exhibit displays the clothing of the period and some of the equipment men would have used, library director Sheryl Snyder said.

Don Chamberlain, owner of Mindmeld Photography, will present the program at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday with a slide presentation and a narrative about his own experiences while tracing the 200-year-old trail of the famous adventurers.

Their trail, which started at Wood Fort in Alton, progressed westward until finally reaching Oregon and Washington.

“The site now has a brand new museum,” Snyder said. “And because it’s the anniversary of (Lewis and Clark’s) trip, they also built an encampment.”

The encampment, she said, includes replica log cabins modeled after the fashion of the expedition’s time period.

Ruth Straith, the library’s circulation manager, said Chamberlain, who retired from teaching biology at Eisenhower High School in Decatur in 2000, visited the Alton site. He spent his time traveling and photographing the trail from St. Louis, Mo. to Missoula, Mont.

Straith said in addition to Chamberlain, other organizations and camping groups often follow Lewis and Clark’s trail.

“It’s a really on-going type of thing,” she said. “There are several books written every year on it and PBS has done programs about it.”

Straith said the library decided to host Chamberlain as part of its centennial celebration.

The library will be hosting one or two programs a month during this year’s celebrations with the next being “Sheila Doak presents Kinder-Music” on March 4, she said.

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Toby Curtright, an educator and freelance jazz bassist from Champaign, critiques the Downers Grove South Jazz Band after their performance Saturday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

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Thurston Magill, a junior at Rich Central High School, plays “Rockin’ in Rhythm” along with the Rich Central Jazz Band.



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Library honors Queen Elizabeth with exhibit

By Adam Dremak
STAFF WRITER

This year marks the 400th Anniversary of the death of Queen Elizabeth I and in honor of the late Queen of England, Booth Library will be hosting an exhibit titled "Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend."

The exhibit will begin 7 p.m. March 4, when students can experience one of the best known queens in England's history, a press release said. The exhibit will stay at Booth Library until April 16.

Queen Elizabeth I lived from 1533-1603, while ruling from 1558 until her death. She was born to the famous throne of Anne Boleyn and King Henry VIII, the latter of whom was known for beheading his wives, the press release said.

Queen Elizabeth I led a successful 44-year reign during a time of great literature from well known writers such as William Shakespeare and a period of religious unrest.

"This is a way for students to realize the vast holdings of the library," said Allen Lanham, dean of library services. "Students should know they can treat the library as more than a place to find a book or look on a computer. This exhibit can offer different subjects to students, like a mini-course aside from their majors."

The exhibit was organized through the Newberry Library's center for

Renaissance Studies with help from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities, a press release said.

"There is no test after learning about this," Lanham said. "So try to become involved."

He also said different activities will be open to the public during the length of the exhibit.

"Films and various other lectures can give students further learning and offer a greater experience within the Elizabethan Period," he said.

Students and faculty from the history and English departments will be involved with these activities, Lanham said. Music will be provided by the music department.

Topics in the exhibit will include: "Can Women Rule?" and "What is the Place of Religion in State?," the press release said.

Other exhibits at the library will feature Shakespeare, Henry VIII and Elizabethan daily life.

If students find this exhibit interesting, Booth Library will be hosting a similar exhibit the Fall of 2005 about Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein."

"We are trying to touch on as many people as possible," Lanham said.

For any information regarding the "Elizabeth I: Ruler and a Legend" exhibit, contact Booth Library at 581-6061 or visit <http://www.eiu.edu/~booth> for more information.



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Getting loaded

Andrea Brady (left), a freshman special education major, Kelly Mullaney (right) a freshman math education major and Christine Moran (not pictured), a sophomore English education major, load up their car to head home for the three-day weekend.

Appeals:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

CAA members are developing a revised format for the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"We will continue to look over the format and bring back questions to the council at a future meeting," said CAA Chair Andrew Methven.

The IBHE oversees schools and establishes data on issues such as whether or not schools' graduates are well prepared for a job and how many graduates received careers out of college.

Programs under the review being overseen by CAA are Health Studies and Physical Education. The IBHE Program Review is comprised of two parts.

Assigned questions will be given to Eastern, asking the impact of statewide policies on program demand, appropriateness of recruitment plans and efforts to secure accreditation. Other recommendations deal with the assessment of learning and curriculum changes.

The council also added four new and revised courses to the future agenda:

- ◆ EIU 4131G, Modern Biomedical Science is a senior seminar course, which will study the unforeseen consequences brought by recent developments in biomedical science.

- ◆ FCS 3245, Textiles: Color Design Production is a revised course reflecting significant changes in apparel and other textile coloration and digital print design industries.

- ◆ INT 1001 Introduction to Computer-Aided Design/Drawing may be deleted from the FCS major, and a reduced number of required hours in each concentration of consumer affairs and merchandising also was added to the agenda.

- ◆ A proposed deferred credit grade policy reflects the nature of courses that require work beyond a single semester.

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Governor to end corporate tax cuts

CHICAGO (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Sunday he will ask lawmakers to end more than \$300 million worth of business tax “loopholes” and save \$200 million by cutting the number of state employees.

Despite the prospect of a \$1.7 billion budget deficit, he ruled out seeking a new tax on services, such as auto repairs or dry-cleaning, that are exempt from sales taxes.

Blagojevich also acknowledged the auction of an unused state-owned riverboat casino license will not happen during the current budget year as he had hoped. Now he is counting on getting \$350 million from the license in the next budget.

Primary registration deadline approaches

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The deadline to register to vote in the Illinois primary is Tuesday, and a new federal law aims to make it easier to get people to the polls.

The Help America Vote Act allows prospective voters to download registration forms off the Internet and allows people to vote — provisionally — if they think their name has been wrongly omitted from the rolls.

But election officials say making it easier to register won't alone get out the vote for the state's March 16 primary.

“It's all how much interest there is in the election, and that's going to determine how we do in turnout,” said Tom Leach, a spokesman for the Chicago Election Board.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Marriage demand overwhelms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Demand for same-sex marriage licenses has been so great that on Sunday officials turned away hundreds of gay and lesbian couples lined up outside City Hall, saying they simply didn't have the time or resources to meet all the requests.

San Francisco authorities calculated they could process 400 licenses during special weekend hours — but on Saturday they granted 600 licenses and performed 270 weddings by late afternoon. Then officials gave numbers to 320 couples securing them places in line for Sunday.

After quickly distributing another 80 numbers Sunday morning, disappointed couples lined up around the block were asked to return Monday.

“We're at capacity right now,” said Mabel Teng, the official who oversees marriage licenses for city government.

“We normally do about 20-30 couples a day. We're doing about 50-60 an hour.”

Many couples stayed in line despite instructions from city officials, hoping to receive numbers for Monday.

“It's a major disappointment,” said Jill Kasofsky, 40, who had lined up with spouse-to-be Cynthia Juno, 45, at 8:15 a.m. after driving up from Los Angeles.

“I'm thinking about coming back at midnight to sleep on the sidewalk. I'm sure I won't be alone.”Couples from even farther away said they were ready to stay in town for as long as it took.

“Mentally, we came prepared to camp out if we had to,” said Mike Fry, 43, who flew out Saturday from Minneapolis with George Hamm, 44, his partner of 20 years.

In a controversial challenge to both legal and social convention, San Francisco

officials began issuing same-sex licenses and officiating at City Hall marriages on Thursday. The city has gone out of its way to provide the services — City Hall is normally closed on Sundays.

The decision prompted two conservative groups to press for court intervention. But on Friday a judge allowed the weddings to continue through the weekend.

The issue returns to court Tuesday, when judges will hear separate requests from advocates of traditional marriage to void the licenses and order the city to stop giving them out.

The two organizations argue that the licenses violate state law, which defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman. San Francisco officials counter that they are legally binding documents that take a swipe at discrimination against same-sex couples.

Gas prices continue to climb at pump

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Retail gasoline prices continue to climb at the nation's pumps, rising more than 17 cents a gallon since late December, according to a study released Sunday.

Gas prices for all grades rose 3.61 cents in the past weeks to a national average of \$1.68 per gallon, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations.

The price of retail diesel fuel also was up 3 cents, reaching a national average of \$1.69 per gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said several factors were responsible for the hike, including OPEC's decision to cut oil production by 1 million barrels a day beginning April 1.

Also, rising crude oil prices and cold weather increased the demand for heat-

ing oil, Lundberg said.

The rate of increase was slowing, compared to the past period, but Lundberg said there is no indication “prices have peaked or will fall anytime soon.”

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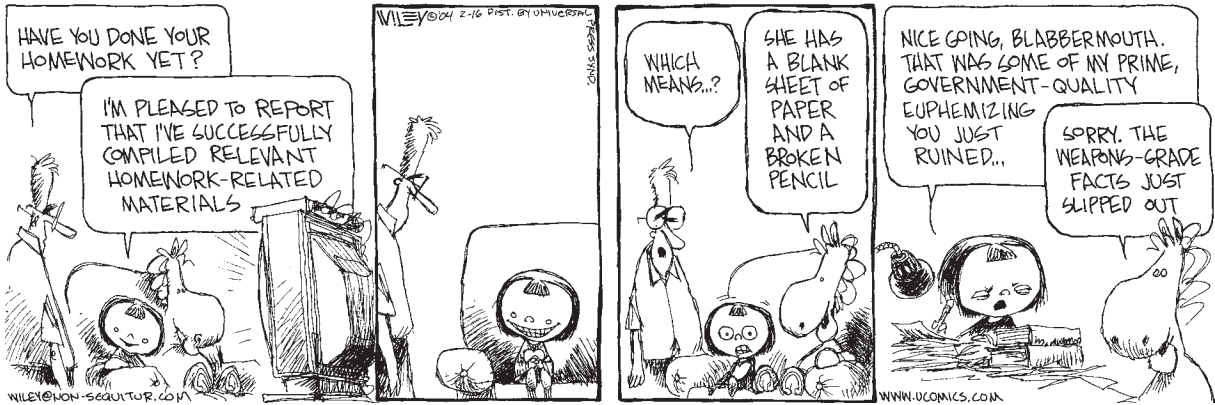
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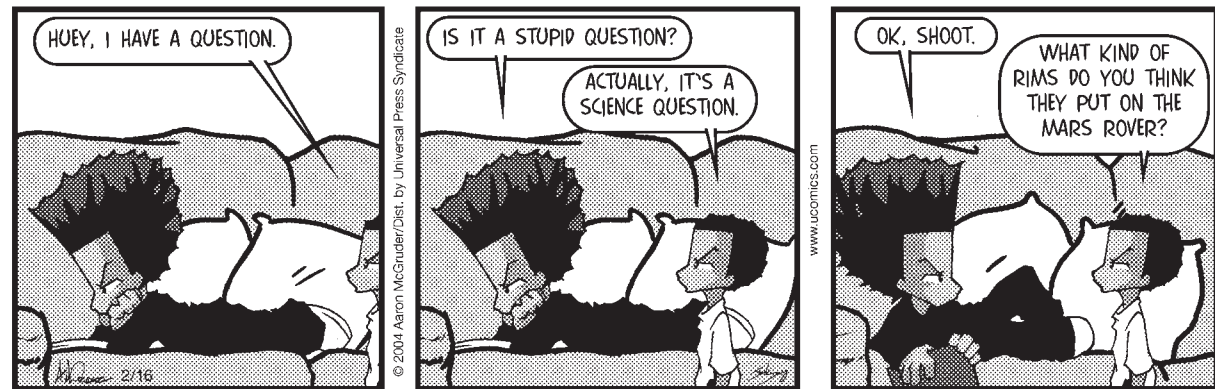
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TENNIS

Weber's national ranking bid ends

◆ *Loss to Sycamores ends Panther's 2-match win streak, Weber ends at 6*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern Illinois' attempt for a three-match winning streak fell out of a tree as the Panthers lost 6-1 to the Indiana State Sycamores Friday evening.

Indiana State received its first team victory of the season after getting blown out by in-state Indiana University 6-1 in its opening match on the road.

The victory also marked the first win for Indiana State head coach Ryan Ray after taking the job this year. Ray's bunch ran over the Panthers (2-2) in the singles matches taking six of the seven individual matches, and after going down 1-0, took the final two doubles matches to achieve the doubles point.

"I was really happy with the way we performed tonight," Ray said. "We have six freshmen on our roster, and they are learning as we go."

One of the highlights of the singles action for Indiana State was the upset of Eastern senior

C.J. Weber.

The Panthers' No. 1 player, who was very close to being nationally ranked going into this event, was knocked off by Andrey Kumantsov in straight sets 6-4, 6-1. Eastern's only positive moment from Terra Haute, Ind., came from No. 2 player Brandon Blankenbaker. Blankenbaker defeated R.J. Nagel 6-4, 6-4 to even the singles matches at one.

The Blankenbaker brothers couldn't make it two for two, as Indiana State clinched the singles victory with Boyd Michau defeating Ryan Blankenbaker 6-2, 6-2.

The only Eastern player to win more than five games in a set was Charles LeVaque who, like the other four Panthers, lost in straight sets.

In the third match, ISU's Ivan d'Argence Arceo defeated LeVaque 6-3 and then had to go to a tie-breaker which was won 7-4 to win in straight sets.

The doubles team who won for Eastern was the combination of Weber and Blankenbaker. The Eastern top duo beat d'Argence Arceo and Aaron Phillips 8-6.

Eastern will look to rebound against Bradley next week.

Stadler wins on birdie

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Craig Stadler made a 27-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to win the ACE Group Classic on Sunday, his fourth victory in 16 starts on the Champions Tour.

Gary Koch, who had a three-shot lead with five holes to go in regulation, missed a 31-footer for birdie before Stadler's putt. After Stadler made his putt, Tom Watson had a chance to force a second playoff hole. However, his 10-footer went left, giving Stadler his first victory ever in Florida.

"I thought I left it short," Stadler said of his winning putt. He earned \$240,000 for his fourth tour victory.

After turning 50 last June, Stadler won the PGA Tour's B.C. Open, becoming the first Champions Tour player to win on the PGA Tour. Two weeks later, he won the Ford Senior Players Championship.

He finished tied for 35th in the PGA Tour's Pebble Beach event last week.

Stadler, who has won all three times he has led or been tied for the lead going into the final round on the Champions Tour, struggled throughout the day.

He hit just 10 of 18 greens and was in five bunkers after beginning the day with a one-stroke lead.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Daddy would have been proud.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., taking a page from the old man, barreled past Tony Stewart and won the Daytona 500 Sunday on the same track that claimed his father's life three years ago.

Junior showed the impatience of youth, needing only five tries to win the race that bedeviled his late father for 19 years.

"He was over in the passenger side with me," the 29-year-old Earnhardt said during a jubilant celebration in Victory Lane. "I'm sure he was having a blast."

The race was attended by President Bush, launched the Nextel Cup era and came six years to the day that the Intimidator won his first — and only — Daytona 500 on his 20th try. It's still one of the sport's most cherished scenes: the black No. 3 car rolling down pit road while every rival crew lined up to congratulate Earnhardt before he pulled into Victory Lane.

Three years later, he was killed on a last-lap crash in the 500, depriving the sport of a seven-time champion and its most famous driver.

Well, the next generation is in good hands.

In a move that must have been borrowed from the Intimidator, Earnhardt Jr. dipped to the inside without any drafting help and went past Stewart in the trioval with 20 laps remaining.

"I can't believe I passed him by myself," Junior said. "I don't know what was going on. It was like a magic trick."

Stevens:

Recent NASCAR technology rivals that of NASA

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I was lucky enough to be a part of a small shop putting in late nights on the weekend to build, maintain and set up a car to run as fast as possible.

For Tyler to drive that car was something special and to be behind the wheel of a race car involves the biggest rush of adrenaline that a human can physically handle.

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DAYTONA 500

How 'bout that, Daddy'?

Stewart tried valiantly to catch up, briefly pulling beside Earnhardt coming out of turn two. But Junior showed his muscle on the backstretch, keeping Stewart in the rearview mirror.

That's where Stewart stayed the rest of the race. Earnhardt pulled away on the final lap, winning by about four car lengths while the crowd of 180,000 — many of them wearing Junior's red and white colors — erupted in celebration.

Earnhardt came back around and stopped his car at the checkered finish line. He pumped his fist and jumped in the arms of his crew, who lifted him on their shoulders for all to see. Then he climbed back into his No. 8 Chevrolet, turning doughnuts in the grass — just like his father after the 1998 race.

"I was taught so many lessons in this place before I ever got behind the wheel," Earnhardt said. "I'm glad I don't have to worry about (winning the 500) anymore. That's awesome."

Stewart led 97 laps — nearly half the 200-lap event — but he didn't have enough to hold off Earnhardt, who won the race by 59.

"It's nice to see him get his victory, too," Stewart said. "I think his father is proud today. I wanted to win the race. Trust me, if I could have held him off, I would have."

"But there was no holding that kid back. Today was his day."

A frightening crash on lap 72 took out defending race winner Michael Waltrip, whose car flipped at least three times and wound up landing on its roof in the backstretch. He wasn't injured.

telling you where to go.

By the way, to the right there's a big unforgiving concrete wall that could not only tear your car to shreds but can do the same to you. And just to mention, you have to get to about a half an inch away from it coming out of the corner. Now, you want to talk about the science aspect?

Technically, it involves knowing how every inch of your car reacts to different things including keeping the motor from blowing, running the correct air pressure to keep the tires from blistering and maybe the most important aerodynamic aspect is the concept of drafting.

The new technology in motor sports has rivaled NASA because race companies have hired former employees.

Racing is the only combination in sports that involves the sheer fear of life or death along with technical precision.

I told my mom I wanted to try

that, and she wouldn't let me.

She was honestly afraid I might die, and after watching Michael Waltrip's Chevrolet do a violent ballet dance in the grass today, she might have been right.

To put it in perspective, if you've ever gotten been in a car accident on the highway, amplified that by about 10. Restrictor plate racing at the super speedways is like being bottled up in a Chicago traffic jam (ahem) at 180 miles per hour for like eh, four hours. No big deal, huh?

I encourage any of you nonbelievers to witness the Daytona 500 or Gasoline Alley during the entire month of May for the Indianapolis 500. With the smell of motor oil, you'll feel a small part of the excitement, the prestige, and it'll take your breath away. That's when it hits you; because, for four hours of a day you get to be a kid because whether with a bicycle or on four kids love to race.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Samuels says Division II opponent is ‘quality opponent’

◆ *Former Panthers player an assistant coach on Florida Gulf Coast*

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

The Florida Gulf Coast Eagles will fly from their sun-soaked hometown of Fort Myers Fla., to ice-covered Charleston on Tuesday night to battle the Panthers men’s basketball team.

The Eagles are ranked 14th among Division II schools and are coming off a loss to Division I-A opponent Florida International.

Despite being a Division II school, Panther coach Rick Samuels thinks the Eagles are a quality opponent.

“They’re a great opponent,” Samuels said. “They have four Division I-A transfers playing for them.”

Three of those transfers: Leighton Bowie (College of Charleston), Bryan Crislip (Arkansas Little Rock) and Ryan Hopkins (Eastern Michigan University) average double-figures in points per game.

“They’re very athletic,” Samuels said. “They also have a couple of guys that shoot from very deep. There’s not a lot of consciousness in any circumstance.”

The Eagles have an advantage over the Panthers in assistant coach, Mark Polite, a former Eastern basketball player. Polite

“They also have a couple of guys that shoot from very deep. There’s not a lot of consciousness in any circumstance”

—Rick Samuels, coach

was a four-year letterman at Eastern and holds several school records including three-pointers made in a single game with 10 and three-pointers attempted in one game with 15.

After his playing days, Polite stayed at Eastern as an Administrative Assistant for two years while he completed his master’s degree in Athletic Administration. After completion of his studies Polite left Eastern to assist his high school coach at Danville High.

Samuels said he would have hired Polite but there wasn’t a vacant spot for him.

Samuels said Polite will know all the inbound plays and Eastern’s motion offense, but that just means the Panthers will have to be more careful in what they do.

“Their defense still has to read what we’re doing,” Samuels said.

The Eagles are 18-3 and haven’t lost a game at home, but are weaker away with a 5-3 road record.

When they come to Lantz for the teams’ first meeting, the Eagles will be running into a Panther

team who has been playing better basketball as of late.

They have won two of their last three games and have senior Jesse Mackinson and sophomore Josh Gomes playing pretty good ball.

Mackinson and Gomes have each had career highs in points scored in one of the past three games. Gomes had 40 points in a home overtime win against Tennessee-Martin and Mackinson had a 29 points in the Panthers first road win at Southeast Missouri.

The Eagles have done just the opposite in their last three games, losing two of their last three. The Eagles’ last two losses came on the road and their last loss came at Division I-A Florida International. However, Bowie had a double double with 26 points and 13 rebounds.

In the Ohio Valley Conference standings, the Panthers are a half game behind Jacksonville State, who are hanging on to the eighth and last OVC tournament spot and a win by Eastern could get them headed in the right direction.

Selig approval seals A-Rod deal to Yanks

◆ *Proposed blockbuster sends Soriano to the Rangers; Rodriguez to be first reigning MVP dealt*

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez moved one step away from playing for the New York Yankees.

New York and Texas finalized the terms of a trade Sunday, and the players’ association gave its approval. The last hurdle was for commissioner Bud Selig to OK the deal, a high-ranking baseball official said on the condition of anonymity.

The Rangers will pay \$67 million of the \$179 million left on the AL MVP’s record contract. Texas will get All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named.

Selig told the teams he would not decide on the deal until Monday at the earliest, the Rangers and Yankees said. The Yankees already began planning for a Tuesday news conference in New York to introduce the first reigning MVP ever traded.

“I was just as surprised as the Yankee fans and the Boston Red Sox fans when I opened up my paper today,” President Bush, the Rangers’ former owner, told NBC at the Daytona 500. “It, obviously, is a big deal. ... A-Rod’s a great player and the Yanks are going to be a heck of a team with him in the infield.”

Texas will wind up paying \$140 million for three seasons with Rodriguez. The Yankees will owe

him \$112 million for seven years.

In New York, he would switch from shortstop — Yankees captain Derek Jeter’s position — to third base.

Under the deal, the Yankees would pay Rodriguez \$15 million in each of the next three seasons, \$16 million each in 2007 and 2008, \$17 million in 2009 and \$18 million in 2010, according to contract information obtained by the AP from player and management sources.

In each of the first four years, \$1 million would be deferred without interest, to be paid in 2011.

The trade calls for Texas to pay \$43 million of Rodriguez’s salary over the remaining seven years: \$3 million in 2004, \$6 million each in 2005 and 2006, \$7 million apiece in 2007 and 2009, \$8 million in 2008 and \$6 million in 2010. In addition, the Rangers will pay the \$24 million remaining in deferred money from the original contract, with the interest rate lowered from 3 percent to 2 percent.

All the deferred money owed by Texas — \$36 million, including salaries from 2001-03 — will be lumped with the original \$10 million signing bonus, of which \$4 million is still owed. The payout schedule will be pushed back to 2016-2025 from 2011-20.

In exchange for the alterations, which devalue the contract slightly, Rodriguez will receive a hotel suite on road trips and have the right to link his Web site to the Yankees’ site.

LAST PLACE:

In loss, Mackinson, Gomes played well, Samuels says

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“We ended up four of 19 from three because we were trying to shoot over that zone,” Eastern coach Rick Samuels said. “We ran the offense well, but we just couldn’t shoot well against that defense.”

From the outside, point guard Emanuel Dildy was the only Panther to make multiple three point attempts against the Tigers.

Overall, the most effective Panther was senior center Jesse Mackinson, who has been the steadiest player for Eastern over the past three games. Against Tennessee State, Mackinson scored 19 points and had seven rebounds, three of which came on

the offensive end.

“Jesse is continuing to play well,” Samuels said. “Gomes had a solid night as well, but when they switched to the 2-3 zone, we just missed the shots we needed to make.”

Gomes finished the game with 17 points and shot 50 percent from the field. The game against the Tigers was Gomes’ best since his 40 point performance against Tennessee Martin.

For the Tigers, it wasn’t freshman sensation Bruce Price who did the damage against the Panthers. The first game it was Price, but this time around it was junior forward Jeremy Jackson.

“Jackson is usually not their leading scorer, but tonight he was the one who hurt us not Price,” Samuels said. “He just had a good night; he found a great rhythm and almost everything he threw up went in.”

The Panthers get a break in OVC competition on Monday night when the Panthers face Florida Gulf Coast at Lantz Arena.

Pittsburgh defends home gym in Big East game versus UConn

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jaron Brown led a decisive second-half surge with his scoring and physical play inside and No. 4 Pittsburgh stayed in the Big East Conference lead by beating No. 5 Connecticut 75-68 Sunday.

The Panthers extended their homecourt winning streak to 40 games — the longest in Division I. Pitt is 18-0 at home this season and 34-0 since the Petersen Events Center opened last season.

Brown scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half, four during a pivotal 11-0 run that started just before UConn star Emeka Okafor drew his fourth foul with 9:19 remaining. Okafor, averaging 19.6 points, had only four of his 16 points in the second half.

The 6-foot-10 Okafor was inef-

fective once he returned after sitting out about 4 minutes — a stretch that saw Pitt take its biggest lead, 58-43.

Once Okafor came back, Pitt (23-2, 9-2) held off the Huskies with some uncommonly accurate free throw shooting. The Panthers, only 11th among the 14 Big East teams at the foul line, finished 24-of-33 to UConn’s 9-of-19.

Reserve Mark McCarroll had 15 points for Pitt, which opened leads of as many as 15 points to avoid its first two-game losing streak since early January 2002. The Panthers were coming off a double-overtime loss at Seton Hall.

Carl Krauser scored 13 points and Julius Page had 11 for the Panthers.


Ben Gordon scored 23 points

and had two late 3-pointers as UConn closed within six points in the final minute, but the Huskies (19-5, 7-3) still lost consecutive games for the first time this season to fall 1 1/2 games behind Pitt for the Big East lead. UConn is 5-4 since starting 14-1.



UConn forward Denham Brown also was in foul trouble much of the game and fouled out with eight points. He scored a team-high 20 in the Huskies’ 68-65 victory over Pitt last month.

It was the first matchup of Top 5 teams on any Pitt home court in the school’s history. One vendor printed up T-shirts for the occasion, labeled “Retaliation,” a reference to UConn’s victory on Jan. 19 that ended Pitt’s season-opening 18-game winning streak.


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SPORTS

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THURSDAY	W Basketball vs. Morehead St.	5:15 p.m.	Lantz
	M Basketball vs. Morehead St.	7:35 p.m.	Lantz
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

EASTERN 73, TENNESSEE STATE 65

Sniffling, sickening victory

Flu sidelines 4 players; Panthers dress 7 healthy

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Despite Eastern suiting up just seven healthy players for last Thursday's women's basketball game against Tennessee State, it was the Lady Tigers, not the Panthers, who walked out of the Gentry Center feeling blue after Eastern's 73-65 victory.

With a one-point loss to Southeast Missouri on Tuesday still fresh in their minds and in transit to Nashville for the game with Tennessee State, four players and head coach Linda Wunder came down with the flu. Guards Lauren Dailey and Megan Sparks did not play while Sarah Riva and Melanie Ploger were limited to four and 13 minutes respectively.

With four Panthers unable to play at their normal levels, two unheralded underclassmen were thrust into the starting lineup and made the most of the rare chance. Freshman guard Meggie Eck and sophomore center Janelle Cazy both made their first collegiate starts and combined to shoot eight of nine from the field and score 21 points.

Eck started the game by nailing a three-point field goal. Cazy made a basket and then Eck hit a jump shot to give the Panthers an early 7-0 lead. Cazy converted two of her five free-throws as Eastern opened a 24-9 advantage 10 minutes into the game.

The Panthers connected on all four of their first half three-point attempts and shot 66.7 percent from the field to build a 42-21 lead heading into the half.

At the start of the second half, Eck hit her second three-point field goal to give the Panthers their biggest lead of the game at 24. But Eck's "trey" didn't bury the Lady Tigers, it only ignited them.

Tennessee State came out reenergized after the shot outscoring Eastern 19-2 to move within striking distance of Eastern. Lady Tigers senior guard Kisha Stewart led the charge hitting five of her career-high eight three-pointers in the seven minute stretch cutting the lead to four at 58-54.

With the victory seemingly in doubt, the Panthers turned to a pair of veterans to swing the tide back to the visitors. Junior Pam O'Connor hit two of her game-high seven free-throws and senior Katie Meyers hit three of four foul shots to push the Panther's lead back to double-digits and end any thoughts of the Tigers picking up their first Ohio Valley Conference win.

The Panthers (7-16, 4-8 in the OVC) had four players score in double figures led by O'Connor's 19 and Meyers' 13. Cazy chipped in with 13 points in just 18 minutes and Megan Casad had 11 points along with a game-high six assists. Eastern shot over 50 percent (63.2) for the third straight game.

Stewart led the Lady Tigers (1-20, 0-11) with 28 points on 10 of 23 from the field.

Eastern will next be in action on Thursday for its final homestand of the season as they meet Morehead State and then Eastern Kentucky on Saturday.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Megan Casad, a freshman guard, scored 11 points and had six rebounds and six assists in the Panthers' 73-65 victory over Tennessee State. Casad had to play extended minutes against the Lady Tigers because the flu reduced the depth chart. Guards Lauren Dailey and Megan Sparks did not play, while Sarah Riva and Melanie Ploger played sparingly.



THROWING HEAT

Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Duh! Racing is a sport

Congratulations to Dale Earnhardt Jr., the 2004 Daytona 500 winner. That's right, auto racing deserves some respect and I'll explain why.

I found respect for the world of auto racing on, as funny as this sounds, "Bring Your Son To Work Day." I was lucky enough for my father to take me out of school to visit him at work and God bless him for it.

You see, unlike most fathers who are employed in a cubical or in the corporate world, Mark Stevens worked as an engineer at the Bell Helmet Plant in Rantoul, which to my 8-year-old head was the coolest job in the world.

My father would go to work at 8 a.m. and not get home until around 5 p.m., but he loved every minute of it. During his day, he would perform test after test after test, evaluating numbers and making sure the product the company sends to any driver was 100 percent safe; well, as safe as racing gets.

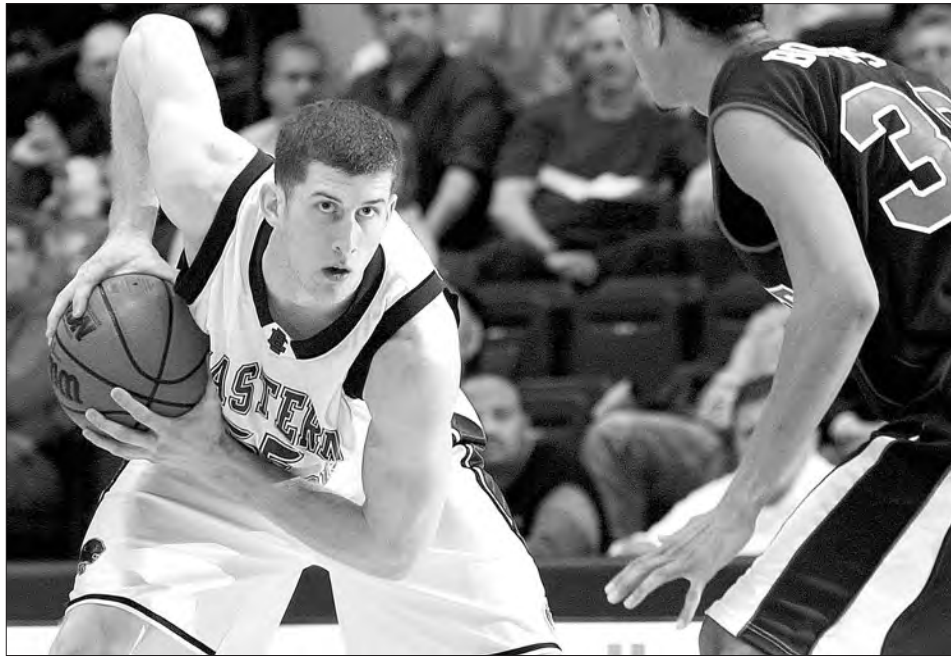
My father showed me a very small amount of the testing that went into the Vortex racing helmet that he designed. Think about it, a small plant in the middle of a town no one heard of is a part of a sport seen on national television.

My father received the chance to meet some of the racing greats like the Andretti family (he didn't like them much), Al Unser Jr. (he thought he was pretty cool) and others. It's amazing how that's where the art of automobile racing starts, in small towns on small tracks. I have a friend who runs late model race cars in southeastern Wisconsin.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

TENNESSEE STATE 75, EASTERN 68



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Jesse Mackinson, left, scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the Panthers' loss to Tennessee State. Just one game previous, the senior center scored 29 points in an 89-85 win over Southeast Missouri last week. Mackinson averages 9.9 points a game.

Last place now staring at Panthers

♦ *Eastern slides to three-way tie for last place after 7-point loss to Tennessee State*

By Aaron Seidlitz
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Eastern (5-17, 3-9) barely remains in the race for eighth place in the Ohio Valley Conference, and the last spot in the OVC tournament, after the team's loss this past Saturday at Tennessee State (6-17, 5-7).

The Tigers have now taken the season series against the Panthers after beating Eastern both at home and at Lantz Arena, and in beating Eastern, Tennessee State also broke its own seven game losing streak.

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Furthermore, the loss places the Panthers in a desperate situation because they are once again dungeon dwellers in the OVC, this time with Tennessee Martin (8-16, 3-9) and Southeast Missouri (10-13, 3-9).

But after the 75-68 loss to the Tigers, Eastern was thrown a bone from Jacksonville State who also lost its game to keep the Panthers only a half of a game out of the final spot.

For the Panthers on Saturday night, the team's downfall came from behind the three point line. In their two consecutive wins, the Panthers had found a rhythm outside the arc or made up for the three point line by taking smart shots in the paint.

But against the Tigers, Eastern shot more often from outside and couldn't find much success in doing so.

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