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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Underground funding released

Renovations not paid with student fees

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Daniel Nadler, vice president for student affairs, promised Student Body President Ryan Berger he would not rely on student fees for the renovation of 7th Street Underground.

To keep his promise, Nadler said the money is coming from an internal reallocation of funds that were already in the Division of Student Affairs. He said he only wants student money used when it is necessary.

"I did not want to see a situation in which students had to reach, directly or indirectly, into their pockets to make this project a reality," Nadler said. "The students made a strong case for this project, and it turned into a great example of

highly effective collaborative initiative."

Installation will include two flat-screen TVs, domes that serve as sound localizers to keep noise from the televisions to a minimum, gray carpeting, aluminum handrails, a computer area with stainless steel tables, black walls and built-in lighting with wireless connections for laptop users and — Berger's favorite — a place where art students

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Construction workers cut wood on top of the newly extended Doudna Fine Arts Center Monday afternoon.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Construction projects move near completion, Eastern president says

BY KAYLA CROW
Administration Editor

Work on Eastern's Blair Hall is nearing completion, and university officials expect it to open in the first two weeks of April.

Eastern's President Lou Hencken told the Board of Trustees Friday work is starting to wind down on the university's third-oldest building, and officials are looking forward to its re-opening.

"Work on the third floor is done, and furniture is (being brought in) this week," he said. "The second floor (should) be done in the next two weeks."

Work is progressing, but Hencken said the opening of the building during the beginning of April is not what he wanted.

"The opening is two to three weeks beyond when we had hoped," he said.

Once complete, Blair Hall will offer a new teaching atmosphere for the departments that reside in the building that was damaged in a fire in April 2004.

The size of two of the classrooms will be increased and the building will "provide state-of-the-art teaching and learning space," Hencken said.

Gary Foster, chair of the sociology department, said the increased size of the two classrooms will

help the department, which was housed in Blair Hall before the fire.

"The two classrooms on the first floor will have room for 64 (students)," he said. "Prior to (the fire) they had room for 49."

Foster also said the improvements to the building will help the department's faculty members teach their classes.

"Every classroom will have a multimedia system," he said. "Some of the classrooms will have whiteboards."

As of Friday, Hencken said exterior work on the building was nearly 70 percent complete.

Also at the meeting, Hencken updated the board on the progress on the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

He told the board that, once completed, the building will have 183,046 square feet of new space and another 86,334 square feet of renovated space.

The new building will include the renovated 600-seat Dvorak Concert Hall and a 290-seat proscenium theater with an orchestra pit for musical theater.

John Oertling, chair of the theatre arts department, said the addition will help the department with its performances. Currently, the department

WHAT'S GOING ON:

Blair Hall

- ◆ Exterior work 70 percent complete, 2 classrooms will have an additional 15 seats
- ◆ Rooms will have multimedia systems
- ◆ Expected to open first or second week of April

Doudna Fine Arts Center

- ◆ Will have 183,046 square feet of new space, 86,334 square feet of renovated space
- ◆ Renovated 600-seat Dvorak Concert Hall
- ◆ 290-seat proscenium theater with an orchestra pit for musical theater

Lantz Fieldhouse

- ◆ Expected to start end of April or the first week of May
- ◆ Expected to be completed by the fall
- ◆ Will include: a computer lab, 11 offices, a conference room and a restroom and will add 4,780 square feet with direct access to the arena



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Misti Farler, a volunteer coordinator for Sexual Assault Counseling Information Services, reads "Because He Liked To Look At It" in the V-Day show, "The Vagina Monologues" in the Grand Ballroom Monday evening.

V-day show draws in crowd of 400

Event proceeds aid victims of sexual assault

BY KRISTINA PETERS
STAFF REPORTER

Red lights, black dresses, red boas and vagina chocolates set the atmosphere for "The Vagina Monologues" Monday night.

"It's a very meaningful event," said Bonnie Buckley, executive director of Sexual Assault Counseling Information Services.

The Grand Ballroom was nearly filled with approximately 400 people to help in the effort to stop violence against women and children.

"As a man, I cannot understand why anyone would do that (sexual abuse to women)," said David Mendoza, a sophomore philosophy major.

The focus of the monologues stemmed from questions that Eve Ensler, creator of "The Vagina Monologues" asked women about how having a vagina affected their lives.

"(The stories) are empowering women to love themselves," said Kristen Buerster, an intern at SACIS.

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RYAN TERRELL
SENIOR
JOURNALISM MAJOR
ONLINE SPORTS
EDITOR

"This means the offseason is approaching, which just so happens to be my favorite time of the year."

The NFL season has ended after one of the more bland Super Bowls in recent history.



GREG WALKER
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OPINIONS EDITOR

"Will there be a time when our music industry will just be filled with brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, mothers and fathers?"

We've all heard the statement, it's not what you know, it's who you know. As sad as it is to say, this is very much true, especially in the music industry.

WTF?

Russia employs fake patrolmen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — This is one Russian traffic cop who will never issue a ticket or take a bribe: he's made of plastic.

A life-size mock-up of a traffic police officer is prompting more drivers to obey the speed limit on a highway in western Russia, real-life officers say.

The fake human figure comes complete with a nearly two-dimensional patrol car, a speed gun and a black-and-white baton — held up to signal travelers to be cautious.

But Alexei Zakharov, the

officer who served as the model for the mock-up, said that the sight of his plastic double prompts some drivers to do more than slow down.

"Some drivers stop and come up to him to show their documents, others sit in their cars and wait for the inspector to approach them. They sit there for five minutes and they drive away," he said.

The fakes are being used on a stretch of busy highway in the Belgorod region near the Ukrainian border. Regional authorities plan to use more of the mock-ups if the experiment proves successful.

TABLE TENNIS



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Amanda Tolson, a sophomore English major, and partner Alexandra Dorobiala, a sophomore special education major, serve the ball during a table tennis championship match Monday night in the Student Recreation Center lobby.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Students passing up aid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even as the price of college rises, more low-income students who would likely get federal financial aid aren't even bothering to apply.

A new report by the American Council on Education estimates 1.5 million students who would probably have been awarded Pell Grants in 2003-2004 did not apply for them. That's up from ACE's estimate in a previous survey of 850,000 who missed out on aid in 1999-2000.

A major reason is probably confusion over the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. On Sunday, at stations set up in high schools, libraries and other buildings in 25 states, volunteers will help students and families with the forms as part of a program called College Goal Sunday.

Tally Hart, who co-founded the program and is director of student financial aid at Ohio State University, says too many students simply assume they will not be eligible because of their income level, when in fact other factors such as recently losing a job or having other children in college can extend a family's eligibility.

Families "adhere to some myths that exist about financial aid: 'My neighbor didn't get anything so I won't, my older child didn't get

any aid so why go through it again?'" Hart said. Others mistakenly believe only merit-based aid is available and that without top grades they are out of luck.

The ACE study, released Wednesday, finds the percentage of undergraduates completing FAFSA actually rose from 50 percent to 59 percent over the four-year period it studied, and the total number of applications increased by nearly 3 million, to 11.1 million.

But the number of low-income students who did not file rose from 1.7 million to 1.8 million, or 28 percent of low-income students. And that was a time when the government expanded the Pell program, so ACE estimates 1.5 million people who failed to apply would have received grants — a figure that represents only students who still managed to enroll somewhere. It doesn't include people who never made it to college at all, and might have done so with aid.

"That's a whole other universe of people, and unfortunately we don't know the size of that group," said Jacqueline King, director of ACE's center for policy analysis.

About one-third of students who did not file a FAFSA received some other form of aid, such as from an employer, but the amount averaged under \$3,000.

The study shows:

◆ Community college students showed the biggest improvement in aid application rates, with 55 percent failing to apply for aid, compared to 67 percent four years earlier.

However, the fraction of low-income students applying for aid held steady at about one-third.

◆ Half-time students, who are eligible for many aid programs including Pell Grants, significantly increased their aid application rates, with just 42 percent failing to apply, compared to 62 percent four years earlier.

◆ Independent students, older students who are considered independent of their parents, and who comprise half of all undergraduates, improved from 57 percent failing to apply to 44 percent.

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1. Charleston lacks job force diversity
2. Panthers eliminated from postseason
3. Sigma Nu completes community service
4. All jazzed up
5. On-campus residence fees increase

EVENING NEWS

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CORRECTIONS

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, the reported amount of money in the Student Senate's original budget for this year's Unity Week was incorrect. Before Keila Lacy, student vice president for student affairs, requested additional funds from the Apportionment Board, the Student Senate had \$2,600 allotted for the event. The Apportionment Board granted an additional \$6,000 for the event, and the University Board's Cultural Affairs Committee provided \$1,500. Tori Frazier, chair of the Diversity Affairs Committee, is also a member of the Unity Week Committee, which is helping Lacy plan the event. The *DEN* regrets the error.



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Bart Hickman, a junior business management major, and Jen Johnson, a junior family and consumer sciences major, are one of the many couples that have met on Eastern's campus. The two met through a mutual friend and have been dating for almost two years.

Love takes root at Eastern

BY AMANDA DUGAN
STAFF REPORTER

Every Valentine's Day, men and women seek the perfect gifts, original date ideas and cards that sum up how much someone means to them. For some couples, Valentine's Day is not about the gift giving or money spent, but sharing and remembering their love for one another.

Leslie Ashley, secretary in the philosophy department, does not have any exciting plans this Valentine's Day, but remembers fondly when she and her husband met.

"My best friend and his friend were brother and sister, so we had actually met as kids," Ashley said.

The two went their separate ways, going to college and eventually found themselves back in their hometown.

"We started dating after we had both moved back home, and have been married for 12 years together," Ashley said. "We don't have any plans for this Valentine's Day. We have a four-year-old and a five-month-old, so nothing exciting."

English professor Ruth Hoberman, met her husband, Richard Sylvia, also an English professor, while teaching in New York.

"We were teaching in New York at Queens College when we first met," Hoberman said. "We both moved to Illinois at different times. I came here in 1984 and my husband came here in 1986."

The two will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this year.

Dan Watts, a recently engaged senior computer information systems major, began dating his high school sweetheart, Dana Herbert, in 2002. He proposed to her last year in the most enchanting way he could think of.

"Dana and I went to Disney World on our spring break," he said.

Watts proceeded to give Herbert various clues, which turned into a scavenger hunt throughout the park.

"She made her way to the garden, and I was waiting there for her," Watts said. "After she arrived, I presented her with a glass slipper and told her that she was my princess, and that I wanted to make all her dreams come true. I then got down on one knee and asked Dana to marry me."

The couple will be apart this Valentine's Day, because Herbert is student teaching in Aurora, but Watts sent a teddy bear through a flower delivery company to surprise her.

For newer couples, a quiet evening

alone can be the preference for Valentine's Day.

Kristin Kieca and Patrick Giantomasso began dating after they met during homecoming 2005.

"We started talking online on a daily basis and hanging out after classes, getting lunch or dinner," Kieca said.

They plan on spending the day like any normal day, because both work tonight and are busy with classes.

"We'll probably just hang out, watch some TV or a movie, and get a romantic dinner at Thomas," Kieca said. "We are not going to do anything exciting like chocolates or roses."

Those spending Valentine's Day celebrating their independence can be reassured that they are never alone.

In a recent article on www.match.com, writer C.J. Arabia encourages singles to treat themselves today with easy ideas.

Arabia suggests having a party, cleaning the house to get rid of past love letters and stuffed animals from past lovers, wearing sweatpants around the house, letting oneself go (just a little bit), making a list of reasons to celebrate being single and spending money on oneself instead of Valentine's Day gifts are a way to embrace one's single status.

THE BIGGEST LOSERS

Sassy 6 throw fruit in with water in challenge

BY KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

The Sassy 6 have taken back the lead in the fruits and vegetable category, along with hanging on to the lead in the water category in Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Challenge. However, the Sassy 6 are a close second overall to the Wannabes, who lead by 223 points.

There is a bit of competition since the Wannabes and the Sassy 6 are both teams from Health Service, Dr. Kimberley Hollender said.

To help in her 11-pound weight loss, Sassy 6 teammate Carol Roberts has changed her diet from eating fast foods for lunch to bringing her lunch to work.

"It wasn't that hard since I like salads," Roberts said. "I also add fruits into my salad, such as apples."

Fruits and vegetables are a common change in diet to help in weight loss; the recommended amount of servings per day is two servings of fruits and three servings of vegetables. In the Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Challenge, each participant receives five points for every serving.

Hollender carries around baby carrots and has a basket of fruit in her office with oranges and apples to help when she needs a snack.

"My body has gotten used to eating

fruits and vegetables for a snack," Hollender said. "Instead of reaching for crackers, I now reach for an apple."

Working with her teammates and having two other teams in the Health Services office also helps because someone is always bringing in fruit to share or making sure someone isn't slacking, Hollender said.

The hard part is eating out, though salads have become Roberts' new friend.

"We had a Valentine's Day dinner at church this weekend, and we had spaghetti," Roberts said. "However, there were lots of salads, which is what I turned to."

Teammate Nita Schrader was tempted to cheat while she spent last week up north visiting her new grandchild.

However, she did not find it a problem to keep up with servings of fruits and vegetables.

"It's still early in the program and I'm still in the mindset to do well, which helps," Schrader said.

One problem she has found with eating enough fruits is finding good fresh fruit during the winter. Since she doesn't like eating canned fruit, she surprisingly has been able to find good fresh fruit like peaches, she said.

"Instead of piling sugar on my fruits, or eating fruit in a pie, I have found myself just eating an apple," Schrader said.



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The Health Service employee's refrigerator is filled with healthier foods now for the Biggest Loser challenge. Their lunches include: fruits, vegetables, soymilk, salads and Lean Cuisine meals.

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COMMENTARY



HOLLY MOHR
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A FEMALE'S VIEW OF "BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN"

This is the true story of two strangers, picked to live on Brokeback Mountain and have their lives taped, and find out what happens when cowboys stop being straight and start getting real friendly (maybe a little too friendly).

I recently saw the controversial movie Brokeback Mountain. I admit I wasn't exactly thrilled about two of my favorite male actors playing star-crossed lovers when the news of the film hit the circuit. In fact, I wasn't thrilled they were playing cowboys. Nothing about ranch-handlers yells hot.

I was getting confused before I even saw the movie. When I think of cowboys from the past I think of John Wayne, not sexy. A more modern time cowboy like President George W. Bush doesn't remind me of sexy either. I'd hate to see both of them fishing on Brokeback. Plus the idea of gay cowboys doesn't come to mind as a typical homosexual you might spot in San Francisco, although a cowboy is a member of the Village People. So the movie was losing points with me even before it had come out.

But my intrigue grew with every review and column written on why some men were going and why some were not. For example, Larry David's fear of being easily swayed to the gay persuasion in the *New York Times* along with Leonard Pitts column in the *Chicago Tribune* as to why he went. Before I knew it I was road-tripping to Indiana to find a theater showing "Brokeback" just to see what all the commotion was about.

I laughed. What's not funny about two grown men spooning?

I lusted. Come on now, Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal in tight jeans where shirts were optional.

And I cried. I began to realize I understood both sides of the national argument, to go or not to go. If I, a heterosexual woman, could succumb to the cowboy duo how could the likes of Larry David and every other straight man not? On the other hand, if the likes of Leonard Pitts could watch the movie and leave feeling moved rather than aroused or ill, he should go.

One argument is missing though. Where do women fit in on this film? Women have been lost in the cracks of the double standard since the movie hit the box office. Are women supposed to be drawn to it because of the love story even though it is two men rather than a typical couple? Or should women be turned off for this same reason?

The double standard comes into play when the film arouses a woman; she is then a pervert. But if the movie were about two lesbians, a man not aroused would be considered gay.

The double standard really hit me when I realized the cowboys kissing turned me on. I've been aroused by gay men, before such as Rupert Everett and Danny from *The Real World New Orleans*, but this was different. I felt a little uncomfortable, yet curious, as to how two macho men falling in love and all over each other could possibly move me in any way but toward the bathroom to vomit. Then I realized maybe it wasn't that two sexy men touching aroused me, but the fact that two manly men could be so romantic and sensitive. Was that what I was attracted to? I'd like to think that's the reason some of us women were turned on by the movie because if that's not the case, what is?

Being a woman and turned on by two men together can't make you a lesbian, but it doesn't scream out heterosexual either. Is there something in the middle? Has "Brokeback" opened another liberating door of evoked feelings we don't know about or maybe just cracked a window of how passionate we wish all men, gay or straight, were?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KYLA NANCE



EDITORIAL

Tutoring can be had for free

With the increase in tutoring services available on the Internet, Eastern's students should be wary and realize that there are several tutoring options available at Eastern through the various departments.

But the key is giving students an easy avenue to find out what is available on campus for struggling students.

While the programs are effective and the departments do what they can, there is one way that the tutoring programs can be improved.

The programs are not under any overseeing body that could coordinate the programs.

What should be done is that the varying departments' tutoring programs could be put together so students could have one place to go when they are struggling in their classes.

The Trio program has its own tutoring service as does Minority Affairs.

Several departments including the mathematics and business departments also have their own programs.

Athletes have their own tutors and are helped in athletic study halls.

Cindy Tozer, director of academics for athletes, hires the tutors and they report back to Tozer and let her know who is getting the tutoring and who is not.

But many students are going to the Internet to get assis-

At issue

Tutoring programs on the Internet and at Eastern.

Our stance

Eastern has free tutoring programs for students, but it seems students don't know about their options. Some students pay Web sites for tutoring services and students should know that there are programs at Eastern.

tance.

Students often turn to the Internet before even investigating local opportunities in many class subjects.

Several tutoring services are offered on the Internet.

One service, www.studyloft.com, is an example of where things could be going for online services regarding tutoring.

After growing in popularity with its free service, the studyloft Web site will be asking students to pay for it.

On Feb. 12 the Web site began by giving users a \$6 credit that was a way for users to take a free trial.

On Feb. 20, the Web site will start charging for the service. They will bill by the minute at a rate that should average \$18 a month in

exchange for "helping" students.

Tutors are essentially volunteer positions so students shouldn't be asked to pay for them.

The free programs on campus are the better choice. Now it is up to the school to find a way to incorporate all of the programs into an easy place for students to find them.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

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Complaints from shuttle bus presented to Student Senate

BY NICOLE WESKERNA
STAFF REPORTER

Two students who were kicked off Eastern's shuttle bus brought the issue up at last week's Student Senate meeting.

Elizabeth Brown, one of the students who took the matter to the Student Government, said she heard one of the shuttle bus drivers complaining about a student.

"The bus driver just started talking about a student, and I happened to know the girl," Brown said.

The driver had been talking about Brown's friend, Kayla Blue. Brown said she felt that it was wrong for the bus drivers to bad-mouth the students.

Brown said it all started when Blue got on the bus to go to class and asked the driver to be more punctual.

She said the bus had been at least 10 minutes late the past few times, and she was having trouble getting to class on time. The driver threatened to ban Blue from the bus, and Brown did not think that was right.

"It seemed (the driver) had no reason to ban her from the bus," Brown said.

The students took the issue to



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Panther Bus drives down Roosevelt after picking up students at the Seventh Street stop. Two students addressed the Student Senate Wednesday about problems with the drivers.

the Student Government because they wanted to know if it was possible for drivers to ban students from the buses.

Brown also wanted to know if it was right to ban people because of their attitude.

Senate member Shawn Ready said this is the first complaint the Student Government has heard concerning this issue this semester.

"(Blue) thought she could not get kicked off the bus because (her tuition money) helps pay the drivers' salaries," Ready said. "She can, in fact, get kicked off the bus."

The issue remains unresolved because the Student Government had other issues to attend to.

Ready is waiting for responses from the girls before the issue can be taken any further.

TUESDAY

WEBCT HELP SESSION 9 a.m.

WebCT Help Session
CATS Training Lab, McAfee
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FIND INFO FAST 10 a.m.

Booth Library Reference Librarians will provide instructions on how to search the online catalog and databases.
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CGS EXEC. MEETING 3 p.m.

Council on Graduate Studies
Executive Meeting
Graduate School Conference Room

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Please register for the study abroad information session at
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Lawson Hall Classroom
(basement of Lawson)

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Foreign language film crosses Buzzard's path

Booth Library's Film Series will be showing "Hawaii, Oslo" as part of its new independent and foreign film series. The movie follows a number of characters that cross each other's paths without knowing it on the hottest day of the year in Oslo. The film was Norway's 2005 Academy Awards entry for best foreign language film. This first-run screening is at 7 p.m. today in room 3202 of Booth Library.

Speaker addresses science in public schools

Guest speaker Lewis Branscomb will speak on science in public schools, as it relates to Charles Darwin, during a Darwin Day lecture today.

Branscomb, from the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California at San Diego, will present "What is Science? The Boundaries and Role of Science in Public Education" at 5 p.m. at the Roberson Auditorium, Lumpkin Hall room 2030.

Darwin Day is celebrated on Feb. 12, to honor his contributions to philosophy and science. This event is one of five celebrated by Eastern to recognize Darwin Day.

Give the gift of grub for V-day

A lecture given by ESPN2's Kevin Roberts will aim to teach students how to give an original gift for Valentine's Day, a home-cooked meal. Roberts, author of "Munchies," will interact with the audience during the University Board-sponsored discussion entitled "Cook or Starve," which will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

DUI course now offered on the Internet

BY ANDY LONG
STAFF REPORTER

Intervention Instruction has developed a new online option for those convicted of driving under the influence to replace the mandatory four-hour classroom course.

The online rehabilitation course is done using a virtual classroom environment, allowing offenders to work at their own pace.

The online alternative costs less, priced at \$175, compared to \$250 for the traditional class. Aside from the classroom fee, the average price of a DUI in Illinois is \$14,660, consisting of fines, court fees, rehabilitation and

income lost based on missed time, according to the Secretary of State's official Web site.

"Online instruction offers more suitable access, safety and personal dignity than other forums," said John Moulton, program director for Intervention Instruction's online classes. "Completing the DUI class online is as thorough as classroom instruction."

Intervention Instruction, a non-profit organization, has been offering alternative options for rehabilitation for over 25 years, but the online option wasn't approved locally until August 2005.

The course is done in four separate

sessions with 48 hours required between each and emails sent to update the progress of the offender.

A 30-day window is allowed for completion of each session, with security questions asked at random to allow entry. Clients will be removed from the online course after three failed attempts.

The standard four-hour classroom course consists of lecture and video presentations aimed at driving conditions, road rage and seatbelts said Kim Knox, traffic safety program specialist at Lake Land College. Knox said the current traffic class may not address the DUI effectively, but it is a good starting class for first-time offenders.

"There's risk taking any Internet course," Knox said. "While you provide this option, you have to hope and trust that it's the actual student, or in this case offender doing the coursework."

The class is more effective than the online course because of the face-to-face experience, Knox said.

"Offenders with families and school will find it convenient, but it's not to say that there shouldn't be any hardship," said Charleston Department Chief David Chambers.

There are on average 50,000 DUIs reported every year, and 89 were reported in Charleston in 2005, Chambers said.

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Red cross sets new blood goal

O-negative especially needed in emergencies

By MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Because red blood cells only have a shelf life of 42 days, blood is always in demand.

Tracy Torbeck, donor recruitment account manager for the American Red Cross Missouri-Illinois region, said they need O-negative and B-negative types of blood specifically.

"Though all types are impor-

tant, O-negative is needed because it's used in emergency situations," Torbeck said.

Approximately 7 percent of the population have an O-negative blood type, and are universal donors, according to www.craigmedical.com.

Only 2 percent have the B-negative blood type.

Alpha Kappa Delta and the sociology department, in conjunction with the American Red

Cross, will sponsor a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. today and Wednesday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

Torbeck said the goal for the next two days is to raise 60 units per day, but any more than that would be welcome.

People willing to donate should be aware of the eligibility requirements, Torbeck said.

Willing donors should have not given blood for 56 days, be in good health, women should weigh no less than 110 pounds, and people with tattoos must have had them for at least one

year, she said.

Matt O'Malley, blood drive committee president, said almost 200 people donated blood at last month's blood drive in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

He said he would be among those donating blood today. Those who donate will receive free Papa John's pizza.

O'Malley said this is the first time Alpha Kappa Delta and the sociology department have been involved with a blood drive.

"We're always looking for new groups, and they expressed an interest," O'Malley said.

Occurrence of blood types in population

(info from <http://www.craigmedical.com>)

Blood Type	Percentage/population
◆ A+	34%
◆ A-	6%
◆ B+	9%
◆ B-	2%
◆ O+	38%
◆ O-	7%
◆ AB+	3%
◆ AB-	1%

Also on blood and donating:

O negative blood types are universal donors

Red blood cells only have a shelf life of 42 days

Panel to link historical figure to Oklahoma City bomber

By KELLY CREMENT
STAFF REPORTER

John Brown is regarded as a radical abolitionist of the 19th century, and is the topic of a panel discussion tonight comparing his works to more current events like Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing and Hurricane Katrina.

Brown believed strongly in the abolition of slavery and worked hard toward it, said Michael Loudon, an Eastern English professor.

Loudon will participate in the panel, along with Martin Hardeman, a history of African-American studies professor.

They will discuss the comparison made between events involving Brown during the 19th century and modern events, which still

may lead back to Brown's legacy, Loudon said.

Craig Eckert, a sociology professor, will also be on the panel contributing to the discussion.

"Many students have heard about John Brown and what he did for African-Americans," Loudon said. "A number of people have cited Brown's work and see him as a heroic figure and try to model his works."

Brown was executed for what some believe started turmoil for the civil war, he added.

Loudon said Brown was unique in the aspect that he was a white man who fought strongly for African-American rights and freedoms.

He planned a raid on Harpers Ferry, which he hoped would free African-Americans by giving them warfare and the opportunity to fight back.

Many viewed Brown as a madman. Timothy McVeigh, who was given the death penalty for

the Oklahoma City bombing, used Brown's actions as a model, Loudon said.

The panel will also discuss the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and how some people think the views of the African-American underclass are a shock to many, but are still being ignored.

Michael Eric Dyson, author of "Come Hell or High Water," discusses this issue in-depth in his book, Loudon said.

"Dyson argues that Hurricane Katrina continues the visibility of black underclass, but nothing is being done," he said.

Joycelyn Phillips, chair for the African-American Heritage Committee, was not available for comment.

The panel discussion is at 7 p.m. today in the Charleston/Mattoon room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and is free of charge.

John Brown Panel Discussion

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◆ **Who:** Michael Loudon, Eastern English professor and Martin Hardeman, history of African American studies professor

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does four plays a year, one of which is a musical.

"It will be nice to do them (with an) orchestra and have the space to do it with more than just a piano," he said.

He also said the improvements in the technology in the classrooms and theaters will help the way the department teaches its classes and directs performances.

"Like any other discipline, we (are) affected by new technology," he said. "(We will) incorporate it. The theater is our lab ... it gives students an opportunity to incorporate (technology)."

Hencken also told the board about the high voltage distribution upgrade to the campus' electrical system.

He said phase one of the project, which will cost \$1.2 million, will replace and improve the campus electrical distribution system. The first phase is scheduled to be completed fall 2006.

Phase two, which will complete the estimated \$4.2 million total for the project, is currently awaiting a design.

Hencken also told the board work on the addition to the Lantz Fieldhouse is expected to start between the end of April and the first week of May.

The project, which will cost \$1.2 million, will add an academic center with a computer lab, 11 offices, a conference room and a restroom. Once complete, the project will add 4,780 square feet with direct access to the arena. Hencken said the project is expected to be completed by the fall.

UNDERGROUND:

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Area last redone 10 years ago

can showcase their work.

This is just the first phase of three for the project, which Nadler said he thinks will be completed by the end of the year.

"Work is already in progress, and our hope is to have the project finalized this semester," Nadler said.

Nadler said several people have been involved in the renovation of 7th Street Underground, which was last remodeled 10 years ago.

"We have used a core group of individuals to solicit feedback and suggestions about the project," Nadler said. "(Berger) and Cathy Engelkes, director of the (Martin Luther King Jr. University Union), have worked extremely hard to help make this project a reality."

Nadler said Berger also had several senate members serve on a committee for the project to give ideas, and family and consumer

science students were involved in the project.

Nadler said he hopes the project will give Eastern a sense of community and place for students to relax.

"Students have been asking for (an) informal space in which they can socialize and relax, and I believe 7th Street Underground is a perfect venue to help foster a great sense of community," Nadler said. "I want to see 7th Street Underground become a location of choice."

V-DAY:

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Men trace hands and sign in pledge to end violence

Some stories were about sexual abuse, one was about the birth of a grandchild and others were humorous takes about how the women felt about their vaginas.

"They mentioned many areas I would never talk about," said Gwen Malinowski, a junior family consumer science major.

All of the readings were received with claps and often laughter.

"I liked the mix of humor and serious stories," said Kathy Davis, a children's counselor at SACIS.

The performers helped in emphasizing the focuses of the monologues.

"I think they were very unique to the people that told them," Davis said.

Besides the monologues, other factors helped to emphasize the meaning behind the event.

On the back wall was a pledge for men to trace their hands and sign their names to stop violence toward women and girls.

"Violence against women is a major issue," Mendoza said, who hopes that by signing the wall he can make a difference.

A silent auction featuring the works of local artists was also held.

It was a great way to help raise funds for SACIS and to give recognition to talented locals, Davis said.

Of the money raised Monday, 90 percent will go toward SACIS.

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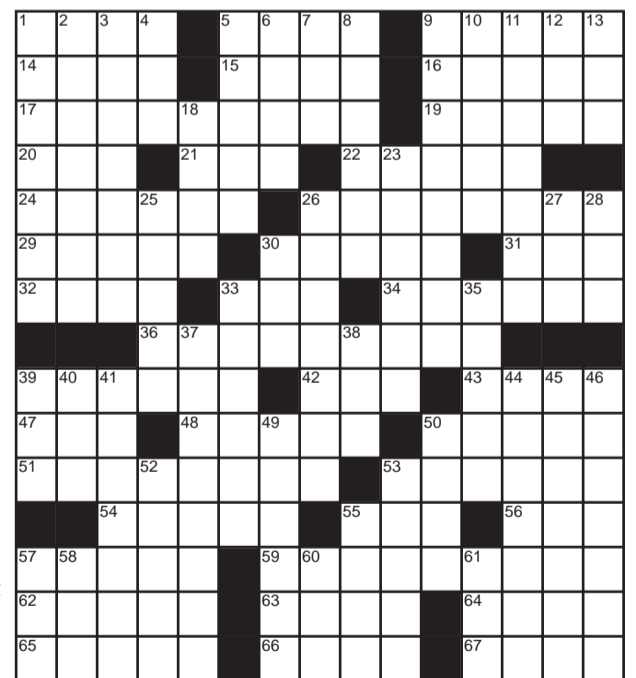
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Bush honors White Sox as Series champs

WASHINGTON — With much of the team absent and their colorful and quotable manager on a family vacation, the 2005 World Series Champion Chicago White Sox paid a visit Monday to the White House to be honored by President George W. Bush.

Bush, a former co-owner of the Texas Rangers, showered the team with praise, thanked Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf for helping him get into baseball ownership years ago and saluted manager Ozzie Guillen for his skill and becoming a U.S. citizen.

He also kidded some of Illinois' politicians, including Sen. Dick Durbin, the second-highest ranking Democrat in the Senate and a frequent critic of the Bush administration.

"Were you White Sox fans at the beginning of the season?" he asked them with a smile.

Bush, with 17 current or former Sox players and the World Series trophy behind him, recalled to the packed East Room audience that Woodrow Wilson was president the last time the Sox won the Series in 1917.

"After 88 years of waiting, the White Sox have earned the right to be called world champs," he said to loud applause that included the claps of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, Illinois' senators Durbin and Barack Obama, and several congressmen.

BASEBALL BRIEF

2005 World Series trophy coming to Charleston

Chicago White Sox fans will have a chance to see the 2005 World Series Championship trophy Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center at Lantz Arena.

The visit to Charleston is part of a 45-city tour across Illinois and northwest Indiana to display the trophy.

A suggested \$10 donation to benefit White Sox charities and the United Way is requested. Fans need to bring their own cameras to get their picture taken with the trophy.

Brief compiled by Matt Daniels, associate sports editor

And even though Daley had days earlier questioned Guillen's decision not to join the Sox at the White House, Bush stressed that he had no problem with the Venezuelan native who once before had been to the White House as a Florida Marlins' Series-winning

champion player.

"I understand Ozzie is on vacation, which I fully understand," said Bush, who also congratulated Guillen for being named American League manager of the year and recently becoming a U.S. citizen.

After the ceremony, Sox General Manager Kenny Williams, who had been singled out by the president for the way he put the team together, told reporters it was not a "big deal" that Guillen was not present.

"I think he needed the vacation," Williams said. "It's been a long winter for him."

Williams denied reports that he himself had second thoughts about showing up because of differences with Bush over the war in Iraq. But he said he had been concerned his family would not be at the White House with him.

"In terms of any political differences or anything, you got to check all that at the door — no matter who's sitting in this (White House) chair," he said. "Sometimes, whoever is sitting in my chair, you are going to have differences of opinion, and that's what makes this country great."

Sox players presented Bush with a leather World Series jacket and a baseball jersey with "Bush" and the numeral one.

First baseman Paul Konerko, who has resigned with the Sox in a \$60 million, five-year contract, said it was worth the trip from Phoenix just for a day to be at the White House.

"I mean, the way I look at it ... it's kind of like the last piece of the puzzle," he said. "Spring training starts this week. We've got the whole thing now. We've won and we've done all the stuff that went with it."

Reinsdorf, who, as an owner of the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Association, has often been to the White House with championship teams, said Monday's gathering was "sort of special" because he was looking at the president of the United States as someone he'd known before — when Bush helped Reinsdorf get into baseball.

"I used to sit around rooms and b.s. with him and kibbitz with him and talk about the problems of baseball, and, to think now, those things must seem inconsequential to him today," he said.

Bush noted Reinsdorf had helped him find partners in the late 1980s when the Rangers were up for sale. His initial investment of \$600,000 paid \$15 million when he sold the team before being elected governor of Texas in 1994.

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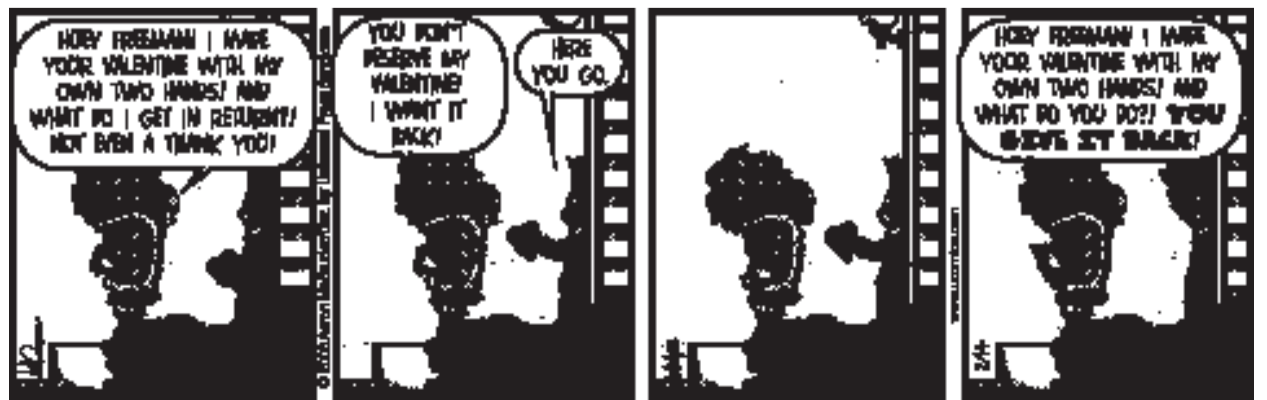
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Pros and cons stem from weekend meet

Men excel but women struggle at IPFW; Lenfert 'outstanding all weekend'

By JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

Last weekend was a tale of two teams at the Pine Ridge Racquet Club in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Eastern men's and women's tennis teams played at different levels. The men swept their competition 3-0 while the women struggled to a 1-3 finish.

Those three wins by the men matched their total number of wins from last season.

The Panthers were joined by Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, St. Francis (Pa.), and Lipscomb. The women squeezed in another match on Saturday versus Detroit-Mercy.

Before the weekend head coach John Blackburn said that, based on his scouting, Lipscomb would be just as difficult an opponent as the Marquette squad that beat the men on Feb. 4.

Either Blackburn was wrong or Eastern came out on fire as the Panthers beat Lipscomb 6-1. The Bison only managed one singles win against Eastern and that was at the No. 6 spot.

The Eastern men dominated singles competition at the top throughout the weekend. Chuck LeVaque, Vuk Milicevic and Brandon Lenfert combined to sweep the No. 1 through No. 3 singles spots against all three schools.

LeVaque and Lenfert combined to form a formidable and successful doubles team, winning all three of their matches.

"All of the guys really played really well," Blackburn said. "But Brandon really stood out to me. He was just outstanding all weekend. Chuck played very well too, but Brandon was impressive."

The men swept the competition without two of their usual competitors at singles.

"All our singles assignments were good but we needed to mix up our personnel for doubles."

JOHN BLACKBURN, HEAD TENNIS COACH

Chris Thomas and Ryan Blankenbaker were limited to doubles matches because of knee injuries sustained at Marquette.

"I wanted to keep Chris and Ryan in doubles because doubles matches are shorter and require less lateral movement," Blackburn said. "We needed them for doubles at least and they performed well."

"They are both making progress and should be back to singles soon."

The women started their weekend by taking on IPFW. Due to the amount of matches taking place on the seven-court racquet club, singles matches were played first.

The Panthers lost 4-2 in the singles and because only one point is awarded for the

doubles competition, it was not played.

The women lost again the next morning against Detroit-Mercy, 5-2. Blackburn felt a change needed to be made and he decided to split up the undefeated No. 1 doubles team of Sandra Sasidharan and Madina Mambetova.

Against Lipscomb on Saturday night, Mambetova was paired at the No. 1 with Jill Wirtz and Sasidharan's new partner was Stephanie Harmazy.

"I just felt we needed to change things up," Blackburn said. "All our singles assignments were good but we needed to mix up our personnel for doubles."

The change in partners did not get Eastern a win against Lipscomb, but the Panthers would break out of their rut in a big way versus St. Francis. The women copied the men and beat St. Francis 7-0.

The men take on Northern Illinois this Friday, while the women have nearly two weeks off before getting back on the courts against North Dakota State and Northern Iowa on Feb. 24 and 25.

Olympic snowboarders attract diverse audiences

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BARDONECCHIA, Italy — When it comes to snowboarding, the Olympics are America's halfpipe and the rest of the world is just shredding in it.

That point was driven home again Monday, when Americans Hannah Teter won gold and Gretchen Bleiler won silver, adding more hardware to the two medals the U.S. men won the day before.

"USA. Representing," Bleiler said. "We're doing a good job. That's about all I can say."

Were it not for Norway's Kjersti Buaas throwing the run of her life, the Americans would have earned the sweep they almost had when Shaun White, Danny Kass and Mason Aguirre finished 1-2-4.

But Buaas' run was worth the bronze and when Kelly Clark, the 2002 Olympic champion, slipped after her final jump - a tough, 900-degree spin - in an attempt to make the medal stand, she wound up 0.9 points short of third.

"All of Europe is depending on me," Buaas said before taking off for her final run. "I got speed and tried to go big because they have so many tricks and I don't."

Indeed, at times, it really does seem unfair - Americans dominating a sport born and raised in their country and constantly refined there, too.

The move from fringe lifestyle sport to mainstream really took off in 2002, when the American men swept the halfpipe medals at the Salt Lake City Games, the first time the

United States had done that in any winter sport in 46 years. That brought about a whole new wave of shredders - snowboarding's classic catch-all metaphor for powering through powder and tearing up halfpipes.

"I remember going to get my hair done" a few weeks after the U.S. sweep, Bleiler said. "The 60-year-old women in the salon were in there talking about snowboarding. It's not a cut-throat sport at all. We're all cheering each other on. Together, we're progressing the sport."

When Clark, Bleiler and Teter finished 1-2-3 in qualifying, it became clear the sweep would be America's to lose. Clark flew higher than anyone off the halfpipe, while Bleiler's landings were smoother and Teter's tricks were more tweaked up than anyone's.

Riding with the cords from her iPod dangling about, Teter scored a 44.6 on her first run to take the lead, an advantage that none of the other 11 riders could match.

It made her second trip, soaring through the pipe and into the sunshine of the Italian Alps, a victory lap - just like White's the day before. After bouncing up and down and jiggling her legs at the top, she raised her hands, then scored a 46.4 on the strength of a frontside 540 followed by a frontside 900.

"I just kind of felt the same standing up there," Teter said. "It's like, 'Here we go again, another run on the pipe - but at the Olympics.' I just felt super positive."

The story of the top two finishers could easily be labeled, "Beauty and the Geek."

"All of Europe is depending on me. I got speed and tried to go big because they have so many tricks and I don't."

KJERSTI BUAAS, SNOWBOARDER FOR TEAM NORWAY

The 24-year-old Bleiler is no stranger to sexy photo shoots and could probably find a career in modeling when the snowboarding is over.

But cocky, she is not.

Her motivation for these Olympics came from the heartbreak of 2002, when she tied for the final spot on the Olympic team but lost out on the third tiebreaker. It made her journey to this point, and the success she finally enjoyed, a nerve-racking ride with a sweet conclusion.

"I get so nervous, and especially for this event," Bleiler said. "I told my coach, 'I don't want to care this much. I don't want to care this much.' But that's what happens when you work for a goal your entire life."

Teter, meanwhile, is an unabashed goofball, all giggles, full of mumbled, stream-of-consciousness answers.

The 19-year-old lists one of her favorite hobbies as making syrup out of sap from trees near her home in Vermont. She was born and raised among a family that loved shredding. Her two brothers also are on the U.S. snowboard team and the oldest manages what they call Team Teter. Teter says her competitive

spirit came from hangin' with the boys - jumping on the trampoline, seeing who can hold their breath the longest underwater.

She plans to staple her new gold medal to the wall of the playhouse where she and her brothers hang out.

"I'm gonna staple it in with a real staple-gun," she said.

And how will being an Olympic champion change her life?

"Maybe I'll get to buy a boat," she said. "I'm still going to be laid back. I'm still going to be grateful."

Though the athletes have taken different paths to this point, they were similar in that they both chose to skip the X Games last month to better prepare for the Olympics. No snowboarder would have thought to do that 10 years ago.

"The Olympics is the biggest event, period," Bleiler said. "The X Games are the biggest event in snowboarding."

And the United States is best in both - a conclusion nobody can deny and one the Americans don't shirk from, even though it's a sport that proclaims to be more about camaraderie than competition.

It's easier, of course, to say that when you're winning everything.

"We definitely get in other teams' heads," U.S. snowboarding coach Bud Keene said. "When we come into a halfpipe competition, we're rolling in like a freight train."

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Track to face tough competition Friday

Panthers 'at a good spot' after Iowa State Classic; prepare for upcoming Friday Night Special

By DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF REPORTER

The trip to Iowa brought a handful of standout performances for the Panthers this past weekend.

Eastern competed against the best in the nation on Friday and Saturday at the Iowa State Classic track meet, with more than 80 teams and 2,000 athletes present.

When competing at this level, athletes begin to race against the clock more than against their competition. Although the meet was non-scoring the Panthers still managed to set records that rank in Eastern's overall school history. This was the silver lining around a cloud full of All-Americans, head coach Tom Akers said.

"We had eight performances this past weekend that ranked in our top 10 (performances) of all-time," Akers said. "We competed real well but finished in the middle of the pack. Still we had a lot of good things come out of it."

Most of the best performances were set by distance runners. Sophomores Chris Wesson and Brad Butler, senior Dan Strackeljahn and freshman David Holm set the bar for Eastern's distance squad, long distance coach Geoff Masanet said.

"Out of all the distance kids who ran this weekend I think there was only two that didn't have a really good day,"

Masanet said. "Most of our kids did really well. Strackeljahn ran really well in the men's 3k and he ran the 9th all-time best in Eastern history and that was his first real hard competitive effort at that distance."

"The two guys in the 800, Holm and Wesson, both ran awesome and they ran top 10 all-time bests as well. The Distance Medley Relay ran another good time and so did Brad Butler in the 5k. He had his best time ever by over 20 seconds and he's ranked no. 1 in the conference," Masanet said.

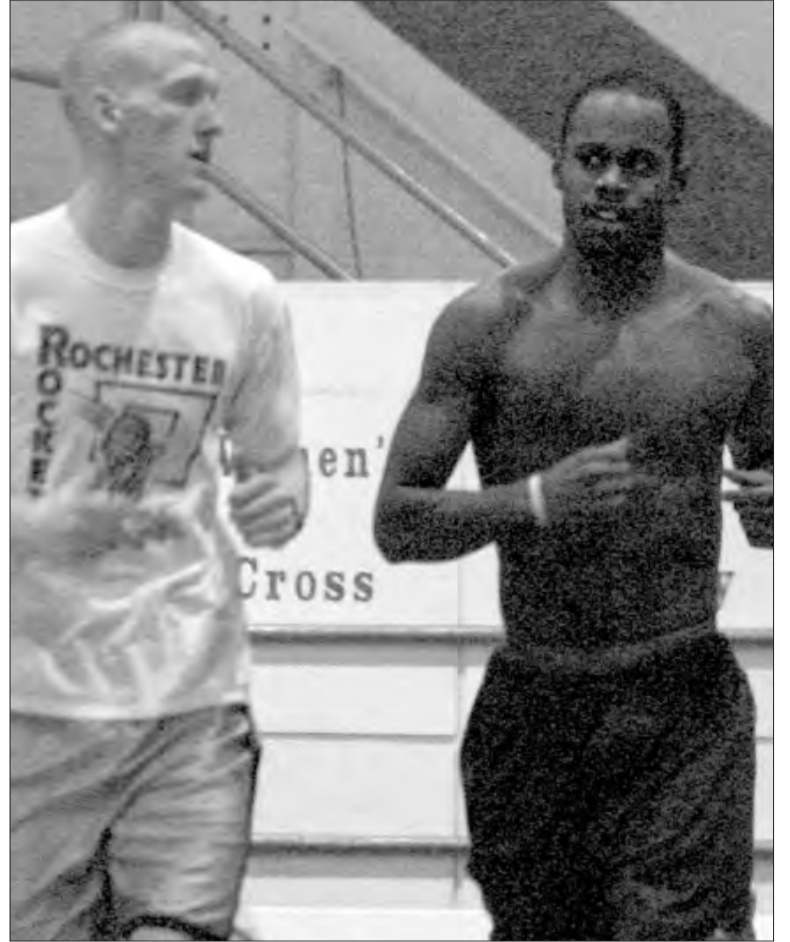
The runners weren't the only ones who saw growth this weekend. Eastern's throwers also managed to improve upon their performances this past weekend in the shot put and the weight throw, throwing coach Mary Wallace said.

"Overall I think we had another good solid meet," Wallace said. "Ryan (Bennett) had another good consistent weekend where he threw 54 feet. I think he's been at 54 the last two or three meets so I think he's ready to pop a big one as we start coming down off of our training a bit. Jimmy (Schultz) had another good consistent week, throwing right around 50 so I think going into conference we're at a good spot and as we come down off of our training I think we'll be ready for some nice performances."

The Panthers host the Friday Night Special this weekend. Competition starts at 3 p.m. at Lantz Fieldhouse.

Top Eastern Performers

- ◆ 800-meter: Chris Wesson-1:52.69, 41st overall; David Holm-1:52.73, tied for 42nd
- ◆ 3,000-meter: Dan Strackeljahn-8:22.22, 23rd overall
- ◆ Distance Medley Relay Team finished 7th with 9:59.77



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Sophomore Chris Wesson (right) runs along the indoor track in Lantz Fieldhouse with a teammate Monday evening. Wesson placed 41st out of 129 runners in the 800-meter run at the Iowa State Classic last weekend.

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Fellow 3K-runner sophomore Kirsten Bosnak also performed better than her previous times.

"I thought I'd do better," Bosnak said. She was disappointed in her time despite finishing with a time of 10:46.54, an improvement over her previous efforts in the 10:50's. Freshman Violet Nwordu hoped to race faster than she did as well.

"I was happy with the P.R. in the 400," she said.

"I thought I needed to do better in the 200."

Nwordu's time in the 200-meter dash, 26.05, was just one-tenth of a second off of her season's best of 25.04, a time which has her ranked 8th at Eastern among women's indoor runners of all time.

"As a freshman she's doing really well," Wallace said.

Nwordu's goals were to run in the 25-second range in the 200 and around 57 seconds in the 400-meter dash. She said running with athletes

who run similar times helped push her at the meet.

"I have to learn to push at the end of my races and running them against (the bigger schools) helped me push a lot more," she said.

The meet revealed other high-quality performances for the Eastern women.

Junior Nicolene Galas came in 22nd in pole vault with a vault of 11 feet 2.25 inches. She has been consistently vaulting in the 11-foot range the whole season, a height she only cleared consistently towards the end of last year, said Wallace.

Wallace is pleased with sophomore Shannon McDougall's consistency as well, despite McDougall's low-ranking finish Saturday. The sophomore placed 52nd out of 76 runners in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.41 seconds.

"Her time wasn't her best, but she ran a strong race," Wallace said.

The rest of Eastern's team will join the eight women who participated at the Iowa State Classic this Friday at Lantz Fieldhouse for the Friday Night Special.



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DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

Panthers not done despite season's end

Spend a lot of time talking to coaches and athletes, and you'll hear a lot of half-truths. You'll hear coaches say all the credit goes to the other team when he knows his guys played terrible.

Players will talk about winning and losing as a team, even though they're mad at the one teammate who went 0-for-10 from the field.

But after the Eastern men's basketball team's 85-61 loss to Tennessee-Martin, the half-truths disappeared.

Instead of talking about their season being over because they can no longer make the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, the Panther players talked about a brighter future.

And, I believed them.

Freshman guard Mike Robinson talked about how his love for basketball is reason enough to keep playing.

Sophomore Jake Byrne talked about playing with pride.

And senior guard Josh Gomes, the one guy whose future will not include an OVC Tournament, talked about his teammates.

He wasn't pointing fingers.

Gomes said the time has come for the returning Panthers to start building a solid future.

And even though Gomes won't be in Charleston to enjoy any of the fruits of that labor, he said he's playing these last four games to help his teammates who are coming back.

After hearing this, I realized the Panthers' season isn't quite over.

The future isn't in order, and positive steps towards success need to be taken.

Would a run towards the OVC Tournament provide more drama? Probably. But, in the end, this team simply couldn't get the wins it needed to be a contender.

Eventually, this team wants to do more than just contend – this team wants to threaten.

I'm not sold that the Panthers have the tools to do that quite yet. But, a solid performance down the stretch will show this team's resiliency and toughness.

Contenders have to have these.

While this team won't be headed into the postseason, things aren't near to being over.

In a lot of ways, the Panthers are hoping they've just begun.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach looks to shore up shooting

BY MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

Even though things have gotten bad lately for Eastern, Brady Sallee prefers to look to the future rather than the past.

"I don't want to make too much of it," the Panthers' head coach said about losing three of the last four games.

"We've done enough this season to put ourselves in position to have a home playoff game. That's all you can ask for."

Sallee may be right to a point. Although the Panthers (10-14, 9-7 OVC) have gotten themselves to a point of posting a good enough record, they still stand tied for fourth place with Austin Peay – a team that swept the Panthers this season.

The first item on the list of agendas for Sallee to shore up is Eastern's woeful shooting over the last two games.

In the loss to Austin Peay, the Panthers went 0-for-9 in the final eight minutes, 48 seconds.

In the loss at Tennessee-Martin, Eastern had a first half where it made just three field goals in 21 shots (14 percent).

"Making shots is definitely something we have to shore up," Sallee said. "That will solve a lot of problems."

The best example of the Panthers' struggles lies in the shooting woes of senior guard Megan Sparks.

In three out of the four losses, Sparks has

shot 8-for-40. Sallee believes that Sparks' shooting problems are more related to a typical funk good shooters go through rather than fatigue.

"I think it's a kid that's in a funk," Sallee said. "I don't think it's about her being tired, but more to do with other teams so focused on where she is on the floor. I'm not worried about it."

Sallee is happy with the Panthers' shot selection as he felt that all "eighteen misses in the first half were in our offense."

Another sore statistic that has come back to bite the Panthers is the interior play of opposing teams and their post players.

Eastern has struggled this season with strong interior players, specifically Tennessee Tech's Emily Christian, Austin Peay's Ashley Haynes and Tennessee-Martin's Andreika Jackson.

Jackson outscored Eastern by herself in the first half (21-16) and wound up with 30 points and 19 rebounds.

"A lot of her points came on the offensive rebounds and putbacks," Sallee said. "It seemed like we shored it up the last few games, but it came back to bite us in the tail again."

Sallee continues to preach to his players about the ability to move forward and put previous games in the past.

"We still feel we can control our own fate," Sallee said. "Nashville, Tenn. is the only thing that should be on our minds."



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Freshman forward Rachel Galligan takes a last-minute shot in the first half over Tennessee-Martin junior guard Kimberly Cox. Twenty-eight of Martin's 29 first-half points came from inside the paint.

WOMEN'S TRACK

Low rankings don't show real results

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The women's track team excelled Friday and Saturday at the Iowa State Classic, despite rankings like 82nd out of 130, 63rd out of 89, and 52nd out of 76.

Junior Nicole Flounders earned a place in Eastern's record books with her performance in the 3K, and solid,

consistent numbers were produced by the eight Eastern women who competed in the meet. With the competition of some of the premier track schools in the country, such as Ohio State, Indiana State, Drake, Iowa State, Missouri State, Kansas State and Wisconsin, it is no wonder a few of the women of Eastern were pushed to personal and school records and that solid results were

posted by all. "Flounders had a real breakthrough performance," said head women's coach Mary Wallace. Flounders said she went into her race looking to set a personal record. "I went at it real calm and let the other girls take me along," she said. "Towards the end of the race I started to hear my times and I decided I

could have a record – and I needed to do something about it."

What she did was run the second-fastest indoor 3K ever by an Eastern runner, finishing the race in 10 minutes and 4.90 seconds. The time also marks the fifth-fastest all-time 3K mark in team history.

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Members of the women's indoor track team run laps around the track in Lantz Fieldhouse Monday evening. Their next meet is Friday at 3 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

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