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FACULTY SENATE

Senate passes Article XIII



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Faculty senate member Dawn VanGunten speaks to board members Tuesday afternoon in Room 4440 Booth Library.

Information in bylaw to keep names hidden from public

By Emily Steele
News Editor

After months of deliberation over Article XIII, the faculty senate voted to approve the controversial document Tuesday.

The vote passed 8-2-0 after nearly an hour-long discussion about including references to the Freedom of Information Act information within the bylaw.

Faculty senate member John Best made the revisions, which referred to the FOIA, in an ef-

fort to potentially keep names on a petition hidden from the public if deemed necessary by the faculty senate executive committee.

But even Best said nothing was certain.

“There’s no way we can guarantee confidentiality,” he said.

The bylaw refers to section seven of FOIA, which, according to the bylaw, provides an exemption for the right to inspect and copy information. The exemptions, as stated in the bylaw, would include “cases in which the disclosure of the personal information contained within a public record (i.e., a person’s signature on a petition) would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy ...and to which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs the legitimate and untrammelled

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John Best, faculty senate

right of the people to know and to obtain the information.”

Senate member Joy Russell questioned if FOIA has the flexibility to consider a signature as private information.

“I don’t see in article seven where it references signatures,” Russell said during the discussion.

There is no specific mention to signatures in section seven of FOIA, which the bylaw referenced.

That portion of FOIA only

identifies the invasion of personal privacy as “the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.”

Best defended the revisions as “the intention is for how we’re going to conduct petitions or the referendum process.”

Faculty senate member Amy Rosenstein’s motion to make the

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UNIVERSITY

Faculty feel impact of smallest increase in salaries

UPI will begin negotiating new contract in May

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

University faculty members across the country are feeling the impact of the recession.

The American Association of University Professionals’ annual report, released Monday, showed an average pay increase of 1.2 percent for nationwide faculty salaries for the 2009-2010 school year over the previous year.

AAUP contrasted this with the 2.7 percent inflation increase from December 2008 to 2009.

This is the smallest increase in the report’s 50-year history. The only time the inflation rates out-paced salary increases was in the late 1970s, when inflation increases were above 20 percent.

Public Master’s institutions, of which Eastern is one, were slightly less hard hit, with an average increase of 1.4 percent. This is 1.3 percent behind the inflation rate given by the association.

AAUP uses the U.S. Bureau of Labor’s Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers to factor the inflation rates. They have used the December-to-December figures every year, John Curtis AAUP director of research said.

Eastern’s faculty members are unionized, and their salary rate increases were not immediately affected by the economic downturn. The University Professionals of Illinois’ contract, executed on Jan. 19, 2007, stipulated a 3.5 percent across the board increase for fiscal year 2010.

The current contract expires on August 31. UPI will begin negotiating its new contract in mid-May. John Allison, chapter president and an English professor, called the national trend disappointing.

The report said that the trend is a result of lowered income for educational institutions.

“Current budgetary woes result less from rising costs than from reductions in revenue from virtually all sources,” the AAUP report said.

Under the budget proposed by Gov. Pat Quinn, Eastern will lose \$3.12 million of its \$50.6 million appropriation in fiscal year 2011.

The impact this has on Eastern’s faculty salaries will not be known until the university and UPI finish contract negotiations.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the national economy affects salaries in all areas, not just higher education.

“When the economy isn’t growing, salaries tend not to grow as fast,” Lord said. “If I could put a visual description on it, it is very much like boats rising and falling with the tide. When the economy is doing well, boats tend to rise, and they sink with the ebbing tide. I think that’s what we are seeing.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Election results to be announced today

Upward of 1,000 votes estimated to be cast in

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

Two days of campaigning and polling will culminate in the final results of the student government

elections, whose winners will be announced at today’s student senate meeting.

Olivia Brauer, director of the student government elections commission, said Monday polls drew more than 530 votes and estimated that upward of 1,000 would be cast in.

This year, three parties vied for student votes, including the new VOLT party, headed by Tommy Nierman, student senate chair of

external relations committee and candidate for student body president.

“No matter what happens, I know I put up a good fight and I can hold my head high,” Nierman said.

Nierman and his opponents, Michelle Murphy, the incumbent PULSE candidate and Nahder Houshmand with UPS, campaigned across campus and reiter-

ated their parties’ platform to passing students.

Houshmand described student voter interest in the elections as moderate and attributed the turnout this semester to pleasant weather.

“I’ve been seeing a lot of support and a lot of neon shirts,” Houshmand said, referring to the UPS campaign T-shirts.

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Sunny

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82°

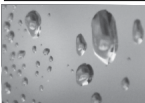
LOW
52°

More summer-like conditions today with temperatures in the 80s. The sun will be out this afternoon, and will be out once again tomorrow. By Friday we have a chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms, but they should be out of the area by the early evening. This weekend should feel more like spring.

WEATHER TOMORROW



Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High: 81°
Low: 55°



Friday
Rain & T-Storms
High: 71°
Low: 56°

For more weather information: www.eiu.edu/~weather

TAX TIP OF THE DAY

Countdown to tax day:
Two more days to file

Tax day is April 15 and people everywhere will be rushing to send off the infamous paperwork. While some people may be uncertain about tax technicalities and find tax time stressful, look for daily tax advice in *The Daily Eastern News* to help you on your way.

Today's tip:

Out of all life's firsts, the tax return is not one a student wants to fumble

"A person's first tax return often signals a transition from being a dependent to being an adult, because it may mean you're earning your own living for the first time," said Ronny Pearce, the Mattoon H&R Block franchise owner. "So it's important not to blow the basics and to set a good precedent for a lifetime of filing taxes to come."

While filling out a tax return it is essential to know the situation when it is necessary to fill out your first tax return.

This may include a change in dependent status, entering the workforce or a change in marital status.

The correct, relevant information needed to file a tax form and the knowledge of which form to fill out and how to pay the taxes that are due is also an essential part of the season.

Some of this may seem elementary; however, getting these points right the first time will save the taxpayer later.

—By City Editor Kayleigh Zyskowski

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Wave the flag



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Kayne O'Brien practices his routine for color guard Tuesday afternoon in the Library quad as students relaxing on the steps of Doudna Fine Arts Center watch and soak up the sun.

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The yetti's existence

Online reporter Chaz LeGrand talks about the mystical creature, the yetti, in his animal blog at DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

A private property accident occurred Friday in the Lincoln-Stevenson-Douglas parking lot. No citations were issued, the University Police Department said.

A theft was reported Saturday at University Court. The incident is under investigation, the UPD said.

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The DEN regrets the error.

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UNIVERSITY UNION BOOKSTORE

Students explore Apple's latest gadget

By Dan Somenek
Staff Reporter

Apple's release of the iPad was a hot topic in technology even before its April 3 release date.

Recently, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bookstore began carrying the new gadget, which is now available for students.

The iPad has a large, high-resolution LED-backlit, IPS display, a responsive multi-touch screen and a powerful, Apple-designed chip.

This new device can be purchased in three different gigabytes sizes. The 16 GB iPad is priced at \$499, the 32 GB is \$599 and the 64 GB is \$699. The bookstore currently does not offer student discounts on the iPad's.

Craig Sharp, a freshman geology major, said he does not know why any students would want to purchase an iPad at this time.

"They are so expensive, and usually the first version of items that Apple makes end up being not too good anyways," Sharp said.

Since the bookstore began selling the iPad, only five have been purchased.

Grant Kerber, a sophomore athletic training major, said he thinks the iPad is a great thing for students.

"It practically does everything for you, and it can help with school work

"I think it's a good technological medium in today's ever-changing wireless electronic world."

Rhett Hite, University Union Bookstore employee

and keep you much more organized," Kerber said. "They even let you try it out beforehand."

The bookstore has a station where several iPads are set up for students to try them out.

Rhett Hite, a bookstore employee, said he thinks the iPad is a great new piece of technology.

"I think it's a good technological medium in today's ever-changing wireless electronic world," Hite said.

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DAVE PARKS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lindsey Fine, a junior psychology major, demonstrates Apple's new iPad at the University Union Bookstore on Monday. A 16 gigabyte iPad starts at \$499. Five iPads have been purchased at the bookstore so far.

CENSUS

Eastern's census return lower than state, national rate

Enumerators will begin traveling to Charleston homes for head count

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

The envelopes have been sent and the advertisements have been aired, but many Eastern students still have not filled out their 2010 Census forms.

At 54 percent, Eastern's campus and surrounding blocks are at a lower return rate than the surrounding Charleston community.

"While this number is good, it still is below the national average and, of course, we would like to see this number go up within the next couple weeks," City Planner Steve Pamperin said.

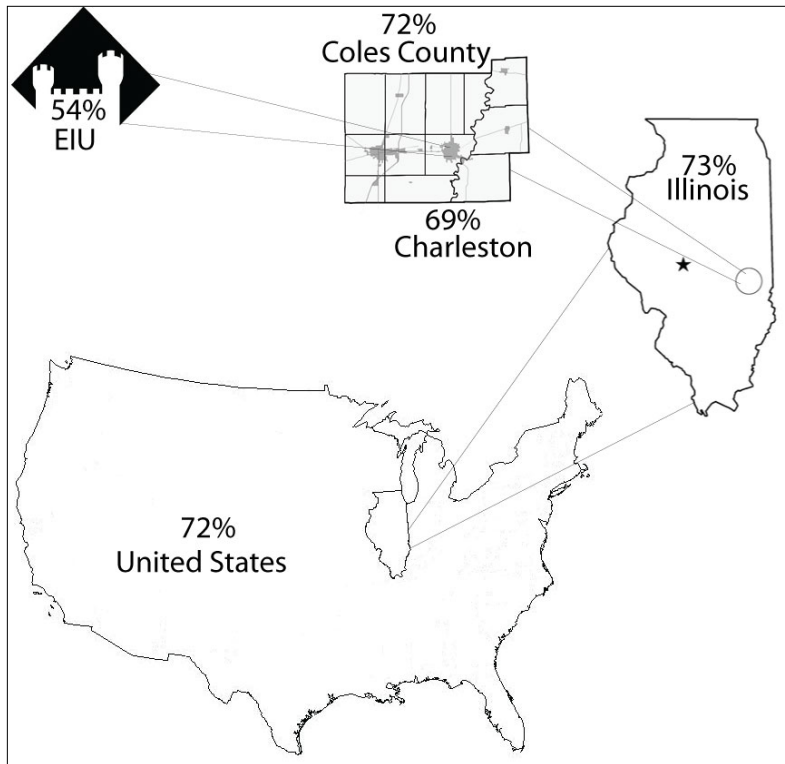
However, there is still time for students to mail out their response.

"I believe the census is asking for everyone to get their forms mailed in by the end of the week," Pamperin said. "It is important students send in their forms before they leave for the summer."

If the forms are returned, it can prevent some of the door-to-door enumerators from going to the residences that have not responded.

"If they don't turn in their census forms, then the enumerators will have to catch them at home and get a count," Pamperin said. "And of course it's a much more accurate count if everyone turns in their census stuff rather than miss the people who aren't at home. Eastern students count in Charleston and everybody in the unit needs to be counted."

The number of forms returned by mail will dictate the number of enu-



GRAPHIC BY ADAM LARCK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

All percentages relate to filled out 2010 Census forms.

merators the Census Bureau will hire, said Mack Hodges, the assistant manager of recruitment for the Campaign Census Bureau Office.

"We have different processes for different times," Hodges said. "The non-response follow up is a major portion of what we do."

The Champaign Census Bureau Office covers 14 counties in Illinois, including Coles County.

"The recruiting effort has gone pretty well, but we have had more difficulty recruiting enumerators in the rural areas," Hodges said.

In Coles County, the fewest number of enumerators are in the northeast area, near Oakland, Hodges said.

However, many Eastern students have signed up for the role near

Charleston.

"The job is temporary and part-time so it appeals to many college students," Hodges said.

At \$12.50 per hour, enumerators can set their hours and are reimbursed \$.50 every mile they drive.

"Enumerators can set their own hours up to 40 hours a week, but we require them to work at least 20 hours," Hodges said.

If any resident needs a census questionnaire, Pamperin can be contacted at 345-5650.

"I will either mail one or deliver one, but I will be sure to get them one if they call me," Pamperin said.

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BOOTH LIBRARY

Students can read up on new books added to Booth

Books range from biography, history, politics

By Jordan Cryder
Staff Reporter

March was a great month for avid readers as Booth Library has acquired and cataloged 2,000 new print titles.

Karen Whisler, the head of Collection Development, said Booth Library has acquired some new printed books, DVDs, journals and government documents.

In most cases 2,000 new print titles are a lot, but it is nothing new for the people at Booth Library.

"Booth Library is continuously purchasing books and other materials to support the curricular and research needs of Eastern's students," Whisler said. "We add over 1,000 new titles every month."

Whisler gave a list of some of the books she thinks will be most popular.

One book is Hulk Hogan's, "My Life Outside the Ring."

This book is a vivid look at the life of Hulk Hogan and is a must-read for any wrestling fan or anyone interested in his now tumultuous personal life.

Next on the list was David Goldblatt's, "Ball is Round: A Global History of Soccer."

Soccer is continuing to grow in popularity in the U.S. and one of the most popular sports worldwide.

This book may draw some interest from those who are awaiting this summer's upcoming World Cup and will help give some more information into the history of soccer.

John Heilemann's, "Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime"

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made its way on to the list as well.

This book takes the reader through the 2008 U.S. presidential election.

It gives an in-depth look at the election and can relate to many college students because for some, it was the first election students were eligible to vote.

Students can check out all of the new titles in the Booth Library by going to their Web site.

The new additions are in the Marvin Foyer on the north side of the library.

The new books will stay there for about a week and then will be placed in their regular position.

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VIEWS



Sarah Jean Bresnahan

Post-grad: Should I stay or go?

Over the last few weeks, it seems the song “Should I Stay or Should I Go?” by The Clash has been a perfect summation of my life.

See, fellow soon-to-be graduates, I’m deciding whether to stay in Charleston or move back in with my parents after graduation, as I’m sure you are.

It’s been a huge tug-of-war, not just with my parents, but also in my own head.

I’m graduating with a degree in a field where the post-graduation job expectancy is far off. That means I could be without a job for six months or more.

So, what should I do between May 8 and that magical far-off time when I will get a start to my professional career?

The easy option for some is to move back in with their parents.

At first, it seems like a great idea. They’ll have a place to live, free food, free laundry and transportation.

For some, though, this choice feels like our freedom will be taken away, especially with strict parents. You might have a curfew. You might have to pay rent. You might have to do chores around the house. You might have to get a minimum wage job, or, worse yet, work at your parents’ job in a low-level position.

Your other option is to move out and live on your own.

Yes, you will have the freedom to do, say and eat what you want. You won’t have a curfew. You might be closer to better job opportunities than you would be living with your parents.

The downside, of course, is that you’ll be broke for a long time. Rent, insurance, cell phone, electricity, water, laundry... the list is endless. And you still might have to get that minimum wage job while you wait for a professional opportunity to open up.

I was pretty depressed about this decision last week, so I rented the movie “Post Grad,” starring Alexis Bledel.

The main character Ryden has just graduated from college and her dream is to work at a big-name publishing company and live in a fabulous apartment.

She ends up, however, moving back in with her eccentric family and applying for jobs at every company and store she can find.

After a twist of fate, Ryden ends up with her dream job, but thinks she’s lost touch with the things that really make her happy. And it doesn’t help that her hot best friend is in love with her, and she doesn’t realize it until he moves to New York to go to law school.

Her salvation comes from an unlikely source — her hot Brazilian neighbor who moved to the country to be a film director, but ended up shooting awful infomercials.

Her neighbor says, “What you do with your life is just one half of the equation. More importantly, it’s who you’re with when you’re doing it.”

Now, I’m not saying we should all forget about money and employment and run off to be with our best friends.

The moral here is to figure out for what is going to make *you* happy, and then do it. Come up with a plan that works for you. It’s time for those of us graduating to be responsible adults, and that means making your own decisions, and making them wise ones.

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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid”

DAILY EDITORIAL

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

New dean of Honors College should continue growth, prestige

With Bonnie Irwin’s departure from the Honors College only months away, the selection for the next Honors dean has a sense of urgency to it. Irwin will take up her place as the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities on July 1, and a candidate from within Eastern will take her place at Booth House.

Both Irwin and Herb Lasky, the first dean of the college, were hired internally. Before she moved to the Honors College, Irwin was a faculty member in the English department and had been at Eastern since 1994.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said in an April 6 article of *The Daily Eastern News* that an internal search for the three-year position would be more time- and cost-efficient. And in light of the current state budget crisis we heartily agree.

Despite the fact that Irwin’s transition was revealed in January, the internal search for her replacement was not announced until April 2, giving administrators and faculty applicants little more than a month until the May 8 deadline.

In her six years with the Honors College, Irwin’s dedication has created growth and enthusiasm within a program that has only been at Eastern since the 1980s. Since 2004, enrollment in the Honors College has increased. The university honors courses and departmental honors have expanded.

The Honors College has continued and increased funding for undergraduate research.

It has put an emphasis on encouraging study abroad and National Student Exchange opportunities, for both honors and non-honors students.

A September 14, 2006, article of *The DEN* said 10 percent of the incoming freshman class were honors students. In that same article, Lord said his goal for the college was

“We would like to see the new dean make a commitment to continue Irwin’s efforts, while also improving based off the recent external review by the National Collegiate Honors Council.”

to be “known as the university of choice for Honors College/programming among the state’s public comprehensive universities.”

A goal that Irwin has done much to accomplish.

We would like to see the new dean make a commitment to continue Irwin’s efforts, while also improving based off the recent external review by the National Collegiate Honors Council.

In the job description posted on the Academic Affairs Web site, Lord outlined the need to address the challenges identified by council.

Several of their concerns the new candidate would be addressing include: a gap between university and departmental honors programs, a need for more upper division honors classes and “the obvious need to relocate Honors into better quarters,” according to the 15-page report.

We agree that all these areas need improvement, especially in regards to the Honors College location in Booth House on Fourth Street, but would like to add a few suggestions.

Continue to build on the core strength of the Honors College.

The success of the college, as noted in the report, is the faculty, staff and administrative report.

Students attend Eastern for the personal impact and intimacy, the relationships they build as students with their professors and vice versa.

Increase the emphasis on the educational and social benefit that study abroad and the National Student Exchange program provides.

Many students are still unaware that the student exchange program is even available.

We’re not looking for any drastic changes from a new dean, just someone to continue the growth and prestige of the Honors College as have the former deans.

FROM THE EASEL

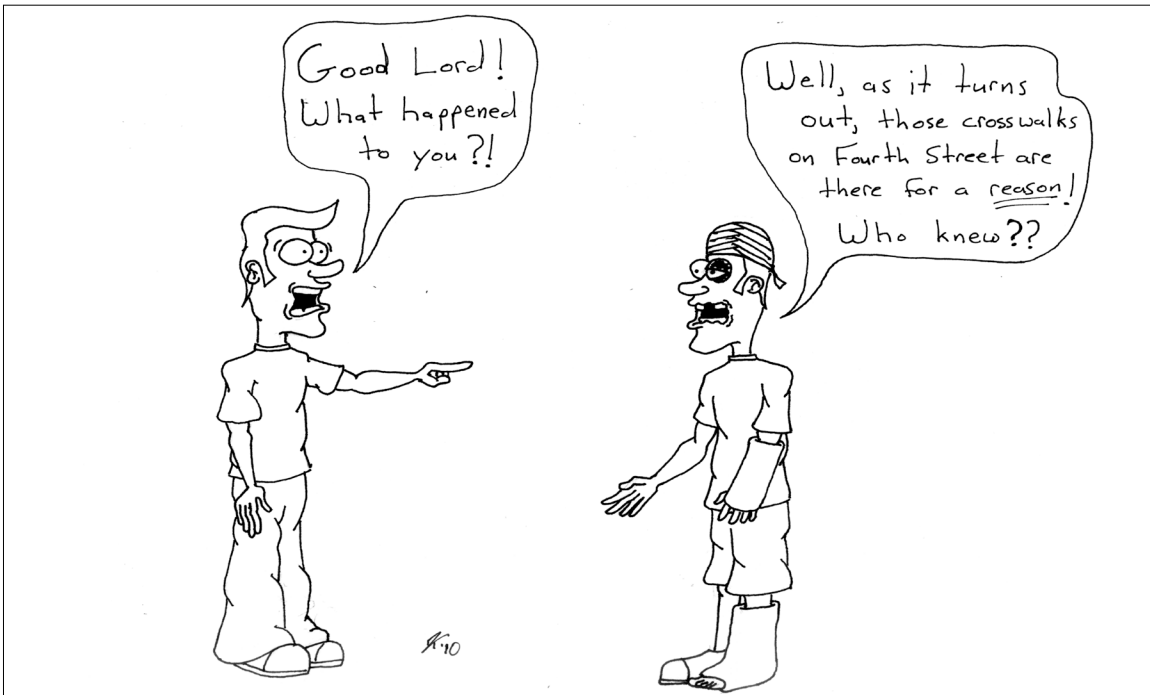


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Students should build leisure time into summer

By Aaron Brooks
The Northern Star
Northern Illinois University

With less than four weeks until the end of the semester, tension is mounting. For most, April feels like drinking Red Bull and vodka.

There are the lows of preparing for finals and scrounging for points and highs of summer being just beyond the horizon.

I am as burnt as my mother’s garlic bread. It feels like I have not had a break in years. Working 60-plus hours last summer has taken its toll.

However, I am not going to repeat the same mistake this summer. My summer plan this year has much less responsibility. I plan on working

part time, studying Latin and preparing for the LSAT while making sure I soak up plenty of leisure time running and painting.

I decided to seek advice on what a healthy summer would consist of. I went to the Counseling and Student Development Center, located in the Campus Life Building Room 200, and spoke with Mark Matuszewski, a clinical psychologist.

Within seconds of beginning our conversation, Matuszewski addressed that students today have much less of a choice about how they spend their summer.

“In your generation, one of the things we have learned is that it is hard for many students to pay for school without a summer job,” Matuszewski said.

wski said.

This is most certainly true.

During the school year, most students do not have the time to make money that can be saved. We may have part-time jobs that pay rent and sustain us, but we rely on summer jobs to cover tuition, pay off debts and purchase larger expenses.

Examples of such students are Andrew Crum, a sophomore political science major, and Nyleved Concepcion, a freshman political science major. Crum currently has a part-time job at Macy’s, and plans on finding another so he can trade in his old car.

To read more, visit NortherStar.info.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Unofficial election results at senate meeting

By Jenna Mitchell
Staff Reporter

Olivia Brauer, director of elections committee, will announce the unofficial student government election results today.

The results are unofficial because there is a two-week period until the new executive position holders are sworn in.

“First, there is a week of grievance, and then a week of transition,” Brauer said.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in at the last student senate meeting of the spring semester.

New business to be discussed this week is a resolution regarding the student government endorsement of expanded parking. The purpose of the resolution is to bring the issue of the lack of parking spaces to the administration.

“(Parking) has been an issue for multiple years,” said Isaac Sandidge, student speaker of the senate.

A union bond revenue fee increase,

will be introduced to senate members in a presentation format by Dan Nader, vice president of student affairs.

The fee increase would take place over a four-year time span, starting at \$.65 per credit hour, and stopping after 12 hours. The following year, the increase would drop to \$.50.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, said the increase would go toward salaries for maintenance staff, supplies and fuel.

The increase would also contrib-

ute to the budget for capital projects, such as the needed repair of the Lantz Arena roof and staircase on the south side of the building.

Senate members will revisit the budget for the upcoming school year, which was introduced at last week’s meeting.

Just as Jarrod Scherle, student vice president for student affairs, urged for a good amount of time spent discussing the budgets at the last meeting, Holly Henry, a freshman political science major, agreed.

“I’m hoping there will be a lot of debate because this is a lot of money we are dealing with,” Henry said.

The student senate will revisit the budgets of the Apportionment Board, the student government, the university board, and sports and recreation.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

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JAY PREFONTAINE | 1963-2010

Friends, coworkers, students reflect on professor’s death

By Jason Hardimon
Campus Editor

When Jay Prefontaine, an instructor in the English department, died Friday at his parents’ home in Kittery, Maine, he had been on medical leave since mid-March, yet few of his closest friends even knew he was dying.

English professor Bob Zordani, who many in the English department say is Prefontaine’s best friend, said he was an extremely private individual.

“Jay didn’t like doctors, Jay didn’t like the government, Jay didn’t like anybody messing with him,” Zordani said. “He would write all summer long and see nobody. He was a very dedicated writer.”

Prefontaine met Zordani while attending graduate school at the University of Arkansas in 1989, and the two were roommates for a time.

“We lived out in the country at a place we called the Double Bar-

rel Ranch, and we threw big parties,” Zordani said. “And we made huge weird flower beds, and we had dogs and a garden. It was great fun.”

Zordani recalled their first meeting.

“The first time I remember seeing Jay was in a bar,” Zordani said. “He was in this bar with his friends from Boston and they were playing chicken, just crunching into each other with volume-11 music on... We became fast friends.”

Christopher Hanlon, associate professor of American literature, said he grew up near Prefontaine.

“I’ve felt a connection to Jay since I was hired in 2001 because we grew up within 30 miles of each other in eastern Massachusetts — he in Shrewsbury, me in Billerica — only to meet here in Charleston,” Hanlon said. “But more importantly than that, I appreciated how authentic he was, and respected him for his dedication

to his craft as a writer. In this last regard he was extremely accomplished. I’ll miss him.”

Bill Feltt, an instructor in the English department, said Prefontaine was his landlord and friend. The two had also worked on a few projects together.

“He was a very kind and giving person. He gave up himself readily without question and without expecting anything in return,” Feltt said. “He was a very creative man and both his talent and his person will be missed greatly.”

Prefontaine is remembered by students for his quality as an educator, for his unorthodox methods and for his vulgar language.

Jeniece Mitchell, a sophomore elementary education major, took Prefontaine’s section of English 1001 in the fall.

“He was just really funny, he really engaged all the students,” she said.

To Mitchell, Prefontaine was more than a teacher.

She said each of his students had his cell phone number, and there were times when she would go to him for advice regarding a variety of subjects.

“Any time I needed advice for anything, I talked to Jay,” Mitchell said.

She said he once told the class to write a paper about one of their most painful childhood memories. She was at first reluctant, but after talking to Prefontaine in private, she developed the confidence to put the words to the page.

“He said, ‘That’s what I want to get out of you guys, anything that evokes any type of emotion. If it makes you laugh, if it makes you cry, if it makes you think — that’s what I want. I don’t want any of that sugary watered-down bullshit,’” Mitchell said.

Regarding Prefontaine’s vulgarity, Mitchell said some found it distracting.

“(Some people) thought that be-

cause he was vulgar, and because he was just a funny guy, he wouldn’t be serious about stuff,” Mitchell said. “But he knew how to be serious, he knew how to get to the point with people. He was just straight up; he wasn’t one to beat around the bush. He wasn’t one to sugarcoat things, he would tell you what he thought and that was it.”

Zordani said his favorite quote of Prefontaine’s is not printable in the newspaper.

“I’ve never met any teacher or any professor, or anybody like him,” Mitchell said.

There will be no funeral services for Prefontaine. Memorial contributions may be made to the York Public Library, 15 Long Sands Road, York, Maine 03909.

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Marjie Wilburn, a 21-year-old art major, wishes she could enjoy the sunny afternoon but spends her time in the printing room in Doudna Fine Arts Center Monday.

STATE BRIEFS

10 percent of
gov leases are
expired 5 years

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois officials are hurrying to re-negotiate long-dormant leases for office space before a new law withholding payment takes effect.

Auditor General William Holland reported Tuesday that as of last June 30, the state rented office space in 116 locations where its leases had expired. That's 22 percent of its 525 leases. Ten percent have been "holdovers" for five years or more.

The state leases space from private landlords around Illinois. Landlords can kick the state out if there's no new lease. Often, they want to retain the tenant but can't make improvements to property if they don't know if they're getting a new deal.

Procurement reform that took effect Jan. 1 prohibits any holdover lease of more than six months. Beginning July 1, the comptroller begins withholding payment for any rented space where the lease has been expired that long.

All but 19 of the 116 holdover leases as of June 30 had expired at least six months previously. Fifty-seven had been expired at least five years, and the oldest had run out in 1998.

A holdover puts the state at risk of eviction, having the utilities shut off, or its rent hiked with little notice.

It also impedes the ability of the Department of Central Management Services to get the best deals for rented property, Holland said.

**Illinois Dem. raises \$1.2M
in Senate bid 1st qtr**

CHICAGO — Democrat Alexi Giannoulias said Tuesday that he raised \$1.2 million during the first three months of the year in his bid for President Barack Obama's old Senate seat, significantly less than his Republican opponent in a state controlled by Democrats.

Giannoulias, Illinois' first-term state treasurer, raised \$1 million less than the \$2.2 million raised by Republican Rep. Mark Kirk, a five-term

congressman from Chicago's northern suburbs.

Obama's old Senate seat would be a plum election prize for Republicans in November. The GOP held the seat for six years before Obama won it in 2004 after Republican Peter Fitzgerald didn't seek re-election.

Giannoulias, who acknowledged Monday that he raised less money than Kirk, has said his fundraising efforts have not been hurt by highly publicized problems at a Chicago bank his family owns that could be on the verge of collapse. Broadway Bank has until later this month to raise about \$85 million in new money as part of a deal with regulators.

**Doctor shortage? 28 states
may expand nurses' role**

CHICAGO — A nurse may soon be your doctor.

With a looming shortage of primary care doctors, 28 states are considering expanding the authority of nurse practitioners.

These nurses with advanced degrees want the right to practice without a doctor's watchful eye and to prescribe narcotics.

And if they hold a doctorate, they want to be called "Doctor."

For years, nurse practitioners have been playing a bigger role in the nation's health care, especially in regions with few doctors.

With 32 million more Americans gaining health insurance within a few years, the health care overhaul is putting more money into nurse-managed clinics.

Those newly insured patients will be looking for doctors and may find nurses instead.

The medical establishment is fighting to protect turf. In some statehouses, doctors have shown up in white coats to testify against nurse practitioner bills.

The American Medical Association, which supported the national health care overhaul, says a doctor shortage is no reason to put nurses in charge and endanger patients.



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Davina Head, a senior business management major from Monticello, goes over paperwork with Tim Mack, a freshman music education major from Gifford, at the student government polling table Tuesday afternoon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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“We have high enthusiasm, as always, and it’s looking up for us as far as sidewalk campaigning. We put ourselves in the position to win and worked really hard. That’s where it all starts out.”

Both he and Murphy spent extensive time campaigning outside Coleman Hall, where candidates offered their cards, candy and campaign promises to students.

Murphy said an issue the candidates face while campaigning before elections is dispersing their messages in a manner that does not come off as overwhelming constituents or harass-

“No matter what happens, I know I put up a good fight and I can hold my head high.”

Tommy Nierman, student body president candidate

ing them for their votes.

While she and her opponents were hesitant to predict a favorable outcome at tomorrow’s meeting, they have no intention of calling it quits if they are not elected, though Murphy

admitted she would be disappointed. “I’d be one sad pup,” she said.

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language broad to not include personal descriptors and change the language of the bylaw to read, “inspect and copy” failed.

Members of the faculty senate then voted to approve the bylaw, with the revision to the wording Rosenstein had mentioned. At the beginning of the meeting, Elections Committee Chair Dawn VanGunten said an at-large committee position was not accounted for in the recent faculty senate elections,

and another election would need to be held to fill the position. Petitions for the position are due April 23 and the elections will be April 27 and 28.

The nominations committee received correspondence from Gail Richards regarding the lack of diversity on the Intercollegiate Athletic Board, requesting that faculty senate stipulate a way for there to be more diversity.

“I don’t know if that’s something we can do,” said Marjorie Worthington,

chair of the Nominations Committee.

VanGunten suggested, with the approval of the senate, the committee should instead change their internal bylaws to allow for more diverse members.

Executive elections will take place at the next meeting at 2 p.m. April 20 in Booth Library Conference Room.

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NATION BRIEFS

Groups look for tea party support on nomination

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conservative groups preparing to fight President Barack Obama over his next Supreme Court nomination are trying to recruit tea party activists to their cause, hoping their enthusiasm will help them beat back any nominee that could be too liberal for their taste.

Bringing in the tea party movement — known for its high-energy rallies and protests calling for small government, lower taxes and less spending — would be a coup for conservatives, who were not able to stop the confirmation of Sonia Sotomayor last year.

This time, “you may have a whole new group of activists involved,” said Tom Fitton of the conservative group Judicial Watch.

Obama is considering about 10 candidates for the court and promises to make his choice quickly.

His nominee — pending Senate confirmation — would replace Justice John Paul Stevens, who is retiring this summer.

The Associated Press has confirmed that Martha Minow, the dean of the Harvard Law School, is among those under review.

An administration official said Tuesday that Minow’s name has come up in discussions within the White House but not at the same level as some of the other candidates under consideration.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of Obama’s private deliberations.

Obama’s other candidates for the court include federal appeals court judges Diane Wood, Merrick Garland and Sidney Thomas, former Georgia Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, Solicitor General Elena Kagan, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

US Catholic church moving faster on abuse cases

DENVER — The action against the priest was swift and public.

Within five days of receiving a decades-old child sex abuse allegation against the Rev. Melvin Thompson,

Denver’s Roman Catholic Archdiocese investigated, alerted law enforcement and announced his suspension to parishioners and the public.

The archdiocese says Thompson, 74, maintains his innocence.

Some parishioners have complained the process was unfair and too fast. However Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput called prompt action “painful but necessary.”

The episode highlights the challenges American Catholic Church leaders face as they follow through on a promise to be more transparent in dealing with priests accused of abuse, while respecting the rights of both victims and the accused.

The case comes amid a worsening global clergy abuse scandal focused on how Pope Benedict XVI has dealt with problem priests in his past church roles.

Neb. governor signs landmark abortion bills

LINCOLN, Neb. — Two landmark measures putting new restrictions on abortion became law in Nebraska on Tuesday, including one that critics say breaks with court precedent by changing the legal rationale for a ban on later-term abortions.

Republican Gov. Dave Heineman signed both bills, one barring abortions at and after 20 weeks of pregnancy and the other requiring women to be screened before having abortions for mental health and other problems.

Both sides of the abortion debate say the laws are firsts of their kind in the U.S.

A national abortion rights group already appeared to be girding for a legal challenge, calling the ban after 20 weeks “flatly unconstitutional” because it is based on the assertion that fetuses feel pain, not on the ability of a fetus to survive outside the womb.

“It absolutely cannot survive a challenge without a change to three decades of court rulings,” said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights. “Courts have been chipping away at abortion rights ... this would be like taking a huge hacksaw to the rights.”

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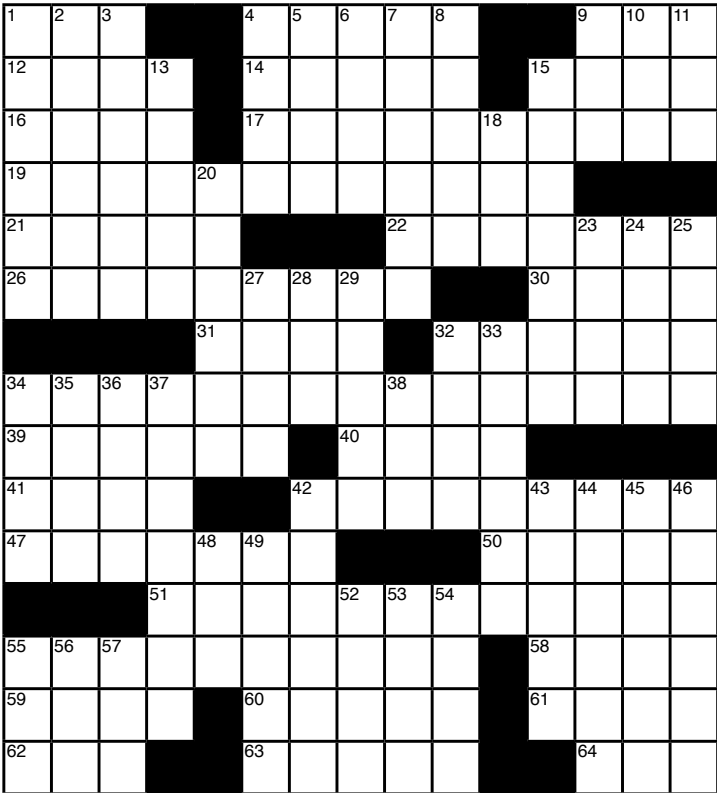
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four pitches from Illini senior pitcher Kevin Manson. Illini sophomore shortstop Josh Parr and Argo doubled home runs for a 4-0 edge.

Red-shirt sophomore pitcher Mike Martin took over for freshman pitcher Troy Barton (1-4, 6.41 ERA), who gave up four runs and seven hits in 1 2/3 innings for the loss.

Manson (2-0, 2.35 ERA) had 18 straight strikes and retired seven consecutive batters in three innings of work for the win. However, Illini sophomore pitcher Brian de la Torriente came in during the fourth inning and pitched three innings, giving up one run.

Eastern's bats finally woke up in the fifth as Alex Gee doubled to the right-field line. He eventually scored on an RBI single from Strang. Thoma killed the rally by grounding into his second double play.

Martin and junior pitcher Matt Miller gave up three runs, including senior designated hitter Aaron Johnson blasting a two-run homer in left-center for a 7-1 Illini lead.

In the sixth, the Panthers' defense imploded with three errors —Borenstein, Wallsten and Strang — as the Illini scored three runs for a 10-1 advantage.

Despite the shellacking, red-shirt freshman centerfielder Daniel Bracken made his first start since Akron March 17 over freshman centerfielder Daniel Rowe. Rowe was 4-for-21 for a .190 average during the seven-game home stand.

Bracken slapped a single passed the infield off Torriente for his first career hit in the sixth.

"It was a sigh of relief," Bracken said. "I've been hitting hard to people

all season, and it kind of feels good to see it fall through."

Borenstein had a single and Gee walked, but senior designated hitter Richie Derbak popped out to third in foul territory to leave the bases loaded.

Senior rightfielder Curt Restko had a 13-game hitting streak snapped by going 0-for-3.

"We just have to forget; we've got to go to Hooters when we go home," Schmitz joked. "I learned this a really long time ago, short memories on a really bad night are really important."

The Panthers next game is 1 p.m. Saturday against Tennessee Tech in the first of a doubleheader at Cookeville, Tenn.

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STATE
Blackhawks loss costs tie

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Brad Stuart scored at 3:11 of overtime as Detroit prevented Chicago from winning the Western Conference.

Stuart took a pass from Dan Cleary to beat Antti Niemi as the Red Wings continued their late-season surge and locked up the No. 5 seed in the Western Conference.

They will face Phoenix in the first

round.

A victory would have allowed the Blackhawks to tie San Jose (113) for most points in the Western Conference and Chicago would have won a tiebreaker because it had more victories.

Instead the Blackhawks had their six-game winning streak end, finishing with 112 points and now have the No. 2 seed. They will open the play-offs against Nashville.

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Holtz was 2-for-7 with one RBI in the March 31 doubleheader but she was not one of the six Panthers to hit a home run in the nightcap.

Despite an urge to want to see some power again in the Panthers' offense, Holtz said home runs are not in the game plan.

"We're going to focus an extra bit to hit those ground balls," Holtz said.

In the past week, head coach Kim Schuette has focused a lot on hitting ground balls with two strikes and attacking the pitchers early and often. Against the Redhawks, Schuette said her team will be focused to put the ball in play.

In order to be successful, she said being on the attack from the first inning will be important.

"Just like a horse race when the bells sounds they come flying out of those gates," Schuette said. "We have to come out of the gates in the first inning tomorrow and take the home-field advantage."

Schuette said that when batters go up to hit ground balls, good things can happen, including hitting a deep ball.

"When you try and hit ground balls and line drives, that's when home runs happen," Schuette said.

However, if the batter has the opposite mindset, bad things might happen.

"When you try to hit home runs, pop-ups and strikeouts happen,"

Schuette said.

While Eastern (19-17, 9-4 OVC) took 2-of-3 against Eastern Kentucky this weekend, the Redhawks (13-21, 4-9 OVC) took 2-of-3 against Tennessee State.

Despite the Redhawks last place position in the OVC, Eastern will be focused going into the home game, as it will try to wrap up its third and final game against SEMO in the regular season by getting a win.

"We want to keep up the momentum and the way we've been hitting, which is great," Holtz said.

The Redhawks have been a rival of Eastern's ever since Schuette has been the Panthers' head coach. So Holtz said the team will be ready to win at all cost, which doesn't necessarily mean hitting home runs.

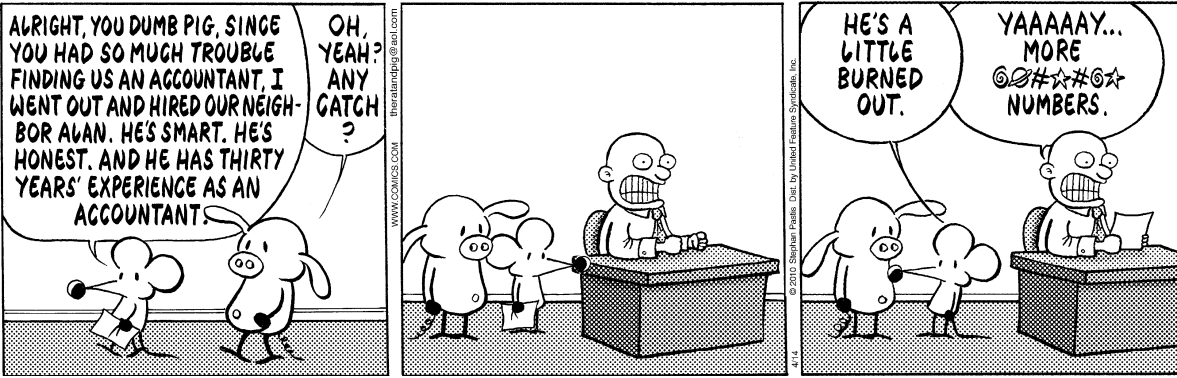
"(The six home run game) was such a fun game and it is good to come out like that," Holtz said. "Hopefully, I mean, I'd love to do that again. That'd be great but just hitting ground balls will be just as good. We want to go out and get a win any way we can."

The Panthers will go for the regular season sweep of SEMO today. The game is slated to begin at 3 p.m. Eastern junior pitcher Amber May (12-10) is the projected starter.

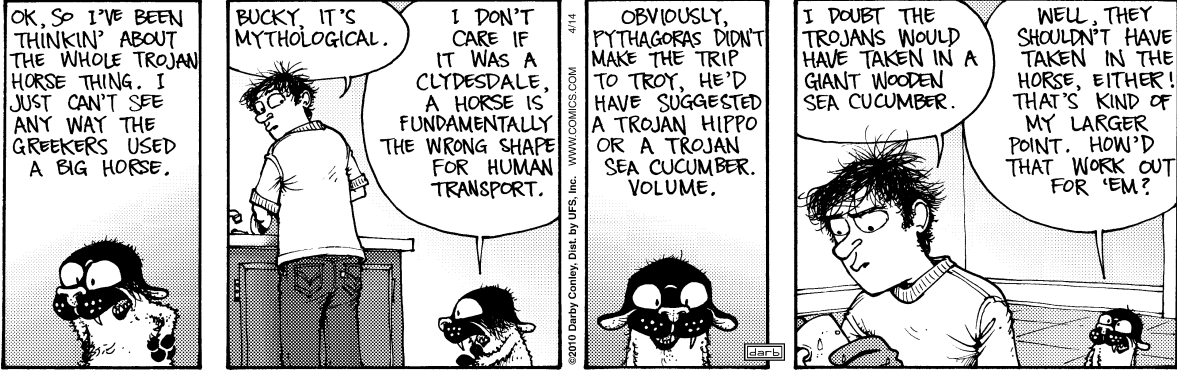
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | PROFILE

Eastern important to Missouri transfer

Sophomore walk-on wants to contribute, coach one day

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

This past men's basketball season, Eastern had a squad of 13 players, though one did not take the court because of NCAA rules.

Taylor Jones transferred as a walk-on from Missouri State-West Plains Junior College this season. However, he had to red-shirt because walk-ons, or non-scholarship athletes, transferring to another Division I school or a lower school have to sit out a season.

Despite this, Eastern head coach Mike Miller said Jones has been a big part of the team.

"The team is made up with guys with different roles who bring different things to the table," Miller said. "Taylor has a passion for playing basketball for Eastern Illinois. He has brought that every day and that's been great. You have to have that."

Miller said Jones is involved in the success of the team and is good at rallying his teammates. He also said Jones is one of the first at practices.

Miller said 6'2" 170-pound Jones — who will be a red-shirt sophomore guard next year — has always loved Eastern basketball. In fact, Miller said Jones' father Lance was a Panther basketball player from 1976-80 under former coach Don Eddy.

"His dad played here and Taylor has friends here," Miller said. "He has been to campus. There is a family history at Eastern."

Jones has always wanted to be a Panther since his childhood.

"I've always been a fan of Eastern Illinois basketball and my dad played here, so we've always seen them play at least once a year," he said. "When the team made the NCAA Tournament in 2001, we traveled to Kansas City, Mo., to see them play."

The tournament run was one of the reasons Jones was enthusiastic about coming to Eastern.

Jones also remembers shooting hoops with Eastern legends Kyle Hill and Henry Domercant during the tournament season because his dad knew former coach Rick Samuels.

At Rochester High School, Jones earned second team All-Sangamo Conference and a special mention All-Area by *State-Journal Register* of Springfield.

"I don't have any individual goals. I want to do what makes myself and the team better. Whatever I could do to help get us to the NCAA tournament next year, I want to do."

Taylor Jones,
sophomore guard

Jones played point guard in high school and said he hit a few buzzer beaters.

The next step for Jones was Missouri State-West Point Junior College. He went there because it had a couple guards who graduated from WPCC and were playing for Western Kentucky in the 2007 NCAA Tournament that year. Jones said he wanted to go somewhere where he could have a change playing the tournament.

During his freshman year, Jones played 30 games and started four, averaging 4.9 points per game and was named the school's Academic Athlete of the Year.

Miller said he knew Jones' father from past functions and got along with him, so when Jones and his family approached Miller if the Rochester native to play for the Panthers in 2009, Miller liked the idea.

Even though Jones has practiced and not played on the court, he said playing against sophomore guard Jeremy Granger and junior guard Tyler Lasser has taught him how to improve his ball handling and decision making.

"He has probably adjusted to the speed of the game," Miller said. "I think any time you transition, that is one thing you have to get used to."

Jones said Eastern's coaching staff was a major decision for him coming here.

"The thing about Coach Miller that I recognize is his intensity, and I like that about him," Jones said. "Coach



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Sophomore guard Taylor Jones participates in shooting drills during practice on Feb. 8 in Lantz Arena.

(Chad) Altadonna, Coach (Michael) Lewis and Coach (Chrys) Cornelius are great, too."

With next season on its way, Jones said he is concentrated on the team concept.

"I don't have any individual goals," he said. "I want to do what makes myself and the team better. Whatever I could do to help get us to the NCAA

Tournament next year, I want to do."

A kinesiology major, Jones wants to coach basketball for a career and said his ultimate decision in coming to Eastern was to learn from Miller and his staff. He said he loves the game and wants to be around it forever, looking to coach at the highest level.

"What I think they do very well is give people confidence to play," Jones

said. "That is really important. Players think that if the coaches think they could do it, they would."

Jones wants to be a disciplined and tough coach, but also a good listener and motivator to his team.

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with Abby Wood, freshman catcher

Woman of many talents takes the field

Wood looks for many ways to contribute

By Dion Martorano
Staff Reporter

On the softball field, she is helping direct traffic behind the plate as the catcher. In the dugout, she is the one yelling out the chants at the top of her lungs. At Eastern sporting events, you can almost always catch her in the stands cheering on her fellow athletes.

That is freshman catcher Abby Wood — personable and outgoing, and she makes her presence known wherever she goes.

"I am always an upbeat person," Wood said. "I always like to have fun and ... try to bring the life to the party I guess."

While she doesn't mind getting down and dirty on the field, she still likes to be an average woman off the field by doing friends' and teammates' hair and nails for them.

With Wood doing nails, she said the softball team had nice nails to start the season but has not been able to keep it up.

She has picked up another pastime as a result of her passion for nails and hair — gossip.

"You get a lot of gossip," Wood said. "People tell you a lot of stuff. You have a long time doing their hair and people just open up to you."

Wood said she thinks her high school activity, doing nails and hair, could one day possibly turn into a career.

"Through high school I got stuck doing everyone's hair for prom and doing their nails," Wood said. "I just started to like it."

Even though Wood is studying nursing at Eastern, she plans on pursuing a cosmetology degree after she earns a nursing degree.

Along with her knack for cosmetology, Wood is one of those athletes who can sneak up on her opponents.

She said they should not let her sunny disposition fool them because



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Abby Wood, a freshman nursing major from Shelbyville, Ind., and catcher/infielder for the Panthers softball team, has achieved many awards throughout her high school career, such as "Player of the Year," "Rookie of the Year," "MVP" and "Athlete of the Year" to name a few, on top of academic success and plans to continue her work here at Eastern.

she said she is a fierce competitor and can get it done at bat.

This season, Wood is batting .225 with two home runs and seven RBIs, along with nine runs scored. Also, she leads the Panthers in being hit by pitches, having been plunked three times.

Once she arrived on campus, things didn't go so well for the Shelbyville, Ind., native.

To start the season, Wood was im-

"When I hit that home run, I told my parents after the game that I didn't even remember what I did."

Abby Wood, freshman catcher

mediately stuck in a hitting slump as she said she was not seeing the ball at all.


However, once she and head coach Kim Schuette began working on seeing it better, Wood's confidence

soared.

Then, on March 27 against Tennessee Tech at Williams Field, Wood hit her first collegiate home run.

"When I hit that home run, I told my parents after the game that I didn't even remember what I did," Wood said. "It felt good."

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VIEWS



Collin Whitchurch

In college, there is always hope

While the Eastern baseball team winds down what has, to this point, been a disappointing 2010 campaign, I remember the feeling I had toward the team a year ago at this time when I was working the beat on an everyday basis.

The feeling was brought back by the start of the Major League Baseball season, which began last week. As the season began, I saw fans of all different teams begin to hang on edge with every pitch, every at-bat, and the outcome of every game.

You see, in the majors, wins and losses matter no matter the time of year. While getting worked up about an April loss seems silly, those games matter just as much as wins in September. They count as one win or one loss, regardless of the time of year.

The same cannot be said in college. The Panthers entered 2010 with overwhelming expectations. Coming off an Ohio Valley Conference Regular Season Title last year, the team was projected by many to repeat, and seemed to have a good chance of making it to the NCAA Regional.

After the abysmal start, those thoughts quickly faded. And as the team sits in fifth place in the conference with a 4-5 record and a league-high 22 losses overall, thoughts of an NCAA Tournament appearance have likely drifted out of the minds of fans and players alike.

But what makes college interesting is that there is always hope.

I remember covering a Saturday doubleheader early in the season last year when the Panthers hosted Tennessee Tech. Eastern was on a roll, as it was throughout the season, and throttled the Golden Eagles 25-5 in the first game.

I remember this well, not because of how well the Panthers played, but because of how poorly Tech played. It looked like the worst team in baseball. How could things get any worse for that program?

Flash-forward less than two months later and that same Tennessee Tech team was celebrating an OVC Tournament Title and a berth in the NCAA Regionals with an upset victory over Jacksonville State.

Tennessee Tech's dramatic turnaround from miserable season to glory is what makes college sports so interesting. Some may call it unfair, but regardless, it gives teams hope no matter how the regular season goes.

The Panthers and their fans have undoubtedly been disappointed in how this season has gone, and rightfully so.

But there is always hope. The OVC Tournament begins in about six weeks, and the Panthers will be there with just as good a chance as last year's Golden Eagles of pulling off an upset and turning their season around in one short weekend.

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BASEBALL | ILLINOIS 10, EASTERN 1

Victory stolen from Panthers

Illinois gets eight steals in crushing defeat

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

CHAMPAIGN — Tuesday was not the Panthers' day as the University of Illinois torched Eastern on the base paths and pounded Eastern 10-1 at Illinois Field.

The Illini (14-13, 3-3 Big Ten) were 8-for-9 on stolen base attempts, manufacturing five runs. Sophomore catcher Gerik Wallsten could not keep up with the speedy onslaught, including having a throwing error in the sixth.

Illinois head coach Dan Hartleb said his team needs to steal to win games. His crew has 67 steals on the season.

"It's a part of our strategy every game," Hartleb said. "When we're aggressive, it helps us get better pitches at the plate, and we don't have that much power. We have

more of a speed team and it's what we have to do to win games."

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz was frustrated that the Panthers only threw out one base runner.

"Part of our game is we don't throw runners out well and that was the strength of their team," Schmitz said. "They were able to get anything they could."

The game did not start well in the first as sophomore third baseman Zach Borenstein hit a single with one out. But sophomore left-fielder Ben Thoma lined out to Illinois freshman third baseman Brandon Hohl who then doubled off Borenstein to end the inning.

In the bottom half, Illinois sophomore center fielder Willie Argo beat out junior shortstop Cam Strang's throw. Argo stole second base, senior first baseman Mike Giller had a single and stole second and both scored on consecutive fielder's choices for a 2-0 Illinois lead.

The second inning had Eastern (9-22, 4-5 Ohio Valley Conference) retired in order on only



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Senior outfielder Curt Restko dives back to first base while trying not to be picked off against Morehead St. Saturday at Coaches Stadium.

SOFTBALL | PREVIEW

Prepared with different ways to win

Grounders could be key in victory for Panthers

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

In the last game the Eastern softball team played against Southeast Missouri, it dominated the Redhawks 10-2, smashing six home runs in the game.

Eastern will look for a repeat performance today against the Redhawks, in an Ohio Valley Conference game at Williams Field starting at 3 p.m.

It took only six innings before the rules forced the Redhawks to surrender as they were losing by eight runs in the sixth inning.

The Panthers clinched the win in the top of the sixth inning as they added four runs to a 6-2 game. With the win, Eastern clinched a clean sweep of SEMO in the March 31 OVC doubleheader.

While the Panthers had a power surge in the nightcap, they will not be focused on hitting more bombs against the SEMO pitchers, but they'll look to put the ball on the dirt.

"As much as we like the home run, I'm looking for ground balls and I think our whole team pretty much is," junior third baseman Kiley Holtz said.

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Freshman catcher/infielder Abby Wood blocks the plate from Eastern Kentucky freshman shortstop Raquel Howes Friday afternoon at Williams Field.

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