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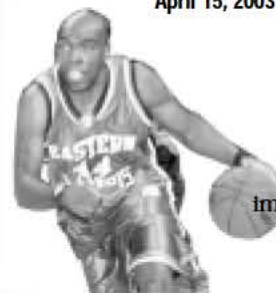
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## BOT gives tech plans go ahead

♦ The project will cost about \$5.6 million and will be funded by student fees

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Board of Trustees approved the third phase in plans for Teng Associates to upgrade the campus infrastructure Monday, a project funded by a student fee increase.

The project is expected to cost about \$5.6 million and run from January to April, said Randy Robbie, manager of technology and engineering at Teng.

"I've got four or five guys out right now working the steam tunnels, making sure they can get from building to building."

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♦ BOT also approves bid for ProGrass turf field.

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Robbie outlined plans for installing fiber optic and copper cable and reworking the campus infrastructure.

"Every single building will be reconnected with a fiber optic cable. There is no faster cable today," he said. "What we're looking for is a system that is somehow more reliable than what you have today."

The end result will be a more reliable network, flexibility, increased speed and a more guaranteed infrastructure, Robbie said.

Teng has completed similar projects at state universities such as Moraine Valley Community College and University of Illinois-Chicago.

Individual construction bids in the project will still be open, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

The board also approved \$6 million in new furniture for the residence halls.

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COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Randy Robbie, manager of technology and engineering at Teng Industries, talks to the Board of Trustees about digital broadcast equipment Monday morning in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## Board elects new executive officers

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Four executive officers were elected Monday to their current positions on Eastern's Board of Trustees.

Board chairman Nathan Anderson will stay in his position, Betsy Mitchell was elected to vice chair, Roger Dettro to secretary and Jeffery Lezotte to board pro tempore.

The BOT approved recommendations for 10 faculty members to receive

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tenure.

Tenure is based on job rolls in areas such as teaching, research and creative activities, said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs.

The tenure recipients include: Robert Chesnut of the chemistry department; Steven Lee Daniel of the biological sciences department; Norman Greer of the speech communication department;

Eric Hake of the economics department; Ryan Hendrickson of the political science department; William Joyce from the School of Business; William Russell of the physical education department; Mukti Upadhyay of the economics department; Nancy Van Cleave of the mathematics department and Richard Whitaker of the School of Business.

Anne Zahlan, chair of the Faculty Senate, Sandy Bingham-Porter, chair of

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## National register a nuisance?

♦ Three buildings are recognized as historical preservation spots

By Michelle Jones  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Being recognized for something is normally seen as an accomplishment, a win-win situation.

But sometimes, it's not complete, 100 percent great news.

Eastern has three campus buildings on the Illinois Historic

Preservation Agency's National Register of Historic Places. This piece of trivia shows an interesting fact and a recognition, but it's not necessarily seen as a positive.

### Spotlight:

#### Eastern

♦ In the spotlight this week is campus buildings considered historic. This article is part of a series focused on events, people and organizations in our community.

"For any state department, including universities, there are no advantages (to being on the list),"



Old Main, Pemberton Hall and McAfee Gymnasium are all registered as national historical sites in the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's National Register of Historic Places. Old Main, built in 1898 is the oldest building on Eastern's campus.

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## Two taken into custody following weekend fight

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Two suspects were taken into custody after a fight early Sunday morning left two hospitalized.

Police were dispatched to LaBamba's Restaurant at 1:17 a.m. Sunday, police reports stated. Officers at the scene determined the altercation involved four suspects.

Two men were injured in the fight and were taken to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center for treatment. One victim was treated in the emergency room and released. The second victim was released the next day after being treated and admitted

overnight for observation.

According to police reports, the injured were both from the Cook County area and neither are Eastern students.

One victim was described as a 29-year-old white male and the other as a 23-year-old Hispanic male.

The incident is still under investigation, but two suspects were arrested at 10 p.m. Sunday and charged with aggravated battery for involvement with the incident. The two suspects were placed in Coles County Safety and Detention Center to be held pending further investigation and court appearances.

Any witnesses are asked to contact the Charleston Police Department, 348-5221, with information.

## UPD now has suspects in theft

By Nate Bloomquist  
NEWS EDITOR

Katie Flynn can look in her somewhat empty underwear drawer and laugh.

But a week ago Flynn and her Sigma Kappa sorority sisters were angry enough to spit.

Vandals stole more than \$3,700 worth of undergarments and jewelry April 5 from the Sigma Kappa House, 1034 Greek Court, and from the Sigma Sigma House at 1030 Greek Court, acting University Police chief Adam Due said Monday.

Flynn said she had more than \$300 worth of underwear stolen.

"It's only underwear — I can laugh at it

now," said Flynn, a sophomore.


Due said the UPD has several suspects in custody, but no charges have been filed and wouldn't confirm or deny if the suspects had been questioned yet.


"We had a tip the night of the incident from someone who is not in either house," Due said. "We hope to have this all wrapped up by the end of the month."


Due said he has seen "panty raid" pranks before, but they usually don't involve jewelry.


"We think this was a prank because many of the residents have said they left money out and none was taken," Due said. "We've seen where they'll come in


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**Thursday**  
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**Saturday**  
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**Sunday**  
Isolated storms  
  
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**Monday**  
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## Workshop teaches assertive behavior

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Students will learn assertiveness techniques and how to implement response styles into their everyday lives at a workshop titled "Speaking Up" Tuesday.

The workshop will be presented by Cara Pschirrer of the Counseling Center.

Pschirrer said the workshop is about assertiveness.

People communicate three different types of ways, she said. They either communicate passively, assertively or aggressively.

Pschirrer will discuss the three different response styles and also present assertiveness inventory to help students find out what response style they are.

Pschirrer said she hopes the

presentation will be interactive, and students would share their experiences with being assertive as well as how they have been affected by being unassertive.

She said she will try to make the workshop fun by presenting video clips from movies demonstrating the different communication styles.

"I think everyone can value how to be assertive," Pschirrer said. "It can help people feel better about themselves; it can help them in terms of propelling their career and in terms of improving their relationships with others."

Pschirrer said assertiveness decreases stress.

The workshop will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

## SONOR spreading facts on drinking

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Frisbees covered the ground around campus Monday morning.

SONOR, social norming, placed frisbees around campus to represent the fact that 2/3 of Eastern students have not driven after drinking or drug use.

The statistic was taken from a 2002 alcohol and drug survey of Eastern students. The number is similar to results from surveys across the state and nation.

"SONOR is a group that uses statistics. What we do is use those statistics and create social norming messages," said Amy Kuspa, vice president of SONOR. "Not in any means is SONOR anti-drinking, but we're focusing on acting responsibly."

Kuspa said the idea of using frisbees to get the message out to students has been done on other campuses, so SONOR thought they would try it here.

"We wanted to do the frisbees in the spring time because we thought it was something useful, something fun and just another way for us to get out a positive message," Kuspa said.

Frisbees are just one portion of SONOR's social norming campaign, Kuspa said. SONOR has also designed cartoons, stress balls, pencils, fortune cookies, magnets and playing cards.

Kuspa said: "It's the same goal we've had with everything else, which is to inform students that their peers actually drink or abuse alcohol or drink and drive a lot less than what they think."

Kuspa said Monday morning, what sticks out in students' minds the most are the negative events that happened over the weekend to students who were drinking.

"You notice the one fish that swims wrong, but you don't notice all the fish that swim right," Kuspa said.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Brittany Leslie, a sophomore sociology major, answers a question from the audience during the Pride Week panel discussion as Bobby Lincoln, a junior English major, looks on Monday evening in the Tuscola/Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## Panel marks start of Pride Week

By Amy Bicknell  
STAFF WRITER

A panel discussion Monday night kicked off Pride Week.

A panel of six met to discuss issues concerning homosexuals and their lifestyles.

The panel consisted of two lesbians, one straight female, a straight father of a homosexual woman and two gay men, one of which is African American.

The group agreed one of the hardest things for them was coming out to their family.

Maurice Tracy, a junior political science major, an African American homosexual, said although his brothers know, his parents don't know he is gay.

Bobby Lincoln, a junior English major, said knowing his parents would still love him kind of "sealed his fears."

Many would think being on a college campus would make it harder to be openly gay, but many in the group said they haven't encountered discrimination.

"The campus seems neutral," Lincoln said. "I have never really had a problem."

Brittany Leslie, a sophomore sociology major, agreed.

"This is a good campus to be out on," she said.

A question from the audience was brought about whether homosexuality was hereditary.

Lincoln said he thinks it is. "I never made a conscious deci-

sion to become gay," he said. He said he always slightly knew.

John Keyes, the father of a homosexual daughter, said he has heard "a whole bunch of theories" as to why people are gay, but he still has no idea what is right.

Although Keyes doesn't know what is right, he said he does know that no matter what, his daughter is his daughter and he loves her unconditionally.

The panel agreed the only reason to have a label is for other people to understand them.

"I am satisfied with who I am now," Leslie said.

"People say I am brave, but I'm not brave. I'm just being myself," Lincoln said.

### POLICE BLOTTER

#### Telephone Harassment

◆ A student was receiving harassing phone calls and e-mails from out of the country, it was reported April 3, police reports stated. The victim did not wish to press charges at this time.

#### Battery

◆ An Eastern student was battered during an incident in Taylor Hall earlier in the week, it was reported April 4, police reports stated. The incident is currently under investigation.

#### Criminal Damage to Property

◆ A 1992 Oldsmobile was damaged while it was parked in the Stadium Parking Lot, it was reported April 8, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

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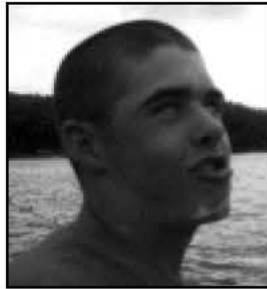
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# Candidate focused on involving students

By Brian Gordon  
STAFF WRITER



Matt Kulp

With a focus on campus involvement, Matt Kulp thinks his enthusiasm and love for the campus make him a strong candidate. Kulp, who is running for the position of vice president of student affairs, has seen what the position entails and has many ideas on how to improve the campus. He said his love for the campus and dedication to the students are the motivating factors for running for the position.

"I love the students," Kulp said. "I love the campus. I believe I can help people."

Kulp wants to establish a Recognized Student Organization board, which would be represented by all the organizations on campus.

The board would focus on campus activities and philanthropy.

His approach focuses on stimulating campus involvement and bringing activities to the students.

He sees an opportunity to go out and bring activities to the campus itself.

"I am not going to wait for the students; I am going to bring it to the students," Kulp said.

The Student Government elections will be April 22 and 23.

# State of University address today

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern now has to give back 2.7 percent or about \$1.4 million for this fiscal year, said interim President Lou Hencken.

The president will deliver his State of the University address Tuesday.

"I'm going to guess at least half the presentation will be on the budget," Hencken said.

The cuts for next fiscal year will likely be 8.2 percent, he said. The losses will be more than \$4 million from Eastern's budget. The new

figures came from a meeting with the Bureau of the Budget in Chicago Monday, Hencken said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has recommended \$112 million in cuts for FY 04 across higher education. Since the governor's budget address was in April when it is normally in February, the university address will not have any news on tuition increases.

"I really do hope we will have something on tuition in the next few weeks," he said. "As every day goes by I'm trying to get a little more information."

Hencken said he wants tuition

news to come before students leave for the summer. An increase of 7 or 8 percent is likely, but it could be more, he said previously.

"I think people know my experience in the past — I'm always one who believes in affordability."

The university has planned to handle this year's 2.7 percent cut with 2 percent already in reserve, and insurance costs and cuts in summer school. Classes with more available times and low enrollment could be cut from the summer curriculum. Air conditioning will be shut off in some academic

buildings Friday afternoon and on the weekend to save money.

The air will run less each hour and save \$50,000 this fiscal year alone. The classes or buildings to feel the temperature increase are still uncertain, but classes will be moved to accommodate the plan for the air conditioning, Hencken said. The third cut will charge some university areas for insurance that have not paid in the past, he said.

The State of the University address will be 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Proposed fee forum fails to draw big crowd

By Avian Carrasquillo  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A student turnout of less than 20 came to hear a presentation on what the proposed \$48 a semester network fee would cover.

Randy Robbie of Teng & Associates, the firm that has been estimating the project costs and would later install the new network, led the presentation.

Robbie said Teng has been in business for over 43 years, has been serving Illinois for 20 years

and has installed new networks for Moraine Valley College in Palos Hills and the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The project would involve the installation of high speed fiber optic cables, backbone cables, upgraded or reloaded network closets and a campus upgrade to network electronics.

As a result of the work, Robbie said, everyone can expect a flexibility of service, higher speed of network and a better infrastructure.

Rewiring would occur at 2,200 various locations on campus, at two cables per location, for a total of 8,400 cables, Robbie said. If approved, the project would break ground as early as this summer and would be completed by June 2004, with a total price tag of more than \$5.6 million.

Senate Speaker Bill Davidson raised concerns about the practicality of the fee for off-campus students and said seniors would not be around to see the benefits of the project's completion.

Vice President for Business Affairs Jeff Cooley said that the students would not be the only ones fitting the bill, and that the university is also looking into loans and other possibilities.

Robbie said because of the increase in file sharing, if a new network is not installed, eventually the current network would slow to a crawl. Student Senate will vote on the network fee at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Tuscola/Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Faculty Senate to discuss extensive self-study

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern is preparing an extensive self-study before a 2005 accreditation, something Faculty Senate will discuss Tuesday.

The university has to be accredited by the North Central Association every 10 years so areas such as academic programs and degrees stay recognized off-

cially.

Eastern is finalizing membership on five work groups to complete the study, said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs.

The groups will meet one or more times this semester to begin planning for next year, he said. Graduate school dean Bob Augustine and physical education professor Jill Owen have

been named as co-chairs on the Self-Study Committee.

The chairs of the five work groups are sociology professor Reed Benedict; associate speech communication professor Shane Miller; Linda Simpson, associate professor with the School of Family and Consumer Science; business professor Cheryl Noll and Linda Morford, educational administration department chair.

The self-study helps the university identify areas in need of attention, Lord said.

The Faculty Senate will also discuss shared governance in academic technology, including the process for evaluating grant proposals, said senate chair Anne Zahlan. The Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Booth Library, Conference Room 4440.

# New fraternity to expand campus philanthropy work

By Eram Cowlas  
STAFF WRITER

A group of Eastern students are looking to expand on the definition of brotherhood and philanthropy on campus.

Eastern's chapter of Phi Kappa Theta was unanimously voted in as a recognized fraternity by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) on

April 1.

Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life, said he thinks the fraternity has exceeded expectations and is off to a strong start.

"I think they are doing an incredible job," he said. "They have become well-acquainted with other groups on campus and have chosen outstanding leaders."

President Marty Shaughnessy, a

senior biological sciences major, said the fraternity's main objective is to do philanthropic work on and off campus. The group is scheduled to participate in the Special Olympics.

Phi Kappa Theta would also like to expand its membership and network with other groups to create bigger opportunities for doing community service and making a difference.

These ideals and goals come

from the original fraternity, which was founded in 1889 at Brown University. The Illinois Alpha Omega Colony of Phi Kappa Theta was founded in January 2002 when a student from the Lewis University transferred to Eastern, bringing with him stories and ideals from his former fraternity.

Social chair Greg Garosalo, a sophomore special services man-

agement major, is glad the colony was approved on campus.

Dudolski said they are so fast, Phi Kappa Theta was the fastest colony to meet the requirements in the nation.

Despite its progress, Phi Kappa Theta still needs to meet a few more goals before being recognized by the fraternity's national headquarters.

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## EDITORIAL

# Give the students say in fee

In theory, the Board of Trustees can revise, refuse or overrule any decision that makes its way through governing bodies on campus. In theory, groups like the Student, Staff or Faculty senates exist merely to make suggestions to the BOT. In theory, there is no point at all in having them.

But those aren't theories to which Eastern's leadership subscribes. While the BOT has always had the power to reject those groups' ideas, its members usually make a point to listen to those ideas.

Students originally wanted a proposed \$48 network fee on the ballots for next week's student government elections. The idea was scrapped because the BOT doesn't have to consider the results of the referendum when deciding whether to stick students with the fee.

Shirley Stewart, acting vice president for student affairs, encouraged the Student Senate to hold a forum rather than deciding the issue by vote. Stewart and some senate members worried students didn't have enough information to make an educated vote, and would vote no as a knee-jerk reaction to the steep fee.

The forum took place Monday night, but the BOT had already approved phase III of the network infrastructure that morning with student fees as the funding source.

Canceling a referendum erodes the democratic process, whether or not the vote decides anything in and of itself. Plenty of decisions affecting students have gone through the referendum process. For example, the University Board's concert fee did well in a referendum last year and is now on students' bills.

Student senate members historically have had a lot of influence in decisions about tuition and student fees. Faculty senate helps create a direction for groups like the Council on University Planning and Budget and the Council on Faculty Research.

Replacing a campus-wide vote with a small forum, approving a project before approving the fee that will fund it, making decisions based on fear of student ignorance: these are all things that chip away at shared governance. Students aren't stupid, and neither are they made out of money. Let us decide whether we want to foot the bill for someone's pet project. Give us the vote.

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

### At issue

The Student Senate taking the proposed network fee off the April 22 election ballot

### Our stance

If students are footing the bill, they should be able to vote on the \$48 network fee.

## OPINION

# Respect amendment rights



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Examples of self censorship during the last few weeks are abounding, and they need to stop. One of the Dixie Chicks a few weeks ago said she was ashamed President Bush is from Texas. The country music group had to retract the statement after facing threats of radio stations and music stores pulling their music.

This is simply ludicrous. The basic rules of the First Amendment say people can say they are ashamed of their President. The President especially can be criticized solely because of his public figure status.

No one should have to retract a statement just because a portion of the population does not like it.

All the backlash being unleashed in reaction to people speaking against the situation in Iraq is unacceptable. People who make statements and publish opinions against the war are criticized for being un-American or for abusing their freedom of speech.

Those who are against the war are not un-American. People should not have to retract statements of their opinion. That practice is one to be expected in Iraq, the country the United States is fighting — not in the United States.

Not everyone agrees with every opinion published. That is the beauty of the opinion function

*"The attempts to quash the ideas of those against the war is self censorship."*

of a newspaper.

Furthermore, the attempts to quash the ideas of those against the war is self censorship. Americans cannot let it continue.

A number of different recent happenings should make people more aware of the potential risks Americans are putting themselves under, but unfortunately, they do not realize it.

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals made an important decision Thursday, one that everyone should be aware of, although many probably aren't.

The court ruled on a censorship case initiated by the student newspaper, *The Innovator*, at Governor's State University against the administration's attempts to censor that paper.

Not only should student journalists be aware of this case and the significance of its outcome, but every other student should be aware as well. This seems especially timely considering the current conflict going in Iraq.

Nearly half the people in this

country now think freedom of speech goes too far, and that statistic is quite frightening.

This country's founding fathers placed freedom of speech in the first amendment because it was important to them. Especially in this time of conflict, the people of this country need to realize the amendment's importance.

Although the Governor's State case stemmed from its administration attempting to censor material critical of administration, if the court had ruled in favor of the school's administration, any school's administration could censor anything appearing in a student paper, in addition to other activities on campus. That includes opinions on the conflict in Iraq as well as rallies.

Eastern's administration has said it would not censor Eastern's student media. While Eastern has this promise now, it may not be the same in a few years, especially if this case goes back to trial courts and is decided differently.

Every idea has merit, and any one person's or group's attempt to stifle that opinion is censorship.

People will continue to take their freedoms granted until those freedoms are limited or taken away. Don't let that happen. Respect everyone's opinion — people don't have to agree to have that respect.

Cartoon by Derek Clem and Aaron Ganci



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Column displayed much professionalism

Where have all the lefties gone? This is a college campus! If people are offended by *The Daily Eastern News'* April 2 column, "Tell it like it is, fellow patriots," so be it. But remember, for good or ill, this is still America, and we still enjoy our dwindling First Amendment rights.

It amazes me that so many people argue the professionalism and don't appreciate what she said. I don't know the columnist, but I can safely assume she is not an anti-American communist or terrorist and would like to see our troops return quickly and safe-

ly, just like the rest of America. She simply stated her piece and got everyone all riled up.

I say it's about time. Did anyone else catch Wednesday's article, "Cougill: Retired generals should not be talking to media," published in the DEN where Mayor Cougill was paraphrased as saying (retired generals) don't have the right to share thoughts on the current Iraq conflict because they are only opinions. What does that mean?

Yes, Mr. Mayor, everyone from us greasy college students that you want to "throw

out on the streets" to respected retired generals who criticize U.S. military strategy should just shut the hell up and let history run its course, right? It's a terribly frightening thought that in a time where White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer warned people to "watch what they say," that citizens are actually obeying this conservative drivell. I'd like to

remind everyone that political dissent is not un-American.

Don't let them fool you; don't be sheep; we still do live in a country where we have a very powerful voice, should we choose to use it.

Power to the people, right on.

Casey Cora  
Senior journalism major

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# Students' interest in war coverage dwindling

By Tim Martin  
CAMPUS EDITOR

In the Thomas Hall lounge Sunday afternoon, the Chicago Cubs-Pittsburgh Pirates game was on. Coverage of the golf major championship tournament, the Master's, was on in the Taylor lounge.

The images on television screens have changed from Iraq war coverage to sporting events and other television shows only weeks after the conflict began.

CNN/US General Manager Teya Ryan told Business Week in an April 13 article that the decrease in ratings is expected.

"Do I expect the viewership

interest to continue?" Ryan said. "No. I mean, let's be realistic. That's not unusual. Very little in our lives rises to the intensity of war."

The Business Week article stated Nielsen ratings for three of the cable news stations jumped tremendously. MSNBC (357 percent) experienced the biggest jump, but CNN (305 percent) and Fox News Channel (239 percent) also had tremendous leaps in ratings.

A similar ratings jump was found with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, but students' input varied on whether they indeed watched more coverage at that time.

"I watched more of war cover-

age because Sept. 11 was a tragedy," Brian Kuikman, a sophomore physical education major, said. "I didn't want to watch it because it was too upsetting."

"That's not saying war isn't a tragedy, but at least we are accomplishing something to try to make things better."

Whitney Sturm, a freshman communication disorders and sciences major, said she watched Sept. 11 coverage more.

"It had more of a direct impact because it was on our own land," she said. "This seems so distant."

Most students tuned in with great intensity to war coverage in the first days.

Christine Smallwood, a junior family consumer sciences major, said her television routine was altered in the first weeks of war.

"My roommates and I ended up recording the shows we normally watched on one television," Smallwood said, while eating in the University Food Court Sunday afternoon. "And on the other television we were being big dorks watching war coverage."

As the Nielsen ratings suggested, not only did college students watch war coverage, the rest of the nation did also.

Now, almost a full month after President George W. Bush delivered his speech giving Saddam Hussein and his sons an ultimatum

to exile or face military action, public interest is down, the most recent Nielsen ratings show.

For students, those reasons vary from school work to the impression the United States is winning the war.

"There was a lot of hype at the beginning," Kuikman said. "But now that we have accomplished some major things, I don't watch as much."

Sturm said she watches war coverage sparingly.

"I got busy with schoolwork, but it seemed to be repetitive anyways," Sturm said. "They were showing the same things."

Tamika Allen, a junior special education major and ex-military personnel, said she still watches the war a lot.

## Volunteers needed for HOPE

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

The Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Coles County Homeless Shelter are offering volunteer positions to spread hope throughout the area.

Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education of East Central Illinois is welcoming volunteers at the homeless shelter and the domestic violence emergency shelter.

"We can always find something for someone," said Jim Walters, executive director of HOPE.

The homeless shelter has opportunities for volunteers to work with clients. These volunteers are welcome to share insight in cooking, budgeting or any life skills.

The Coalition Against Domestic Violence welcomes trained volunteers to work with victims of domestic abuse.

Training is offered in a class held at Lake Land

College. The class is worth three college class credits, which transfer to Eastern, Walters said.

The 16-week course, titled "Dynamics of Domestic Violence," serves as the required 40 hours of training for working with domestic violence victims.

"We have about a half dozen Eastern students in the course now," Walters said. "They get certified and the credits transfer."

The Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter has been open since 1979.

"Since 1979, we have helped more than 4,000 women and children who have either experienced or witnessed domestic violence," Walter said.

About 2,000 of those women and children turned to HOPE in the past five years.

HOPE, a non-profit organization, sponsors the area homeless shelter as well as an emergency shelter, support groups and

transitional housing for victims of domestic violence.

The organization helps victims of domestic violence through the court system to safely obtain legal orders of protection.

Transitional housing is a new phase in the domestic violence program. The organization has sponsored a transition opportunity for victims after living three weeks in the emergency shelter.

Walters said HOPE has purchased a variety of apartments throughout Coles County for victims to reside in after their stay in the emergency shelter. Victims in transitional housing continue attending support group and therapy sessions.

"Our goal is to empower people to live independently," he said.

Volunteers to work with domestic abuse victims in support groups are welcome following certification.

## Council to address code changes

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Zoning codes for land near the Walmart in Charleston may be changed to permit building apartment complexes on that property.

The City Council at its meeting Tuesday will address adjusting the codes to allow construction on the land.

The property must be re-zoned as residential to permit construction of buildings and apartment complexes.

The council meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in City Hall.

Ordinances regarding spending of Tax Implemented Funds on public and private city repairs are also on the docket.

The Light Up the Square committee has applied for a portion of TIF and an ordinance to grant those funds is up for council approval.

An ordinance granting TIF to the City of Charleston for providing public improvements will also be addressed by the council.

Four private enterprises, located in the TIF district, that are receiving exterior building improvements and awning repairs have applied to receive a portion of the returned sales and property tax funds.

The TIF district is an area around the

Square eligible to receive a percentage of sales and property tax funds for maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

During the April 1 council meeting, an ordinance with the Coles County Historical Preservation Society was tabled because of a list of discrepancies. Concerns began with the society's document, which lists greater than council powers and also requests historic property owners to submit tax records for determining economic hardship.

The council will address authorizing a raffle by the Charleston Amateur Baseball Association to raise money for expenses, insurance and league fees.

A transfer of funds from the budgeted general funds to the water and sewer fund and the judgment fund is on the agenda for council authorization.

Awards for the bids for sanitary sewer materials, water treatment and waste water chemicals, water main materials and masonry and electric materials to various bidders will be announced.

The council will again address authorizing the city manager to expend funds for legal services.

The fiscal year 2003-2004 motor fuel tax street maintenance program will be introduced by the council.

The council will also address an ordinance to increase water and sewer rates.



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**Register:**

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Steve Shrake, architect and director of the Physical Plant, said in an e-mail. "For private entities, there are tax credits and other incentives."

At the same time, however, a piece of history is preserved when buildings are named to the register, others said.

"I believe history should be preserved, especially with the types and styles of buildings we have on campus," Carol Strode, interim director of facilities, planning and management, said in an e-mail.

Old Main, Pemberton Hall and McAfee Gymnasium are the three historic buildings on campus that are recognized for their age and historical or architectural significance.

Interim President Lou Hencken

said it is nice to have buildings on the register.

"I like historical buildings," Hencken said. "I like that we try to preserve some of the history."

Old Main, built in 1898, was the first campus building on the list. It was placed on the list on June 16, 1981, Strode said. Pemberton Hall, built in 1908, was put on the register on Aug. 26, 1982. Most recently, McAfee Gymnasium, built in 1937, was added on Aug. 9, 1995, she said.

To be eligible to be on the National Register of Historic Places, a building must be 50 years old and have significant historical or architectural value, Shrake said. A younger building could be eligible if it is connected to a significant person in society, he said.

Anyone can nominate a building, and the final decision lies with the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency, Shrake said. Nomination

has to show research into the significance of the building as well as details such as its age and architectural style.

Eligible sites on campus include Blair Hall, the Steam Plant, the original Physical Science building and the original Booth Library.

Hencken would not like it, though, if all eligible buildings were recognized by the agency.

"If you want to do an evil deed to Lou Hencken, you can nominate the Steam Plant to be on the National Register of Historic Places," Hencken said. "The Steam Plant, I think, is the ugliest building we have on campus."

Hencken said he would like to see Blair Hall on the list.

"I was surprised to learn that it was not," he said.

He said he recalled telling people in the past that four buildings were on the list because he thought Blair

was included.

Having a building on the National Register of Historic Places also means the university must go through more procedures and fill out more paperwork if it wants to make changes to the buildings.

Hencken said planning ahead is crucial for any work to be done to the buildings on the list, which can be an advantage or a disadvantage considering how a person looks at the situation.

"It's not an obstacle that's 12-feet tall that you have to climb over," he said. "It's maybe an obstacle 1-foot tall that you have to jump over, but you can do it."

Strode also recognized the difficulties that come with being listed when work needs to be done to a building.

"Maintaining buildings is more difficult because we are limited in

what we can use," Strode said.

Currently, Pemberton Hall's windows are being renovated in accordance with the Illinois Preservation Historical Agency's guidelines.

The agency does not require Eastern to do projects, but when the university chooses to do so, it must follow the set requirements, Shrake said.

"IHPA requires that windows in buildings on their list be renovated rather than replaced unless they are in extremely bad condition," Shrake said. "They make the call."

He said Pemberton's windows needed to be renovated because they are drafty, hard to lift and deteriorated.

The project is about 50 percent complete now. Sleeping rooms should be finished by the start of the fall semester, and the non-sleeping rooms should be close to complete at that time as well, he said.

**BOT:**

**Bid for new football field turf approved by board**

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The furniture will be built by inmates through the Illinois Department of Corrections and installed over a 10-year period.

The furniture will be put in Thomas North and Carman Halls this summer. The furnishing in Thomas is 48 years old.

The wood furniture will be flexible and easily moved and stacked, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

The design concept is new and has been approved unanimously by the Residence Hall Association, he said.

Students voted 65 percent in favor of the new furniture in a recent survey, even though it

will be funded by an increased housing fee, Hudson said. He said the fee will likely rise more than 5 percent.

"The thing about this is you can make lofts and bunks," he said. "The concept has been used across the country."

The board also approved Turf USA as the recommended vendor to install artificial turf at O'Brien Stadium.

The new grass will cost about \$549,000 and already \$600,000 has been raised in outside sources.

The replaced turf will be on the football field and out-of-bound areas between the field and track.

The project will save \$20,000 a year in maintenance costs, said interim President Lou Hencken.

Now, all state universities with the exception of Western have the artificial grass, he said.

Since the turf will be made of granulated rubber from recycled

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— Rich Sailors

Chicago in 2001 for \$20,000 and was stripped to make room for new equipment.

The cost of the van improvements will be paid for in state funding the radio-television department has already received, said Rich Sailors, director of the Radio-TV Center.

"If we don't expend this money, it will go back to the general fund," he said. "We have been such good stewards of the money we've been given," so we can afford other cost projects he said.

The board approved a wet-pipe sprinkler system initially in five buildings in University Court.

The apartment buildings with the most wood will get the sprinklers first, a project already completed in Pemberton Hall, Hencken said.

The system will be installed over the summer and cost over \$378,000 for the sprinkler segment and \$64,000 for plumbing.

**Theft:**

**Jewelry, underwear stolen during Greek Week events**

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and do raids and it's supposed to be a fun little prank. We don't see it that way. When they take jewelry, that's serious."

Sigma Kappa sisters discovered the theft moments after winning the Airband competition as part of Greek Week.

Flynn, a criminal justice major, said she has a punishment planned for the perpetrators.

"I'd like to see them dress up in all the underwear they stole and have them parade around campus for everyone to see," she said. "I have no idea who could've done this, but it was probably some creepo."

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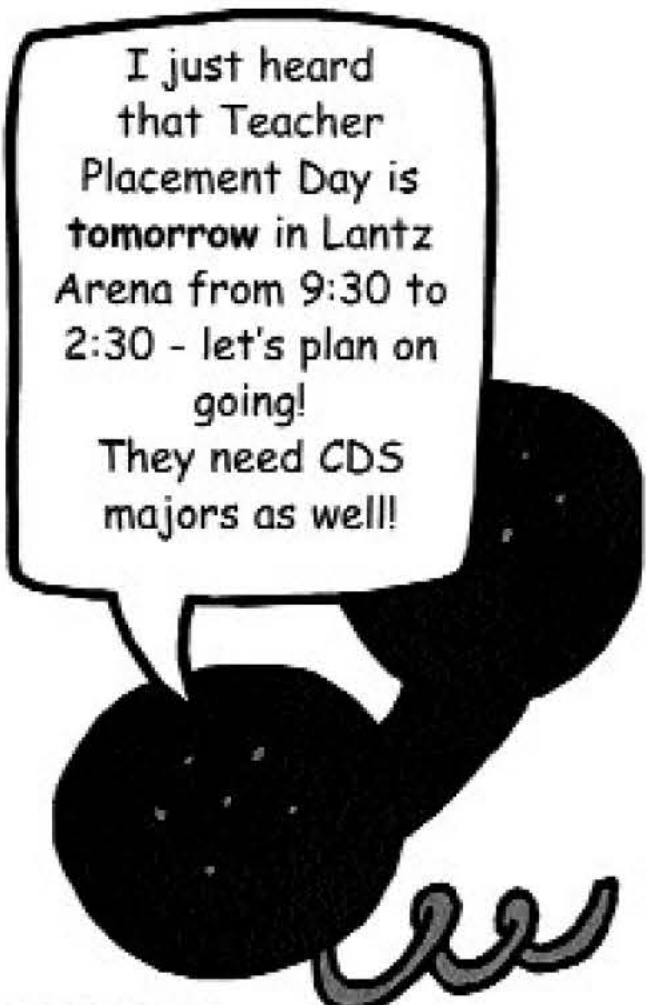
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**Board:**

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the Staff Senate, and Student Body President Alison Mormino reported to the board, tying in concerns with the state budget.

"Recent directives from Springfield prompted an administrative scramble to identify areas that could be cut, and this ad hoc process has reinforced faculty dissatisfaction with the way budgetary priorities are established at Eastern," Zahlan said.

Many faculty want to see more of a discussion about appropriated funds for athletics and the TV station, she said.

Zahlan also summarized the senate's recent progress, including action taken in the last faculty forum and elections.

Mormino discussed the Student Action Team's lobbying efforts in Springfield and a letter-writing campaign to legislatures, as well as university tuition and fees.

The Bureau of the Budget has classified administration to include many staff and non-teaching positions when talking about current budget issues, something surprising to staff, Bingham-Porter said.

"In my 27 years, I've seen good years and I've seen bad budgets," but next year's fiscal year will be a challenge, she said.

# Pentagon: Major combat is over

By The Associated Press

IRAQ — Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit fell Monday with unexpectedly light resistance, the last Iraqi city to succumb to overpowering U.S.-led ground and air forces. A senior Pentagon general said "major combat engagements" probably are over in the 26-day-old war.

As fighting wound down, Pentagon officials disclosed plans to pull two aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf. At the

same time, Iraqi power brokers looked ahead to discussions on a postwar government at a U.S.-arranged meeting set for Tuesday.

"I would anticipate that the major combat engagements are over," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters at the Pentagon. Tikrit fell with no sign of the ferocious last stand by Saddam loyalists that some military planners had feared.

Secretary of State Colin Powell hinted at economic or diplomatic

sanctions against Syria, saying the government is developing a weapons of mass destruction program and helping Iraqis flee the dying regime. Syrian officials denied the charges.

Looting eased in Baghdad after days of plundering at government buildings, hospitals and an antiquities museum, and group of religious and civil opposition leaders met in the capital to plan efforts at renewing power, water, security and other vital services.

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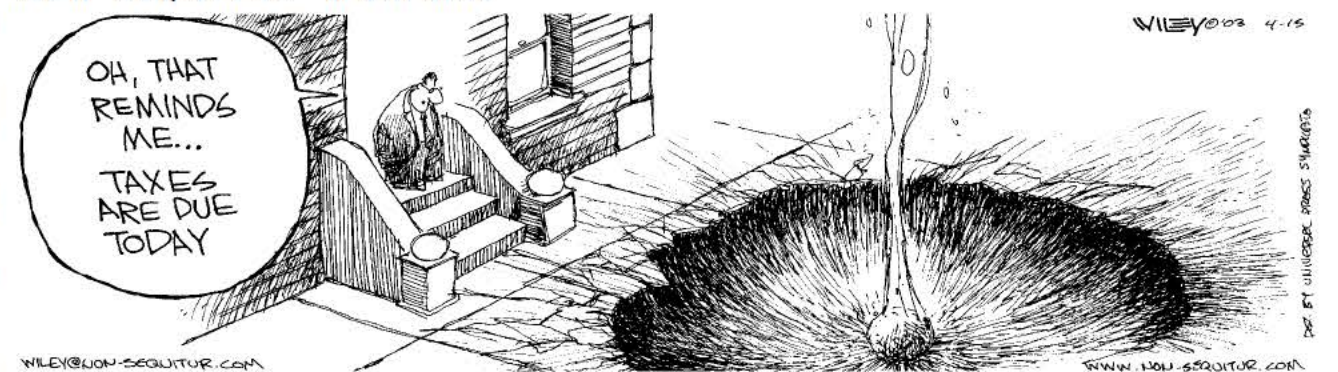
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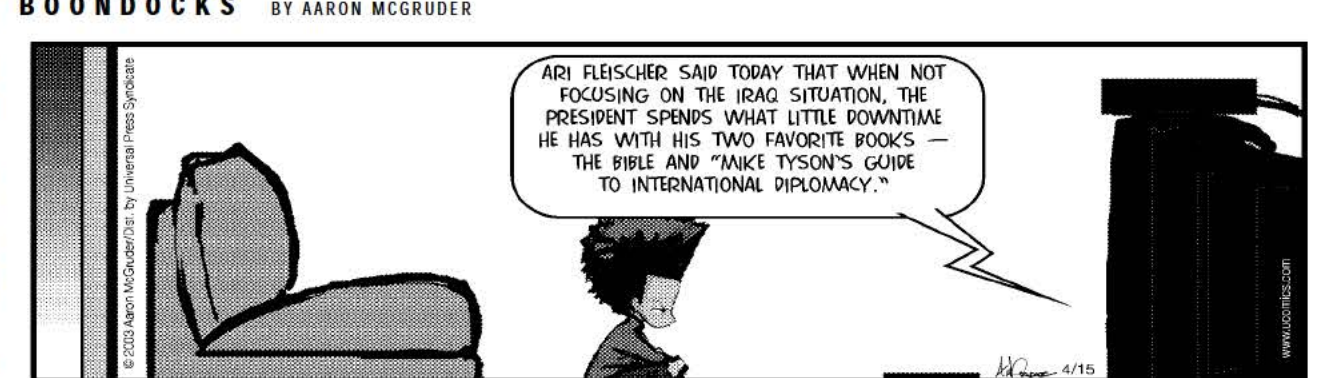
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BASEBALL

# Eastern takes break on road



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Junior infielder Kyle Haines makes a throw to first base in Saturday's game against Murray State. Haines is currently batting .268 for the Panthers.

By Jamie Hussey  
STAFF WRITER

Macomb is the next destination for Eastern as they travel to face Western Illinois University Tuesday at 3 p.m. on Vince Grady Field.

Eastern (14-18, 2-4) is coming off a three-game series at in Ohio Valley Conference action against Murray State. The Panthers lost two against the Racers but were able to end the weekend with a win.

The Panthers were forced to change the schedule of the weekend games after their field was vandalized. They moved the doubleheader from Saturday to Sunday and played only one game on Saturday.

Head coach Jim Schmitz said the team handled the vandalism very well.

"In regard to the vandalism that is over with; we dealt with it very well and we got all the work done, but we still didn't play well," Schmitz said.

The pitchers for the weekend series were senior pitcher Damon White, junior pitcher Jared Marshall and senior pitcher Matt Tyson.

Schmitz said he was very disappointed this weekend but said the team was still doing good things.

"We are getting some good things to happen. Marshall and Tyson are pitching well," Schmitz said.

Despite good things happening,

Schmitz said the Panthers just need to learn how to win the game.

"We are still not figuring out how to win. We are doing things that are making it more difficult for us," Schmitz said.

Western (11-19) played one game against Illinois College over the weekend. The Leathernecks defeated Illinois College 13-1. Western was scheduled to play Monday at 3 p.m. against Northern Illinois but had to cancel due to scheduling conflicts.

Schmitz said for the game against Western they are going to try some different pitchers in new roles. Schmitz said freshman pitcher Mike Budde will start against Western.

Budde said the freshmen have been struggling all season.

"I am just going to go in there and throw strikes, let them hit the ball and let the fielders do the rest," Budde said.

Schmitz said the reason for the change is because they need to have pitchers to fall back on when the top pitchers do not last as long as expected.

"When we get into a weekend jam like we did this weekend when White didn't go as long as we thought he would, we are kind of looking at a situation when the top five to six starting pitchers don't go for very long," Schmitz said. "We need some answers from the freshmen. We need some ways to win."

Domercant:

## Still unclear if Panther star will get Moody invite

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with his steals," Samuels said. "(NBA scouts) weren't aware that he could do those types of things."

It's still very unclear if Domercant will be invited to the prestigious Moody Bible School Nike Camp in Chicago. It is a tournament where all of the top NBA Draft prospects compete in front of scouts from every franchise.

The camp's director, Marty Blake, explained the process to Samuels goes as follows - scouts from every region meet and nominate players from their region who they deem worthy of participating.

"I still think that's up in the air if Henry will go to Chicago," Samuels said. "We still don't know how many underclassmen or foreign kids will declare."



Williams:

## Domercant's chances still good for NBA selection

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averaging 12 points per game in the three games.

Right now the key date for Domercant is May 12; the deadline for NBA early entry.

Domercant is a senior meaning he has to enter the draft, but the decision by underclassmen to enter or stay in school may be the deciding factor on him getting invited to Chicago June 3-6.

If the invite does come, and Domercant has one more chance to display his skills, we just may hear, "And the (insert random team here) selects Eastern Illinois guard Henry Domercant with the (blank pick)."

Turf:

## Construction on field expected to start in June

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"They (Augustana) said it was better than expected, and now that it's been in a year, it's even better than it was when it was first installed," Smith said.

Smith said Eastern hopes to start construction the first week in June. Bob Thomas, Turf USA vice president of national sales and the salesman that worked with Eastern, said Turf USA usually asks for 45-60

days for construction.

If construction begins at the start of June as planned, it should be finished by the end of July with nearly two months to spare before Eastern's first home football game Sept. 20.

The designs on the field will remain the same as Eastern had it on the natural grass. Smith said both endzones will be gray, with Eastern Illinois written on one and Panthers on the other. At midfield, the field will feature the Panther logo.

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## OVERTIME



Matt Williams  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

## Domercant's stock rising for draft

Everyone knows that Henry Domercant can shoot a basketball. He has proven that with 2,602 career points, ranking him No. 26 among all-time scorers in NCAA Division I-A.

What everyone really wants to know is, can he compete at the fast-paced level of the NBA and be a more complete player?

Competing in the Ohio Valley Conference made Domercant an immediate question mark to pro scouts because the talent pool is not very large, and Domercant played on a team where he was depended on to be the leading scorer night in and night out.

Those question marks need to be answered if he is going to have any chance of having his name called June 26 at the NBA Draft, and even in the nearer future, to be chosen to go to the predraft camp in Chicago.

Domercant's performances at the Portsmouth Invitational this past weekend in Virginia may be an indication that Domercant just may be good enough, or so I hope.

The first game Domercant scored 10 points, which is nowhere near his season average of 27.9 points per game. That statistic means nothing, as we already know Henry can score.

What stands out to me is the five steals and five assists he put on the stat sheet.

Domercant's quickness and ability to defend quicker opponents is something that I questioned even as he matched up against some OVC foes.

Five steals from some of the better players in the country makes me optimistic he can keep up with quicker players.

Another quickness issue deals with Domercant's ability to drive to the basket. Rarely did you see him beat a defender off the dribble to create offense for himself, though I will add he improved a great deal over the past season.

Many of 'Oh Henry's' 2,602 points were off jump shots or from the free throw line. Domercant even credited some of his success to his teammates for consistently getting him the ball and making sure he was open with solid screens.

Standing six-foot-four inches tall, Domercant is going to have to make more slashes to the basket. Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said that a few dunks in traffic surprised some scouts who were unaware of his abilities.

Overall, the Eastern senior probably helped his stock rise despite shooting just 13-for-36 from the field and

## FIELD TURF

# Turf USA to install ProGrass

◆ *BOT approve athletic department's choice for turf bid*

By Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern director of athletics Rich McDuffie and the rest of the athletics department will soon be the proud owners of an artificial playing surface at O'Brien Stadium.

Eastern's board of trustee's approved Monday the athletic department's recommendation to purchase an artificial surface from Pittsburgh-based Turf USA for \$550,000.

Turf USA will install its artificial surface called ProGrass. The new

surface will consist of two-and-a-half inch individual strands of synthetic fibers filled with an inch and three quarters thick layer of sand and grounded pieces of rubber.

Eastern received bids from four other companies; Southwest Recreational Industries, Quest Turf LLC, Specialty Surfaces International and Kiefer Specialty Flooring, Inc.

Turf USA's bid of \$500,000, plus a \$50,000 contingency plan, was nearly \$100,000 fewer than any of the other bids. Southwest Recreational Industries, based in Cleveland, submitted a bid to install the surface called Astroplay, a product comparable to ProGrass, for \$580,000. The other bids ranged from \$600,000 to over

\$900,000.

The athletic department was able to raise about \$600,000 from private gifts for the project and expects to receive a grant from the state for using recycled materials in the project. Assistant athletic director John Smith said Eastern hopes to receive \$150,000 to \$200,000 from the state grant.

Smith and McDuffie said the surplus funds raised will be used for unseen expenses involved with the project. Smith said the athletic department hired architects to conduct a survey for the project before the bid process. Smith said the survey cost between \$30,000 and \$33,000. Eastern will also need to purchase machinery for maintenance of the new field. A device

that sweeps the field to evenly distribute the sand and rubber mix is included in Turf USA's bid, but Eastern will need a tractor to pull it.

McDuffie said construction will destroy phone lines lying under the field that will need to be replaced.

Turf USA has installed ProGrass mostly at stadiums on the East coast, but has recently started targeting Mid-West facilities. Turf USA installed ProGrass at Augustana College's field last year.

Smith said he and others in the athletic department visited Augustana and the feedback was very positive.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Domercant shows abilities to scouts

◆ *Eastern guard able to show he has more than just scoring ability*

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

NBA Scouts were already aware Eastern's all-time leading scorer could shoot the basketball, but this past weekend at the Portsmouth (Va.) Invitational Tournament the Panthers' NBA prospect proved his athletic ability as well.

"He was able to demonstrate he can do more than shoot the ball," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "I think they had more discussions over the athleticism that he showed in certain situations."

Domercant ended the 2002-2003 season, averaging 27.9 points and 6.9 rebounds per game.

"Nobody doubts that Henry can shoot the basketball; his stats prove that," Samuels said.

In game one, Domercant shot the ball poorly (3 of 11) from the field but impressed scouts with a five-steal performance while guarding the likes of Ohio State's Brent Darby and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Clay Tucker.

"Defensively, he did a good job of guarding and staying in front of quicker players," Samuels said.

In the second game, Domercant started the game on the bench but managed to score 18 points on seven of 16 shooting and grabbed six rebounds in only 17 minutes of play.

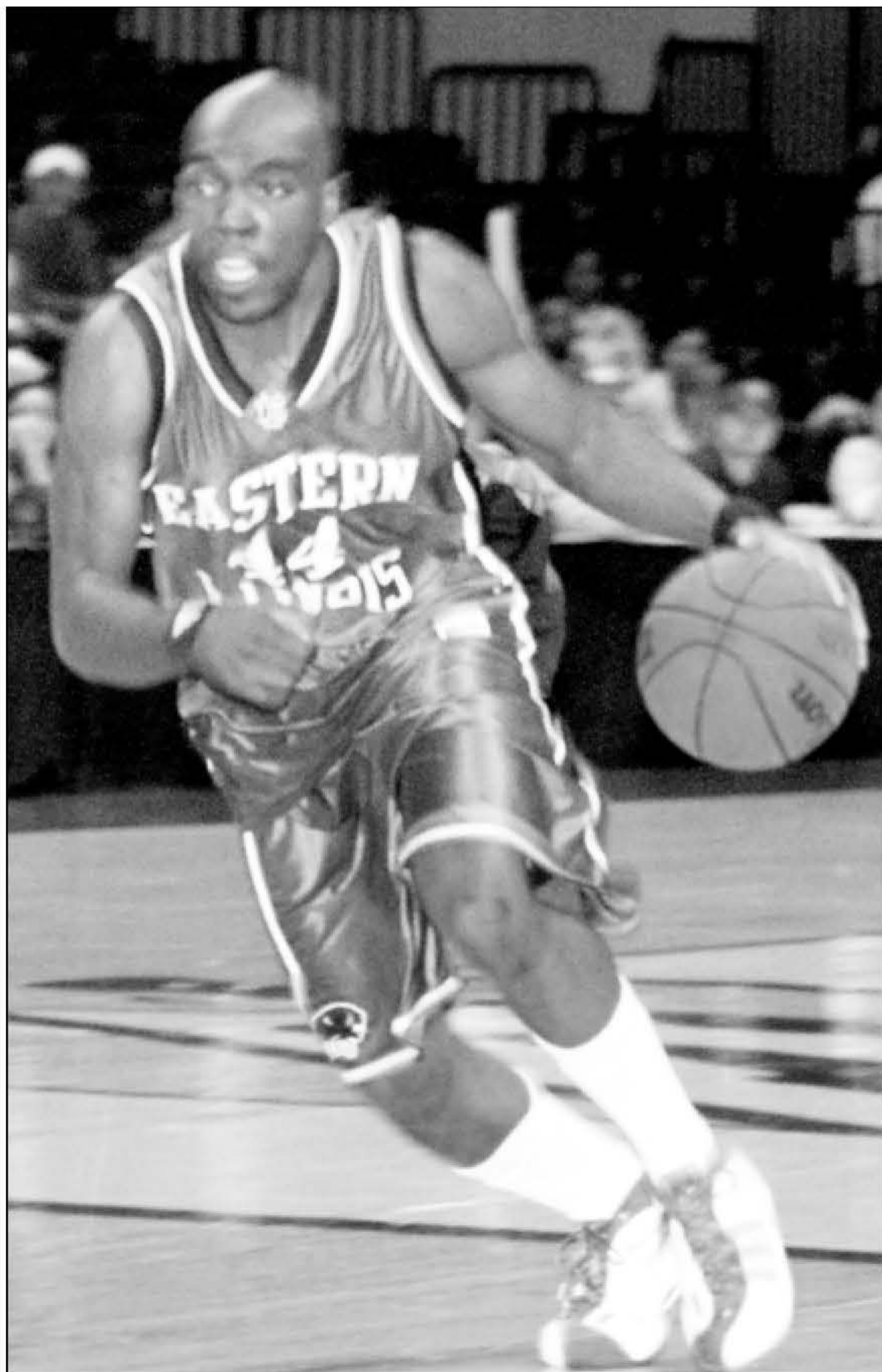
In the final game, Domercant was back in the starting lineup but only produced eight points in 26 minutes. During the three games, Domercant's foul shooting remained consistent as he was perfect from the charity stripe (10-10) during the three games.

Domercant adjusted very well to being matched up against players he didn't normally guard during the season.

"He was placed on the wing offensively and got matched up defensively against one player who was six foot six inches, 250 pounds," Samuels said.

The scouts that attended the tournament were impressed with the athletic ability Domercant showed in transition.

"He had a pair of dunks in traffic and showed some quickness



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Eastern senior guard Henry Domercant averaged 12 points in the three games at the Portsmouth Invitational, but also showed he could be a more complete player with solid defensive performances.