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### CAMPUS

# Textbook rental renamed to honor professor Grado

By Shelley Holmgren  
Administration Editor

The Textbook Rental Service Building will now honor the legacy of a faculty member who recently died over the summer.

The Board of Trustees voted at its March 11 meeting to rename the building in honor of Louis M. Grado, an elementary education teacher for 35 years.

Grado, who died on July 16 of last year, spent two years in Nicaragua in the 1960s to help the government improve the country's schools.

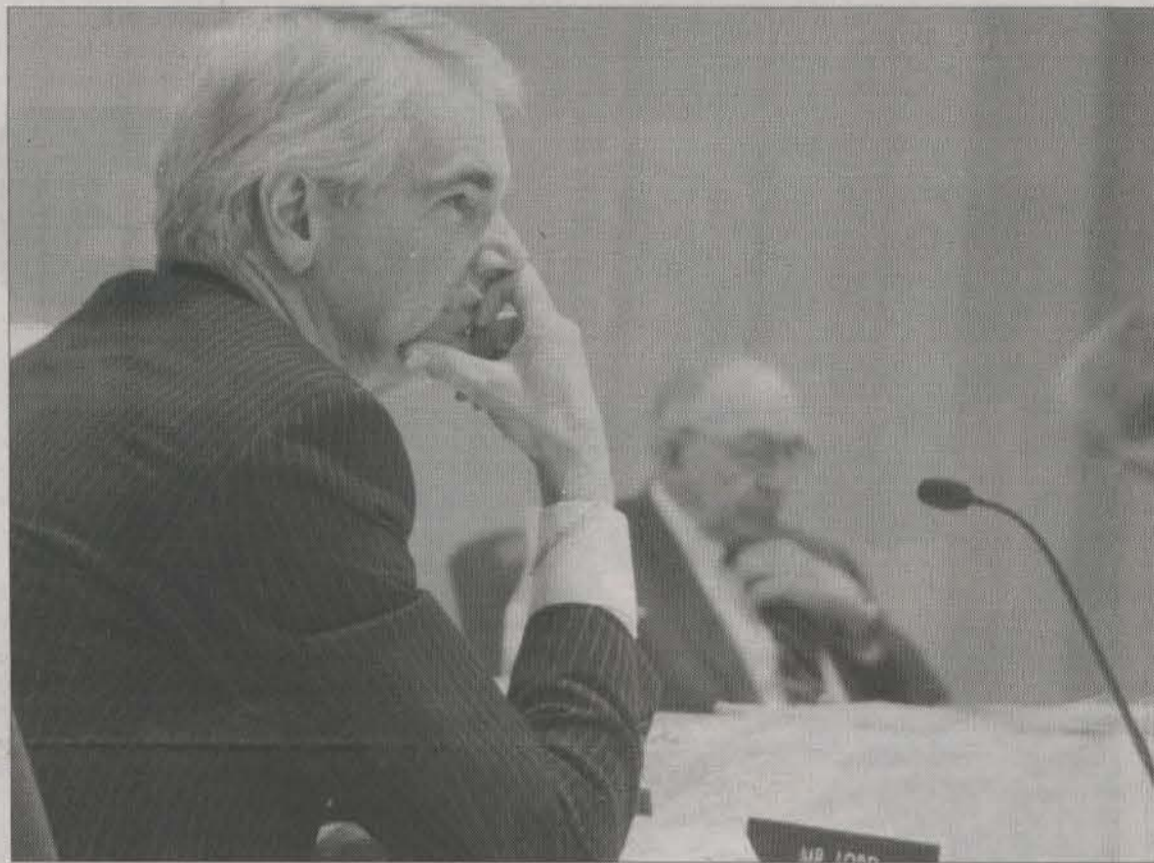
Before spring break, Eastern's Naming Committee brought this proposal to the board because of Grado legacy of service and dedication to Eastern and its community, said Bob Martin, the vice president for university affairs.

Of Grado, President Bill Perry said he "exemplified service to humanity, exhibited excellence in university leadership and was critical to the development of teacher training."

Perry told *The Daily Eastern News* on March 11 the renaming Textbook Rental Service building would be an appropriate way to honor the former educator because the students, many who may have benefited from Grado's work at the university, funded it.

The board voted unanimously in favor of the proposal with board chairman Leo Welch absent.

William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, continued the ongoing discussion amongst administrators for state funding for universities to be based upon performance.



Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, listens during a board of trustees vote Jan. 14 in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Weber said the university would benefit from outcome based funding based on its history of efficiency and retention. However, the funds previously received from the state legislature have not reflected this.

In 2008, Eastern received only \$4,566 per full-time student, based on university figures. This is the lowest of state funding among the

six four-year public master's institutions in Illinois.

However, Eastern had the highest student retention rate and the second highest graduate rate among the six institutions that same year.

On March 9, Perry testified in front of the Senate Appropriations II Committee in favor of outcomes based funding method.

His testimony was in support of the Rep. Chapin Rose's House Bill 1503 from Feb. 13. Rose's outcomes based proposal recommends annual budget requests incorporate performance-based funding beginning in the fiscal year 2013.

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### TRIAL

# Miller to serve eight years in prison

By Elizabeth Edwards  
City Editor

Two members of the Eastern community remember the students who were killed two years ago after woman responsible for the deaths was sentenced to eight years in prison Thursday.

Christine L. Miller, a former Sunset Hills, Mo., police officer, pleaded guilty to four counts of first-degree involuntary manslaughter and one count of assault in the second degree in December.

Miller was sentenced Thursday to two eight-year terms for each count of manslaughter and seven years for the count of assault, according to MissouriCase.net.

The sentences will run concurrently meaning that Miller will approximately serve eight years in prison.

Priya Darshini Muppavarapu, Anusha Anumolu and Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneeni, from India, were earning masters degrees in technology at Eastern before they were killed.

Eastern faculty Peter Ling Liu, graduate coordinator, and Susan Drage, professor of technology, reacted to the Miller's sentence after reading the sentence in the newspaper.

"The sentence makes no sense to me," Liu said.

He said for the sentence of Christine Miller to run concurrently makes no sense to him, but as a layperson he said he does not pretend to know the justice system.

Liu said he knew the young women personally and helped them enroll in the masters technology program at Eastern.

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### NEW STUDENT POLITICAL PARTY

# Student government political trend begins again

By Nike Ogunbodede  
Student Government Editor

With the student government's general and executive spring elections rapidly approaching, the creation of a new student political party was announced.

Leaders Establishing A Difference was created by Student Senate members Alex Boyd, Holly Henry, Rebecca Johnson, Chris Arnholz, Kaylia Eskew, Roberto Luna and John Poshepny, as well as senate members Jessica Bankhead and Jordan Miller. The establishment of the new party lead some members to leave their former party, the Party United Leaders Supporting Excellence.

Boyd, a sophomore political science major and the chairman of the diversity affairs committee, said he wants to take the student government and Eastern in a better direction.

"I want to see a big increase in school spirit; I want attendance

at games to rise," Boyd said. "I want to get that (Eastern) pride back to where it was before."

Boyd said he chose to leave the PULSE because he felt that not everyone's voices were being heard.

After assembling a group of Senate members, Boyd contacted a few Eastern students via Facebook messages to participate in the first LEAD informational meeting.

"We are still looking for anyone interested to have their chance to serve the students," he said.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy founded the PULSE after leaving the more popular United Party of Students.

"I would like to bridge the gap between administration and the students and to make Student Government more accessible to students," said Murphy, according to the Dec. 8, 2008 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Murphy, who was then a sophomore and a first year student senate member, was chosen by the UPS to run for student body president on its ticket.

In the 2009 elections, the UPS was able to get four out of its five executive candidates elected into office while also getting its student senate speaker candidate elected as well.

Murphy said she started the PULSE because the leadership in the UPS was not conducive to the betterment of the student government as a whole.

"I wanted people that would be able to bring different things to the table," said Murphy, a senior communication studies major.

She also said bringing people from different groups on-campus is what made the PULSE a success.

Student political parties are just social organizations that student's can use to get elected into office by having different political plat-



Student Body President Michelle Murphy swears in next semester's new student senate members Dec. 8 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

forms but no one ever follows through on their platform promises, Murphy said.

"It made me so mad when people would make platform policies that they couldn't follow through on," Murphy said.

The PULSE chooses not to focus on



multiple platform promises but instead promises to never stop listening to the students.

"I'm not going to pretend to know what is going on, on-campus until I talk to the campus," she said.

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# EIU weather

<p><b>TODAY</b></p>  <p>Thunderstorms High: 74° Low: 56°</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>  <p>Thunderstorms High: 72° Low: 58°</p>
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# what's on tap

## MONDAY

**4 p.m. Pink Panther Clinic**  
The clinics will be in the McAfee Gymnasium. The clinics are designed to help those who may be interested in auditioning for the dance team.

**4:30 p.m. National Nutrition Month**  
Taylor Dining Hall will have samples of healthy food and giveaways to celebrate National Nutrition Month.

## TUESDAY

**9 a.m. Microsoft 2010**  
The E-Classroom in the Booth Library will have a two-hour long workshop to teach students techniques in Microsoft Outlook 2010.

**2 p.m. EIU baseball game**  
The baseball team will be playing Chicago State at Coaches Stadium.

## WEDNESDAY

**4:30 p.m. Cupcake decorating**  
Decorate a birthday cupcake in Taylor Hall Dining Center.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail [dennewsdesk@gmail.com](mailto:dennewsdesk@gmail.com) or call 581-7942.

## Taking a break



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
Kylie Muhr, 7, of Charleston, takes a break from playing at Morton Park Sunday afternoon.

## ONLINE



### Blog: Spring Break

Spring break is over and that means it is back to the old grindstone known as homework. Did you do any homework over spring break? Are you still itching to go outside and have fun? James Roedl blogs about his spring fever in the latest Health Blog: Spring fever is here! at DENnews.com.

*"With warm weather finally here students are enjoying the end of spring break and shaking off the drudgery of winter. Sadly, homework is due tomorrow, and the fact that it is 65 degrees and sunny is not making it easier to get back into the groove of school after spring break. I just spent the evening in St. Louis riding bikes, grilling, dancing, and going to sweet after-parties with some of the coolest people I've ever met. However I have to write an essay in French, make a story board for a 12 page comic I am supposed to be finishing and many other assignments, all of which I have not even started."*



### Blog: Japan tragedy

If you have access to the internet you've seen pictures of the devastation in Japan. Every media outlet had coverage of the tragedies as they happened one after another. If you've been online you've also seen some sites offering you places to donate at to help survivors in Japan. Doug T. Graham blogs about it in the latest History Blog: The Internet and the Japanese Relief Effort at DENnews.com.

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## EIU History Lesson

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**2008** Approximately 40 Eastern students participated in a walk-out and "die-in" protesting the Iraq war outside of the Booth Library.

**1991** REO Speedwagon was chosen as the spring concert by the University Board. This would be their second performance on Eastern's campus.

**1986** The Council on Academic Affairs voted down the idea to make a shorter withdrawal period for students. This proposal would have only given students 20 class periods to decide if they wanted to withdrawal from a class.



RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

## Spring Fling brings beach to campus

By Amy Wywialowski  
Staff Reporter

Starting today the Residence Hall Association will begin the week back from Spring Break by bringing the beach to Eastern with Spring Fling, a fun-filled week of activities where the residence halls will compete for points.

Dondre Keeler, the RHA vice president, said the Spring Fling is one of the last major activities RHA hosts.

"The idea of the week is to boost morale among students as we come back from spring break and start to get excited about summer," Keeler said.

Each day this week, RHA will have a different activity for students to participate in. The week starts off with a giant game of twister.

Keeler said the event consists of an inflatable Twister mat and they will try and fit as many people as possible on it.

Each participant will receive two points for his or her residence hall

and the last people standing will receive five extra points.

Keeler said the Spring Fling is very similar to the Residents On Campus Fest, but Spring Fling takes place during the spring semester while ROC Fest is in the fall.

This year's Spring Fling theme is tropical with each residence hall being assigned a different tropical destination as a theme.

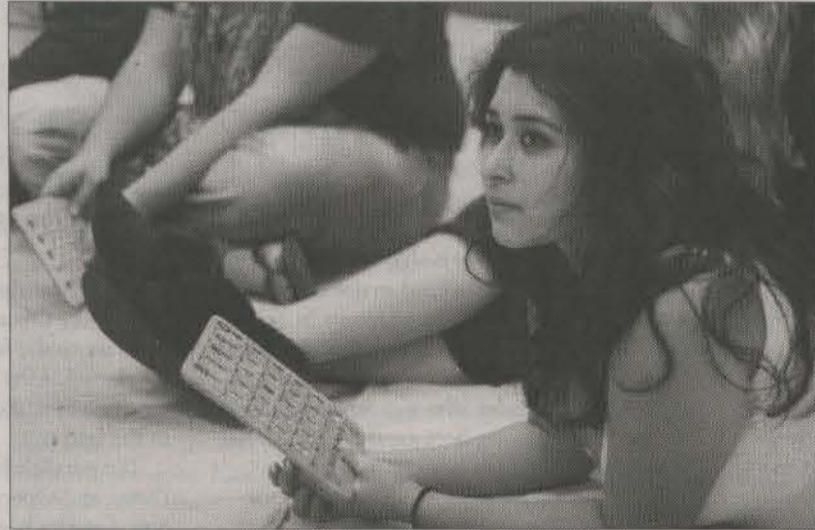
For example, the theme for Stevenson Hall is Jamaica and the theme for Andrews Hall is Hawaii.

Like ROC Fest, residence halls can accumulate points by having their residents participate in the various activities throughout the week. The hall with the most points will receive a prize.

Keeler said each residence hall has the opportunity to gain points for decorating residence hall windows according to the theme.

At the end of the week the RHA will judge each hall's window painting and determine the winner of the window painting contest.

Nicci Vergara, the RHA Com-



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Freshman chemistry major Priscilla Gonzalez waits for ROC Fest's Bingo Night to start Sept. 28 in Lawson Hall's Basement.

munity Development Chair, is in charge of the event but she could not be reached for comment. Keeler said that Vergara had been thinking about the theme for a long time.

"She came into the position knowing what she wanted to do, I think part of the idea was to boost

moral while the weather is still so icky out," Keeler said. "We are definitely looking forward to a fun packed week."

Events will take place throughout the week in celebration of Spring Fling. To end the week, a lunch will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Fri-

### Spring Fling Events

**Today:**  
Twister at 7 p.m. in the University Ballroom

**Tuesday:**  
Bingo at 7 p.m. in the Lawson Hall basement

**Wednesday:**  
Karaoke at 7 p.m. in the Lawson Hall basement

**Thursday:**  
RHA Meeting at 5 p.m. Dress up in beach-themed clothing in Lawson Hall

**Friday:**  
Closing lunch at noon to 2 p.m. in Taylor Hall Dining Center

day in Taylor Hall Dining Center. All students are encouraged to attend the Spring Fling events.

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CITY

## Council proposes change in budget

By Elizabeth Edwards  
City Editor

The Charleston city council voted on a proposed 2011-2012 budget during Eastern's spring break.

On March 15, the council placed the proposed city budget on file for public inspection and plans to vote on the budget during the April 19 meeting.

The 2011-2012 budget projects \$25.6 million in revenues and \$25 million in expenses.

Mayor John Inyart said he is excited about the balanced budget.

He said the budget does not have many capital projects except the wastewater treatment improvement project.

The current 2010-2011 budget has \$28.1 million in revenues and \$27.6 million in expenses. If approved, the budget will become effective May 1.

The council approved a change order exceeding \$85,000 for the wastewater treatment plant improvement project.

The city approved the Charleston City Roads Scholarships to 12 Eastern students.

The city also voted on authorizing a

permanent easement for the Garfield Planned Unit Development.

The owner of Garfield Planned Unit Development planned to build an apartment complex but found a water line that requires the city to move the line.

The council also voted on the contract with Variety Attractions, Inc. Red, White and Blue Days.

The contract will allow the country musician Justin Moore to perform at July 3 for the Red, White and Blue Days in Charleston.

The city authorized the closure of certain streets for St. Charles Summer Start-Up festival.

The city also authorized the closure of certain streets for Delta Sigma Pi, a business fraternity, 5-K run and 1-mile fun run fundraiser.

The city approved the raffle licenses for St. Charles Catholic Church, Hope of East Central Illinois, Moose Lodge, Charleston FFA alumni and Brain Wilkerson Charity Fund.

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GRADUATES

## Alumni recognized for college success, charity participation

By Seth Schroeder  
Activities Editor

Even after graduating, some Eastern students are recognized for their collegiate successes. Mike Leon is one of those students.

Leon graduated in December of 2010 as a journalism major with a public relations concentration. In the spring of 2010 he was nominated by his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, as a notable senior. Recently this nomination has earned Leon the Vollinger Outstanding Senior Award from Sigma Phi Epsilon for all of Illinois.

Leon gained this nomination by being involved in many activities at Eastern in addition to his class work. This includes his charity, "Flexing for a Cause."

Leon said he created the charity near the end of his participation in the bantam weight division of the annual Mr. EIU contest.

Mr. EIU is a body-building contest, but participants also create t-shirts to help raise money.

"I started selling the shirts near

the last minute but they sold very fast," Leon said. "After that I just decided to see how many I could sell for charity. It was really kind of random almost."

Leon said that the shirts continued to sell well partly because of his connections with Eastern's fraternities and sororities. He was also able to earn funds from local businesses that sponsored the charity and in return had their names placed on the shirts.

Through "Flexing for a Cause" Leon initially earned \$600 for the Children's Advocacy Center in Charleston. The center focuses on helping children who have been physically or sexually abused.

In addition to Leon's charity work and three consecutive wins in Mr. EIU, he was also active in numerous events with his fraternity.

Leon said that he was the front man for his team in the Greek week tug-of-war competition and was also one of the first men to coach for the air band competition.

"We usually hire a dance coach or student to help with the air band

competition," Leon said. "I've always admired people who could dance. This experience kind of made me realize I could do it."

Leon said that his work as coach led him to one of his most memorable experiences at Eastern. He said during the homecoming pep rally he would participate in a mascot competition involving a hip-hop dance routine. Leon won the competition three years in a row and would usually incorporate the homecoming theme into his dance.

Currently, Leon said he is doing whatever public relations work he can. He said he hopes one day he can move on to corporate PR and work for one company.

"One thing I'm still trying to figure out about myself is that I look at stuff that I admire and I think, 'I can realistically do that.' Everything I do I approach this way. I haven't really failed at anything yet," Leon said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Cop deserves harsh sentence for crash that killed students

Today marks the two-year anniversary of the death of three Eastern students killed by a police officer in a car crash.

On Thursday, March 10, Christine L. Miller, 42, former Sunset Hills, Mo., police officer, was convicted of four counts of first-degree involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to eight years in prison.

On March 21, 2009, three Eastern students, Priya Darshini Muppavarapu, Anusha Anumolu, Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneni, along with Veerapaneni's cousin, Satya Chinta, were killed when Miller hit the car they were in while driving on the wrong side of the road.

The car that the victims were in was driven by the sole survivor of the crash, Veerapaneni's fiancé, Netish Adusumilli. Muppavarapu was also engaged, and both women had planned to be married in May of that year.

The lives that the officer took were three close friends, graduate students attempting to obtain their Master's degree in the technology department.

These students came all the way from India to enjoy Eastern's community, make new friends and achieve their academic goals, and on a spring break trip, their lives were cut short by a careless, irresponsible action.

Miller had a blood alcohol level of 0.229, almost three times the legal limit, according to KPRL St. Louis.

We hold police officers in a special place in our society. We trust them to fairly uphold justice and give them legal power over others. We honor that trust by severely punishing cop killers. But in return, we should hold them more accountable, and punish more heavily, those who betray that trust.

Miller betrayed that trust by getting behind the wheel drunk, and her reckless, illegal behavior killed four innocent people.

Miller should have received more than eight years in prison. St. Louis County prosecutor Alan Key recommended a 20-year prison term. This would have been a more just punishment.

As reported by *The Daily Eastern News*, Miller was sentenced to four eight-year terms, one for each count of manslaughter, and seven years for one count of assault. The sentence will run concurrently, meaning Miller will spend at most eight years in prison, but probably less than that.

True justice would see Miller serve each count consecutively, serving a 39-year sentence.

It is hard to imagine Miller receiving such a light sentence were she not a former cop. Key said the ruling was probably related to her job. "I do think that her being a police officer maybe affected it," he told *St. Louis Today*.

We believe this was a gross miscarriage of justice. Miller should not have been given preferential treatment by the court. She should instead have been made an example of.

COLUMN

## The Obama Doctrine takes shape in Libya

As U.S. warships sit in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya, firing Tomahawk missiles at Muammar Qaddafi's military forces, the Obama Doctrine is beginning to take on a whole new shape.

President Obama is well known for his calm, reasoned approach to crises, but the wave of revolutions in the Arab world has put him in some particularly difficult situations. So far, the president has had to carefully hedge his bets, as popular uprisings have threatened major strategic allies in the region. When protests in Egypt swelled to the point where it was clear President Hosni Mubarak would be ousted, Obama had to side against a leader who was no friend of democracy, but had long been on the U.S. payroll for keeping peace with Israel.

As the strict regimes of Saudi Arabia—our third-largest oil supplier—and Bahrain—the tiny Arab nation where the U.S. 5th Fleet is stationed—have cracked down on protesters, Obama has remained rather quiet.

In Libya, however, it is much easier to choose sides. For a while, it looked like the rebels would topple Qaddafi and Obama would only have to issue stern condemnations of Qaddafi. But Qaddafi used all of his military might, bought by decades of oil revenue, and turned the tide. And when the international community, led by France and England, decided to enforce a no-fly zone (a nice euphemism for bombing the hell out of an army) Obama decided to throw the U.S. into the ring.

Operation Odyssey Dawn, the video-game-sounding name of the UN mission, is authorized to take "all necessary measures" to protect Libyan civilians, "excluding a foreign occupation force."



Dave Balson

It is easy at this point to consider such a decision by the Obama administration as downright contrary to the fundamental ethos of the man we elected. After all, one of the defining characteristics of candidate Obama was his opposition to the Iraq war.

The parallels between Operations Odyssey Dawn and Operation Iraqi Freedom are obvious: America is using its military to depose a dictator it has long despised, one who has attacked his own people, in an Arab country which posed no direct threat to the U.S., but has significant oil reserves.

But the parallels end there. The differences—two in particular—are far more significant.

One is the justification. The Obama administration has made no effort to persuade nor, more to the point, deceive the American people or the international community that Qaddafi poses any significant threat beyond his borders.

No faulty (or false) evidence has been presented to link Qaddafi with Al-Qaida or suggest he has nuclear weapons.

Second, the U.S. is following the lead of the international community. Obama, wisely, waited for France and England to step forth before committing American assistance. Even a number

of Arab countries are on board.

In fact, this more closely parallels the decision of the Clinton administration not to intervene in the Rwandan genocide, a decision Clinton deeply regrets. Qaddafi is a true madman. It is hard to know whether he believes his own assertion that the rebel forces are under the influence of hallucinogenic drugs. And U.S. officials are concerned that he might use stockpiles of mustard gas on his own people, according to the *LA Times*. We've seen this cautious approach from Obama before on many domestic issues. In the battle over health care reform, Wall Street reform and recent budget debates, his style has been to remove himself from the slings and arrows of the day-to-day fighting.

Now, facing a humanitarian crisis, he has tried to make clear that the U.S. will only play a supporting role in the UN action against Libya.

But U.S. troops are deployed in two countries, and the U.S.—its economy and its morale—cannot commit itself to a third.

Obama, as promised, has ended combat operations in Iraq. He has, as promised, shifted troops and resources into Afghanistan.

Now we will find out if he can keep his promise to keep ground troops out of Libya.

For many Americans, George W. Bush's push to war in Iraq was one of the most disastrous foreign policy decisions a president made in their lifetimes. Libya may well be where we learn whether we were right to believe in Obama's promise of change.

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FROM THE EASEL



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AROUND THE STATE

## Political devaluation of teachers disheartening

By Abby Causer  
Daily Vidette - Ill. State University

I've been watching the debates in Wisconsin about collective bargaining rights of public sector workers for the last few weeks, and at first, hoped that there was no way that the governor would actually pass a bill that limits these rights for public employees like teachers. When the Democrats left and it started to become clear that this was not just a stunt that was going to blow over, I got worried, and now that the governor has succeeded I am simply frustrated.

The argument for the obvious necessity for and importance of unions aside, it really scares and angers me how the Republicans in Wisconsin actually got the law passed without the Democrats. First, they found a loophole that allowed them to change the bill from financial in nature to some other form, which enabled them to pass it without the proper number of voters. Then, the Republicans blatantly broke the law by calling a meeting to pass the bill with only two hours notice, when the law says there must be at least 24 hours notice.

It frustrates and frightens me that our government can simply not play by the rules and see no consequences. I am not even a Wisconsin native, and I feel a loss of credibility and legitimacy for our system of checks and balances.

And as if all of the above was not incriminating enough, teachers gave up many of their rights (including the right to go on strike) as a compromise so long as the governor would allow collective bargaining. In the end, the governor took all of these rights, including collective bargaining.

In what other circumstance is it OK for one party to renege on their end of the bargain but still hold the other to its promise? Probably because this is happening in Wisconsin and not Illinois, my biggest problem with the whole ordeal is that instead of talking about this on the level of politics and budget issues, the Republicans have turned it into mudslinging, with teachers as the main target.

They have been called, "lazy," "greedy," "under-qualified" and "glorified baby-sitters." This is truly disheartening. Teachers are the backbone of our society, without which our youth

would certainly never reach any level of success. Especially in today's economy, when parents are working two or more jobs, sometimes an encouraging teacher is the most constant thing for a child in a world full of uncertainties.

They argue that the public has to pay their "high" salaries. Well, who do you think pays the salaries of private sector employees? The tax payers, also known as consumers. These people want public services, but they don't want to pay for them. In short, this defamiation is despicable and teachers, police officers and other public employees are an underappreciated part of our society, a sine qua non for its running smoothly and upward mobility.

I would wager that if unions are done away with altogether, then public employees would be paid less and less over time. In turn, this would cause smart and capable people, who would have otherwise sought a career in, say, teaching, to pursue more profitable livelihoods. Undoubtedly, this would mean less and less qualified and intelligent people would be teaching.

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FEATURE

# Long distance military love

By Samantha Bilharz  
Verge Editor

Many Eastern students have made their journeys back to campus after spring break, which many used to see their loved ones and friends.

However, Ashley Hunter, a senior sociology major, was not able to see her boyfriend, who is stationed overseas serving in the Army.

Hunter and Randy Finney have been in a military relationship for 13 months. Finney is in the Army and currently stationed in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan. Hunter and Finney have not seen each other since August 2010 and won't see each other again until April when he gets two weeks of leave time.

Finney is 23 and Hunter is his first girlfriend since he was 17. And ever since Finney left for Afghanistan the couple has kept in touch by communicating over Skype and Facebook almost everyday. Hunter said she feels grateful for the times she gets to talk to Finney.

"I am very lucky because many military relationships they don't talk for days," Hunter said. "Well, him and I usually talk every day unless he goes on a mission so I am very lucky for that."

The couple agreed that the holidays and celebrations are the hardest part of being away from one another.

Hunter usually spends the holidays with her family, friends and also

visits Finney's family. The couple gets through this hard time by sending each other care packages, talking to each other throughout the holidays and having hopes that next year they will be spending the holidays together.

"I miss so much. I miss the holidays, birthdays. It just really sucks not being there with her," Finney said.

When Hunter is not talking to Finney, she is normally keeping herself busy with school, work, playing the occasional Wii games and spending time with her friends and family. Hunter and Finney have a strong support system when it comes to their family and friends.

"His parents and family are extremely supportive of him and I. My mother is really supportive and my dad is supportive," Hunter said. "My friends are also super supportive. They all love him and how we are when we are together. They are a huge support and really help me get through the rough patches."

Even though they sometimes argue both Finney and Hunter feel that their long distance relationship is worth it because they both love each other and are committed to making the relationship work.

Hunter said she feels communication is key to the relationship working. She said that during a long distance relationship is when communication is learned and is crucial. She also said that

**"I am very lucky because many military relationships, they don't talk for days."**

Ashley Hunter, a senior sociology major

a couple is doomed if they can't communicate properly even if they are not face-to-face.

SFC Hoh, a Military Science Instructor at Eastern, has been on two tours to Afghanistan and has been married for 10 years with two children. Hoh said that constant communication was what helped him get through his time in Afghanistan.

"They (military couples) should practice open communication when they are here so they can have open communication when they are apart," Hoh said.

The Army also offers support groups to help people deal with the transition of their partner being away. The group is called Army Family Team Building and their mission statement is as follows: "Army Family Team Building empowers individuals, maximizing their personal growth and professional development through specialized training, transforming our community into a resilient and strong foundation meeting today's military mission," according to

myarmyonesource.com.

Due to these military programs and others like it the divorce rate among married military couples has gone down. The divorce rate was 2.6 percent in 2001, 3.6 percent in 2009 and stayed the same in 2010, according to military.com

Finney will be in the Army for another three years and four months, but when he gets out, the couple plans on moving in together and getting married a few years after that. Hunter will finish college at Eastern in May and Finney hopes to enroll in college when he is done with the Army.

"Personally with my going through it right now, it's completely worth it. I love him more than anything in this world and I would much rather be without him next to me for a year, than to not have him in my life at all," Hunter said.

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MAP GRANT

## Cut-off for grant earliest in history

Staff Report

On March 17, the Office of Financial Aid sent an email to Eastern students encouraging them to file the 2011-2012 FAFSA immediately, because of a suspension of the Monetary Award Program Grant.

Starting today, any FAFSA applications received by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will have the MAP Grant announcement suspended, the email stated.

This is the earliest cut-off in the grant's history and it is because the large number of applicants, according to the Office of Financial Aid.

"A 5 percent reduction factor, which was approved for the 2011-12 MAP start-up formula at the Feb. 9 Commission meeting on the advice of the ILASFAA Formula Committee, allowed for the processing of more applications than would have been possible had awards not been reduced," the email stated.

### TREND, from page 1

For years, the student government members have created and revived student political parties like the Students for Change, Student Experience Party, Campus Action Team, Student United Party and Students Wanting Action Today.

Different parties have formed and dissolved over the years, but what sets the LEAD apart is the fact that it has the youngest members, Boyd said.

"There are some people who would view it as a lack of experience, but I think it could just be a fresh, new look (on the student government)," Boyd said.

Murphy said she would not start a party now, but does not have any hostility toward anyone that chooses to do so.

"The people I have holding on are the people I want," Murphy said. "I'm happy with my party."

Boyd said he thinks the camaraderie that will occur between the members of LEAD could only benefit the student government.

"We have a group of smart people that all share a common goal of what we want to accomplish," he said. "A group can accomplish a lot more than one person can."

senate member Tommy Nierman

said he plans on running for a student government position without a party affiliation again for the upcoming election. However, during the spring 2010 elections, Nierman started his own party along with two other student senate hopefuls called VOLT.

"All it is (about) is getting as many people behind you, then assigning (people) positions," said Nierman, a junior business management major. "It's not based on experience or anything important."

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### MILLER, from page 1

He described the young women as excellent students.

Drage said the girls were a close-knit group and stuck by each other as they tried to make sense of a foreign country.

"They helped each other in a country that was unfamiliar," Drage said.

Drage said as a parent she could not wrap her mind around such a sentence of only eight years.

Drage had Muppavarapu and Veerapaneni were in a class she taught and said the girls were excellent students.

The young women were traveling on

Dougherty Ferry Road in St. Louis with two other individuals when Miller, who was driving in the wrong lane, crashed into their car on March 21, 2009.

Miller was reportedly intoxicated when she hit their car.

The women were in St. Louis for spring break visiting Nitesh Adusumilli, who was the driver of the car and sole survivor of the crash.

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BASEBALL

# Eastern wins two on road trip

By Brad Kupiec  
Staff Reporter

Eastern baseball won back-to-back games this weekend for the first time all season, defeating the Memphis Tigers 3-1 on Friday and 4-3 Saturday before dropping the final game of their Southern Spring Swing by a score of 7-11.

Friday's game started well for the Panthers, as junior Zach Borenstein scored to give them a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly by red-shirt junior TJ McManus.

The Tigers then tied the game at one before the Panthers pushed two more runs across in the top of the fifth with a sacrifice fly by senior middle infielder Cam Strang and a McManus run-scoring single.

The score would remain 3-1 Panthers for the rest of the game, as red-shirt junior pitcher Mike Hoekstra pitched a complete game to pick up his second win of the season.

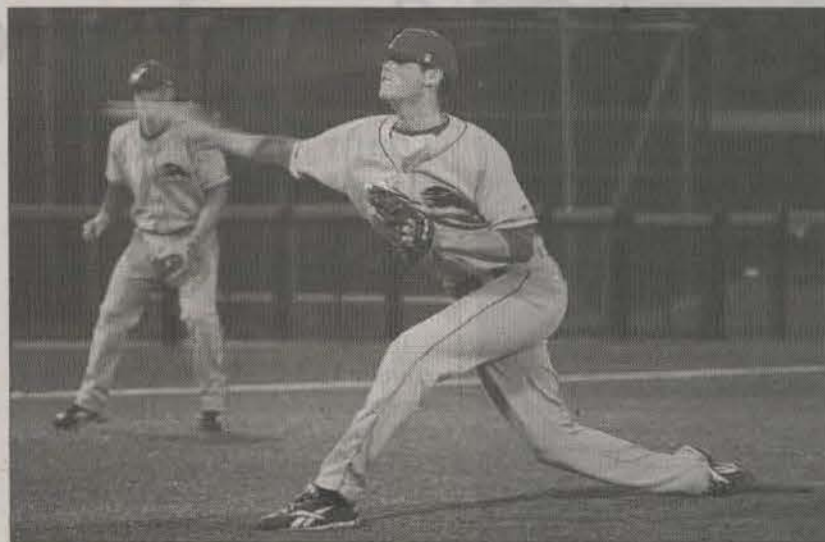
Hoekstra struck out five Tigers while walking none over his nine innings. Head coach Jim Schmitz said he was impressed and pleased by Hoekstra's performance.

The win on Friday snapped a five-game losing streak for the Panthers, dating back two weeks to their doubleheader in Evansville, Ind.

Following Friday's win, the Panthers showed resiliency in a come-from-behind win on Saturday as they were down early and staved off a ninth-inning rally to beat Memphis 4-3.

The Panthers were behind early in Saturday's contest as the Tigers as Memphis scored two runs in the third inning to take a two-run lead.

The Panthers came back to tie the score in the next half-inning, though, as red-shirt junior outfielder Ben Thoma hit a two-run home-run over the left field wall to even the score. Thoma's shot was the first Panther home run of



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Junior Matt Miller pitches against the University of Illinois Champaign April 13, 2010 at Illinois Field. The Panthers won two out of three games against Memphis this weekend.

the season.

The Panthers then broke the 2-2 tie in the fifth inning with a Cam Strang RBI single. Eastern expanded the lead in the seventh inning as freshman catcher Jacob Reese drove in a run with a double.

Memphis closed the gap to 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth before junior lefty Darin Worman came in to record the last out and seal Eastern's first back-to-back victories of the year.

Freshman right-hander Luke Bushur took the win on the mound for Eastern, working six innings and striking out four Tigers while only allowing the two runs against. Senior right-hander Brent McNeil worked 2.2 innings in relief of Bushur, striking out two while allowing one run.

Sunday's game started off rough for the Panthers, as Memphis scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning and the Panthers never lead the game. The Tigers would go on to take the

third and final meeting between the teams by a score of 7-11.

The game was tied at four in the top of the fourth inning by a three-run Eastern rally before Memphis would take the lead for good in the fifth. The Panthers had a late rally in the ninth keyed by a pair of doubles from Borenstein and McManus before Thoma truck out swinging to end the game.

The Panthers finished their spring break road trip with a record of 2-5 as they were swept by the Alabama Crimson Tide last weekend and lost to Mississippi State Tuesday before the series with Memphis. The Panthers will play their home opener at Coaches Stadium against Chicago State at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The Panthers open their conference schedule at home against Eastern Kentucky this weekend with a double header set to begin at 1 p.m.

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GOLF

# Panthers play in Florida

By Doug T. Graham  
Online Sports Director

The Florida sun did little to improve the play of the men and women's golf teams, neither of who finished among the leaders of the two tournaments they played last week during spring break.

The men's team finished last out of 11 teams in the Don Benbow Invitational at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club.

The team shot a combined 632 strokes, or 64 over par, through two days of play, which was far off the 585 stroke mark, 17 over par, achieved by both the Appalachian State University and IUPUI men's teams.

Francisco Cherizola had the best individual finish for the Panthers, shooting a 71, even par, the first day and a 79 in the final round. Cherizola's marks were tied for the 26th best among individual men golfers.

Junior David Lawrence said he felt coming from the wintry Charleston weather did not do the team any favors in either tournament.

"Coming straight from the cold weather and into tournament play was a little bit rough," Lawrence said. "This winter was brutal, and I know it will take us a little bit of time to get back into mid-season form."

The women's team fared better, and was able to secure eighth place out of 15 teams, making it the fourth time in eight tournaments this season where they have been in the top half of leader board.

The team shot a 667, 91 over par. Emily Calhoun shot a 17 over for the tournament, which made her the highest scoring Panther in the wom-

en's field and tied for 15th among individual golfers.

After the two-day Don Bendow Invitational wrapped up on Tuesday, the teams were right back at it, playing the two-day Butler Bulldog Florida Invitational at Windsor Parke Golf Club.

Both men's and women's teams finished third best of four in their divisions.

The men's team shot a 631, 55 over par, which was just ten strokes out of first place Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The men were losing after the first day of play but turned it around Thursday with the lowest score of the field, a 318. Corbin Seberos, Gino Parrodi and Kevin Flack all shot a 13 over, which was the eighth best result among individuals.

The women's team also finished just ten strokes off of the leader. They finished with a 668, 92 over par. Veronica Bernier recovered from shooting an 87, 15 over par, on the first day of play to shooting a 76, 4 over par, which was the lowest score among all individuals for the final round.

Bernier finished with a 163, 19 over, which put her in a tie for the fourth best score among individual golfers.

Lawrence said he feels both teams benefited greatly from being able to play in good weather and should see better results in the coming tournaments.

"We learned we have a lot of work to do before this year comes to a close," Lawrence said. "I believe we will see an improvement in every aspect of the game."

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Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the Panthers took the lead in the second half because of its ability to get the ball inside to players like sophomore forward Mariah King and junior forward Chantelle Pressley.

Pressley was one of two Panthers to finish the game in double digits, scored 12 points. Crunk scored a team-high of 20 points.

With the score 64-57 with 5:27 to go in the game, Sallee said Chicago State switched back into its zone defense. As Chicago State finished the game on a 16-0 run in the final 5:27, Sallee said the Panthers had many chances to score; however, he said the scoring opportunities were unorthodox for the team.

Sallee said the Panthers were shooting outside shots, instead of inside shots.

Despite Crunk and sophomore guard Kelsey Wyss' ability to shoot long range shots, Sallee said the team struggled.

Three Chicago State players combined for 61 of the team's points. Sallee said those players were too big for Eastern to handle.

Sallee said the game's result was eerily similar to its loss to Austin Peay, being eliminated from the Ohio Val-

ley Conference tournament.

At the end of the game, Chicago State's two top scorers, Tressa Beckel and Courtney Waldon, had the majority of the touches, according to Sallee. Beckel scored a game-high 25 points. Sallee said the Panthers had no answer for her.

For the second consecutive year, Eastern has ended its season in a national postseason tournament.

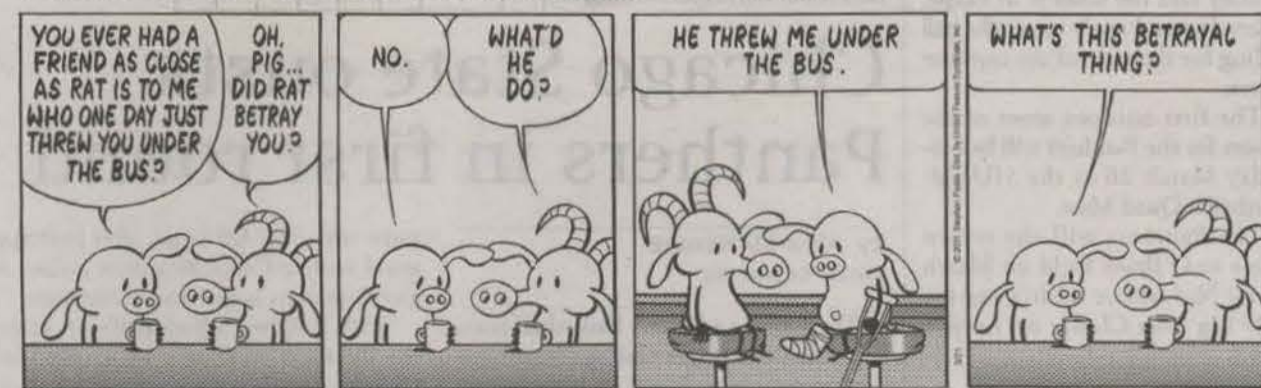
Last season, Marquette knocked them out of the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT). This season, Chicago State ended the Panthers' season.

The Panthers end this season with an overall record of 18-13.

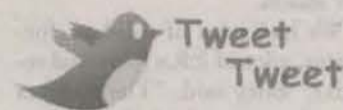
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## TRACK & FIELD



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Zye Boey, red-shirt junior, receives his first place medal for the 60-meter dash Feb. 26 in the Lantz Fieldhouse. Boey competed and placed seventh in the 200-meter dash at the NCAA Indoor Track Championships March 11.

# Boey takes seventh at NCAA Championship

## Looks forward to continue in outdoor season

By Dominic Renzetti  
Assistant Sports Editor

Red-shirt junior sprinter Zye Boey saw his 2010-11 comeback indoor track season come to an end at the NCAA Indoor Championships last week, taking seventh place in the men's 200-meter dash.

After sitting out last year's indoor season with a knee injury, Boey rebounded this season to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the Panthers' fourth meet of the season, the Illinois Intercollegiate.

Boey was the only member of the Eastern track and field team and the only representative of the Ohio Valley Conference to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championship.

This would mark Boey's second trip to the NCAA Indoor Championship, as he qualified during his freshman season.

Boey did not place in his first trip to the NCAA Indoor Championship.

The NCAA Indoor Championship took place in College Station, Texas at Texas A&M.

"It was a great environment. I loved being there and I look forward to going back," Boey said.

With Boey being the lone Eastern track and field representative at the meet, he said he was hoping

to put Eastern on the map with his performance.

Boey said his body felt great going into the preliminary race, but tired going into the finals.

He finished in seventh place with a time of 21.55 seconds.

Junior Rakeem Salaam, of Oklahoma, took first place in the event with a time of 20.401 seconds.

Junior Maurice Mitchell and sophomore Brandon Byram, both of Florida State, took second and third place to round out the top three finishers.

Mitchell recorded a time of 20.403 seconds, falling just short of taking first place.

Teammate Byram finished with a time of 20.64 seconds.

Despite not taking first place, Boey said he still felt satisfied with his performance and the hard work he and his team have put in this indoor season.

"We had a lot of solid performances, a lot of P.R.s (personal records)," Boey said. "The coaches did a phenomenal job this season. I think everybody on the team P.R.'d this season, if not came close to it."

For his performance, Boey was named an NCAA Division I All-American, a first for him in his career.

The honor also makes Boey only the 10th athlete in Eastern history to be named an All-American.

Boey is the first Eastern athlete since the 1999-2000 season to be named an All-American, when Gabe Spezia received the honor for his performance in the men's 60-meter hurdles.

**"The coaches did a phenomenal job this season. I think everybody on the team P.R.'d this season, if not came close to it."**

Zye Boey, junior red-shirt sprinter

After a successful indoor season, Boey said he is already excited about the upcoming outdoor season.

"I'm ready to go. I'm fired up already," Boey said.

Boey said the team is in shape, injury-free and ready to get the ball rolling for the start of the outdoor season.

The first outdoor meet of the season for the Panthers will be Saturday March 26 at the SIU Edwardsville Quad Meet.

The Panthers will return home to O'Brien Field on March 31 for Neil Moore Multi's and the EIU Big Blue Classic on April 1 and 2.

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## SOFTBALL

# Streak grows to 11

## Team opens at home Thursday

By Dominic Renzetti  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern softball team improved its record to 16-5 for the season with a three-game sweep of the Murray State Racers to wrap up an impressive 11-game winning streak over its spring break road trip.

Over the last 11 games, the Panthers have allowed a total of eight runs, while

scoring a total of 63 runs. The team played a total of eight games in Kissimmee, Fla., over spring break, winning them all.

The sweep against Murray State opens the Panthers Ohio Valley Conference record with a perfect 3-0.

The 11-game winning streak is the best ever for the Panther softball team.

The team will look to continue its winning streak on its March 24 home-opener against rival University of Illinois.

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## BASKETBALL



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Sydney Mitchell, sophomore forward, takes the ball upcourt against Austin Peay in the second round of the OVC Women's Basketball Tournament March 3 at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium.

# Chicago State ousts Panthers in first round

By Alex McNamee  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team fell victim to a bigger Chicago State team Wednesday night, 73-64, as it was eliminated from the Women's Basketball Invitational.

The Panthers held the lead late in the

game with 5:27 left to go, after freshman guard Jordyne Crunk hit a three pointer to give Eastern its largest lead of the game.

With halftime adjustments in place, the Panthers were able to manipulate Chicago State's defense out of its zone, which had been effective early in the game.

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Baseball**  
Tuesday vs. Chicago State  
2 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

**Softball**  
Thursday vs. Illinois  
5 p.m. - Williams Field

**Men's Tennis**  
Wednesday vs. Jacksonville State  
10 a.m. - Jacksonville, Ala.

**M&W Track**  
Saturday - SIU Edwardsville Quad Meet  
TBA - Edwardsville, Ill.

**Golf**  
Sunday - Western Illinois Invitational  
All day - Macomb, Ill.

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7:30 p.m. on Versus