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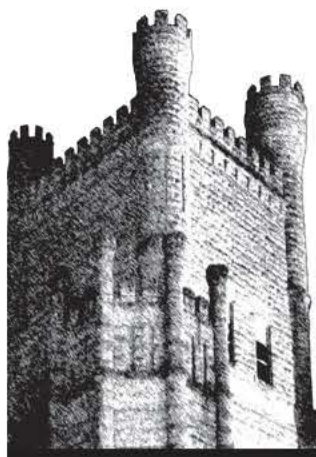
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## Fire destroys students' home

### Seven residents relocate after space heater ignites flames

By HILLARY SETTLE  
CITY EDITOR

John Hohenadel remembers where he was when Blair Hall was destroyed by flames last spring.

"I was at the food court and I remember watching Blair (Hall) burn thinking 'man that sucks,' hoping it would never

happen to me," said Hohenadel, a senior journalism major and sports reporter for *The Daily Eastern News*.

But it happened to him and his six roommates Friday night when a fire crept through the basement of their house on First Street.

The fire did not cause any personal injuries.

A space heater that had been left on by one of the residents started the fire, Charleston firefighter Kris Phipps said.

Both fire stations responded to the call that came in at 7:17 p.m. but were dispatched to the wrong address.

"We were dispatched to 11th Street because the caller gave us the wrong

address," Phipps said. "It was going pretty good when we got there."

Despite the delay, firefighters arrived on the scene at 7:20 p.m. and found heavy smoke coming from the basement. They had the fire under control within about 10 minutes of their arrival at 1512 First St., he said.

Resident Mike Marino discovered the fire when he and another roommate were sitting in his room with a candle lit. They were the only two people home when the fire started.

"(We) smelled some (smoke) and thought it was the candle so I blew it

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LAURA MILEN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A Charleston firefighter leaves the house at 1512 First St. Friday night after helping put out a fire in the basement.

## Limited 'Goodies' Ciara performs four songs in 20 minutes, leaves

By JENNIFER PERYAM  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Ciara's 20-minute performance in front of approximately 1,800 Eastern fans Friday night in Lantz Arena left many upset and craving for more music.

Audience members expressed their disappointment with the length of the concert.

"The concert was fun and exciting," said Layka Hill, a junior psychology major. "I had a blast for \$15, but we needed 15 more minutes to get our money's worth."

Other audience members agreed Ciara's performance was too short.

"Overall, she put on a good performance, but it was cut too short," said Marquitta Baines, a junior communication studies major.

"I didn't expect her performance to be for the last 15-20 minutes of the concert, considering she has 13 songs," said Darrius Frazier, a senior history and African-American studies major.

Joe Atamian, a junior marketing major and University Board concert coordinator elect, said UB was unsure if the short concert had violated contract agreements.

"We would have liked to hear her perform longer, but students seemed to be enjoying what they saw," Atamian said.

UB is constructing a survey for possible concerts for next fall, Atamian said.

University Board paid Ciara \$25,000 to perform and an additional \$10,000 for sound and stage equip-



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

R&B artist Ciara performs in Lantz Arena Friday night during the University Board's spring concert. Ciara's four-song set lasted only 20 minutes.

ment.

Ciara, an 18-year-old R&B singer from Atlanta, was named the recipient of the 2005 Sammy Davis Jr. Female Entertainer of the Year Award last week for this year's Soul Train Awards.

Ciara has also had success with her debut album "Goodies," which recently went Platinum and features the current hit, "1,2 Step."

"It feels good to set a trend," Ciara

said at the meet and greet before the concert.

Ciara entered the stage wearing a black vest, camouflage pants, black boots and hoop earrings with her hair tied in a ponytail and performed her songs, "Oh," "Thug Style," "Goodies" and "1,2 Step."

The concert opened with Flow

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## NFL referee Sunday, family man all the time

### Eastern's director of campus recreation Ken Baker balances work, home life

By APRIL MCLAREN  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Regardless of the people he has met and the amount of traveling he has done, Ken Baker, director of campus recreation, has always put his family before the National Football League while they have supported him each step of the way.

After officiating in the NFL for 10 years, he decided to step away from his position for an early retirement to spend more time with his family in 2001.

The year had been a busy one for the Baker family, considering Baker and his wife, Sandy, both lost their mothers, their first grandchild was born and NFL officials were on a lock out.

"I had to take care of family things," said Baker, a life-long Charleston resident. "I probably walked away prematurely."

His daughter Jenny Sipes was touched by his step back from the NFL.

"It meant a lot to me that he wanted to spend more time with his family," she said.

Baker had a quiet retirement, only letting the three most important women in his life know, Sandy, Jenny and granddaughter Anna.

"No one even knew it," he said. "I just walked away."

But in 2003 Baker decided to make his way back to the NFL as a referee in the replay booth. But he took the job only under one condition, that he had to have his granddaughter's birthday off.

After growing up with a coach for a father and playing sports throughout high school and college, Baker decided to become an optician for 17 years rather than keeping his position as a high school football coach.

Also, while working as an optometrist, Baker started officiating in local high school football games.

"I got my athletic fix through officiating," he said.

After officiating high school games in the 1970's, his big break didn't come until 1985 when Baker was a referee for the Big 10 conference.

While Baker was officiating at a game in Notre Dame, his career had the chance of going to the next level even though he had no idea it was about to happen. In the stands that day,

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TODAY

**51**

40  
AM clouds

TUESDAY

**54**

32  
Showers

WEDNESDAY

**40**

24  
Partly cloudy

THURSDAY

**36**

28  
Sunny

FRIDAY

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Rain/snow

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### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - L.A. Essay threatens job

By ADRIENNE LYNETT  
DAILY BRUIN

LOS ANGELES - The job, reputation and even safety of University of Colorado, Boulder Professor Ward Churchill are in jeopardy because of an essay he wrote three-and-a-half years ago.

The piece in question is an analysis of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, written that same year, that was developed into a book examining U.S. foreign policy titled "On the Justice of Roosting Chickens."

The ensuing outrage over some of the professor's statements has ignited a debate over the professor's right to freedom of speech and how professors should address sensitive issues.

## OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY Budget to ax loans

By DAN TRAYLOR  
OSU DAILY BAROMETER

CORVALLIS, Ore. - President Bush's proposed budget would terminate the federal Perkins Loan program, which helps about 673,000 students across the nation.

This year, Oregon State has handed out \$7 million in Perkins Loans to 3,710 students, said Director of Financial Aid Kate Peterson. Another 300 students have recently been offered the loan.

Peterson said the loans target students who have a high financial need. She said many Perkins recipients are maxed out on other loans but still have significant financial need.

## DARTMOUTH COLLEGE Women take new roles

By KELSEY BLODGET  
THE DARTMOUTH

HANOVER, N.H. - Prior to the implementation of coeducation, Hanover was a lonely place for men seeking a date. "Road-tripping" to nearby women's colleges, such as the "Seven Sisters," Colby Junior College and Skidmore was commonplace. But for Winter Carnival, the dates trekked to Dartmouth -- arriving in droves by bus, car and train.

"The White River train station was an incredible sight," William Pierce '62 said. "There were maybe 200 guys waiting. It was always quite a scene."

The over 1,000 girls present played an integral role in Winter Carnival, drawing the national media with the annual Carnival Queen competition. The event began with a parade of approximately 50 contestants in ski outfits, about five of whom were subsequently chosen by a panel of judges. Judges ranged from professors to deans to even College president John Sloane Dickey.

### SING IT!



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Heartland International Praiseteam and New Covenant Ministries came together during Gospel Explosion in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Sunday night to sing and praise. Gospel Explosion is part of the African American Heritage Month Celebration.

### ONLINE POLL

What is your reaction to Ciara's performance last Friday night at Lantz?

A) I liked the performance, but she should have played longer.

B) I liked it. It was a good show.

C) I feel cheated out of \$15 ... and the university should feel cheated out of \$35,000.

D) I'm unsure. I didn't go to the concert.

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### WTF?

## Bus driver makes tape

BUENA VISTA, Pa. (AP) - A school bus driver encouraged students to jump around, throw things and misbehave on her moving bus so she could make an audition videotape for the reality television show "Survivor," police said.

Maureen Monaghan was charged with recklessly endangering children after allegedly urging 10 students to act up on her bus for the video, which she hoped would earn her a spot on the CBS show.

A separate camera on the inside of the bus recorded the Jan. 6 incident, and the bus company gave the footage to police.

"She encouraged the children to be disorderly on the bus while it was moving," Elizabeth Township police Chief Robert Wallace said. "In viewing the tape, there was so much commotion going on, we felt it was a very unsafe situation for her to allow this to happen."

### PEOPLE

## Ray Charles wins big

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Ray Charles, whose musical legacy erased boundaries between genres and generations, received a fitting musical eulogy Sunday night as his final album, "Genius Loves Company," won a leading eight Grammys.

Charles' album of duets, recorded in the final months of his life, was the clear sentimental favorite. It won album of the year and best pop album; the song "Here We Go Again," with Norah Jones, won record of the year and best pop collaboration with vocals.

"I'm going to cry, actually," Jones said as she accepted the trophy for record of the year. "I think it just shows how wonderful music can be. It's at a hundred percent with Ray Charles."

Other winners included Alicia Keys and Usher, each nominated for eight Grammys.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

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### COUNTING DOWN

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Day until National Gumption Day.

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#### gauntlet

1. a medieval glove, as of mail or plate, worn by a knight in armor to protect the hand.  
2. an attack from two or all sides.

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# Other universities' administrators to check in on Eastern

BY KYLE MAYHUGH  
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Administrators and faculty from other universities will meet this week with students, faculty and staff from Eastern as part of its accreditation renewal.

The visitors will be here on behalf of the North Central Association, the accrediting body responsible for all universities in a 19-state region that runs from West Virginia to Wyoming and from Minnesota to Oklahoma.

The site visitors will spend three days on campus in meetings with groups in the Eastern community.

"I think we will have a strong participation in the site visit meetings

from the campus," said Graduate School dean Bob Augustine, who has been in charge of preparations for the visit. "During the past three weeks as we worked to finalize the schedule, people have been diligent about arranging their schedules in order to participate."

The NCA requires a site visit as the most important step in the reaccreditation process, which Eastern must go through at least once every 10 years. The last reaccreditation took place in 1995.

Eastern's site visitors were chosen from public universities of similar size to Eastern, mostly with a focus on education programs, Augustine said.

The eight site visitors include a

university president, four high-level administrators and three professors.

This will be the fifth site visit for H. Bart Merkle, vice provost and dean of student affairs at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. His area of expertise is student affairs.

Merkle said his preparations to come to Eastern mainly involve reading the reports given to him by Eastern.

"A tremendous amount of reading, basically a review of all the written materials that the university sends," Merkle said.

Merkle also said he has spent a lot of time on Eastern's Web site.

His meetings will include a 2 p.m. Monday meeting with student government leaders.

## Administrators and faculty coming to Eastern

◆ Carol Anderson, team chair, dean of college of education at Winona State University

◆ Phina Ari Gur, science and diversity, professor at Western Michigan University.

◆ Charles Dunn, external affairs, president at Henderson State University

◆ Steven Ludwig, business affairs, vice president for business affairs at St. Cloud State University

◆ H. Bart Merkle, student affairs,

vice provost and dean of students at Grand Valley State University

◆ Patricia A. Miller, education, professor and head of division of education, Truman State University

◆ Adele Sheron Newson Horst, associate dean of college of letters and science, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

◆ Timothy Schibik, business and graduate programs, professor of economics and director of the center for teaching and learning excellence at University of Southern Indiana.

# Love is in Eastern's (office) air

BY LAURA GRIFFITH  
ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

Mary Maddox and Joe Heumann share a house, a life and an office in Coleman Hall. Maddox, an English instructor, and Heumann, a communication studies professor, met at Knox College in Galesburg, attended graduate school together at the University of Iowa, lived together, married and both eventually ended up working at Eastern.

Their junior year, Maddox was being published in a literary magazine at Knox called "Catch." Heumann accompanied his friend, the editor, to meet with her to discuss her story's entry in the publication. The next day, he asked her out on a date to Baskin Robbins.

After the first date, the two did not see each other much until senior year, when they started dating more steadily, Maddox said.

"It was an on and off again kind of thing," Heumann said.

Heumann got a job at Eastern in 1976 as an assistant speech communication professor, and the couple relocated to Charleston. Four

years later, Maddox applied for a job at Eastern as well, and both have been working here ever since.

At one time, Heumann managed the radio station and had offices in both Coleman Hall and Buzzard Hall. Not having a long-term position, Maddox moved into his Coleman office.

"She needed a nice place to work, so I opened up my office to her," Heumann said.

When he stopped managing the radio station in 2000, he came back to Coleman and they ended up sharing the office.

"He hasn't kicked me out, so I'm still here," Maddox said, even though she thinks one day he might.

Heumann said he doesn't mind sharing the space. Maddox said the only problems they encounter are the conferences she likes to have with her freshman English composition students because of the time they take in the office.

The couple's office hours overlap only a little, and they see each other while passing from class to the office and vice versa.

"Funny thing is, I don't see him as much as you'd think," Maddox said. "I like sort of running into him from time to time."

The couple married in 1973 during a small ceremony at the Iowa City courthouse in the presence of three friends. More friends came around to celebrate later that night. Family was "a thousand miles away in two different directions" and didn't have much involvement with the event, Heumann said.

Maddox and Heumann have

opposite personalities, and Heumann can't explain why they attract, but they do, he said.

"You shouldn't overanalyze things like that," he said.

Anniversaries and Valentine's Day aren't really a big deal for the couple, Maddox said.

On their one year anniversary, Maddox received a phone call from someone who wanted to congratulate her.

"I said, 'For what?'" Maddox said, forgetting what day it was.

The couple doesn't do anything out of the ordinary for these occasions, Heumann said.

"Anniversaries are a little more special than Valentine's Day," he said, adding that Valentine's Day is something for everybody and not just the two of them. The couple likes to go to the movies and go out to dinner occasionally, and Joe likes to travel to St. Louis and Chicago and go see museums, she said.

They used to go out and party and have a good time, but not so much anymore, Maddox said.

"Once you get into a routine, you just get too tired," Maddox said.

Maddox and Heumann aren't the only couples teaching on Eastern's campus.

Other couples include John and Terri Johnson, of the journalism department; Ralph McCausland, the head wrestling coach, and his wife Joan, a health studies instructor; Lisa New Freeland, an assistant sociology professor, and her husband Charles Freeland, an art instructor, and more.

# St. Valentine's holiday runs gauntlet of emotions

## Local businesses reap the benefits of increased spending

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD  
STAFF WRITER

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

Some look forward to the event with excitement, but for others, nothing could be dreaded more than Valentine's Day.

"I celebrate Valentine's Day if I have someone to celebrate with," said Travis White, a mathematics graduate student. "It is a nice excuse for couples to celebrate being couples."

Some students let the influence of a significant other override their personal opinions.

"Valentine's Day is a stupid, fake holiday that is boring," said Joe Palumbo, a sophomore computer science and mathematics major. "I celebrate it for my girlfriend."

Lindsey Miller, a freshman undecided major, thinks Valentine's Day is overrated.

"I'm bitter this year," Miller said.

Some students, like Christina Perry, a freshman education major, choose to

look at the the holiday in a yet another light, referring to it as "National Single's Awareness Day."

Despite differing opinions, Valentine's Day continues to increase revenue for some local businesses. Elizabeth Slavato, manager of Judy's Hallmark Shop, 2160 Woodfall Drive, said this is one of the biggest holidays for cards.

Slavato, who measures card sales in feet instead of numbers, said Judy's Hallmark has sold 10 feet of cards this year, a six-foot increase from last year's sales of four feet.

Valentine's Day is also the biggest holiday of the year for florists. Florists have to order flowers a month ahead of time and the crew of Noble Flower shop, 2121 18th St., is increased from two to 10 members, said Franda Newkirk, a Noble Flower Shop florist.

"We will make several hundred deliveries to the Charleston and surrounding areas this holiday," Newkirk said. "There are so many that we will only be able to deliver to Charleston on Monday; the others will have to be delivered on Saturday"

Lawyer and Richie Florists which is located three blocks from campus, 1100 Lincoln Ave., ordered 2,000 red roses this year, which is three times the normal order, said Amanda Laksander, a shop employee.

"We look forward to Valentine's Day," Laksander said. "It is a lot of fun but a lot of stress; we work day and night."



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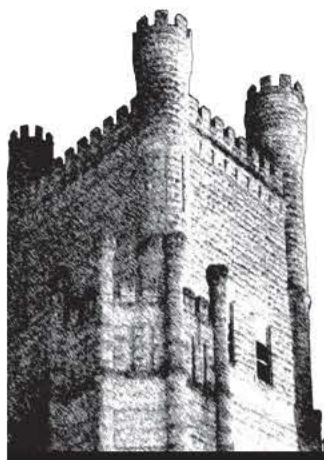
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### COLUMN

## Freedom of speech and consequence?



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**Schroeder is the Opinion Page Editor for The Daily Eastern News.**

The never-ending debate regarding the extent of the First Amendment came up again this past week at the University of Colorado. There, Ward Churchill, a professor of ethnic studies, has become the target of columnists and cable news anchors throughout the country. He made several comments, calling the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks "little Eichmanns," alluding to the Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann.

He later clarified his statement by saying he wasn't referring to the food service workers, janitors or any passersby, but just those business types who worked in the towers. Supposedly, these individuals take advantage of those in third world countries; therefore, of course, calling for their death by the hands of al-Qaeda.

In the past, Churchill has taught the terrorist group, "The Weathermen" how to make bombs, and in 1983 met with Col. Moammar Gadhafi in Libya. Gadhafi was a known terrorist and is now suspected to have been involved in the 1988 Pan Am 103 explosion, which killed 170 people. Churchill has also repeatedly made remarks and published essays siding with the terrorist cause in Middle East and promoting an overthrow of everything American.

Currently, the University of Colorado's Board of Regents is discussing whether they should fire Churchill or not. Some people have come to the defense of Churchill, citing the First Amendment and academic freedom at the university.

While I in no way am going to sit here and waste time defending America against this, I will comment on the First Amendment debate, which has also been battled on this campus.

Some may recall that at Eastern, during the the days following Sept. 11, anthropology professor Richard Swartzbaugh suggested in class that the American Red Cross and President George W. Bush were, if not behind, at least taking advantage of the attacks.

While some suggested that Swartzbaugh should have been disciplined, he was not, which was the correct decision.

While Swartzbaugh was simply just making a comment, as extreme as it was, it is just another viewpoint. Churchill on the other hand has verbally supported terrorism and physically supported known enemies of America.

If the U.S. had declared war on the terrorist in 2001, a process that unfortunately is no longer necessary to go to war, the U.S. could possibly try Churchill for treason and definitely for sedition under the Act of 1918.

In no way would the University of Colorado be in the wrong to fire Churchill.

While the First Amendment protects Americans from having the government stop us from saying what we want, it does not protect us from the consequences of what we say.

The comments Churchill made were offensive to family members of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and should be to any American. He should have to pay the consequences of his actions.

While this logic would be no problem if a private university or any private company employed him, Churchill's employer is the state.

However, the students and the tax-paying residents of the state pay for his wages. If I were a student or even a taxpayer, I would not want my money going toward Churchill. The bottom line is that Churchill has time and time again sided with our current enemy.

Therefore, if the Board of Regent decides to fire him, it would not be a violation of the First Amendment. Although he can have and express his opinion, there is no reason he should be paid by Americans or the state of Colorado to side with our enemy.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY MICHAEL ABERNATHY



### EDITORIAL

## Ciara not 'Goodies' enough

Before anyone could say "Goodies" 10 times, Ciara had already taken the stage at Lantz Arena and found her way back to her tour bus on her way out of Charleston.

For \$35,000, the University Board didn't even come close to what it paid for. Ciara, an up-and-coming hip-hop singer, performed four songs and was on stage about 20 minutes before leaving.

Of its \$100,000 annual concert budget, the UB paid \$25,000 for the performance and \$10,000 for lighting and equipment.

That would mean the UB paid \$8,750 a song and \$1,750 a minute. The nearly 1,800 people who paid for the concert '1, 2 stepped' home wondering why they didn't get more out of their investment. Students paid \$15 while other concertgoers had to pull \$20 out of their wallets.

"I didn't expect her performance to be for the last 15-20 minutes of the concert, considering she has 13 songs," said Darrius Frazier, a senior history and African-American studies major.

Ciara wasn't even on stage as long as the opening act, Flow. Shouldn't the headliner be on stage longer? Maybe it

#### At issue

Ciara's 20 minute "concert" on Friday.

#### Our stance

Ciara robbed the university by only performing four songs

was opposite day. Flow should be upset he didn't get the type of money Ciara did after performing for about an hour.

All of these, were just the layers of the expensive Crunk & B cake. Ciara left stage without even thanking the fans in attendance, leaving them to find out her act was done by having the lights turned on in Lantz.

Not even UB members seemed to know what was happening or how long Ciara was supposed to be on stage.

The UB has tried to bring different genres of music to Lantz, but R&B/hip-hop acts have left something to be desired. The only other R&B/hip-hop act, Twista, arrived nearly two hours late for his show in Nov. 2003.

Hopefully the UB will use whatever means it can to get some of the \$35,000 that went to Ciara back. She certainly does not deserve to be paid for her embarrassing attempt at a concert.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BUSH CABINET NOT DIVERSE

The justification for *The DEN's* edit, which heaped praise upon President George W. Bush for having a "diverse" Cabinet, was that his new Secretary of State is African-American and the Attorney General is Hispanic; a couple of minor positions were also mentioned.

Is this what you call diversity? Of course, I'm glad that he hasn't filled his Cabinet with white men, but there's a lot more to diversity than one's race or ethnicity. The function of a president's Cabinet, in theory, is to provide expertise in each secretary's area, to fill

in the president when he doesn't know much about an issue, and to provide opinions based on their own expertise.

Condoleezza Rice is one of the primary architects of the stack of lies used to convince the American people that we had to invade Iraq. Her foreign policy experience is zero, but her fierce loyalty in Bush makes her one of his favorite "yes-people." Have you heard her speak as Secretary of State? She sounds like a robot.

Alberto Gonzales, the nation's top law enforcement official, authored the memo that torture was OK, as long as it doesn't hurt as much as "major organ failure or death." He calls the rules of

the Geneva Convention "quaint." Yet he tells Bush just what he wants to hear - first time, every time.

Bush's Cabinet is about the least diverse one I can ever remember. He doesn't want diverse opinions, he wants people who will agree with him and tell him how great he is. I don't care what ethnicity, background, gender, size or shape people are, as long as they're intelligent and credible. Yet you define diversity as purely ethnic. Like many important things, diversity is far more than skin deep.

HOWARD BLACK  
PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

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LAURA MILEN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Steve Wilson performs 'The Epicurean', one of his original songs, with the EIU Jazz Ensemble Friday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Jazz festival brings quite a crowd to University Ballroom

## More than 100 people gather to hear EIU Jazz Band

By HEATHER LONG  
STAFF WRITER

Soulful sounds from Eastern's Jazz Band resonated in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday night.

More than 100 people attended the opening concert for the band as part of the 46th Annual EIU Jazz Festival.

Along with the jazz band performance, the concert featured saxophonist and flautist Steve Wilson along with faculty

pianist Paul Johnston.

The concert featured songs ranging from a "Quietude" by Thad Jones to "A Joyful Noise" written by Wilson himself.

"There is a good turnout tonight even with another major concert going on," said Sam Fagaly, director of the jazz program

and associate professor of saxophone, referring to the Ciara concert that also took place

on campus Friday night. Wilson, who obtained his degree in music from Virginia Commonwealth

University in Richmond, Va., continues to travel with the Steve Wilson Quartet and Generations (From Hard Bop to Here), and has more than 100 recordings to his name, seven of which he has led.

Wilson has also traveled to many international jazz festivals including Tokyo's Blue Note Jazz Club and London's Royal Albert Hall.

"(Wilson) is not as well-known as he should be, but we are glad he is here this year," Fagaly said.

The concert was well-received by students.

"I think the guest artist is awesome," said Katrina Kappes, a junior music education major. "You can tell that the jazz ensemble has worked really hard for this concert."

**"I think the guest artist is awesome ... You can tell that the jazz ensemble has worked really hard for this concert."**

KATRINA KAPPES, JUNIOR MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR

# Princeton Review comes to Eastern through RHA

By KRISTY MELLENDORF  
STAFF WRITER

Throughout campus, any student can find someone who greatly appreciates life at Eastern or doesn't like it at all.

Today there are several places around campus to let these comments out.

The Residence Hall Association

(RHA) is helping the Princeton Review hand out surveys to gather student opinions to be used on its Web site. The Web site will be used by prospective students, who will view categories such as "best cafeteria food" and "most beautiful campus" to help make their collegiate decisions, said Lindsay DiPietro, RHA president.

"Our adviser, Jody Stone, was

approached about this being a good way to receive more money toward (RHA) scholarships," DiPietro said.

The Princeton Review is paying RHA \$80 to make the surveys available to students.

"I think that this is a really good tool for prospective students," said Elizabeth Gergies, a freshman communication disorders major and RHA

member, who will help distribute surveys today.

"It was nice to see (on the Princeton Review's Web site) what students had to say about Eastern's campus," Gergies said.

The Princeton Review guidelines indicate there must be surveys given out in four locations for two hours each, DiPietro said.

The RHA would like to get 500 surveys as a personal goal. This is the first year the RHA has been involved with passing out the surveys.

The surveys will be available today from 11 to 1 p.m. in Taylor Hall, noon to 2 p.m. in Thomas Hall, noon to 2 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and 2 to 4 p.m. in Carman Hall.

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**CIARA:**

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James, a 22-year-old singer from Fort Heights, Chicago. James was the winner of the freestyle battle at the Twista concert at Eastern in November 2003. This concert was Flow's first performance since winning the freestyle battle at the Twista concert.

While the crowd enjoyed listening to Flow, Kennedy Valinevicius, a third grader at Carl Sandburg Elementary School, was patiently waiting to get a picture and autograph with Ciara at the meet and greet room.

"I like Ciara's music," Valinevicius said. "My favorite song is '1,2 Step'."

Valinevicius said her wait to see Ciara was worth it; she got three digital pictures with Ciara and an autographed poster.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Flow James performs as the opening act of the Ciara concert Friday night in Lantz Arena. Flow won the freestyle award competition during the Twista concert Nov. 15, 2003.**

**FIRE:**

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out," said Marino, a senior industrial technology major.

The alarm went off shortly after the residents blew out the candle and they immediately went looking for the flames, Marino said. "(I went into my roommate's room; flames were coming out around where the space heater was," he said.

The room where the fire started was Brian Montag's, a senior physical education major, who was not home when the fire started.

Residents tried to throw several buckets of water on the flames to contain the fire, but they soon realized it was out of control and called 911, Marino said.

"The fire itself was con-

tained to the basement, but there was smoke damage throughout the house," Phipps said.

All residents of the house have insurance, Montag said.

"Everyone is covered under their parents' homeowner's insurance," he said. "As for people being able to salvage some things, I'm the only one who absolutely cannot. (My roommates) have been able to grab some things here and there."

The students have found another place to live Saturday, and at least six of the seven roommates will still be living together, Montag said.

*Michael Schroeder, Opinion Page Editor, contributed to this report.*

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# U of I steps up recruitment efforts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN — With a drop in the number of applications, the University of Illinois is now using methods to attract academic stars that coaches have long used to get star athletes to come to the campus.

Hundreds of alumni will begin calling top high school students at the end of the month in an effort to get them to think about attending the university. The school also plans to quadruple the number of out-of-state recruiting events featuring alumni, and current U of I students already have called thousands of minority high schoolers to encourage them to enroll.

"A lot of universities have soaked a lot of money to recruit out-of-state students, especially in Chicago," said Stacey Kostell, director of undergraduate admissions. "We don't want our best students to go out of state and not even think about attending

the U of I."

Officials say convincing such students to choose the state's top public school will help the U of I improve its rankings and graduation rates as well as keep top students from going to the out-of-state schools that are increasingly coming to Chicago to recruit.

"Chicago is one of the more crowded markets in the entire U.S.," said Kevin Crockett, CEO of Noel-Levitz, an enrollment management firm. Because of the U of I's stature in the state, he said the school previously did not have to be as aggressive in its recruiting.

But recent declines, the U of I saw applications go down 14 percent this year, show the school has to do more. The school spends far less on recruiting than many other universities. Illinois spends \$85 per enrolled student on recruiting compared to Illinois State, which spends \$324, and

Northern Illinois spends \$250. Meanwhile, a Noel-Levitz survey found that the median spent at four-year public schools is \$456, or more than five times what Illinois spends.

U of I officials say this month marks the first time they've used alumni to contact high school students in the top 4 percent of their class to attract them to the school.

Other state schools also are increasing recruiting efforts. ISU had its smallest freshman class since 1998 with 2,834 students, a 15 percent drop from 2001. This year, recruiters visited 400 high schools, twice as many as before.

Northern is focused on getting more students to visit the DeKalb campus because 80 percent of applicants who enroll first visit the campus, while 75 percent of those who go elsewhere haven't seen NIU. The school has seen a 33 percent increase in visits, a sign, officials say, shows the marketing is working.

STATE BRIEF

## Two Blagojevich advisers linked to tollway contracts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Two of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's friends and advisers have links to vendors that got profitable restaurant contracts for the state's revamped tollway oases, according to a published report.

The Oases Redevelopment Project is a \$94 million, 25-year lease agreement between the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Wilton Partners and ExxonMobil.

Wilton chose Subway sandwich shops and Panda Express Asian restaurants as part of the seven remodeled rest stops. Those restaurants can be traced to Blagojevich advisers and campaign donors Antoin "Tony" Rezko and Christopher G. Kelly, the Chicago Tribune reported in Sunday's editions.

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**BAKER:**

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a scout was looking for potential NFL officials.

Baker soon received a phone call from his supervisor advising him to apply as an NFL referee. He said he was "tickled" he had such an opportunity after just three years in the Big 10 conference.

As part of the application process for the NFL, a retired FBI agent was assigned to do a thorough background check of Baker. The check included visits to Charleston and Baker's old high school, his optician's office and even to his neighbor's house to find out just who Ken Baker really was.

"My phone started ringing when a guy in a trench coat started asking questions," Baker said. Before he knew it, he was on the field with professional football players, making critical calls.

"I was really proud of him," Sandy said. "I'm not real athletic, but I do understand how tough it was to get into the NFL."

She said it was something he really wanted to do, so he set a goal and achieved it.

At his first NFL game, which was a preseason game between the Chicago Bears and the Miami Dolphins in Miami, Baker met Football Hall of Fame coaches Mike Ditka and Don Shula.

Since his first games in 1991, he has met a variety of big names including former President Jimmy Carter, Michael Jordan, Charlie Daniels, Deion Sanders, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

But the chance to meet such people didn't faze the official.

"You get used to it," he said.

After working in the NFL, Baker came to Eastern as a professor in 1994 and eventually became the director of recreation in 2000.

Working for the NFL also brought Baker to various places across the world, giving his family the opportunity to travel with him. Baker went to Tokyo, Japan with Sipes, London with Sandy and Hawaii for a family trip.

In addition to the traveling and lifestyle of the NFL, Sandy is happy with her husband's occupation.

"It makes you real proud to have a dad or husband who does what he does," Sandy said.



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**Ken Baker, director of campus recreation and an NFL referee, stands along with his wife, Sandy, daughter and son-in-law Jenny and John Sipes, grandson Josh, three weeks old, and 3-year-old granddaughter Anna in Baker's home in Charleston Sunday afternoon. Anna is standing with a framed collection of items from her first football game she attended, including her own referee shirt, from the Colts vs. Broncos game on Sept. 16, 2001.**

**NATIONAL BRIEFS****GUNMAN OPENS FIRE AT MALL IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, WOUNDS ONE**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINGSTON, N.Y. — A lone gunman opened fire with an assault rifle Sunday inside a crowded mall in upstate New York, wounding one person before running out of ammunition and being subdued by employees, authorities said.

The gunman began shooting inside the Hudson Valley Mall shortly after 3 p.m. in Kingston, nearly 90 miles north of New York City.

The 24-year-old gunman went into a Best Buy store and started firing. When he ran out of ammunition, he was captured by mall employees, police said.

Police did not identify the suspect. Capt. Wayne Olson said investigators did not know the exact number of shots fired.

**WITH JURY OF PEERS UNLIKELY FOR JACKSON, LAWYERS SEEK FAIRNESS**

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Attorneys in Michael Jackson's child-molestation trial are turning to the tough job of finding jurors who can judge the pop star not as a legend but as a defendant.

Finding a jury of peers is a daunting task when the defendant lives in a storybook mansion with its own amusement park.

"If you talk about a jury of your peers, it would have to be Madonna, Liza Minnelli and maybe Elvis," said former San Francisco prosecutor and trial watcher Jim Hammer. "Michael looks like nobody else in the courtroom."

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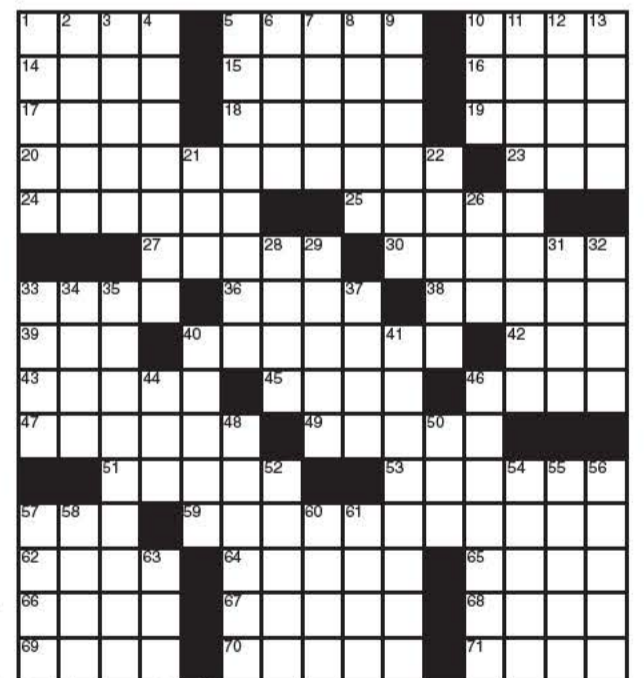
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Swear to
  - 5 "What's the \_\_\_ that can happen?"
  - 10 Nose (out)
  - 14 Ending with hard or soft
  - 15 Baker who sang "Sweet Love," 1986
  - 16 Shed one's skin
  - 17 Many a homecoming attendee
  - 18 Work over, as a ship
  - 19 Fat of the lamb
  - 20 "Draw one," in diner slang
  - 23 Wildebeest
  - 24 English dog
  - 25 Straight from the garden
  - 27 Rewrites
  - 30 Broken arms may go in them
  - 33 Foul callers
  - 36 Irrelevant, as a point
  - 38 Jump for joy
  - 39 A barber has to work around it
  - 40 Faculty member
  - 42 Burn \_\_\_ crisp
  - 43 First-class
  - 45 Radio tuner
  - 46 Glimpse
  - 47 Gym shoes, for short
  - 49 "Golden Boy" playwright Clifford
  - 51 Clothesline alternative
  - 53 Wrestler
  - 57 Companion for Tarzan
  - 59 "Sun kiss," in diner slang
  - 62 Holds close
  - 64 Oak-to-be
  - 65 Gaming table fee
  - 66 Hence
  - 67 \_\_\_ four (tea-cake)
  - 68 Marsh plant
  - 69 Clutter
  - 70 Perfect places
  - 71 Luke Skywalker's mentor
- DOWN**
- 1 \_\_\_ plane (military craft)
  - 2 Comparison shopper's quest
  - 3 Blow one's top
  - 4 Channel surfers' gadgets
  - 5 Violation of the Geneva Convention
  - 6 "\_\_\_'Clock Jump" (1930's hit)
  - 7 Jazz phrase
  - 8 Not flexible
  - 9 Idaho produce, informally
  - 10 Ambulance inits.
  - 11 "Life preservers," in diner slang
  - 12 Secluded valley
  - 13 "\_\_\_, Brute?"
  - 21 Gave dinner
  - 22 Moray catcher
  - 26 Half a dozen
  - 28 Land hopper
  - 29 Prefix with logical
  - 31 Ladleful of unappetizing food
  - 32 Command to Fido
  - 33 Foes of Dems.
  - 34 Make, as money
  - 35 "Flop two," in diner slang
  - 37 Sen. Cochran of Mississippi
  - 40 Capital where the yen is capital
  - 41 Periodic table listings
  - 44 Deface
  - 46 Ocean inlet
  - 48 South-of-the-border shawl
  - 50 \_\_\_ Mahal
  - 52 Went like the wind
  - 54 Sal of "Rebel Without a Cause"
  - 55 Played on stage
  - 56 "I \_\_\_ vacation!"
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Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

# Man tries to entice Valentine's Day nationwide suicide

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND—Ore. (AP)—A man who used an Internet chat room to try to set up a mass suicide on Valentine's Day had been trying to persuade women for at least five years to engage in sex acts with him and then kill themselves, a sheriff said Sunday.

Gerald Krein is charged with solicitation to commit murder, and prosecutors are expected to add an attempted manslaughter charge Monday, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger.

Combing through old chat room records, investigators discovered that Krein had been trying to entice women across North America to commit suicide as far back as 2000, Evinger said. Krein told investigators he had been in touch with 31 women, authorities said.

Krein, 26, was arrested Wednesday at his mother's home in the southern Oregon town of Klamath Falls. He moved to Oregon about a year ago from the Sacramento, Calif., area to take care of his ailing father, Evinger said.

"The common theme is that these were women who were vulnerable, who were depressed. He invited them to engage in certain sexual acts with him, and then they were to hang themselves naked from a beam in his house," the sheriff said. "He was indicating in these chat groups to these women that he had a beam and that it would hold multiple people."

Klamath County Prosecutor Ed Caleb said no one knows for sure whether Krein intended to bring participants to his home or conduct the suicide over the Internet. Because

Krein was living in a mobile home while organizing the suicide, the idea of hanging bodies from beams may indicate the plot was a fantasy.

"Because he lived in a mobile home, it's clear that he was either engaging in some kind of fantasy or else that he planned for it to happen somewhere else," Caleb said on Sunday.

No deaths had been found that were linked to Krein, the sheriff said, but he said he would not be surprised if someone had killed herself as a result of Krein's alleged activities.

"My concern is if he's been doing this for some time, it's my hope that he hasn't been successful, but it could turn out that he has been," he said.

Detectives learned of the Valentine's Day plan from a woman in Ontario, Canada, who said she saw a message in a Yahoo chat room that had "Suicide Ideology" in the title. Chat room participants supposedly planned to commit suicide on Valentine's Day, possibly while logged on with each other. The chat room is no longer active.

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## Mediators fail to end lockout

NEW YORK — No progress was reported Sunday by the NHL or the players' association after the sides met with federal mediators in Washington just hours before a weekend deadline to save the season.

The meeting that lasted just over five hours was arranged Friday at the request of a high-ranking federal mediator. Neither commissioner Gary Bettman nor players' association executive director Bob Goodenow attended.

Instead, NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly was joined by outside counsel Bob Battersman, with players' association senior director Ted Saskin and outside counsel John McCambridge on the other side.

"There was no progress to report as a result of this meeting, and in fairness to the process it would serve no purpose to comment further," Saskin said in a statement.

The sides were assisted by mediators twice before — as recently as a Feb. 2 negotiating

session in Newark, N.J. Sunday's meeting was requested by Scot B. Beckenbaugh, the acting director of the U.S. Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service.

It wasn't clear if this get-together would extend the commissioner's deadline. Bettman said a new collective bargaining agreement had to be in place by Sunday for there to be a shortened season.

"No progress in the collective bargaining process resulted from the meeting," Daly said. "We have no further comment."

Neither side thought mediation would help end the stalemate.

"This isn't a negotiation that failed due to a lack of understanding," Daly said Thursday. "This is a negotiation that has failed for other reasons. I don't think a mediator would help in this process."

After two days of talks broke off Thursday in Toronto, Saskin also didn't see mediation as the way to reach a settlement.



"That's not something we've given a lot of consideration to, and certainly the NHL has made clear from Day 1 that they're not interested in any form of mediation — binding or nonbinding," he said. "If the NHL came forward and said they wanted to do binding mediation, then we'd have to do the analysis and have the discussion."

Earlier Sunday, neither side seemed willing to budge or come together again to work on a deal.

"Our position hasn't changed," a players' association spokesman said.

"We will not be reaching out to them," Daly said.

The lockout reached its 151st day Sunday, when the league was supposed to hold its All-Star game in Atlanta.

## Mickelson holds on for Pebble Beach win

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Phil Mickelson took all the thrills out of Pebble Beach, and that was just fine by him.

Despite back-to-back bogeys that gave the final round Sunday about five minutes of intrigue, Mickelson won for the second straight week by closing with a 1-over 73 to become the first wire-to-wire winner in the 68-year history of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

The only thing he didn't

do on a cold, damp day along the Pacific was set the tournament scoring record. Mickelson finished at 19-under 269, missing by one shot the record set seven years ago by Mark O'Meara.

Still, it was the first time in his career he had won in consecutive weeks. Even more alarming is the margin of victory, especially for a guy who usually keeps it entertaining to the very end.

He won by five shots last week in Phoenix. He wound up winning Pebble by four

shots over Mike Weir.

Going into this year, Mickelson had won his previous eight PGA Tour events by a combined nine shots, three of those in playoffs.

"It's been fun," Mickelson said. "I've been playing well the last couple of weeks. I'm excited to get the year started with a couple of wins."

The margin might have been even wider except that Mickelson missed six birdie putts inside 18 feet over the final seven holes.

## AROUND THE NBA

### Malone announces retirement

SALT LAKE CITY — As much as Karl Malone wanted to win an NBA title, he just didn't have the desire to play a 20th season.

Malone officially announced his retirement Sunday, ending his career where it started when the Utah Jazz selected him with the 13th pick in the 1985 draft.

"Even though I left for a year, I grew here as a Jazz man," Malone said at a news conference at the Delta Center. "If I'm fortunate enough to go into the Hall of Fame, I will go as a Jazz man."

The 41-year-old finishes second on the NBA's career scoring list with 36,928 points, just 1,459 behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Malone met with the San Antonio Spurs last week and was considering a return, hoping for one more chance at a championship ring, but he decided that mentally he couldn't play at the level that made him one of the best ever in the league.

Malone had knee surgery last summer and said he was fully recovered from the injury that forced him to miss half of last season. But his

mind wasn't up to returning to basketball.

"When I got on that plane, I knew I was done. That it was time," Malone said. "I look at basketball as 100 percent physically and 100 percent mentally. And if I can't bring you 200 percent, from me, I can't bring you anything."

Malone was the league's MVP in 1997 and '99. One of the most durable players ever, Malone is also second only to Abdul-Jabbar's 57,446 minutes played with 54,852. Malone's 14,968 rebounds rank him sixth all-time and he also was a 14-time All-Star selection.

Malone also won gold medals with the U.S. Olympic teams of 1992 and 1996. About the only thing missing in his career is a title ring, which he missed out on in three trips to the NBA Finals. Malone and Stockton led the Jazz to the 1997 and '98 Finals, losing to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls each time.



KARL MALONE

### Bulls spoil McHale's debut as T-Wolves coach

MINNEAPOLIS — Playing hard for new coach Kevin McHale, the Minnesota Timberwolves forged a comeback and gave themselves a great chance to win a close game.

In a manner befitting their unexpectedly frustrating season, they simply wound up a little short.

Reserve Ben Gordon had 21 points and eight rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls spoiled McHale's first game on Minnesota's bench with a 87-83 victory over the Timberwolves on Sunday.

McHale, who fired his longtime friend Flip Saunders on Saturday, was on the sideline for the first time since his Hall of Fame career with the Boston Celtics ended in 1993.

"Superman's not going to walk through that door," said Kevin Garnett, who had 23 points, 14 rebounds and three missed field goals in the final minute. "Kevin's not going to put (No. 32)

on and come out here and help us. It's up to everybody here to take a look at themselves and look in the mirror and figure out what they can do. We've got to figure this out for ourselves."

Eddy Curry scored 17 points and Kirk Hinrich added 15 points for the Bulls, whose 20-2 run bridging the first and second quarters was ultimately the difference. Extra energy derived from the coach switch wasn't quite enough for Minnesota.

"You always worry about that," Hinrich said. "Whenever there's a new voice, guys step up their performance. They played hard, that's for sure."

Latrell Sprewell scored 26 points for the Timberwolves, who have lost eight of their last nine games.

"We knew they'd come out firing," Chandler said. "That's what happens with a change. Guys who are looking for a boost usually get it."

Bringing a 3-14 record into the game on Dec. 11, the Bulls beat the Timberwolves 99-88 at home. Minnesota, 13-6 before that defeat, is 12-21 since. Chicago is 21-9.



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**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

# Panther tennis teams split weekend matches

BY DAN WOIKE  
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams split their matches last weekend in their final tune-ups before facing Ohio Valley Conference opponents.

Both teams started the busy weekend by taking on Division III Washington University (Mo.) Friday night in St. Louis.

The men's team fell 6-1 to the No. 13-ranked (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) Bears. The Panthers recorded their only team point at No. 1 singles, with sophomore Charles LeVaque's 6-4, 6-3 victory over junior Ari Rosenthal.

Eastern lost two-of-three doubles matches, with sophomore Brandon Lenfert and freshman Chris Thomas picking up the only win, 8-6. Lenfert and Thomas' victory was the first for the duo, who were partners for the first time.

"It was a really good match and very fast moving," Thomas said. "We had really good chemistry out there, and I love playing with (Lenfert)."

Thomas said the team, comprised of three freshmen, three sophomores and one senior, didn't take the loss too badly.

"We're a really young team, but it's still disappointing," Thomas said. "But, we're still learning and still growing."

The team responded to the loss by defeating IUPUI 5-2 in Indianapolis on Saturday.

Lenfert and Thomas won at No. 1 doubles along with the pairing of



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Sarah Freeman hits a backhand against Indiana State at Darling Courts April 6, 2004. The Eastern women's tennis team defeated Washington University (Mo.) on Friday and lost to Southern Illinois on Saturday.

senior Eric Stuert and sophomore Ryan Blankenbaker, who recorded a victory at No.3 doubles.

By winning two of the three doubles matches, the Panthers scored one team-point. The remaining six team-points were decided in the singles matches.

The Panthers won four of the six singles matches, picking up points at No. 1 (LeVaque), No. 2 (Lenfert), No. 4 (Blankenbaker) and No. 6 sin-

gles (freshman Sean Bush).

The Eastern women's team got off to a strong start, defeating Washington 5-4. The Bears are No. 16 in ITA's Division III rankings.

The Panthers got two singles victories from freshman Sandra Sasidharan at No.1 singles and sophomore Madina Mambetova at No. 3 singles.

The team trailed 4-2 heading into doubles' play, but Eastern was still

alive in the team competition, with Division III rules being enforced, assigning one team-point to each doubles match.

Knowing a victory was still attainable helped fuel the Panthers' rally, Freeman said.

"It really gave us a boost knowing we still had a chance," she said.

That boost translated into three-straight doubles wins and the team's victory.

However, the women's team couldn't extend its success Saturday against Southern Illinois. The Salukis swept Eastern 7-0.

Freeman said the team lost a lot of its matches in dramatic fashion, splitting two sets before falling in a 10-point tiebreaker.

"It wasn't our weekend," she said. "It was a good opportunity for us to get out our ugly shots before conference."

**JACKSON:**

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When Eastern faces Oklahoma, the Sooners will have had three games under their belts already, as well as weeks of outdoor practice.

So when the Panthers come home with a less than stellar record after their tough pre-conference trip, don't write them off as a lost cause.

The Panthers will have gained valuable experience during the first month of the season, and will be poised for a run at the OVC title.

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# AFC is super again, winning Pro Bowl

HONOLULU — Peyton Manning was still at the peak of his game in the Pro Bowl, and Michael Vick showed he's only beginning the climb.

Manning threw three touchdown passes to extend his career record in the NFL's all-star game, while Vick led the NFC to 17 points in a second-half comeback that fell short in the AFC's 38-27 victory Sunday.

Pittsburgh's Hines Ward caught a touchdown pass and returned an onside kick for a score, and three Chargers stars led the clinching TD drive in the fourth quarter of the

AFC's seventh victory in nine meetings.

Manning, the regular-season MVP after breaking Dan Marino's NFL record with 49 touchdown passes, completed just six passes for 130 yards. But three were spectacular scoring tosses, and the Colts quarterback was named the MVP in his fifth trip to the Pro Bowl.

The game didn't quite have the offensive fireworks of last season's 107-point marathon, but Manning and Vick thrilled the 26th straight sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium with exhibitions of their strengths: Manning's

expert throws and Vick's jaw-dropping elusiveness and creativity.

Manning has thrown 11 TD passes in the Pro Bowl, four more than any quarterback in NFL history. He hit Colts teammate Marvin Harrison, Ward and San Diego's Antonio Gates in the first 25 minutes while the AFC built a 28-10 halftime lead.

But Vick was determined to make a splash in his first trip to Hawaii — and with the Atlanta coaching staff calling the plays, he led three straight scoring drives after entering the game in the third quarter. Vick was 14-of-24 for 205 yards and a score, nimbly avoid-

ing several sacks along the way.

The NFC got within 31-27 on David Akers' field goal, but the AFC's San Diego connection took over. Drew Brees hit Gates for a 33-yard gain on a flea-flicker play selected by fans in an online vote, and LaDainian Tomlinson finished the drive with a 4-yard TD run with 5:15 to play.

Harrison scored on a 62-yard pass from his Indianapolis teammate in the first quarter, tying Jimmy Smith's career record with his fifth Pro Bowl touchdown. Ward followed with a 41-yard TD catch on a pinpoint throw from Manning.

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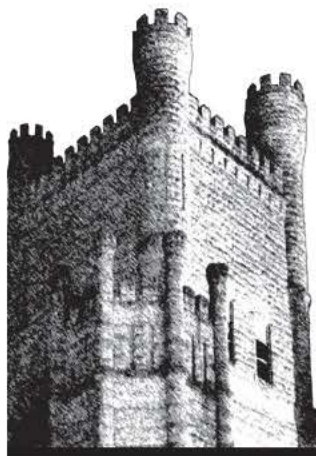
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# SPORTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT MOREHEAD STATE	4:30 p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL AT MOREHEAD STATE	6:35 p.m.
	SWIMMING AT MIDWEST CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP	until Sat.
FRIDAY	TRACK AND FIELD (FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL)	3:00 p.m.



### DIGGING IN

MARCUS JACKSON  
STAFF WRITER

## Losses now equal wins later

The Eastern Illinois baseball team will open its season this weekend as they travel to Norman Ok., to face the Oklahoma Sooners for a three-game series.

Although the Panthers return five starters from last season's Ohio Valley Conference runner-ups, don't expect a series win this weekend, or for the first month of the season for that matter.

Eastern's baseball team traditionally loads up its schedule at the beginning of the season with powerhouse programs from the south.

This season the schedule is no different, as the Panthers face teams from conferences such as the Big 12, SEC, and Sun-Belt.

The Panthers play these tough schools in an effort to prepare themselves for the OVC season, which begins March 25 at Tennessee-Martin.

The mind-set of the team going into these games is not to go in and get pounded, or to fill the athletic department's pocket by getting paid for these games. It's to make them better by facing the best competition possible.

Last season's team opened the season with a shocking extra-inning victory over 2003 College World Series participant Southwest Missouri State, but then lost 14 straight games before opening OVC play, which included three losses each to No. 12 Mississippi, and No. 18 Southern Mississippi.

The Panthers won 22 of their final 38 games after the pre-conference trip, and finished second in the OVC behind Austin Peay.

As long as the Panthers stay positive, and can continue to learn through all the losing, the season will not be a lost cause.

In every game there is something to be learned, and if this young team can endure that, then an OVC championship is not out of reach.

Eastern will be facing teams that have been practicing outdoors for weeks, while the Panthers are lucky to get outside for one or two practices before the first game.

## Teen lifts at national competition

BY DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Of the nearly 130 athletes that competed in this weekend's USA Weightlifting National Collegiate and 23 and Under Championships, 12 lifters were 16-years-old or younger.

Dennis Snethen, President of U.S.A. Weightlifting and director of Wesley Weightlifting Club in St. Joseph, Mo., said it's not uncommon for athletes to start weightlifting at an early age, and he runs a program for young teenagers to introduce them to the sport.

One of the 20 lifters Snethen brought with him was 16-year-old Erly Polk Jr. The 5'8" 225 lbs. lifter is a sophomore at Benton High School (St. Joseph, Mo.) and competes at the 105 kilogram (231 lbs.) weight class.

"We teach a lot of basics and things that will be fun," Snethen said. "Erly is a very, very talented youngster. He's a bright star for the future."

Most of Snethen's younger athletes compete at lower weight classes, he said, but Polk, who competes in the second highest weight class, is an exception for Snethen.

"Usually, bigger kids that are younger take longer to develop," Snethen said.

Snethen said bigger children don't always have the endurance that lighter lifters have.

"Lighter guys usually get the

### Results of Eastern students from the competition

- ◆ Erin Blair (58 kg class)
  - 6th place
  - Snatch: 50 kg
  - Clean and Jerk: 62.5 kg
- ◆ Brittany Brown (75 kg class)
  - 6th place
  - Snatch: 55 kg
  - Clean and Jerk: 75 kg
- ◆ Andy McGillard (62 kg class)
  - 3rd place
  - Snatch: 60kg
  - Clean and Jerk: 82.5 kg

rewards at a younger age," Snethen said. "It's easy to get discouraged but when they get there, they're very good."

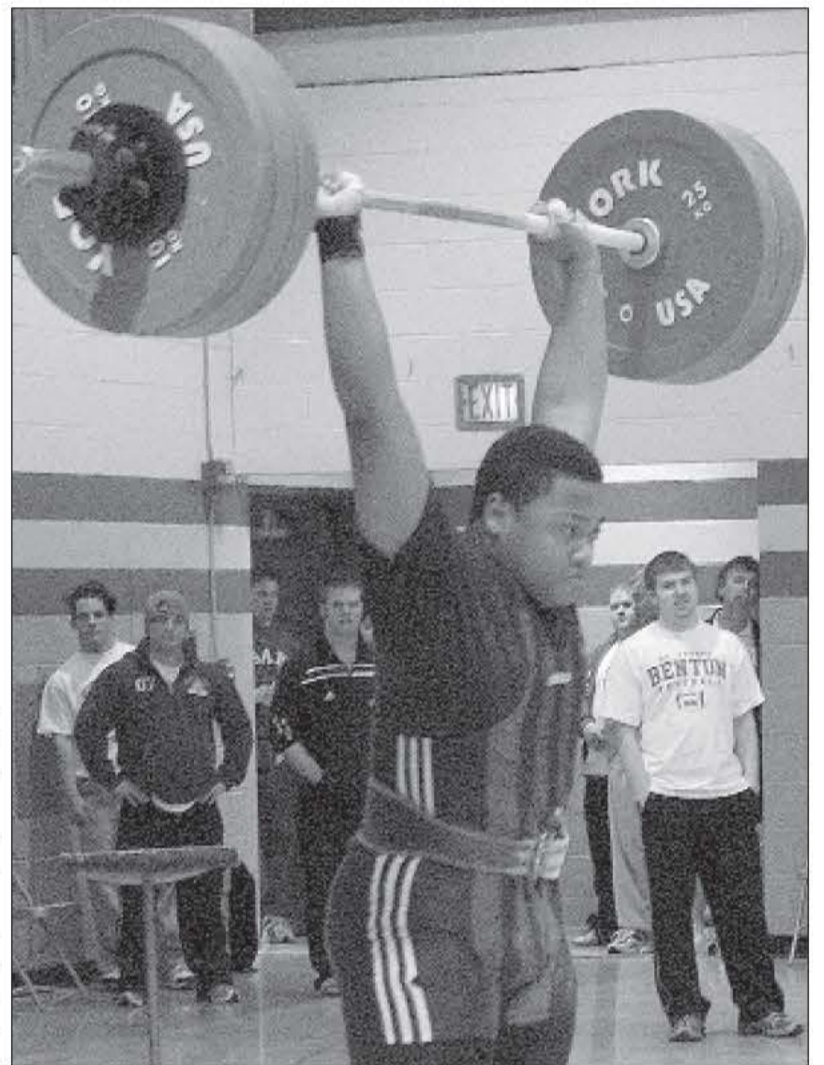
But Polk is already feeling the rewards, despite being just a sophomore.

Polk took fourth at the 105-kilogram weight class, Sunday, despite being three years younger than any other competitor in his class. Although he is younger than the other lifters he said he isn't intimidated by the competition.

"(Erly) is like the new kid on the block. He's earning his stripes," Snethen said. "Beginning to lift with older guys is how you get experience, and he's learning to compete at a higher level."

Polk started lifting when he was in seventh grade and played basketball before taking up weightlifting.

"My older brother used to lift, and I thought I'd just try something dif-



DAN RENICK/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Erly Polk, Jr. competes in the 105 kg weight class during the Collegiate 23 and Under National Weightlifting Championship at Charleston High School Sunday afternoon. Polk successfully completed all six of his attempts.

ferent," Polk said.

Certainly, it was different for Polk. And, he can sum it up in one word.

"Hectic," Polk said. "I train every-day except Sunday."

While training and competing keep Polk busy, he enjoys the travel opportunities weightlifting has pro-

vided. Polk has competed in New Jersey, Vermont, Kansas, Minnesota and Chicago and said that his final goal is to compete in the Olympics.

"That's the ultimate goal for all of our kids is to make the Olympics," Snethen said. "But, we're not just happy going; we want to win."

## WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

# Three Panthers run and jump versus nation's best

BY MATT DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER

More than 50 collegiate track and field teams from around the nation converged into the Randall Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark., this past weekend, to participate in the prestigious Tyson Invitational.

Not only did college teams compete this past weekend, a number of professionals were there as well.

Among the 50 teams and dozens of professionals present, Eastern had three individual athletes from the women's indoor team compete.

Senior Mary Wood and juniors Alicia Harris and Denise Jones were all entered into the event.

Wood tied for 11th place in the pole vault with a vault of 11'9".

Wood bettered her pole vault by nearly three inches from the previous weekend, at the Southern Illinois Invitational track and field meet.

Harris, owner of four Eastern indoor sprint records, clocked in at 56.22 seconds to finish 28th overall in the 400-meter dash.

Jones tied for 21st in the high jump with a jump of 5'5".

Jones felt that this meet was good preparation for upcoming events.

"This meet not only helps us to prepare for the conference tournament, but also for regionals," Jones said.

By facing the competition that was present at this invitational, Jones feels the team has a great shot at winning the conference championship meet.

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DENISE JONES, JUNIOR HIGH JUMPER

If the women are able to pull off that feat, it will be the first time ever that they will capture the Ohio Valley Conference indoor meet.

The OVC Indoor Championship will be held Feb. 25-26 in Lantz Fieldhouse.

The weekend proved beneficial not only by competing on the track and field for Eastern, but also as spectators.

Jones said they were able to see great individual performances from the professionals as well as from fel-

low collegians.

Kenyan George Lagat almost broke the world record in the mile, finishing in 3 minutes, 49.89 seconds, one and a half seconds off the world mark.

"I was very impressed by the performances, especially Lagat in the mile," said Jones.

With the experience that Wood, Harris, and Jones received this weekend, it will help the team as a whole as the season starts to wind down, she said.