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REPUBLICAN PARTY
PRIMARY WITH 8
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Cox wins sheriff nod at primary

Snow decreases Eastern turnout

BY KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Darrell Cox won the Republican primary for Coles County Sheriff on Tuesday.

With all 44 precincts reporting as of Tuesday night, Cox had 56 percent of the votes. Steve Darimont trailed with 39 percent of the votes, and John Hampton had 8 percent.

When students woke up yesterday morning, a white blanket of fresh snow covered the streets of campus and Charleston. The snow not only became an inconvenience of going to class, but also for those voting for the primary.

The 6 inches of snow and elections made the plows change their priority of routes to make sure the polling areas were cleared.

"The snow came at a bad time with the bulk of the it starting at 2 a.m. and not ending till 8 a.m.," said superintendent of streets Quincy Combs. "It made it harder to keep



Dan and Sandy Coughill receive their primary election ballots at the Charleston School District Administration building's polling place Tuesday afternoon.

the streets plowed with people going to work. However the streets are improving rapidly."

The Union Bridge is the poll for students to vote. Although it was slow, the snow was

not the only reason for the lack of voters.

"Students just don't vote," said election

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Blagojevich wins nomination for second term; Topinka gets Republican nod

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Gov. Rod Blagojevich (D) won the chance Tuesday to run for a second term, shrugging off a challenger who accused him of mismanagement and corruption.

While Blagojevich easily defeated Edwin Eisendrath in the Democratic primary, the Republican race was much closer. Moderate Judy Baar Topinka (R) held a narrow lead over conservative Jim Oberweis (R).

In Coles County, Blagojevich took 56.6 percent of the votes, defeating

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Landlords responsible for normal wear and tear

Only excessive filth can cause loss of deposit

BY KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

The end of the semester is only seven weeks away, and many students will soon be released from their housing leases and wondering about security deposits.

The security deposit is a one-time payment in addition to rent that is held by the landlord in case there are any damages to the tenant's apartment or house.

However, the security deposit does not cover normal wear and tear.

According to the Illinois Security Deposit Return Act, a landlord has 30 days after a lease expires to return part or all of the security deposit along with a written explanation if the money is being kept.

Sometimes receipts or proof of damage accompany the explanation.

When a tenant is moving out, the rental unit should be in the same condition when the tenant moved in, except for normal wear and tear.

Jim Wood, owner of Wood Rentals, has been renting apartments for 27 years and said he likes nothing more than to look through

Who is responsible?

Examples of Ordinary Wear and Tear (Landlord's responsibility):

- ♦ Water-stained linoleum by shower
- ♦ A rug worn thin by normal use
- ♦ Warped cabinet doors that won't close
- ♦ Clothes dryer that delivers cold air because the thermostat has given out
- ♦ Toilet flushes inadequately because mineral deposits have clogged the jets

Examples of Damage or Excessive Filth (Tenant's responsibility):

- ♦ Broken tiles in the bathroom
- ♦ Stains in the rug caused by a leaking fish tank
- ♦ Sticky cabinets & interiors
- ♦ Dryer will not turn on because it has been overloaded
- ♦ Toilet will not flush properly because it is stopped up with a diaper

Information from www.nolo.com

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JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kelly Jennings, an Eastern alumna, digs her car out of the snow on Seventh Street after Monday night's storm.

Winter storm rages into spring

BY JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

One might expect the weather on the second day of spring to consist of anything but 6 inches of snow. Many students experienced difficulties getting to and from their residences to classes when they woke up to find just that.

Freezing rain began at 11:30 p.m. Monday, and snowfall began around midnight and accumulated around 1 a.m.

Classes were not officially canceled on Eastern's campus Tuesday, but many teachers canceled classes because of the weather.

Administrators at community schools, as well as Milikin University in Decatur and the University of Illinois at Springfield canceled classes campus wide.

Courtney Krzywon, a senior elementary education major, said she could barely walk out of her residence in Greek Court.

"There was snow blocking our

front door," Krzywon said. "I know it was up to my shins."

Krzywon then attempted to get out of an unplowed parking lot in Greek Court in her snow-covered car.

"They didn't plow the parking lot at all," she said.

"From what I saw, they didn't plow any of Greek Court either."

Jessie Huls, a senior biology

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KATEY MITCHELL
SOPHOMORE
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"I just have one piece of advice; stay away, far away from this movie."

The first problem I had with the movie was that, unless you read the comic books, you had no idea the movie was about vampires until you actually saw the movie.



CHRIS WALDEN
SOPHOMORE
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"These spoils of war are the rewards players get for their labors."

Gamers play for a variety of reasons. I've stated before how some like to participate in army-scale raids against the computer, and others like to compete in a free-for-all player-versus-player combat.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
36	38	42	36	50
20	26	27	30	36
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy

WTF?

Bogus healer scams businesswoman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARARE, Zimbabwe — A bogus traditional healer who persuaded a businesswoman to hire "mermaids" and accommodate them in a Harare hotel to help find a stolen car was convicted of theft by false pretenses, court officials said Tuesday.

Harare magistrate Sandra Nhau found Edina Chizema guilty of swindling a businesswoman of her savings with promises that mermaids would help recover the luxury car in 2004 and solve the businesswoman's unspecified "personal problems."

In Zimbabwe, where tribal superstition is deeply entrenched, prosecutors said Chizema persuaded Margaret Mapfumo to pay 200 million Zimbabwe dollars (about \$30,000) to hire mermaids, feed and accommodate them in a Harare

hotel, buy power generators for a floodlit lakeside ceremony and invoke ancestral spirits to find the missing car.

Some of the money was to be used to buy a bull whose genitals — described in court as the animal's "strong part" — would point out the car thief, prosecutors said.

At a hearing Monday, the magistrate said Chizema, who had pleaded "not guilty" and claimed to be a spirit medium, was not a credible witness and the "idiosyncrasies" of her plea were not recognized in law.

Chizema will be sentenced to imprisonment or a fine at a sentencing hearing later, the court officials said.

In Zimbabwe, prominent figures and even leading politicians have often been the victims of such scams.

SNOWY SPRING



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A robin, typically a sign of spring, tries to protect itself from the cold by huddling in the fresh snow which fell early Tuesday morning.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Power outage blacks out Southern Illinois U. area

BY JORDAN WILSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

CARBONDALE — An equipment malfunction Monday morning at the Ameren energy company in Carbondale left much of downtown and the west side of the city without power.

Dennis Watson, the electrical utility foreman at Ameren, said the problem was with a part called a pen cap insulator, which he said "decided to give up." Because of this, the steel was grounded and the voltage caused the fenced-in generators to give out.

Watson said 95 percent of Ameren employees were working either at the Ameren site on Southern Illinois Avenue or at various other substations trying to restore power. No damage or human injuries resulted from the incident, but a number of birds were scorched.

Carbondale Police Officer Randy

Mathis of the eight different stoplights in the downtown area were not operating Monday morning. Instead of the usual go on green and stop on red, motorists were greeted by colorless stoplights.

Academic freedom talk continues at Notre Dame

THE OBSERVER (NOTRE DAME)

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin spoke to the Campus Life Council Monday to address confusion over event programming procedures in light of University President Father John Jenkins' recent addresses regarding academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

Coughlin's talk and the discussion that followed focused less on the issue of groups adhering to the university's Catholic mission and more on pro-

hibiting repetitive performances.

Coughlin said Jenkins first raised the issue of disallowing annual performances of "The Vagina Monologues." Coughlin said he is concerned that the repetition may lessen the impact of the performance.

"It loses its effect on campus if you keep doing it — its message begins to ring hollow," Coughlin said. "There is a limited pool of financial resources to bring in speakers and performances, and we want to spread that out to make sure (the students) are exposed to as much as possible over four years here."

Coughlin cited yearly repetition as one of the reasons "The Vagina Monologues" has come under fire in recent months. He said the "Monologues" is not the only activity the repetition standard applies to. All campus groups, he said, are encouraged to change the content of their programs annually.



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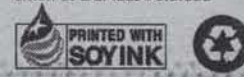
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Career Services prepares grads for life after Eastern

Office stresses importance of creating a resume, completing internships, job hunting and career networking

By AMANDA DUGAN
STAFF REPORTER

Graduating students are beginning to search for jobs and prepare for life after college as May quickly approaches.

The quest for a job, finding a place to live or moving back home provides added stresses to the seniors who are trying to make the most of their last weeks of school. Students must prepare resumes, send out job applications and go on interviews to begin the oft-dreaded career search.

Linda Moore works in Career Services with students to prepare their resumes for the job search. Moore said she stresses the importance of preparing for the job market early in a student's college career.

"Job shadowing and networking should be done during freshman and sophomore years," she said.

Moore also emphasizes the significance of working as an intern in the desired field. Credit or non-credit, paid or unpaid, internships are equally valuable and should be completed by junior year.

"A few strategic accomplishments each year will make the job search much easier," Moore said.

Creating a resume is one of the first steps in job hunting. It is important to include all necessary and relevant information that could help land the interview or job.

Students use a variety of resources to develop or refine their resumes.

On campus, Career Services assists the majority of Eastern students with their resumes, Moore said. The Internet, reference books, faculty, administrators, parents and professionals can also aid students in creating their resumes.

"The important thing to remember is that a resume is a unique document for each person so the content, layout and style should vary based upon individual circumstances," Moore said.

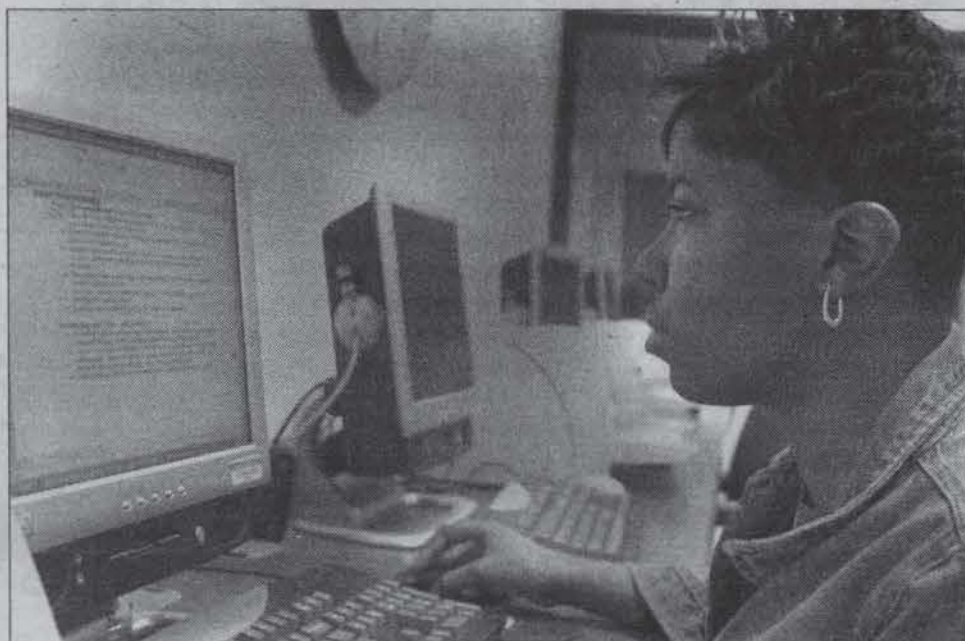
Stacy Wehnes, a senior marketing major, sought help with her resume from one of her marketing teachers.

"As a professional in the field, my teacher helped me write my resume to include what employers are looking for, including unique skills, groups I have been a part of and information specific to me as a person," Wehnes said.

When working with seniors on their

resumes, Moore said she advises seniors to have a job search plan, which includes good preparation and good networking. Moore also recommends that each resume contain a "shout out" to the reader about what qualifications each student has in relation to the job or internship for which he or she is applying. The "shout out" must be viewable in a 30-second visual scan.

"If the reader can't see the main qualifications in 30 seconds, then the resume is ineffective," Moore said.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Keyvonnia Marshall, a senior family consumer sciences major and intern at the Career Services Center, works on a computer Tuesday afternoon. Marshall loves working in career services and hopes to get into the field in the Chicago area after graduation.

fective," Moore said.

In a recent article by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, chemical engineering ranked No. 1 on a list of the top 10 most profitable college majors. A chemical engineering major's average starting salary is \$55,900.

Other profitable college majors include computer science, averaging \$50,046 a year; accounting at \$45,723 a year; and liberal arts, which rounds out the top ten averaging \$30,828 a year.

The NACE survey polled 83 private and state colleges nationwide. The survey concluded that liberal arts majors, such as history, English, chemistry and biology, have experienced a 6.1-percent increase since the previous year.

Similarly, accounting and economics experienced an 11-percent increase from a year ago. However, the average salary offered to a

marketing graduate fell by 3.4 percent.

Moore said she thinks that the job market right now is the best seen in the past five years. There are jobs that are not in demand, such as elementary education teachers in rural areas, history and majors that do not provide specific skills. But that does not mean jobs in these fields are not available.

"The college student in those majors will need to provide specific reasons to the employer on why they are the best candidate because of transferable skills, for example organization, leadership, critical thinking and public speaking," she said.

When beginning the resume process and job hunt, Wehnes was told to apply for everything.

"I was told to expect the unexpected," Wehnes said. "The first job you take may not be the one you'll love, but it is a stepping stone in your career."



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"How did God create life?"
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8pm in University Ballroom



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LEARNING TO COOK THE HARD WAY

There are a few things you should know if you want to be a good cook. The best cooks learn from experience, not at a special school. For one, it's always good to start early. Get as close to the stove as much as possible as early as possible. As in, begin when you're old enough to reach the top of the stove by standing on a chair. Beg Mom to let you stir things and add things to the chili. Try not to knock over the pan and scald yourself, because you don't want Mom go ballistic.

Now, there's a reason why I steer you toward the stove. The last thing you want to do is become slave to the microwave. Yes, the device works for reheating the left-over mac 'n' cheese or making popcorn, or if you're a

poor college student and the kitchenette is just too disgusting to look at — again.

Once Mom is comfortable with you hanging around her kitchen

and stirring things, ask her to show you some basic cooking techniques. Volunteer things like cutting out cookies or tossing salads.

You could start chopping veggies, but visions of raising her daughter minus a few fingers dance in Mom's head every time you even set the table. Bottom line in Mom's kitchen: be careful!

Try a few more simple recipes. You'll fail many times. You'll burn your first grilled-cheese sandwich because you turned the stove on too low and got impatient waiting for it to cook and got distracted by the TV.

Once you've mastered the little things, start scanning cook books for simple — and most importantly, appetizing — recipes, like brownies or, even better, chocolate chip cookies. Be careful and precise when following rather involved recipes.

You won't be careful the first few times, and you'll have stuck-to-the-baking sheet, set-off-the-smoke-detectors-in-the-house kind of cookies because you forgot to add eggs or left them in the oven too long.

Start experimenting with your fail-safe recipes, with sometimes interesting results, like chocolate-chip-coconut-oatmeal-raisin-walnut-chunk cookies. No matter what, always have someone try it, just for a second opinion. You might want to ask your finicky little sister to test things because Mom will lie to you and Dad has an "iron stomach."

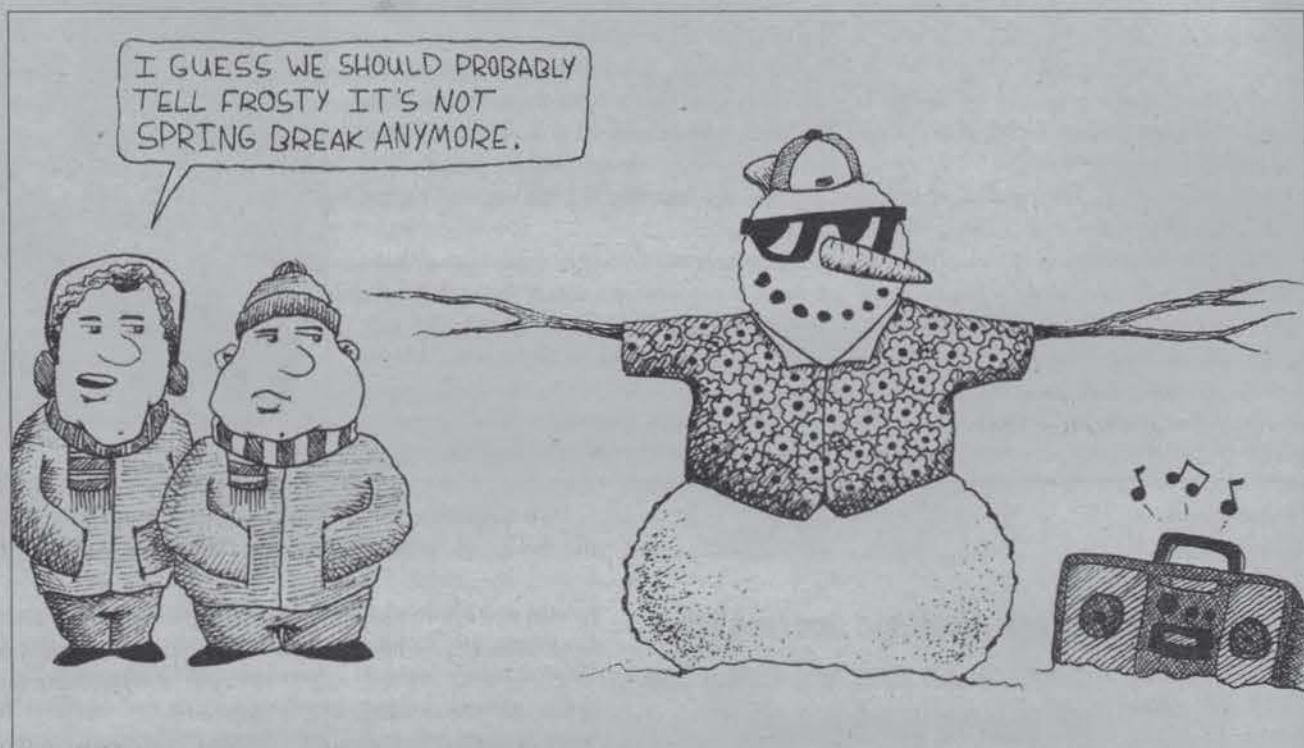
By now, you should be able to cook anything that comes with clear instructions, as long as you have the ingredients and utensils required — and if Mom will stop bustling around the kitchen, stirring and adding stuff, "ruining" your "perfect" soup by adding too much salt and pepper.

After you go off to college, keep cooking from time to time, even if it is less bothersome to eat at the cafeteria or McDonald's. Once you have wowed your college friends with your cookies, woo your boyfriends with your delectable baked goods. While cuddling on the couch on Friday nights, pat your boyfriend's expanding midsection with satisfaction and smile when he belches.

A good belch is, after all, a compliment to the cook.

The DEN reserves Wednesday columns for guests.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID PENNELL



EDITORIAL

'Loser' contestants are winners

In January, the Reshaping Coles board announced they were starting the "Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Challenge" for Charleston citizens. The program is similar to NBC's reality show called "The Biggest Loser," which has people competing to lose weight. Eastern's Health Services has put together three groups to take part in this 15-week program.

Most people will say the hardest part of losing weight and getting into shape is that it's not fun. This program makes the weight-loss process more fun and enjoyable for those involved.

Also, there's something about competition that makes people want to succeed. It seems easier for a person to be motivated when he or she is trying to match someone the entire time. It's like the horse in "Seabiscuit;" he raced better when he was behind near the end of the race because the sight of the horse in front of him motivated him to run faster.

One team calls themselves the Sassy 6 because they are made up of six Health Service professionals. Being a part of a team is also a huge motivation because one member would not want to slow the other members down.

"I know I'm going to see my team when I go into work, and I don't want to cheat and have the team suffer," said Dr. Kimberley Hollender, captain of the Sassy 6, in the Jan. 31

At issue

"The Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Challenge."

Our stance

The competition is a fun event promoting a healthy lifestyle and weight loss. Keeping in shape is a new trend that is becoming more and more popular every year.

issue of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The program started Jan. 16 and final weigh-ins are scheduled for April 28, a total of 15 weeks. When each member signed up, he or she was given an informational packet and a member number.

The number keeps their identity anonymous when they enter their information into a database on the internet. The packets included information about different physical activities and measurements of different fruits and vegetables.

The groups are graded in a point system using three categories: minutes of activity, servings of fruits and vegetables and ounces of water.

Reshaping Coles is an organization that started in 2003 because healthier lifestyles were becoming the trend at the time. And it's the kind of trend that should ultimately break away from being called a trend because living healthy is the best way to live.

The "Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Competition" is a step in the right direction and will help the trend of living a healthy lifestyle become more permanent. It is a good program for all those involved.

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.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The *Daily Eastern News* accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues. They should be fewer than 250 words and include the authors' name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. Letters can be sent to *The Daily Eastern News* at 1811 Buzzard Hall, Charleston IL 61920; faxed to 217-581-2923; or e-mailed to **DENelc@gmail.com**

Eastern student dies of unknown causes

Student collapsed on treadmill after suffering liver and kidney failure

BY JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Glorivette Alegria, a junior family and consumer sciences major, died last Friday in Rush-Copley Medical Center in Aurora. Alegria was 21 years old.

Alegria, an avid runner, was running on her treadmill Thursday when she collapsed and was later found unconscious by a family member.

She was then taken to Rush-Copley Medical Center and suffered liver and kidney failure and was pronounced dead at noon on Friday, March 17.

Alegria was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, and worked at Eastern's Dining Services and as a pharmacy technician at Health Services.

Patrick Sweeney, a junior English major, and long-time friend of Alegria, said the news of her death came as a shock to everyone.

"She was just her own person," Sweeney said. "She loved being with her friends and family. She was a very genuine person."

Funeral services for Alegria were held yesterday in Aurora. The Counseling Center supplied a bus for students who wanted to attend.

"About 70 or 80 of her sorority sisters were there in their red jackets," Sweeney said. "Her parents just loved it. The funeral was filled with love."

An autopsy was conducted last week and found no substances in her body at the time. Further tests have been conducted and results on the cause of her death are expected to be back within three weeks.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

LECTURER TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST SEX SLAVERY

STAFF REPORT

Canadian professor Meredith Ralston will present her lecture, "Trafficking of Women and Sex Tourism: International and Domestic Perspectives."

Sex trafficking has been increasing both internationally and domestically for decades, according to the event's organizers.

"There needs to be increased activity to stop sex slavery," said Penka Skachkova, coordinator of Women's Studies at Eastern.

Ralston is chairman of her Women's Studies Department at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and has been a documentary filmmaker since 1995.

There will be particular concentration on

the Philippines, where Dr. Ralston has been involved in a development project since 1999. She has been researching the topic for the last 10 years.

Ralston's visit is part of Women's History and Awareness Month this March.

The lecture will be tonight at 7 p.m. in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Universities' funding stretched thin with so many students

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just five years ago, public colleges and universities enjoyed their highest per-student levels of state and local government support in at least 25 years. By 2005, thanks to stagnant budgets and exploding demand, that figure had plummeted to a 25-year low.

The rapid decline in real spending by states, per student, on higher education is documented in a report being released Wednesday by State Higher Education Executive Officers, a group of top state higher education officials.

State and local support amounted to \$5,833 per student nationwide in 2005, the new report says. That's down from the \$7,121 that was spent in fiscal 2001.

The change is notable partly because, after several years of cutbacks, states' financial pictures are generally improving and higher education appro-

priations are picking up. Overall, higher education appropriations grew by 3.5 percent last year and, despite the cutbacks early in the decade, are up about 7 percent since 2000 to nearly \$59 billion.

Yet, compared with 2001, public colleges are accommodating 14 percent more students. While it's good news more students are attending college, there is less to spend per student, and public colleges have raised tuition by nearly half over that period to try and make up the difference. Even so, they brought in 8.8 percent less, in inflation-adjusted dollars, in tuition and state support per student than in 2001.

"Especially in the last four or five years, it's been very difficult for state governments to keep pace with that demand for higher education," said SHEEO President Paul Lingenfelter. "The implications of that have been seen in the increased reliance on students and their families

to pay the costs."

Lingenfelter said the tuition increases raise the danger of more students graduating with heavy debt loads, taking longer to finish school, choosing schools that are not a good fit, or being unable to attend at all.

The report comes at a time when higher education leaders are urgently trying to call the public's attention to what they see as the de facto privatization of public higher education. In 1981, public colleges got nearly four-fifths of their educational budgets from state and local government; by 2005 the figure was below 64 percent.

Last week, the American Council on Education announced plans for an advertising campaign, including public service spots during the NCAA men's basketball tournament, emphasizing the public value of state-supported colleges and universities.

Events for Wednesday

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

2 p.m.

Human Resources will provide guidance and answer questions about conducting performance appraisals.

Arcola-Tuscola Room, Martin Luther King Jr. Union

STUDY ABROAD INFO

3:30 p.m.

Register for this event at www.eiu.edu/~edabroad/calendar.html

Lawson Hall Classroom (basement)

LECTURE

4:30 p.m.

Alcohol/Drug trends and strategies for reduced use.

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7 p.m.

The School of Business-in-Residence for March is Joy Schreder, vice president-agency development for State Farm Insurance. She will speak as part of Women's History and Awareness Month. Roberson Auditorium, Lumpkin Hall Room 2030

"BEING SINGLE IN A COUPLES' WORLD"

7:30 p.m.

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Charleston-Mattoon Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

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City approves final payment on Fourth Street project

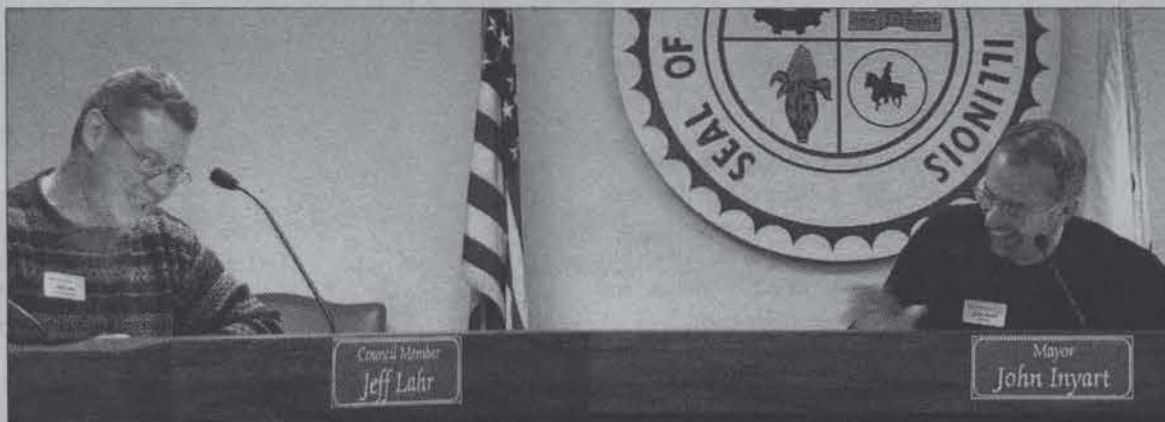
By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Despite the snowstorm, the Charleston City Council still met and approved spending of \$43,615 of Motor Fuel Tax and Tourism funds during Tuesday night's meeting of the city council.

The biggest expense, \$21,715, was the final payment on the Fourth Street Project, which consist of building a bridge over the town branch, in motor fuel tax fund.

The council also approved \$6,000 in motor fuel tax funds to widen and resurface Second Street from Lincoln Avenue to Pierce Avenue. Due to expenses, the possibility of continuing construction to Polk Avenue will be held until next year, said Curt Buescher, department of Public Works.

With Josh Gracin coming to



City council member Jeff Lahr and Charleston Mayor John Inyart laugh at the city council meeting. The two were laughing at a joke that the mayor said during Tuesday night's meeting where they discussed upcoming events in Charleston.

entertain during the Red, White and Blue Days events on July 3 and 4, the council approved \$12,000 from tourism funds to secure entertainment.

For the first time, Eastern will host the Illinois High School Association Girls State Badminton Championships on May 12 and 13. The council approved \$1,400 from

tourism funds to host the championships.

Eastern will also host the IHSA State Track and Field Championship for girls and boys

on May 19, 20 and May 26 and 27. The council approved \$2,000 from the tourism funds to host the championships and sponsor the Spring Spectacular Fan Zone. The Fan Zone is entertainment for family and athletes between events during the championships.

"May is going to be a busy month (at Eastern)," said tourism director Jeanette Clark.

The city council also approved a settlement agreement concerning a revolving loan fund with Scholastic Recognition, Inc., which went bankrupt.

The city received a \$95,000 claim, which will help put the money back into circulation, said city attorney Brian Bower.

The city also placed on file for public expectation the City Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007.

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Students hit catwalk for cancer

BY BRIAN GARTLAN
STAFF REPORTER

Residents of Lincoln Hall are teaming up for "A Cause for Fashion" to help raise money for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States and approximately 32,000 Americans will die from the disease this year, according to the Johns Hopkins Pathology Web site.

"I want people to realize how cancer touches people's lives," said Erin Steben, a senior career and technical education major and coordinator of the show.

"More needs to be done to help," she added.

Steben, who is also a resident assistant in Lincoln Hall, said she is expecting at least 75 people, and she hopes to raise more than \$500.

She said her grandmother died from pancreatic cancer in 2003.

"(My grandmother) felt that helping people should be a celebration," Steben said. "She was always a person who believed in helping others."

Steben said she wants the girls to have fun, but she wants them to realize the seriousness of the show.

"They put the fun back into working for a cause," she said. "They have been amazing."

The idea first came about in early February when a Lincoln Hall resident suggested the idea and she said the resident assistants were all about it.

There are 45 models from Lincoln Hall and 27 escorts from Douglas Hall.

Shannon Trueblood, a manager at Maurice's in Mattoon, said the store is donating 12 outfits for the models to fashion.

Deb of Mattoon is also donating 50 outfits for the women to adorn.

Trueblood said anytime a community event takes place she and her co-workers try to participate.

"It's a good cause," she said. "It's important to us."

Trueblood said she lost her mother to pancreatic cancer about a year and a half ago.

"It struck close to my heart," she said.

She described pancreatic cancer as a painful disease and a silent killer.

"There's not a lot of awareness," she

"I want people to realize how cancer touches people's lives."

ERIN STEBEN, SHOW COORDINATOR

said, about what she saw with her mother. "It crept up pretty quick."

Steben said she is not waiting for the show to be over, but she is excited for the show to happen.

"We've all put in a lot of work," she said.

She also said she is proud of everyone's contribution to the event.

"Lincoln Hall has really pulled together," she said. "I appreciate everyone's heart, time and dedication."

The fashion show tickets cost \$2.

All proceeds will go to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, which is a national organization with branches in individual states.

The event is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Stevenson Tower lobby.

Senate votes to support advising plan

STAFF REPORT

Eastern's Faculty Senate voted Tuesday to support the Student Senate resolutions attempting to improve the academic advisement process.

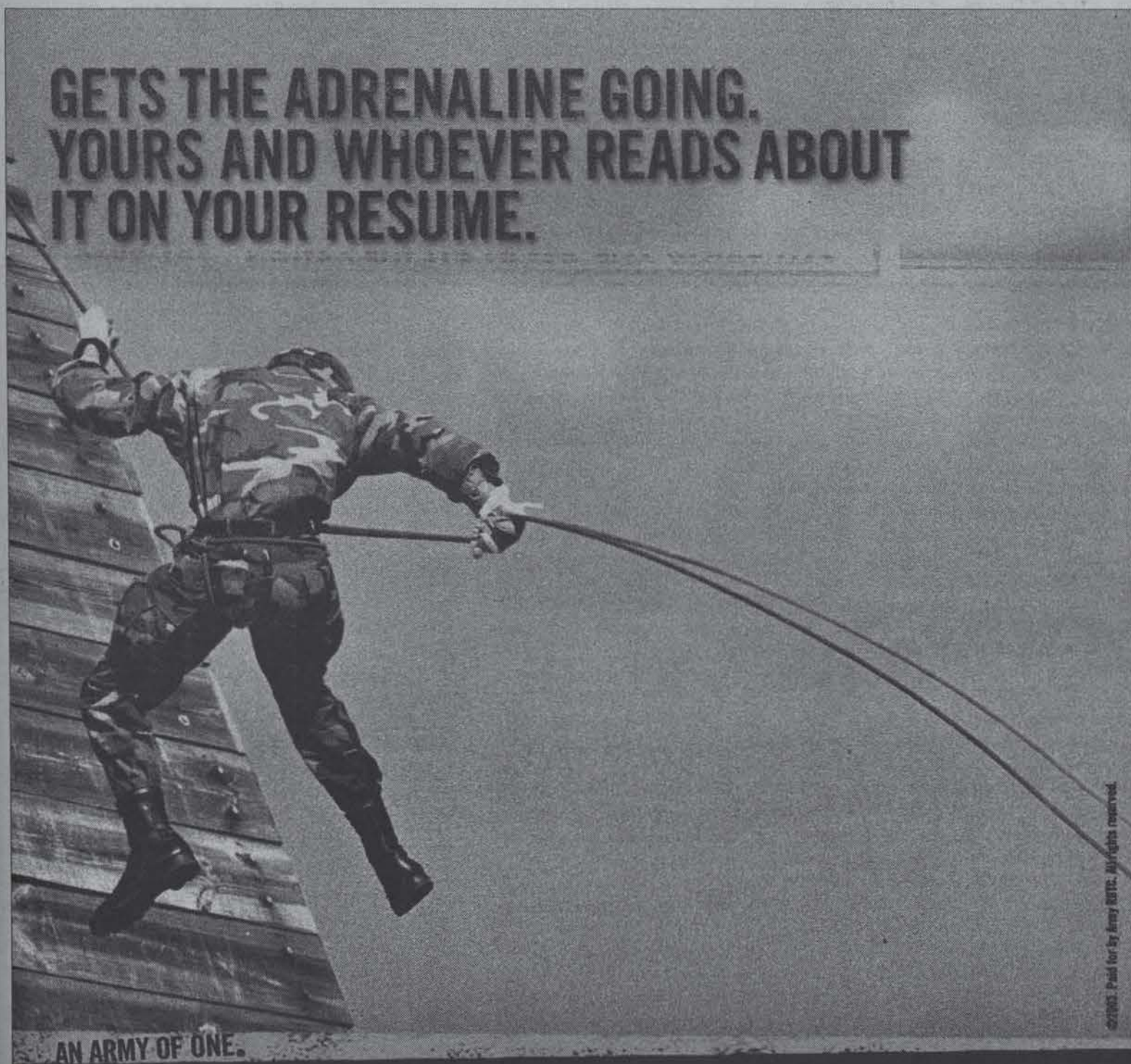
The first resolution called for copies of the academic advisement forms used by Ninth Street Hall to be placed on the Web sites of academic departments.

The second asked departments to supply the university webmaster with the requirements for graduation with degrees from that department.

Student Senate members in attendance said that the resolution was not intended to force anyone to use the advisement forms, but to give students the option of using them if their adviser did not have a form.

Also at the meeting, Karla Sanders, of the Center for Academic Support and Achievement, presented the findings of a review of the Electronic Writing Portfolios that Eastern keeps for each student.

The report said that the best-written papers students submitted to the EWP tended to be the first one.




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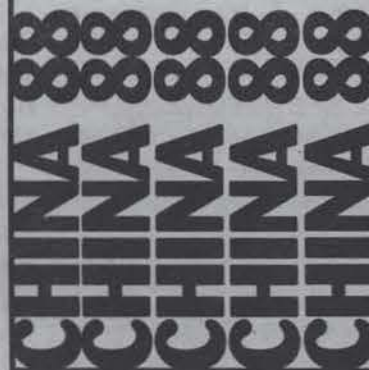
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Topinka wins governor nod

opponent Eisendrath by a 13.8 percent margin. Topinka got 41.6 percent of the votes, over Bill Brady (R) who got 32.7 percent. Oberweis followed with 18.4 percent, trailed by Ron Gidwitz (R) with 6.5 percent and online candidate Andy Martin (R) with nearly 1 percent.

With 6,824 of 11,700 precincts counted in unofficial returns at the time of publication, Topinka had 37 percent and Oberweis had 32 percent.

State Sen. Bill Brady of Bloomington had 19 percent and Gidwitz, a Chicago businessman, had 11 percent.

On the Democratic side, with 6,826 of 11,700 precincts counted in unofficial returns, Blagojevich had 68 percent to 32 percent for Eisendrath, a former Chicago alderman.

Reeling from scandal, internal battles and bad luck, the Illinois Republican Party hopes the primary election will put it on the path to recovery.

Topinka, the three-term state treasurer and former head of the Illinois Republican Party, was the chief target during the campaign, facing accusations that she was part of a corrupt

network of political insiders.

Her most vocal critic was Oberweis, an Aurora dairy owner and investment manager who has run twice for U.S. Senate and come in second both times. He ended the campaign season by proposing that he and two other candidates draw straws to see who would stay in the race and who would drop out.

Now Democrats control the governor's office, both U.S. Senate seats, both chambers of the state legislature and all but one statewide office.

Voters also decided the Democratic nominee for treasurer and the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor. The candidates for all other statewide races ran unopposed.

PRIMARY:

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Despite low turnout, more people are voting

judge Brenda King. "Many believe this is not their home and don't register to vote here. That is a lost vote."

During the presidential election last year, there were mass amounts of students voting, but during the primaries, election judges have noticed fewer voters. In the past, there have been times where only two or three voters vote during the 13 hours the

poll is open.

"Although there are fewer voters during primaries, there are more overall voters each year," said election judge Nina Ferguson. "I think it's fantastic to see people participating."

The polls located throughout the city did not see any decrease in voters because of the snow.

At Baldwin Pontiac polls, people were waiting outside at 6 a.m. to vote.

"We've had an excellent turnout," said election judge Pat Shannon. "Better than we anticipated."

The poll located at the Coles County Health Department also had an average turnout despite the weather.

RENTING:

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Landlords have limited time to fix problems

an apartment and see it clean.

The hard part of the inspections is determining normal wear and tear from damage or excessive filth. When a room is emptied and only the bare walls and floors are showing, any minor blemish or mark is going to show.

"You are always going to be able to tell that something was there," Wood said.

Yvette Paddock, property manager for University Village, agrees realizing when people move into the houses or duplexes in the new community, there is going to be some wear and tear.

"We feel like we are giving (college students) a step above the rest, and they should respect it and leave the unit the same way they moved into it," Paddock said.

Normal wear and tear includes faded paint, track marks in the carpet or worn doors and locks. These things are not preventable even if the tenant keeps the rental unit clean. But if a door is punched in or there are stains on the carpet that cannot be removed, this is considered damage and the security deposit would be used.

"We charge the tenant the exact cost of labor and materials that is cost us to repair the damages," Paddock said.

While a tenant is living in the rental unit, problems such as a worn out lock breaking, a broken refrigerator or broken heater may need to be repaired. According to the Office of the Attorney General, after a tenant notifies the landlord of the necessary repairs there are different waiting periods. If a unit has no hot or cold water, heat, electricity, or a condition that is imminently hazardous to life, the landlord has 24 hours for the repairs. However, the landlord has 72 hours for repair of a refrigerator, oven or a major plumbing fixture and 10 days for all other repairs.

"My philosophy is I have to answer all maintenance calls whether we have had previous problems with the tenant or not," Wood said.

Wood said he tries to answer all maintenance calls within 24 hours, but if the call was placed later in the day or if a part needs to be ordered, it may take a few days to come in, he said.

STORM:

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Snow creates campus parking complications

"From what I saw, they didn't plow any of Greek Court either."

Jessie Huls, a senior biology major, had to make a long walk from her off-campus residence to Textbook Rental. Huls said she was walking through snow up to her shins most of the time.

"No side streets or sidewalks were plowed," Huls said.

"Everyone else gets out of school, why not us?"

Steph Beard, a senior special education major, said when she went to park her car in the Coleman Hall parking lot, a typically overcrowded lot, there were plenty of spaces.

"It was completely dead for once," Beard said. "That was good, I guess."

Winds were blowing at 23 miles per hour Tuesday, and the temperature was 31 degrees, but the wind chill index was 12 degrees.

NON SEQUITUR BY WILEY MILLER



BOONDOCKS BY AARON MCGRUDER



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0208

- ACROSS**
- 1 Large 40-Across of people
 - 5 & 9 40-Across seen in parentheses
 - 14 Big lot
 - 15 Chest part
 - 16 Tourist draw
 - 17 Stadium near La Guardia
 - 18 Succulent plant
 - 19 Swimming mammal
 - 20 Start of a quip
 - 23 Sensory input
 - 24 Go over lines again
 - 28 Amazed
 - 31 E-mailer's button
 - 34 Feminine suffix
 - 35 Victor at Trafalgar, 1805
 - 37 Daisy ____
 - 38 Tail motions
 - 39 Not a starter
 - 40 Middle of the quip
 - 43 Miss Piggy, to herself
 - 44 Hearing-related
 - 46 Bearded prez, informally
 - 47 Some black-smiths
 - 49 Cartoon hyena
 - 50 Pusher's nemesis
 - 52 Black key
 - 53 Racy
 - 55 Norwegian saint
 - 57 End of the quip
 - 63 "____ español?"
 - 66 Toward one side of a ship
 - 67 Deco designer
 - 68 Under way
 - 69 Liven (up)
 - 70 It's off the coast of Spain
 - 71 & 72 Vaudevilian 40-Across
 - 73 Certain 40-Across column
- DOWN**
- 1 Prepare potatoes, in a way
 - 2 Dos cubed
 - 3 Suds
 - 4 Manatees
 - 5 Southwest mission
 - 6 School desk items
 - 7 Plenty, old-style
 - 8 Wrinkle or gray hair producer
 - 9 Witch
 - 10 No longer fit into
 - 11 Telegraphed sound
 - 12 Adelaide-to-Brisbane dir.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Patrick Merrell

- 13 Red letters?
- 21 Ancient Greek theater
- 22 They may be marching
- 25 White coating
- 26 Sweater material
- 27 End
- 28 Low-level supporter?
- 29 Spay
- 30 Red-eyed one
- 32 Glowing piece
- 33 Scot's denial
- 36 Shading
- 41 Wharton grad
- 42 Cut
- 45 Now-computerized library feature
- 48 Quirky
- 51 Not apparent
- 54 Steaming
- 56 Scallionlike vegetables
- 58 Wine valley
- 59 Physics class subj.
- 60 Strongly advise
- 61 Phaser setting
- 62 Half of a vote
- 63 Is down with
- 64 Propeller's locale
- 65 Fancy neckwear

New reliever can't boost White Sox in 10-7 loss

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — Matt Thornton failed to provide the boost the Chicago White Sox were looking for when they acquired him to shore up their bullpen.

Thornton went 1 1/3 innings in Chicago's 10-7 loss to the San Diego Padres on Tuesday, allowing four runs on three hits and two walks.

"I just need to be in the strike zone. Walks have been my nemesis for the last year and a half," Thornton said.

Thornton came in with a runner

on third and two outs in the sixth inning. He appeared to get out of the inning but Juan Uribe committed an error.

After the miscue, Mike Piazza singled and Justin Leone hit a three-run homer. The Mariners scored five runs in the sixth to take a 10-5 lead.

Thornton came in for losing pitcher Jon Garland, who lasted 5 2/3 innings, giving up a spring-high 13 hits, six runs, five earned, while striking out two and walking none.

Jermaine Dye had a two-run single to help the White Sox take a 5-2 lead in the second.

Freshman pitcher earns OVC award

Kathleen Jacoby was named Pitcher of the Week by the Ohio Valley Conference Tuesday.

The freshman from Beecher compiled a 4-0 record and a 0.92 ERA to go along with 19 strikeouts in 30 1/3 innings. The durable hurler helped Eastern put together a 9-2 record during spring break. Jacoby has thrown 8 straight complete games and her 12 lead the OVC.

"She's not going to get lots of strikeouts but then you look up at the scoreboard in the 7th inning and she hasn't allowed any runs," said head coach Kim Schuette.

Jacoby threw a two-hit shutout in Sunday's 4-0 win against Tennessee-Martin. The shutout was Jacoby's third of the season.

Eastern-Indiana State doubleheader still on despite heavy snow

Eastern's doubleheader today against Indiana State had not been canceled as of press time.

With the heavy snowfall that hit eastern Illinois and central Indiana Tuesday, it is unlikely that the Panthers will face the Sycamores in their scheduled game.

However, head coach Kim Schuette said the game had not been canceled yet despite the snow.

With Indiana State already handing Eastern a 9-8 loss on March 4, Schuette and her players have payback on their mind.

"I'm not sure how they pulled out that win," said Schuette alluding to the two teams' previous game.

Indiana State scored three runs in the bottom of the 7th inning to beat Eastern, without the benefit of a hit.

Schuette said she will use all three of her pitchers — Kathleen Jacoby, Karyn Mackie and Ashley Condon — in both games.

If the doubleheader is canceled, Eastern returns to the field this weekend for a three-game series at Morehead State.

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Women play above the rim

have to squint real hard in order to see Parker's hand on the rim.

It looked like a routine layup in a men's college basketball game, but it was far more than that.

What Parker's coach Pat Summitt sees every day in practice, the whole nation was able to see Sunday.

Sallee even admitted to seeing the replay and having that confirm to him that Parker had indeed just dunked.

The first dunk by Parker occurred in the first half on a breakaway, with an Army player trailing her. She wasn't the only one on the fast break and she didn't throw the ball up in the air to gain

momentum.

She rose, palmed the ball and slammed it home.

Now, it wasn't a dunk with much ferocity. Parker didn't scream or yell afterwards letting everyone know what she did.

She only 'popped her collar' and went on her way down the court.

The second dunk came within the context of Tennessee's offense.

Parker caught a backdoor pass from sophomore Nicky Anosike on the right baseline, took a step and jammed it home.

While Sallee said that no players on his current team have the hops to jam it home, he said if he ever has a player that can dunk, he'd be all for it.

"Why not? If they can do it and make it, it's a very high percentage shot," he said.

Eastern's Rachel Galligan, the Ohio

Valley Conference Freshman of the Year, said she can get the rim, but hasn't tried to dunk in more than a year.

"It's not really a top priority for me," she said.

Regardless, the 6-foot-2 Galligan said she thinks that Parker's two dunks were a big step for women's basketball.

"I think with her doing it, it makes other girls realize that they might be able to do that too someday," she said.

What once was and still is considered uncommon, the sight of female basketball players gliding toward the rim may become more common in the next five years.

"I think that in 10 years it will be a regular part of the game," Sallee said.

Matt Daniels is a sophomore journalism major. If you would like to see his hops, e-mail him at mudaniels@ciu.edu.

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Senior takes one for the team

"I'm actually more worried about the line drives she might get hit at her at third base," Short said.

Karos said she has been hit almost everywhere on her body, but mostly in the legs.

"I don't think there's a week without a bruise in softball, in general," she said.

Karos has been hit in the head before, but it was a changeup, and she was not hurt at all.

Durability is another key aspect to Karos as a player. She has started 74 straight games and has started 128 of a possible 130 games in her three-year career.

The physical education major is on track to graduate this spring and begin her student teaching in the fall.

She has intentions of being a coach, and her placement supervisor said the school she is going to has an opening in the fall as a coach in volleyball.

Karos, who played volleyball in high school as well, welcomes the challenge.

"At least you can't get hit by pitches in volleyball," she said.

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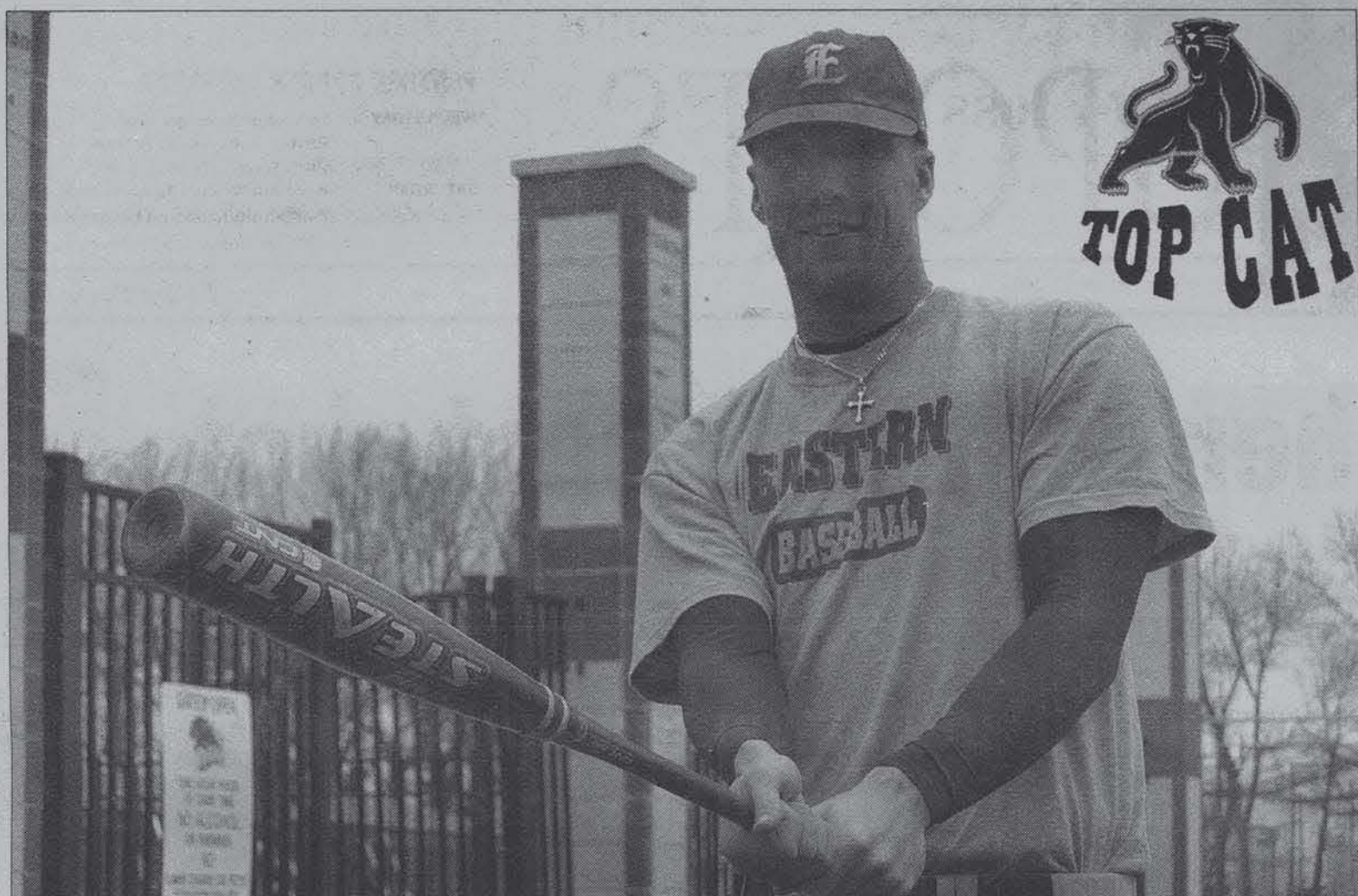
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Junior first baseman Erik Huber is currently leading the Panthers with a .382 batting average, totaling 21 hits and 8 RBIs with a .485 on-base percentage.

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SLUGGING HIS WAY TO SUCCESS

Erik Huber makes strides to solidify his place in Eastern's lineup

BY MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

During Erik Huber's freshman season, Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz caught a glimpse of what was to come.

"He was a good athlete," Schmitz said. "He was willing to do anything for us."

The junior began his career as a shortstop for the Panthers and has moved from the outfield to the infield. Now he is a starter at first base.

"I should have given him more (at bats) because the ability was there," Schmitz said.

When Schmitz finally gave him more at bats,

Huber responded. In the latter half of his freshman season, he played in 16 games and had just 37 at bats, but drove in 5 runs and batted .378.

With his increased playing time came a maturation that has resulted in him developing his swing the way Schmitz wanted to.

"It was a growing-up process," Huber said. "I was a little high school kid and I've matured."

Since that first season, he has started 69 of the team's 71 games and led the team in batting in 2005.

Over the team's spring break trip to Florida, Huber raised his batting average to a team-leading .382 by hitting above .400 during the eight games. The Panthers went 6-2 on the trip.

"I was seeing the ball really good," he said. "The 80-degree weather helped a lot."

The weather is something that the Panthers and Huber have put behind them. Their second-straight home opener was canceled on Tuesday as was this afternoon's double header at Northern Illinois — this time by snow.

"We can't dread on not playing today," Huber said. "It's rough and we gotta take what we can get. But we still have a long season ahead of us."

Schmitz recognizes the importance of having Huber in the lineup at the third spot.

"You gotta have a No. 3 in the lineup," he said. "You want a guy who gets on base and can drive in runs. We feel good about it because everyone

knows he will be up four times a game."

Schmitz takes advantage of Huber's versatility by using him as a closer when the opportunity presents itself. But he doesn't want to make Huber exclusively a pitcher because "who's to say where he's going to take off?"

He only has one save but has pitched 5 1/3 scoreless innings in four games for Eastern.

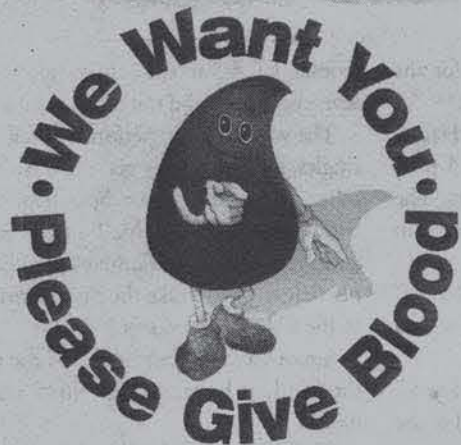
"I don't know what the best position for him is," Schmitz said.

For Huber, it does not make a difference.

"It keeps practice interesting and keeps me busy," he said.

Keeping him busy is something Schmitz has been doing since his freshman season.

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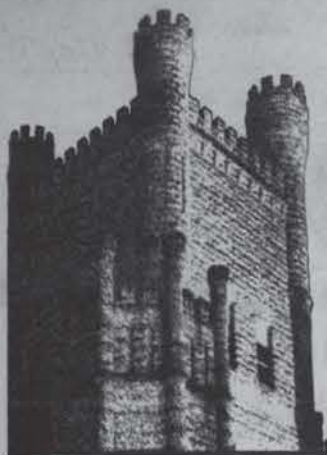
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	MEN'S TENNIS AT INDIANA STATE	3 p.m.
SATURDAY	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. TENN. TECH	1 p.m.
	WOMEN'S GOLF AT SALUKI INVITATIONAL (THRU 3/27)	All Day

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SOFTBALL

Hit her with your best shot

Senior Rachel Karos breaks Eastern hit-by-pitch record

BY MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Third baseman Rachel Karos holds a record that most softball players wouldn't want.

"I wish I was like Sandy, breaking all these hit records," joked Karos in reference to teammate Sandyn Short's name all over Eastern single-season and career hitting records.

"Then there's me who might only be known by being hit by a pitch," Karos said.

Karos was hit by a pitch for the first time this season on Feb. 24 against Creighton during a tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

It was the 11th time in her three-year career that she had been awarded a free pass to first base because of a pitcher's lack of control. That afternoon in Tulsa against the Bluejays garnered Karos a spot in Eastern's record book for career hit-by-pitches.

The former basketball player at Eastern has been plunked two other times this year to bring her career total to 13.

It's not like the senior goes into every at bat looking to get a bruise from an opposing pitcher.

"I'd rather hit the ball than get hit," she said.

Hitting the ball — when not getting hit herself — is something that Karos has done well this year.

With her .390 average, 2 home runs and 9 RBIs this season, Karos is

an offensive threat to every team that faces the Panthers.

Prior to this year, Karos hit .280 as a junior and .269 as a sophomore, her first year on the Panthers' roster.

"I think Rachel is in a lot better position to earn recognition and have better numbers this year with the lineup she has around her," Short said.

Add to the fact that Karos gets on base nearly every time up, via walk, hit-by-pitch, error or a hit of her own, and head coach Kim Schuette has a valuable player at her disposal.

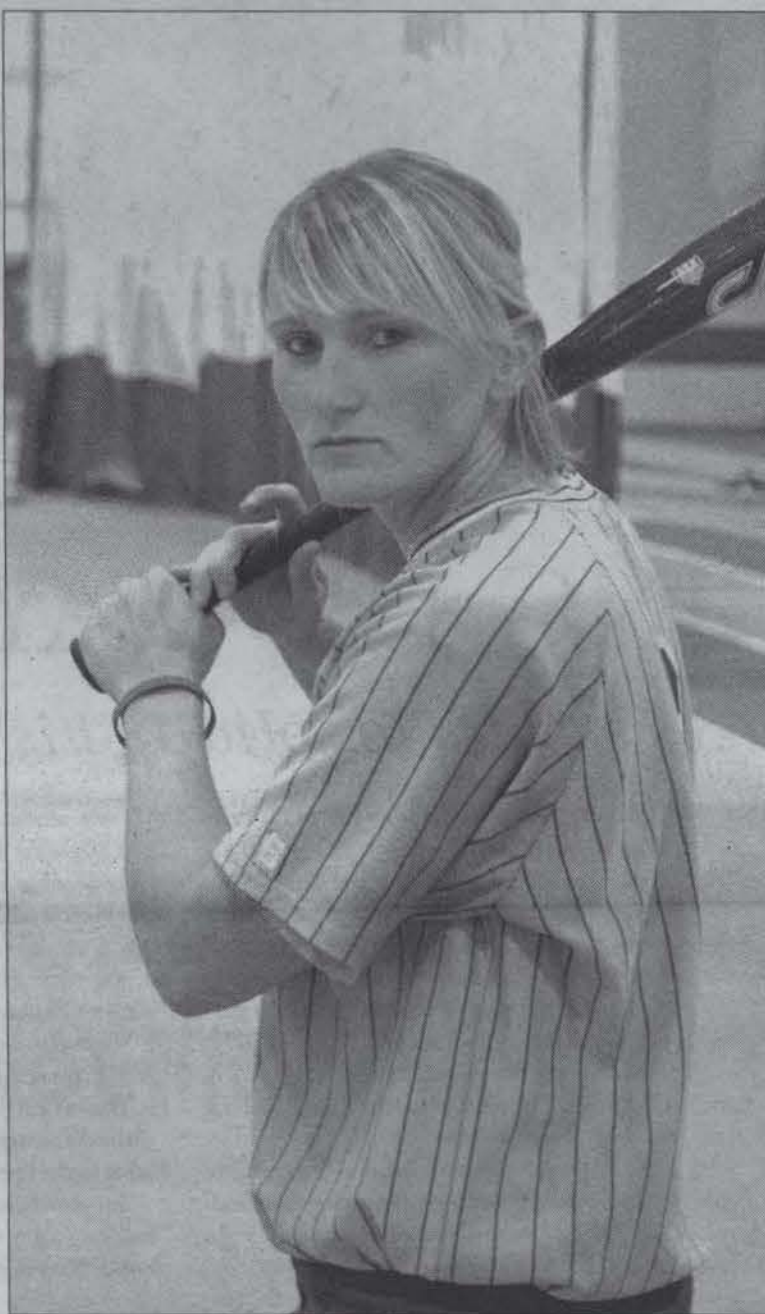
"When you're a good player, you take your bruises, both offensively and defensively," Schuette said. "It's a stat that you'll never see in a box score, but one she has definitely done."

Karos does not crowd the plate, a stance that most baseball or softball players known for getting hit use, which makes the number of times she has gotten hit unusual.

Schuette said that despite Karos' repeated beanings, it does not take away from her aggressiveness at the plate.

"A lot of players might jump out of the way," she said. "But she's a tough kid who just wants to get on base."

With her spot at the hot corner, a position requiring Karos to get as close as 15 feet from home plate, her teammates and coach say she gets bruises from playing defense as well.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Rachel Karos has taken her share of hits for Eastern, breaking the career hit-by-pitch record with 13. "I get hit a lot in the legs, but most of the time it's probably my fault, not learning how to turn away from a pitch."

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OUT OF BOUNDS

MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Ladies slam the point home

While people around the country cussed at their television as Kansas, Michigan State and Iowa lost and ruined parts of people's brackets, they all missed a surreal moment.

No, Kevin Pittsnogle did not get another tattoo, Billy Packer didn't predict the upsets of Bradley and Wichita State and Adam Morrison didn't shave his seventh grade mustache.

Tennessee forward Candance Parker threw down not one, but two one-handed dunks in Tennessee's first-round rout of Army — in the NCAA Women's Tournament. Now, throw down is slightly exaggerated, as on first instance, it is hard to see where her hand is on the rim.

But still, elevating above the rim is not a part of women's basketball. Women's basketball thrives on hustle, precision shooting and teamwork.

High-flying athleticism, like the 6-foot, 3-inch Parker showed, has become more and more evident in today's women's game however.

Since breaking into the Division I coaching ranks as an assistant at Idaho State in 1994, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the difference in athleticism in the women's game is "night and day."

"Twelve to 13 years ago, kids were excited if they could touch the bottom of the backboard," he said.

Parker's dunk was only the fourth time a woman had done so in a collegiate game — and the first time in the NCAA Tournament.

The native of Naperville did explode onto the national scene during the 2004 McDonald's All-American dunk contest, winning the event. She bettered high-flying J.R. Smith, now of the New Orleans Hornets; Memphis' Darius Washington and Kentucky's Joe Crawford with a flashback to Dee Brown's 1991 dunk that won the NBA dunk contest.

But the best part of Parker's latest leap above the rim was it was in an actual game. And not just a meaningless exhibition game but a first round game in the NCAA Tournament.

"I was watching it on TV and I definitely shot straight up in my chair," Sallee said.

It was a landmark moment for women's basketball. Yes, people

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TENNIS

Panthers regroup for talented Sycamores

BY JOE WALSTASI
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern has had almost two weeks to think about today's opponent: Indiana State.

"(The Sycamores) are arguably the most talented team we will face all year," said head coach John Blackburn.

The Panthers haven't played since their March 10 loss to Southern Illinois, and the team used the long layoff wisely.

Spring break was not all fun and games for the tennis team as head coach John Blackburn made sure the team had a mix of rest and practice.

Sophomore Chris Thomas opened up his home in Wilmette over break to two of his international teammates who could not make the long trip home for just one week. Junior Chuck LeVaque and freshman Vuk Milicevic spent the break with Thomas "mostly relaxing, but we did play a little," Thomas said.

While the team could relax early in the break, Thomas said they had to return on Thursday because coach Blackburn had scheduled practices

Thursday through Tuesday in preparation for the talented Sycamore squad.

The men were scheduled to travel to Terre Haute, Ind., Wednesday, and start competition at 3 p.m. But the snow has forced the match indoors. The Sycamores will now host the Panthers at 11 a.m. in "the Bubble" field house.

Eastern will take its 5-3 record into "the Bubble" where Indiana State has a perfect 4-0 home record this season.

"They are a very deep team all the way down," Blackburn said. "They are a great team and all of the guys will need to play well and step up at the same time."

Almost two weeks off from competition might have the players feeling rusty, but Thomas is confident that the team will be ready to compete.

"All the practices since Thursday have us really prepared," the No. 4 singles competitor said. "I think we will be ready to go."

The women played a marathon of a match Monday night in Carbondale against Southern Illinois.

With only two courts available, the Panther

women fell 4-3 to the Salukis in a match that took seven hours and did not finish until around 10 p.m.

The women again performed well at No. 1 and 2 singles, but could only get one other win out of the other four singles matches. Sophomore Sandra Sasidharan won her No. 1 singles match 7-6, 7-6, and junior Madina Mambetova rallied after losing her first set 4-6 to take the match with 6-1, 6-3 wins in the following two sets.

Junior Cristina Carrillo scored the third point for the Panthers by taking her No. 6 singles match 6-0, 6-4.

With both the Salukis and Panthers taking three of the singles points, the doubles match became the deciding factor. Eastern faltered where the team is usually strong and could only take the No. 2 doubles match behind the pair of Sasidharan and freshman Stephanie Harmazy.

The men and women will be back in action together when Tennessee Tech and Tennessee-Martin come to Darling Courts for a weekend meet. It is the first home match of the season for the women and the first Ohio Valley Conference matches for both teams.