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# CLASSES CANCELED TODAY

"After discussing it with some people and looking at the weather, we have decided to cancel class for Wednesday," said Eastern President Lou Hencken. "Classes are canceled, but the campus is open."

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### SNOW DAY

**Class cancellation makes history as icy weather conditions make roads dangerous**

By Nicole Milstead  
Senior Campus Reporter

Eastern classes were canceled Tuesday for the first time in 25 years. University President Lou Hencken canceled all classes after 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Hencken came to campus at 4 a.m. Tuesday to monitor the weather. He said the weather was not that bad and the sidewalks were just slushy when he arrived.

As the day went on, the temperature started to drop, freezing rain started coming down and the winds were said to increase to 40 mph, Hencken said.

The president makes the ultimate decision to close with the advice of others, said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

The university was not closed, but all classes were canceled.

At around 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, administrators decided to cancel all classes beginning at or after 11 a.m.

Most Tuesday classes that began at 9:30 a.m. were already in progress, and the 11 a.m. cancellation time wouldn't affect those classes already in progress, Hencken said.

"Classes are usually only canceled in very, very bad weather such as a tornado," Nadler said.

Classes at other locations including Mattoon, Champaign and Danville were canceled because of extreme weather, Nadler said.

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CINDY TANNEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mathematics professor and cheer team adviser Andrew White cleans his car off outside of Blair Hall Tuesday. White was heading home to shovel his driveway. "I asked myself, did Hell freeze over?" White said when he heard Eastern had canceled class because of bad weather.

## Snow slows down Charleston residents

By Stacy Smith  
Campus Reporter

Classroom doors locked and academic halls cleared after 11 a.m. Tuesday because of icy roads and frigid temperatures. Some students were angered because they had to attend their early classes, but they also enjoyed the rest of their day off.

Ashley Linkey attended her 8 a.m. class but was relieved to have the rest of her day off.

"The weather has its perks," said Linkey, a junior sociology major. "It's a good day to sleep in and do

nothing."

Not everyone was able to stay indoors and weather safety precautions are recommended.

In dangerous weather, safety precautions like staying home, not parking near trees and not driving behind plows and salt trucks are recommended, said Dan Conley, a snow plow operator.

Several icy branches fell off trees causing danger to houses, cars and people.

"On the north end of town a lot of tree branches are down hanging in the road," Conley said. "Public Works is helping us pull the

branches to the side and when the weather clears, we'll go back and pick them up."

Linkey even witnessed a pedestrian being struck by a falling tree branch.

"I was sitting this morning watching out the window and this big-ass limb fell on some kid walking by knocking him to the ground. He just got up and kept walking," she said. "And I'm not talking about this little limb, like the whole tree split."

The closing of schools and businesses because of the weather caused an increase in video rentals.

"We're always busy in this kind of weather," said Brenda Hammond, manager of Family Video. "It's like a weekend, and it's Tuesday."

Hammond said she thinks the increase in business is great if she has the proper staff to keep the store running.

"After witnessing the misfortune of a tree limb falling on some poor kid, I've decided to stay in my apartment and watch movies all day and break my neighbor's records of Dance Dance Revolution," Linkey said.

Apart from dodging tree branches, students also had a

difficult time scraping the ice off their vehicles.

"I was scraping off my car to de-ice it and my ice scraper just broke," said Kevin Hicks, a junior industrial technology major.

Salt trucks ran from 8 p.m. Monday and plow trucks started clearing roads at 1 a.m. Tuesday and will continue to run until the snow stops falling. Each of the three salt trucks and four plow trucks had a designated area throughout town to keep safe.

Conley predicted that the storm would be moving out and the roads should be safe by this morning.





JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sue Stout, an exercise science major from Arcola, checks the list of classes that were canceled at Klehm Hall Tuesday because of unfavorable weather conditions. Stout said that she stayed in a motel on Monday night because she feared that she would not be able to make classes.

# Making use of a day off

Some students come to campus despite harsh weather and canceled classes

By Nicole Milstead  
Senior Campus Reporter

With classes canceled on Tuesday, some students used the extra time to catch up on homework and do a little extra studying for tests. Sophomore environmental studies major Samantha Smith did not check the Web site before she came to Eastern, but since her classes were canceled, she went to the library to use the computers. "I gave a ride to another kid on the way," Smith said. "I live on the square and it took over half an hour to get the ice off my car. A guy saw me out there and he didn't know classes were canceled either so he rode here with me." Smith said her reason for staying at Eastern was that her computer at her apartment is slow and she wasn't ready to go back outside and drive home. "It is a good thing they canceled classes today," she said. "It is really

SAMANTHA SMITH | EASTERN STUDENT

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nasty out." Like Smith, Mallory Kinley, a junior family and consumer science major, and Tyler Sims, a senior geography major, were catching up on homework in the library. Kinley said she could not even get in her car and had to walk to class from Millennium Apartments. She was disappointed to find that classes were canceled when she arrived, but she appreciated the day off. Sims said he was definitely excited classes were canceled. They were planning on staying in the library for a while because it was so nasty out. The group didn't want to walk back home but Sims feared the weather would get worse as the day went on. "We may have to call a cab," Kinley joked. Freshman physiology major Sarah Williamson planned to use her day to do extra studying for a test that had been pushed back to Thursday. Williamson had four classes in addition to her exam

today and she thought it was nice to have a day off. Williamson said she thought there was more than an inch of ice everywhere. "That is enough to cancel classes," she said. Classes were not canceled officially until 11 a.m. Some professors canceled class before 11, but others were able to make it to campus. Mike Swanger, a junior communication studies major, had his 8 a.m. class in Coleman Hall. He said that the weather was slippery and gross, but not bad at that time. "Since then, it has gotten much worse and I'm gonna stay inside and hang out because you can't really go out," Swanger said. He believes classes were canceled not only because the weather got worse but also because of students off campus. "People who live off campus have to drive and can't get here," he said.

# Bad weather doesn't affect UB

Board notifies campus immediately when events are canceled

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
Senior Activities Reporter

It was a sunny, 85-degree day in August, when bad weather struck University Board's "Quaking in the Quad" a few years ago. Within a couple of hours of the event, a thunderstorm advisory was broadcast. "Torrential rain soaked everything up," said Ceci Brinker, University Board adviser. The rain caused electrical hazards

with cords and other equipment. UB, however, has had few incidents with bad weather like Tuesday's snowstorm, Brinker said. "Flights become a big issue if airports are down," Brinker said. "We've had that happen, but there hasn't been a lot of incidents like that." In the event of bad weather, UB notifies the campus as quickly as possible that an event is cancelled. As for the performer, UB tries to reschedule the event for a later date, but that is not guaranteed. "Rescheduling the artist depends on the availability of venues, what's open in the spring schedule still and, if there is something that is mutual, then we simply keep the contract and make revisions," Brinker said.

If UB and the artist cannot reach a mutual agreement, the contract is voided and UB looks to book some other event. "It really doesn't hurt UB," Brinker said. "On a day like (Tuesday), most students would probably not come out for a show." As for this week, the bad weather will not affect UB because no events were scheduled because of the three-day weekend. UB finds that the attendance for events on three-day weekends is sub-par because most students either go home or make plans out of town, Brinker said. "Weather can be a deterrent, but if it happens, you pretty much have to go with the flow and try to work around it as best as possible," Brinker said.

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# Students, teachers snowed in

## Bad weather lowers attendance for first Student-Teacher Interaction Program social event

By Matt Hopf  
Student Government Reporter

Fifteen pizzas and an assortment of chips, cookies and beverages may have been a bit excessive for the first Student-Teacher Interaction Program event, but no one can predict the weather.

Even though there were no students or teachers who came together to attend the men's basketball game Tuesday against Southeast Missouri State University, Dave Keyes, student vice president for Academic Affairs, invited the band, event staff and athletic staff to enjoy the food.

"You can never plan this," Keyes said about the inclement weather.

The weather caused problems for Student Senate member Alison Kostelich, who helped set up the event.

Kostelich's car got stuck in front of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, and she drove with the door open so she could see.

She wasn't the only person to get stuck in the bad weather.

University President Lou Hencken needed help getting his car out of his parking space.

Hencken, who arrived about



JOHN BAILEY | DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dave Keyes (left) and Jeffery White, a sophomore business major, cheer on Eastern's men's basketball team Tuesday night as a part of a program in which students get to interact with faculty outside of the classroom.

halfway through the event, said he arrived on-campus at 4:30 a.m., while it was still raining.

When he got back to his car, the rain that had fallen during the day had turned into a sheet of ice. He was unable to move his car, but luckily someone stopped to help him.

While students were having trouble getting their cars out of the parking lot, the president was also

stuck, he said.

The weather played a factor in the event's low attendance.

The Student-Teacher Interaction Program is a great idea, but unfortunately the snow changed the outcome for this event, Hencken said.

The program is designed for students to develop a better relationship with their teachers.

While a focus on socializing was

the purpose of Tuesday's program, professional and educational events are going to be another aspect of the program.

While the outcome was not as expected, Keyes is planning another Student-Teacher Interaction Program event.

He plans on the program for the "Inside Iraq" documentary and discussion, which will take place at the end of March.

## CAMPUS | FACULTY-STUDENT FORUM

# Faculty explores campus culture

## Many cultural events compete with obstacles to attendance

By Jess Kinsella  
Faculty Senate Reporter

When Mona Davenport attended Eastern 26 years ago, the Office of Minority Affairs did not exist.

This office now provides a number of cultural opportunities for students at Eastern, as well as cultural diversity programming.

They sponsor African-American, Asian, Latino and Native-American Heritage months throughout the year, Davenport said.

Davenport also advises EIUnity, a student organization comprised of student leaders from Registered Student Organizations that make programs specifically for diversity awareness.

They have sponsored programs such as "Hate Crime" and "Just Say Hi" to promote better communication throughout the university, she said.

According to Ann Brownson, reference librarian and Faculty Senate member, the library also hosts a number of cultural opportunities.

Students can now walk through the north end of Booth Library to see the national traveling exhibit, "Farm Life," Brownson said.

They also offer a film series and speaker series that includes faculty and outside speakers, she added.

"If you really look, you can find

something of a cultural nature to do every day," Brownson said.

These are only a handful of the cultural events Eastern holds for students throughout the year.

The question is, "Do students know about these opportunities?"

At last week's Student-Faculty Forum, a group of administrators, faculty and students discussed why student attendance at the events is lacking.

Brownson agreed when the group mentioned that students have always been on a schedule, which makes it difficult to motivate them to come to certain events.

"There are 10 to 11 thousand students (on this campus); we should be able to attract 35 (for an event)," Brownson explained.

Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, said there is a lack of interest in sponsored events and there may be an even bigger lack of interest in the arts.

Davenport's group of 12 debated what could be done to reach students.

During the 1980s, events were spread by word of mouth or through copied fliers posted on campus, Davenport said.

Members of the board also attend the National Association of Campus Activities, where major entertainers or artists perform live, she added.

Eastern now uses posters, *The Daily Eastern News*, *Amp Magazine*, WebCT, and even Facebook.com in order to get the attention of students across campus.

Davenport said using Facebook is an effective way to reach

ANN BROWNSON | REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

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students.

"We have to meet them half way," she said.

Jeff Lange, the student senate speaker, also said Facebook was an effective way to reach students.

He explained that another member of student government, Levi Bulgar, used Facebook in order to campaign.

Lange believes marketing is an issue organizations face when trying to reach students for opportunities on campus.

"You can only put up so many flyers," Lange said.

Although the group came to a consensus that many students are not attending these events, Davenport believes Eastern offers many cultural opportunities.

Brinker disagreed.

She said that because of the current low funding levels, it is difficult to book top-quality cultural performing arts and entertainment.

Brinker is also responsible for overseeing the University Board and Student Entertainment Board, which is responsible for coordinating a number of events like concerts, Homecoming week and the visit of former TV star, Jody Sweetin.

Limited access to certain venues

is another obstacle UB faces in sponsoring cultural events on a regular basis, she added.

The UB bases its decisions on student feedback and promotional e-mails ranging from diverse cultural entertainment to artists on the college circuit, she said.

Eastern can work together in order to increase student attendance.

Brinker suggested having the faculty and specific departments work collaboratively with the Student Life Office to identify cultural events, entertainment and other opportunities that will compliment their coursework and requirements.

This created the "theme" discussion among Davenport's group.

This would involve all departments on campus producing a common theme for the year, such as environment or politics, and working together to create events throughout the year, as well as discussion in the classroom.

Each department could discuss how the candidates feel about certain topics like education or the environment, Brownson said.

"We are more powerful as a group," said Kimberlie Mook, director of student orientation.

## CAMPUS

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## campusbriefs

### Kissing Booth rescheduled because of weather

» The Knights of the Embarras' "Kiss a Hero" was moved to today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. because of the weather.

The "Kiss a Hero" booth will be held in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Knights will be handing out Hershey's Kisses and will be offering kisses for \$1, \$3 and \$5.

All those who purchase the kisses will be recognized at a spaghetti dinner March 31 that will benefit the families of the soldiers of the Mattoon Armory, who are deployed in Iraq.

— Marco Santana, Campus Editor

### IBHE-SAC presentation at Student Senate

» The Student Senate will have a presentation on the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee.

IBHE-SAC met Feb. 3-4 at Lake Land College in Mattoon.

Issues discussed at the meeting included the under-funding of Illinois veteran tuition waivers, student debt and four-year graduation.

Delegates from public, private and community colleges attend IBHE-SAC meetings.

The student-related issues that are discussed are then presented to IBHE, where there is a student-voting member.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

— Matt Hopf, Student Government Reporter

### Goo Goo Dolls tickets for March 4 show at Lantz sold out

» Goo Goo Doll tickets sold out at the end of last week, according to the Ticket Office.

The Goo Goo Dolls and opening act Augustana will perform at 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 at Lantz Arena.

— Stephen Di Benedetto, Senior Activities Reporter

### Bookfair rescheduled

» The Scholastic book sale sponsored by the Association for Childhood Education International's Eastern student chapter will stay open through Tuesday to make up for closing early yesterday. The fair will now be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 to 20 in the Reading Center, Buzzard 1320.

"We're hoping to re-open in the morning," ACEI adviser Judy Barford said Tuesday. The fair has a colorful selection of children's books. The proceeds go toward ACEI events, which include tutoring and supplies for area children.

— Sarah Whitney, Senior Reporter

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## ourview

# A promise requires action

Eastern student Drew Sleezer has been covered statewide for his request to be exempt from another call of duty in Iraq.

He was honorably discharged in 2005 and has already served twice in Iraq.

He was told there was little chance of his being called back to combat overseas.

That slim chance, however, turned into reality as the U.S. Army has requested his services yet again.

Sleezer filed his request hoping the Army would be sympathetic to his situation considering he's already served in combat twice and entrenched in academic life here at Eastern.

The problem is Sleezer signed up for eight years of duty back in 2001, meaning he's only completed six years of his required amount.

Along with all of the benefits of signing

up with Army, like money for school and his \$5,000 signing bonus, Sleezer must accept the heavy weight of responsibility that joining the armed forces carries with it.

He should remain true to his contract unless his appeal is granted.

Staff Sgt. David Martin, of the armed forces recruiting center on Lincoln Ave., said that the majority of those who sign with the Army can expect to serve an average of two to four or two to six years in service, while others will sign up for more depending on individual preferences and job descriptions.

Martin said that right now he is assuring potential recruits that they "stand a strong chance of going to Iraq."

An article in the Chicago Tribune cited that Sleezer practically "begged his parents" to let him enlist at 17 years old.

Clearly, joining the Army was not

something he took lightly.

While Sleezer's motivation may have diminished, his contractual obligations have not changed.

The country is even more entrenched in the War in Iraq, especially now that Bush has vowed to increase the amount of troops to be deployed. The U.S. needs its troops now more than ever.

With so many reservists and veterans being called into duty it should not have been much of a surprise when Sleezer received a call of his own.

Now that his second appeal is up for revision Sleezer should ready himself for the possibility that he may have to go and fight one more time.

He made a promise that goes beyond simple words. He must now act to live up to it.

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## DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | JONATHAN POWLEY



## COLUMNIST | ADAM TESTA

# Biden falls short of forgiveness

As of Saturday, it's official. Barack Obama has announced his candidacy for the presidency of the United States.

The sad thing is that not even a week later, a political slip of the tongue may already be harming his reputation.

Over the weekend, Obama made a statement during a speech in Iowa that may draw criticism from his competition and from the American public. "We have now spent \$400 billion and have seen over 3,000 lives of the bravest young Americans wasted," he said during the speech.

Yesterday, Obama apologized for the misinterpretation of the speech. He said it was meant to be a criticism of the civilian leadership in the war and not the soldiers that have died.

No matter what Obama meant, any slip of the tongue can be costly. People don't remember the apologies and explanations politicians give; they remember the original statements.

How many people are talking about Sen. Joe Biden's explanation?

Not many.

How many people are still talking of his criticism of Obama?

Many.

People still seem to be in shock when they hear the comment.

For those who don't follow politics, Biden made some inappropriately interpreted statements about his opponent for the Democratic nomination.

Biden referred to Obama as "the first mainstream African American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy."

While Biden may have been right with the mainstream part of his comment, the rest could be construed as inappropriate because other people like Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and Alan Keyes have also made runs for the presidency.

According to the interpretation of Biden's

statement, these prominent African American political figures were not intelligent or clean.

In reality, by clean, Biden meant politically clean. He was inferring that being a young senator, Obama had not voted on any hot-button issues that would draw flak from critics.

But does it matter what Biden really meant? Does it matter what Obama really meant? No, it doesn't.

People won't remember the apologies and explanations these politicians offer. They will remember the original statements that were made.

But what effect will this have on the presidential race? Being so early in the process, will people really even remember these statements?

Odds are that people will forget what Obama said this weekend long before the election. Obama will get so much more positive attention from the media that the average America person will probably forget every potentially bad thing he ever says.

But Biden on the other hand can probably kiss his hopes for the nomination away. Biden is not as well known of a candidate, and the media does not pay him attention at this point.

How can two people make comments that get misinterpreted, apologize and meet with different permanent results?

For Obama, it's a slap on the political wrist and an, "Oh, he's young and still learning."

For Biden, it might just be the end of his political dreams.



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## COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

# Columns can't always comfort

Usually I am not one to respond to "critics" of my columns, because when I sit at my computer, I know that not everyone will agree with me. Some will be in the same ballpark with me, but think, perhaps I am too hard on people, some will love what I have to say, and others will flat out hate what I write. Yet, like I stated numerous times, that is my goal. I am happy that there are people out there that agree with me, but I am happier that my columns have the ability to make some people uncomfortable and even upset at times. So, to answer Mr. Upchurch's online post, I am glad he and others read my column even though they may disagree with me, but what I will not do is what it seems some online posters and even Mr. Upchurch want me to do; I am not going to say that I am similar to Don Smith and that like him I am a racist.

I am not racist, I am not bigoted, I am not close-minded, but at the same time I am not some warm and fuzzy teddy bear. I am liberal but that does not mean that I have to be a paragon of tolerance. Tolerance does little for me; you being tolerant of me is not going to get me and

others rights and equal treatment; it may make you pause and think before you vote for your conservative agenda, but in the end you, and by you I mean most and by most I do not mean all, will still vote against affirmative action, same-sex marriage, and initiatives that help the economically raped, pillaged and enslaved at cost of your comfort. The type of tolerance so many people seem to think I should embrace is the idea that racism, sexism, homophobia and elitism is the result of ignorance and that it is not that person's fault; this does nothing but keep an oppressed individual on the sidelines of his or her life and putting their oppressors' needs and feelings first. We are not your teachers, nor should we have to be.

Finally, I was characterized as a representative of the type of minority, specifically black, who tears this country apart while Upchurch's black friends who do not raise the race issue — presumably because, according to Upchurch, it is not an issue for them — are the good black people; Monica S. posted online that my column on the Facebook group "1,000,000 white students" was filled with "hateful" words and

was responsible for disharmony among Eastern's different races. To think that the only way we can all "get along" is by ignoring the realities of life is limiting and simply untrue, to think that I should feel bad for calling out a racist site is laughable and says more about those offended by me but not by what is perpetuated by those groups.

Ultimately, to cast me, and others like me, as the source of disharmony at Eastern or at large is to simplify us in order to not deal with what is being said. It is to purposefully dodge a bullet, and, like a bullet, these issues are not simple or pleasant. They are hard and difficult, but deal with them you must. We can't always be comfortable, and it is not my job to make you comfortable.



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# Winter's siege begins

February temperatures register below average

By Sarah Whitney  
Senior Reporter

A winter storm warning released Tuesday by weather.com predicted that strong winds, ice and snow would cause travel to be hazardous or impossible through this morning.

Dalias Price, retired meteorology professor and Charleston's official weather observer for 47 years, said the wind is something to be concerned about.

"The wind is tearing the heck out of trees because they're loaded with ice and snow," he said.

The wind that tore through Charleston ranged from 25 to 34 mph, according to weather.com.

"If we correlate the gravity of today's event with the closing of the university, then yes, this is a pretty significant storm," said geology/geography instructor Cameron Craig. "The combination of significant ice and snow across the region will put this event in the record books."

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for east central Illinois until midnight Tuesday.



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Desiree Dodge, a freshman political sciences major, blocks a snowball thrown by Andy Masters, a freshman undeclared major, while the two played in the snow outside of Andrews Hall Tuesday.

**CLASSES CANCELED**  
Classes are canceled at Eastern for Wednesday.  
  
The campus is open and all employees that can safely report for work should.

Price said this weather is unusual for this time of year, but he added that "normal" weather rarely ever occurs.

November and December were very mild, he said.

"But then along comes February,

and it's making up for it," Price said. "All that cold (from the Arctic) is being poured out on us, and we have much below average temperatures."

Temperatures reached a low of 19 degrees Fahrenheit Tuesday, but it felt like it was 2 degrees Fahrenheit, according to weather.com.

"We're going through quite a siege of February snowfall," Price said.

The average temperature for Feb. 13 is normally around 42 degrees, Price said. He pointed out that the lowest recorded temperature for the date was -23 degrees, while the record high was 71.

"So winters are highly variable from day to day, month to month," he said.

The remainder of winter temperatures should be more consistent while precipitation is high, Craig said.

"Although the year started warm with a moderate El Nino episode, winter is beginning to show her wickedness across much of the Midwest and eastern U.S.," Craig said. "The reason behind this late winter is due to the El Nino episode weakening toward a normal trend and will return to normal this spring."

CAMPUS | WEATHER

# Weather costs Eastern

By Ashley Rueff  
Senior University Reporter

Eastern's grounds workers began fighting the stormy weather at 3 a.m. Tuesday with de-icing salts and plows.

Despite their preparation, the weather still created conditions that were bad enough to cancel classes for the day.

To keep up with the bad weather, Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management, said 12 grounds workers continued to battle the ice and snow from 3 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, and they are scheduled to work the same hours today.

"There may be some extended overtime for the ground workers," Reed said. "But we've done what we can to arrange people's assignments to not create any more overtime than is necessary."

He said the overtime is about the only expense he foresees for the university because of the weather conditions. He was unsure of the amount of de-icer and sand used on campus.

"It's hard to tell you what it's going to cost us in specific terms."

Tuesday afternoon, President Lou Hencken and the vice presidents were discussing the possibility of canceling classes for a second day.

"(Canceling classes) is upsetting, but you have to do what you think is in the best interest of the university," said Hencken.

# Weather influences basketball travel

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

The Southeast Missouri men's basketball team arrived Monday night before Tuesday's winter storm hit Charleston.

The Redhawk squad stayed at the Comfort Inn in Mattoon on Tuesday night instead of returning to Cape Girardeau as they had

planned, said Ron Hines, sports information director at SEMO.

SEMO head coach Scott Edgar said that safety issues prompted the team to stay in Illinois.

"Safety is the most important thing," Edgar said.

The men's team plans on returning to Cape Girardeau today.

"It's a four hour trip during the daylight hours," said Edgar. "I can

see us getting out of here around 10-ish."

SEMO's women's basketball team plays tonight at Eastern and left Cape Girardeau, Mo., around noon on Tuesday, said Corey Miggins, SEMO's assistant sports information director.

The team arrived in Charleston around 5 p.m. Tuesday and stayed overnight at the Hampton Inn in

Mattoon.

Miggins said a decision about traveling back after the game if the storm continues would be made by head coach John Ishee and his staff.

Miggins said the team was informed of the weather conditions in Charleston before it left, but it did not run into much snow until it got further into Illinois.

## » Canceled

FROM PAGE 1

The dean of continuing education makes the decision to cancel classes based on building closings and the ability of instructors and students to travel to class.

Monday night, the university

sent an e-mail to every student's available e-mail address informing them that decisions would be posted on the campus Web site.

Hencken suggests that students check [www.eiu.edu](http://www.eiu.edu) for weather updates.

All cancellation announcements will go through the Web site.

It takes more than two hours

to send out an e-mail to all the students.

The university has not canceled class since 1978, according to *The Daily Eastern News* archives. Eastern closed on Feb. 1 1982.

President Daniel Marvin closed the campus after 16 inches of snow.

Other universities, including University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign, canceled classes. Illinois State University in Bloomington closed the entire university.

Hencken decides to cancel classes for today around 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday night.

"Classes are canceled, but the campus is open," said Hencken.

All dining centers will be open on Wednesday.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, said that delivery trucks were able to bring a new shipment of food Tuesday morning and none of the halls had reported any serious damage or flooding from the storm.

Hall staffs planned extra activities such as game and movie nights to help students fill the time.

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# Calling today's cell phone addiction

**Most people depend on their cell phones during daily routines**

By Sarah Whitney  
Senior Reporter



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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bundled up student Holly Gulick, a senior communication major, talks on her cell phone during Tuesday's severe winter weather that caused President Hencken to cancel classes.

President Hencken knows he is addicted to his cell phone.

During the first week of January, he was on vacation in Florida when his phone died.

He was still able to use his wife's cell phone to keep in touch with campus, but people were still calling and leaving messages on his phone.

"It's like, oh my gosh, how do I communicate," he said.

He compared the feeling of disconnect to riding in a car without a seatbelt.

"When I hop in a car, I automatically put on my seatbelt," he explained. "It feels awkward without a seatbelt."

He had the same feeling when he couldn't use his phone.

Hencken is like most Americans, according to an Associated Press/AOL/Pew Research survey published April 4, 2006.

Of the 1,503 participants surveyed, 71 percent said they either could not live without their cell phone or they could do without but would miss it.

Sophomore Brittany Buchanan said her cell phone is the best way for people to find her because she's so busy.

The elementary education major got her first phone when she was a sophomore in high school. It was a

prepaid phone that she used to call her parents for rides after tennis practice. Now she has a pink Sanyo SCP-3100 phone.

"I could probably handle a day," she said referring to how long she could go without her phone. "But more than two or three days would be a disaster."

Buchanan's cell phone connection is not unusual.

It is not uncommon to see several students talking on their cell phones while walking to classes.

Becky Wilson, a junior English major, uses her cell phone to coordinate time to hang out with her friends.

"I'm really bad at talking on the phone," she said and added that her longest phone call is around 30 minutes. "I'd rather hang out than talk on the phone."

Despite this, Wilson keeps her phone with her at all times.

"I don't use a watch any more because I always have my phone with me," she said.

Psychology professor Jeffrey Stowell agreed that students don't memorize phone numbers or use watches anymore.

"It's easy and convient," he said about why students don't bother to memorize numbers anymore.

Cell phones have changed the way people store information, Stowell said.

Students no longer have to memorize phone numbers because their cell phones store the data for them.

"I think students, in many ways, have become dependent on them," he said.

In Stowell's opinion, this is affecting communication.

Before cell phones, if 10 people are standing in an elevator, they would talk to each other, he said. Now, those 10 people are talking on their cell phones.

They limit themselves to their smaller circle of cell phone contacts,

he said.

Junior Cassandra Curran's cell phone habits reflect this theory. The biology major said she uses her phone moderately but usually calls or texts the same people.

Eric Davidson, director of the Health Education Resource Center, sees students' increased use of e-culture — including text messaging and online social networking sites — as a trend of the Millennial generation.

"Students are gravitating toward those communication channels more so than face to face," he said.

There used to be the joke of two roommates sitting in their room instant messaging each other instead

of talking, he said, but that happens more now.

To educators, this isn't a laughing matter.

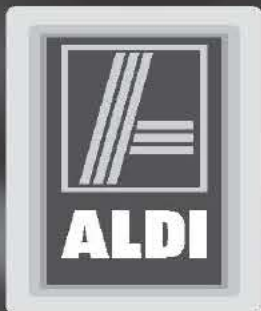
"That's really affecting social skills," Davidson said.

Students are losing their writing, conversation and communication skills because of their dependence on technology, Davidson said.

"When I've talked with faculty and other people, this use of e-culture is really affecting writing," he said.

"When people sit down to write papers and reports, they're writing as if they were writing an e-mail to their best friend and thinking that that's good and fine."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL | ILLINOIS

# Crash injuring players under investigation

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN – Authorities on Tuesday were investigating the accident that injured two Illinois basketball players –one seriously when their car went off the road and slammed into a tree.

Brian Carlwell, 19, was at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana Tuesday in serious condition with a severe concussion, Illinois sports information director Kent Brown said. Carlwell previously was listed in critical condition.

His teammate, Jamar Smith, was treated at the hospital for a concussion and released after the accident, Brown said.

Police cited Smith, a 19-year-old from Peoria, for improper lane usage, Brown said, and campus police say further action is possible pending the outcome of the investigation.

Smith, a 6-foot-3 sophomore guard, was driving the car sometime between 11:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. Monday on the fringe of the campus when it crossed the center line and struck a tree, according to Brown and University of Illinois police Sgt.

Vanessa Horsman.

“We’re trying to determine why he crossed the street and struck a tree,” Horsman told The (Champaign) News Gazette.

According to the National Weather Service, it was snowing heavily in the Champaign area Monday night, but it wasn’t known what, if any, role weather played in the accident.

Brown wasn’t sure what Carlwell and Smith were doing before the crash.

Illinois coach Bruce Weber spent the night in the hospital with

Carlwell.

“We just hope and pray Brian is going to be OK,” Weber said before Carlwell’s condition was upgraded.

Carlwell’s parents traveled from their home in Maywood in suburban Chicago to Urbana to see their son on Tuesday, Brown said.

Brown wasn’t sure whether the rest of the team had been told of the accident or whether the Illini would hold their scheduled practice later in the day.

Illinois practiced Monday night. The Illini are off until they host Northwestern on Sunday.

It wasn’t known whether either player will be available by then, Brown said.

“The main concern here is the health of those guys, and not playing status or any of that has been determined,” he said.

Weber canceled his regular news conference, which was scheduled for Wednesday, according to a university news release.

Smith averages 8.1 points per game for the Illini. Carlwell, a 6-foot-11 freshman center, averages 1.7 points and 1.4 rebounds per game.

NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

# Cubs trade Ryu to Devil Rays for minor leaguers

The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz.— The Chicago Cubs traded right-hander Jae Kuk Ryu to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Tuesday for two minor leaguers, outfielder Andrew Lopez and right-hander Gregor Reinhard. Ryu, 23, was originally signed by the Cubs as a non-drafted free agent on June 1, 2001, and is 0-1 with an 8.40 ERA in 10 games.

He spent several stints with the Cubs last season and made his major league debut May 14.

He was also 8-8 with a 3.23 ERA in 24 appearances for Triple-A Iowa.

Ryu got in trouble in Florida in 2003 when as a minor league pitcher he threw a baseball and knocked an osprey from its perch before a Florida State League game.

The bird later died.

He was ordered to perform community service in which he worked with a wildlife expert and raked waste from bird cages.

Lopez, 20, was the Devil Rays eighth-round selection in the 2005 draft. He batted .256 at Class A Princeton last season.

Reinhard, 23, was picked by the Devils Rays in the sixth round in 2005.

He was 6-10 last season with Class A Southwest Michigan.

**Zambrano to Cubs: Sign me before season or I’ll leave**

MESA, Ariz. — Chicago Cubs ace Carlos Zambrano has a new message for the team: sign him to a new contract before the season starts or he’ll leave and become a free agent after it’s over.

“I’m ready to sign and I would do my job anyway with the Cubs this year,” Zambrano said in an interview with WGN-TV that was reported Tuesday by the Chicago Tribune.

“Whatever happens, I don’t want to know about a contract during the season. I want to sign with the Cubs before the season starts. If they don’t sign me, sorry, but I must go. That’s what Carlos Zambrano thinks.”

Zambrano, 16-7 with a 3.41 ERA and 210 strikeouts last season, asked for \$15.5 million in arbitration.

The team offered \$11.025 million.

He made \$6.5 million last season.

**Illinois-Chicago basketball coach said he’ll be back in spring**

CHICAGO – Illinois-Chicago head coach Jimmy Collins, who has been on leave since Dec. 23 due to illness, said Tuesday he expects to resume his full-time duties this spring.

The 59-year-old had surgery Jan.

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“I surprise people. They’re expecting to see the cancer patient here instead of me, and it’s just good to get that feeling that I’ve prepared well and came in, in shape.”

4 to repair a major abdominal artery after tests showed he suffered from an abdominal aortic aneurysm, which is a swelling of the main blood vessel in the abdomen.

“I am very eager to get back into the swing of things, but at the same time I am not yet physically able to return to the day-to-day activities of a head basketball coach,” Collins said in a Tuesday statement from the school.

Associate head coach Mark Coomes has been coaching the Flames during Collins’ absence, and he’ll continue to lead the team through this season, the statement said.

While Collins won’t resume his full-time duties until at least March, he occasionally assists other coaches, including in recruiting, the statement said.

**Starbucks’ Schultz transfers stock to repay Sonics loan**

SEATTLE – Starbucks Corp.’s chairman has transferred 3.56

million shares of company stock to repay a loan that helped him purchase a stake in the Seattle SuperSonics.

Chairman Howard Schultz, who sold the NBA club last year, transferred the shares Monday to an unnamed lender, according to a regulatory filing.

The transaction retires a nearly \$55.2 million cash loan Schultz received in March 2001, around the time he led a group of investors in buying the Sonics for \$200 million.

Schultz pledged about 6.75 million shares of Starbucks stock to secure the loan in 2001, but renegotiated its terms in 2004, the Securities and Exchange Commission filing shows.

**Lester’s welcome switch: from chemo to curveballs**

FORT MYERS, Fla. – His cancer is gone and his curve is back.

Jon Lester feels ready to win a spot on Boston’s pitching staff less than

six months after being diagnosed with a disease that threatened, at the very least, a promising career. Now he must convince manager Terry Francona and Boston’s other decision-makers who have preached caution.

“I think it’s because they haven’t seen me,” Lester said.

When they do, they may be shocked.

“I surprise people,” he said. “They’re expecting to see the cancer patient here instead of me.”

“It’s just good to get that feeling that I’ve prepared well and came in in shape,” said Lester.

Lester’s weight, down to 190 during chemotherapy, is up to 212, about five pounds less than his normal playing size.

His left arm is powerful and his legs are gaining strength.

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WRESTLING | NOTEBOOK

# Regionals right around corner

## Panthers will participate in three matches this weekend to prepare

By Adam Larck  
Staff Reporter

With the wrestling season dwindling down, the Panthers are looking forward to the last regular season meet. Eastern Illinois will travel Sunday to Northern Illinois to face the Huskies, Eastern Michigan and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Panthers, who had last weekend off, have been practicing harder to prepare for this meet and the regional meet two weeks after.

"We've just been working steady, practicing twice a day on Tuesday and Thursday, once a day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday," said head coach Ralph McCausland. "It's just a little bit longer periods of time. The key coming down to the end of the season, more so than anything is to keep everybody healthy."

While Eastern had been wrestling multiple matches throughout the tournaments, sometimes the number of matches had been reduced to one during dual meets.

This weekend's meet will have three matches, the same as the final event of the season.

"Three matches next Sunday is going to be good, because in two weeks it's going to be the same thing," McCausland said. "It's going to be three matches at the regional tournament."

### Sherko out for season

Jason Sherko, the junior 197-pound weight class wrestler, looks to be out for the remainder of the season.

Sherko missed the last seven matches. He had an MRI done last week on the injury.

"(The MRI result) doesn't look good," McCausland said.

He could not elaborate on what the injury is or the extent of damage done.

With only two meets left, McCausland does not think he will put in another wrestler at that position.

"At this point in the season, it doesn't seem possible (to put in another 197-pound wrestler)," he said.

### Time to ride

Riding time is something people would expect to hear in bull riding, not in wrestling.

Yet riding time can decide a tied match for wrestlers.

"Riding time is where the top man in the position on the mat has control of the bottom person for one minute more advantage," McCausland said. "So if you have two minutes, I have to have three minutes. If I have a minute advantage over you, I get one additional point."

If no one has a minute advantage, neither player will get that point.

McCausland said riding time has been in college wrestling since he started wrestling in college.

He also said they've discussed whether to get rid of riding time.

Olympic style, Greco style and freestyle wrestling do not have riding times.

Instead, the referees will let the match go on for a short amount of time and then pull both wrestlers to a neutral position again.

The outcome of the match has been affected all of the time by riding times, McCausland said.

"It's happened many, many times," he said. "(Freshman Tommy) Reamer tied his match up against South Dakota State, but lost it on a minute and three seconds of riding time."

Reamer wrestles in the 149-pound weight class.

He does not remember having any other matches like that where the riding time mattered.

"Basically I just got taken down in the first and got hurt a little bit and was out of it for most of the match," Reamer said. "He was able to ride me until the third period when I recovered for a little."

### Sudoku By Michael Mephum

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3 by 3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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9	7	6	4	2	1	5	8	3
7	4	9	8	1	2	6	3	5
3	6	5	7	9	4	8	1	2
1	2	8	5	6	3	7	4	9

## » Clutter

FROM PAGE 12

The top part of my uniform was pretty much the same style, but the shorts were actually running shorts.

You know, the kind with the built in underwear thing, and they were a little shorter.

Now when I came to college it was a major culture shock.

I went from a baggy uniform to a tight fitting one.

At Eastern our uniforms consist of a tight fitting running top and a selection of different bottoms; you know since we are women we love options.

We can either wear the 'spankeys,' which pretty much resembles underwear or we can wear a spandex type of shorts. I also think we can opt for the running shorts that are looser.

I remember the first time I put on my uniform I wanted to die.

Here I was used to being comfortable running in things that I could move in to wearing pretty much nothing at all.

Now I loved the top; however, the bottoms I wasn't so comfortable in. I felt like I was in my underwear.

I did, however, get used to the uniform and am now comfortable running in it.

I felt a little restricted in high school when I wore the loose shorts and now

I feel like I'm not as restricted because my shorts feel like they are part of my body now.

This year we got new uniforms. The style is the same but the design on the tops are different. We also got new warm-ups and the girls got short-sleeved warm-up tops.

I was just excited to get a small in the warm-ups this year. Last year I had an extra-large. Let's just say it was pretty comical.

Now I feel at every meet we stand out and look like professional track athletes in our new warm-ups.

It probably doesn't help either that we pretty much are the only all-blue team on the track.

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## The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS

1 Green course

6 Nascar's Gordon

10 "Hey, you!"

14 São \_\_\_\_

15 Et \_\_\_\_

16 Bluesy James

17 Item for William Tell

18 Already in France?

19 Sauce thickener

20 Souvenir, say

23 "Star Trek" fig.

24 Holed up

25 Get comfortably close

28 Have a bug

29 Cries of disgust

31 A.C. stat

32 Dessert with dark streaks

36 Dark genre
- DOWN

37 Nancy of "Access Hollywood"

38 "What was \_\_\_\_ do?"

39 Port town on the English Channel

40 Do, for example

41 Occupation with an unsavory reputation

43 It should be low on a diamond

44 Cry coming up to a barn

45 Long, long time

46 "Holy" one

48 Off-roader, for short

49 Fall back

52 2002 Bond film

56 Big maker of notebooks

58 Like some advice
- DOWN

59 Symptom for an auto mechanic

60 Stridex target

61 Book before Nehemiah

62 Terra \_\_\_\_

63 Some are odd

64 Per \_\_\_\_

65 Dimethyl \_\_\_\_ (aerosol propellant)

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Kim Seidl

- 30 Sacred image: Var.

32 "Haystacks" painter

33 Really go for

34 Inhibitor

35 "Bye"

36 Duel time, maybe
- 39 Nice's region

41 Put into words

42 One of Alcott's "little women"

44 The "vey" in "oy vey"

47 Ferris wheels and such

48 Starters
- 49 Head of costume design

50 Butter up?

51 One way to play

53 The Soup \_\_\_\_

54 Shrek, for one

55 Canine part

56 Bad beginning?

57 Green prefix

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

# Lyles leads Redhawks against Eastern

**Southeast Missouri senior leads Division-I in rebounding, averages 16.8 boards**

**By Marc Correnti**  
Staff Reporter

All year long, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee has been preaching to his team the importance of rebounding.

Enter Lachelle Lyles.

The Division I women's leading rebounder from Southeast Missouri makes a visit, along with the rest of the Redhawks to face the Panthers at 7:35 tonight.

While Sallee has been urging the Panthers to focus more on rebounds, it's Lyles who has accepted the role as a relentless rebounder who combines skill and tenacity to average 16.8 rebounds.

Lyles and the Redhawks have already burned the Panthers earlier this season.

In SEMO's 77-60 victory against Eastern, Lyles was plagued with foul trouble most of the night, playing only 22 minutes.

Even with four fouls and a lack of minutes, Lyles still grabbed 19 rebounds, giving the Redhawks (17-7, 12-4 Ohio Valley Conference) a 16-3 advantage in second-chance points.

Lyles explains her rebounding efficiency as easily as she pulls them



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore guard Ellen Canale looks to pass the ball during last Sunday's basketball game against Tennessee-Martin at Lantz Arena. Canale and the Panthers host Southeast Missouri tonight at 7:35.

down.

"I approach every rebound the same," Lyles said. "I go after it, attack and box out. It's just a matter of wanting to do it."

Not only has Lyles hurt the Panthers (9-16, 6-10 OVC), but she also has posted big games against Tennessee State (32 rebounds) and Samford (25 rebounds) this season.

The 6-foot-2 senior from

Chicago arrived in Cape Girardeau, Mo., two years ago after playing at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Her journey to SEMO was complicated when she tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her knee. With other schools backing off, she accepted a scholarship at SEMO.

Lyles, who lists Chicago Bulls'

Ben Wallace as her favorite athlete, said she learned how to fight for rebounds playing with guys most of her life.

"We used to always play 21 when I was a kid," Lyles said. "I used to play with a group of guys who showed me that in order to win, you had to get the ball. I've been rebounding well ever since."

It promises to be another tough

## OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE REBOUNDING LEADERS

» Lyles, Lachelle (SEMO):	16.8
» Mitchell, Phyllisha (UTM):	9.0
» Scott, Joi (MUR):	8.7
» Galligan, Rachel (EIU):	8.2
» Whitney, Missy (SEMO):	8.1
» Brown, LaKrisha (MOR):	7.9
» Okafor, Obiageli (TSU):	7.0
» Hayes, Ashley (MUR):	6.8
» Watson, Alicia (APSU):	6.7
» Booker, Iheri (TSU):	6.5
» Jackson, Andreika (UTM):	6.1

match-up for Rachel Galligan. The 6-foot-2 sophomore, who is no slouch in rebounding either (8.2 rebounds per game), admires Lyles' rebounding skills.

"I don't know," Galligan said when asked if there was a secret to Lyles' rebounding. "I wish someone would tell me that secret. She wants to get every rebound and pretty much does."

With the Panthers tied with Eastern Kentucky for the eighth and final playoff spot in the OVC, the next two games will tell whether Eastern can be viewed as legitimate contenders.

The Redhawks are currently tied for first place with Murray State—a team that visits Charleston on Saturday.

## » Vacancy

FROM PAGE 12

The special teams coordinator is the newest member of Eastern's staff, hired last spring.

Lustig said getting a coaching job is like any other.

"It's all about how qualified you are and kind of who you know," Lustig said. "Once you get your foot in the door hopefully you get an interview."

Lustig said interviews are not only about coaching philosophy and techniques; recruiting is important.

He added that the high school

Aug. 30 vs. Tenn. Tech

Sept. 8 at Purdue

Sept. 30 vs. Illinois State

Sept. 22 at Indiana State

Sept. 29 at SEMO

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(home in bold)

Oct. 6 vs. Eastern Kentucky

Oct. 13 at Murray State

Oct. 20 vs. UT-Martin

Oct. 27 at Tenn. State

Nov. 10 at Jacksonville St.

Nov. 17 vs. Samford

and parts of the country the coach has connections with are looked at in any interview.

McDuffie has the final say on all coaching hires but Spoo will likely head up the selection committee. Smith will also be a part of the committee and he said often an outsider is brought in to add a different perspective.

"Sometimes our search committee's might have a Panther Club member or maybe a faculty member," Smith said.

In any case, the university's goal is to have a replacement for Hutson named before the start of spring practice, which usually starts the last week of March or the first week of April.

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TOP CAT | JESSICA HUFFMAN

# Hoosier stays close to home

Huffman credits grandparents for where she is today

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Family and friends are important to freshman guard Jessica Huffman. She doesn't live with her parents anymore and has been living with her grandparents since the second grade.

"It was the best thing for me and my sister at the time (to live with my grandparents)," Huffman said. "I thank God every day for my grandparents taking me and my sister into their home. If it wasn't for them I don't know where I would be."

The Whiteland, Ind., native said she sees her dad but not as much as her mom.

"I've learned from other people's mistakes if you start going down the wrong path," Huffman said why she lives with her grandparents. "I'm just trying to keep my head on and hang around with the right people."

One of those right people is her Whiteland High School head coach Bill Hogue, who's practically been a party of her family.

"She's not only been a player but a daughter to me," Hogue said. "We developed a great coach-player relationship. We spent a lot of time talking outside of basketball."

Hogue said he was the father figure to her.

Huffman's ties to her family and others were an important factor on where she was going to attend college.

"I didn't want to go too far because of my family," Huffman said.



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman point guard Jessican Huffman's 38 points against Morehead State on Dec. 20 set a school record. She also holds the top freshmen marks for points, 3-pointers made and free-throws made in a season.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee got a tip from a friend and sent assistant coach Anne O'Neil to watch Huffman play in a game.

It didn't take long for O'Neil to be impressed, as she called Sallee at halftime of the game raving about Huffman.

"We got really excited about her," Sallee said. "It was kind of a whirlwind recruiting deal. It pays to have friends in some different places

around the Midwest. He got us a special one, that's for sure."

That special one is producing as Huffman's scoring ability has developed in her first year at Eastern.

"(With Megan Edward's) injury it really thrust her into the spotlight quick," Sallee said. "She's done a whale of a job stepping in to fill some big shoes."

Huffman has earned six Ohio

Valley Conference freshmen of the week awards, the most of any player in the OVC.

"She's starting to understand the importance of sharing the basketball and getting everybody involved," Sallee said.

Huffman set a school-record by scoring 38 points in a game against Morehead State this season.

It was a highlight for Huffman but the team faltered after that



## HOOPS WITH HOOSIERS

- »Four Panthers call Indiana their home:
- » **Jessica Huffman:** Whiteland, Ind.
- » **Lauren Sturtevant:** Fishers, Ind.
- » **Lindsey Kluempers:** Fishers, Ind.
- » **Julie Lipperd:** Versailles, Ind.

Huffman, in high school, played on the South All-Star girls squad.

Men's freshman center Bobby Jolliff played on the South All-Star boy's team.

"We became pretty good friends (before coming to Eastern)," Huffman said. He's a good kid. I like him and his parents are pretty nice people."

Jolliff is a Hartsville, Ind., native and played at Hauser High School.

game and went on a seven-game losing streak.

Sallee said the losing streak took a toll on the competitive Huffman.

"We had to talk about basketball, a talk about life a little bit (and) snap her back into reality," Sallee said. "There's times where you got to share the big picture with kids."

Huffman has appreciated the coaching of Sallee and Hogue.

"(Hogue) told me there'd be the frustrations that I have know," Huffman said. "He led me the way. And Brady picked up right where he left."

MEN'S BASKETBALL | DOMINANT DEFENSE

# Redhawks' struggles in first half lead to win

Eastern's defense in first half limits SEMO to 19 points

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Mike Miller told his assistant coaches at halftime that he's seen Southeast Missouri score 50 points in a half many times.

Miller saw it first-hand when the Redhawks did that in the teams' first meeting Jan. 4.

Miller's words to his assistants proved prophetic, but the 50 second-half points SEMO scored this time didn't result in an Eastern loss.

Instead, the early lead Eastern jumped out to was the difference in the Panthers' 77-69 win Tuesday night at Lantz Arena.

And the credit can go to Eastern's defense in the first 20 minutes when the Panthers held SEMO to 19 first-half points.

The Panthers jumped out to a 37-19 halftime lead, holding SEMO to 26 percent shooting and forcing nine Redhawk turnovers.

Miller said a change in getting defenders back was key to stopping SEMO.

The Panthers used their three guards to get back and defend,



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Freshman center Ousmanne Cisse takes a shot over a SEMO defender during the men's basketball game Tuesday night against Southeast Missouri State at Lantz Arena.

instead of going for the rebound, and the style worked out in Eastern's favor.

"We would hopefully not give up a lot of transition points because SEMO might be the best transition team in the league," Miller said. The plan worked, with SEMO only scoring six fast-break points the entire game.

The offensive efficiency SEMO

displayed that night in Cape Girardeau, Mo., wasn't anywhere to be found in the first half Tuesday night.

SEMO's first-half offense was like the winter storm that hit Tuesday in Charleston.

It started out cold and kept getting colder.

The Redhawks scored four points in the first 11 minutes, which helped

Eastern jump out to a 20-4 lead.

"That team's a driving team, real athletic team," said junior center Jake Byrne about SEMO. "We've just been working and getting in the gaps real hard. We just gave them nothing."

Forward Brandon Foust, SEMO's leading scorer coming into the game, missed all three of his field goal attempts and did not play in the second half.

SEMO head coach Scott Edgar used four substitutions to start the second half.

Edgar said he did this trying to look for the right combination on the floor.

That right combination was not there in the first half.

After guard Roderick Pearson scored to tie the game at four with 15:54 left, SEMO went nearly eight minutes without a field goal.

In that time span, Eastern went on a 16-2 run to separate itself from the Redhawks.

SEMO cut it to 12 at one point, but after Eastern's Romain Martin made two free throws, Eastern's lead was 33-13.

SEMO wasn't hitting from outside either, connecting on only one of 11 3-point attempts.

"We airballed some wide-open 3-point shots, which is unusual for us," Edgar said. "Hindsight's always 20-20, but when you're shooting 37 percent from the 3-point line,

you do want to shoot some 3-point shots. I don't think, of the 11, not many really had a guys' hand in their face. We had some good looks in the first half."

## Eastern 77, SEMO 69

SEMO	min	fg		ft		reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	pct	m-a	pct				
Foust	10	0-3	0.0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0
White	17	3-6	0.0	1-2	1	1	1	6	
Johnson	23	1-6	3.5	2-5	2	4	5		
Willoughby	19	0-3	4.4	0-3	0	0	4		
Pearson	30	6-10	2.2	0-2	2	4	17		
Perry	21	2-5	2.2	3-6	0	2	6		
Paradoski	12	1-2	0.0	0-1	0	2	3		
Rhodes	24	6-13	2.4	2-3	2	3	15		
Drew	5	2-3	1.2	0-1	0	1	7		
Hill	15	0-5	0.0	1-2	1	2	0		
Maxwell	24	1-7	3.4	1-5	0	4	6		
TOTALS	200	22-63	17-23	13-33	8	23	69		
Percentages: FG: 34.9 3-point goals: 8-28 Blocked shots: 4 Steals: 7 Turnovers: 11									

Eastern	min	fg		ft		reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	pct	m-a	pct				
Catchings	33	5-9	2.4	1-2	2	4	12		
Byrne	30	4-7	8.8	0-4	2	3	16		
Cisse	24	3-5	0.0	2-3	0	1	6		
Robinson	28	2-5	6.8	1-6	4	4	11		
Martin	36	4-11	6.7	0-2	3	3	17		
Myers-Kyles	4	0-0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0		
Parrish	10	1-2	0.0	0-0	0	2	2		
Brock	15	3-3	3.4	1-5	0	1	9		
Voss	0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0	0	0		
Willhite	20	2-4	0.0	0-2	6	1	4		
TOTALS	200	24-46	25-31	5-34	17	19	77		

Percentages: FG: 52.2 3-point goals: 4-11 Blocked shots: 5 Steals: 4 Turnovers: 15



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TODAY vs. Southeast Missouri |

7:35 p.m. Lantz Arena

### triplethreat



When Mark Hutson left Eastern's coaching staff on Jan. 11 to take the offensive line coach position at Tulane, it wasn't that surprising.

Hutson (above) led the Panthers to an 8-5 record while filling in for head coach Bob Spoo this past season and it was only a matter of time before Hutson left for a better coaching opportunity.

Hutson is hardly the first Eastern coach to make a jump to a bigger institution.

Here are three former coaches under Spoo who have been successful assistants after leaving Eastern:

**1. Randy Melvin** — The former Panther great came back to his alma mater and coached from 1988-94. He's now entering his third season as defensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns. The Aurora native coached for the New England Patriots for two seasons.

**2. Darrell Hazell** — Hazell coached here for one season (1988) but is now a coach at one of the nation's best college football programs: Ohio State. Hazell, a New Jersey native, coached the running backs and receivers at Eastern.

**3. Mike DeBord** — DeBord spent two seasons at Eastern (1987-88) and is now in his second stint as Michigan's offensive coordinator.

— Matt Daniels

## mollyclutter

AROUND THE TRACK

### Running in style

My first three years of high school, my track uniform was outdated.

We had the baggy, red tank top type of jersey with our own black shorts.

The length of my shorts were above my knee to the middle of my thigh.

Let's just say that sometimes at meets, I had longer shorts than some of the guys competing.

When I was a senior in high school, our track team had a co-op with a neighboring school so my uniform changed slightly.

The color was the major change.

I went from red and black to blue and white.

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## FOOTBALL | COACHING SEARCH

# Hutson's position still vacant

### Search for successor could start next week

By Joe Waltasti  
Sports Reporter

Mark Hutson's shoes remain unfilled.

On Jan. 11 Hutson, the co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach, left Eastern to take a similar position at Tulane in New Orleans.

Hutson's position on the coaching staff has not been filled and a search committee to find his successor has not yet been formed.

"Nothing has started yet," said athletic director Rich McDuffie. "Maybe in about a week or so."

When Hutson left Eastern,

John Smith, associate athletic director for development, said he received many inquiries regarding the vacated position.

"That's the nature of coaching," Smith said. "As soon as Hutson left, it got published and boom, your phone starts ringing."

One possible complication to finding a replacement for Hutson is the continuing health issues of head coach Bob Spoo.

Sports Information Director Rich Moser said Spoo had a follow-up operation last Monday and is recuperating at home.

Spoo missed the entire 2006 season with an undisclosed illness and Hutson was acting head coach during Spoo's absence.

Spoo announced Dec. 1 that he will return to the sidelines this season to resume his head



Bob Spoo

Eastern's head coach had a routine operation last Monday and continues to recover at his home.

which is when we lost Mark, and right after signing day."

McDuffie said another detail holding up the search is the uncertainty if one or both of the

coaching duties.

Smith said the administration has planned all along to wait until now to start a search.

"This time of year you get a lot of movement in coaches," Smith said. "There are two key times, right after the season up until the (football coaches) conference,

positions vacated by Hutson will be filled.

There could also be some reshuffling amongst the staff.

Co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Jorge Munoz has remained at Eastern and could be promoted as the lone offensive coordinator.

"Keeping continuity is important so the guys can have the same offense for the second year," defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said about promoting Munoz. "Jorge is a great coach."

Munoz called all the offensive plays for the Panthers this season, and his ascension would be a logical move, Bellantoni said.

Justin Lustig is familiar with the hiring process at Eastern.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 77, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 69



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman guard Romain Martin takes a jump shot against SEMO at Lantz Arena. Martin led the Panthers with 17 points.

# Panthers still in tourney hunt

### Martin keeps Eastern's flicker of a chance alive with first-half scoring outburst.

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

Romain Martin was the last Eastern player to leave the locker room Tuesday night, and as he left, he reached back and flicked the lights off.

The freshman guard flicked the lights off a Southeast Missouri win more than two hours prior with his first-half scoring performance.

Martin scored 15 of his 17 points in the first half, helping Eastern build up a 37-19 halftime lead.

That 18-point halftime lead stood firm despite a late rally from SEMO and the Panthers won 77-69, their fourth win in the last five games.

Martin's three 3-pointers helped complement Eastern's solid inside game in the first half.

Martin's longest 3-pointer, with him standing a foot away from SEMO's bench, put Eastern ahead 29-11 with 4 minutes, 5 seconds left.

"If I'm open, I'm going to shoot it," Martin said. "I just knew it was good. I followed through and got my feet set."

SEMO's 6-foot-9 center Michael Rembert did not play in the game because of a knee

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injury he suffered last Thursday against Morehead State.

SEMO head coach Scott Edgar said the Redhawks missed his presence inside.

"I give them all the credit, but we missed Mike," Edgar said. "He can get us some baskets and he takes space up in there. People know he's one of our key guys."

Eastern (9-18, 5-13 Ohio Valley Conference) used Rembert's absence to its advantage, scoring 12 of its first 14 points off layups.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the emphasis of getting the ball inside has been there all season, but the execution hasn't always been there.

"I think sometimes it just works out," Miller said. "The execution was just a little bit better and guys made shots."

Junior center Jake Byrne led the Panthers inside, scoring 16 points and making all eight of his free throws.

Byrne said the absence of Rembert didn't change Eastern's style of play.

"We've been (getting the ball inside) more so recently," Byrne said. "I think that's been kind of our game lately and it's been working. We just got to keep doing it."

Eastern built up a 56-38 lead with 9:40 to

play, but SEMO kept gnawing at the lead.

But Eastern's ability to make free throws and hold onto the ball late helped seal the win.

The Panthers made 25 of 31 free throws, including nine of its last 10.

SEMO's full-court pressure defense helped the Redhawks get back into the game late, forcing Eastern into 10-second half turnovers.

The Panthers committed 15 turnovers in the game.

"We turned it over a couple times and they got some quick baskets," Miller said. "We could have done a little better job, I think, just being stronger with the ball. But I think that's the system (SEMO's) trying to implement, that they wear you down and maybe you make a mental mistake. Or you make a mistake you normally wouldn't do."

The win keeps alive Eastern's OVC postseason hopes.

The Panthers are currently alone in tenth place.

Three teams, Morehead State, Jacksonville State and Tennessee State, are all tied for seventh place with 6-11 conference records.

The top eight teams make the OVC Tournament.

"Our deal is we went through January and we didn't play bad in January," Miller said. "We played some good games in January, we really did. Our January was tough on us so all we had was February. Our focus can't be on 'Let's make the tournament.' It's 'Let's play good basketball. Let's win games.'"