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Butting heads

Dowty, Veach both win one of their three matches.

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— Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs

STUDENT SENATE

Report on fees due Wednesday

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will have to finish a fee increase report quickly to give to President Lou Hencken later this week.

On March 10, the senate failed two motions aiming to increase the health service and grant-in-aid fees.

The health service proposal was for a 4 percent increase, which would have required each full-time undergraduate student to pay \$71.60, rather than \$67.55, for Fiscal Year 2005.

The grant-in-aid proposal was for an increase of \$2.40 to the current amount of \$77.50, Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said. Two new motions will have to be written and the bylaws suspended in order to vote on the motions Wednesday, so Nikki Kull, chair of the senate Tuition and Fees Committee, will have enough time to finish the report.

"It'll be right on the dot," Lesica said. "But (Kull) will get it in on time."

Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs, said the committee will meet Tuesday to write the new motions.

"We're going to go back and readdress the bill," Ward said.

The health service fee, which failed 17-9, also didn't override Student Body President Caleb Judy's veto, which he executed because he believed the health service fee motion, along with another motion, were passed prematurely March 3.

"I didn't feel like we were under an extreme emergency," Judy said.

The grant-in-aid fee motion failed 2-24 because Ward and Kull wanted to change the amount in order to keep the current grant-in-aid percentages intact.

The grant-in-aid fee now gives 80 percent to sports and 20 percent to academics. The original motion of an additional \$2.40 would raise the cut for sports to 83 percent and shrink the academic portion to 17 percent.

"We didn't want to skew the fee's current percentages," Ward said. "We didn't realize that the percentages were going to change that much."

The new motion will add 60 cents to the amount, which would be aimed at academics.

The rewritten motions will be discussed by the senate Wednesday and voted upon.

Kull's report will consist of the grant-in-aid and health service fees along with three other fees the senate passed March 10.

The Student Recreation Center, health and accident insurance and the Union Bond fees were all passed by the senate.

The rec center fee was approved for a 4 percent increase, which, if approved by Hencken and the Board of Trustees, would have each student pay \$69.50 for Fiscal Year 2005, rather than this year's student fee of \$66.80.

The health and accident insurance fee was approved for a 3 percent increase, with a proposed payment of \$71.30 for each student, rather than \$69.20.

The Union Bond Union fee has the entire 4 percent increase going to the Lantz Arena/O'Brien Stadium portion. Each student will pay \$29.65 for next year, if approved.

The senate will discuss and most likely vote on the motions for the grant-in-aid and health service fees at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Jumpin'

Phil Norton, a freshman mathematics major, shoots hoops Sunday afternoon across from Taylor Hall. Norton was not bothered by the windy weather.

Parents involved in letter campaign

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Bill Davidson, student executive vice president, is running a letter writing campaign, which will have members of Eastern's parents club write letters to state legislators about tuition increases.

Davidson said two post cards will be sent to each member of the parents club. The post cards will be addressed to the senator and representative from each parent's hometown. The parent will be responsible to mail the post card, which will include a general letter saying the parents club is concerned about tuition costs.

"We're moving ahead with our letter writing drive," Davidson said. "It will be very effective."

The drive will start within the next few weeks once the letter is written by a letter writing committee and the Student Action Team, the Student Government's lobbying group.

There are 2,500 members of the parents club and 5,000 copies of the letter will be printed and paid for by any willing groups, Davidson said.

"Obviously, supplying two letters and two envelopes to each member is not going to be cheap," he said.

The point of the campaign is to get state legislators aware that parents are concerned.

"We want to tell each respective legislator that the parents of Eastern students are getting tired of paying higher tuition costs," Davidson said.

The Student Action Team has traveled to Springfield on two separate occasions this academic year, but has only supplied a student's opinion of financial situations.

"It will give a parent's point of view," he said. "The letter will outline the fact that the more cuts that Eastern endures is more money out of their pockets."

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Cost of journals frustrate faculty

By Brent Smith
STAFF WRITER

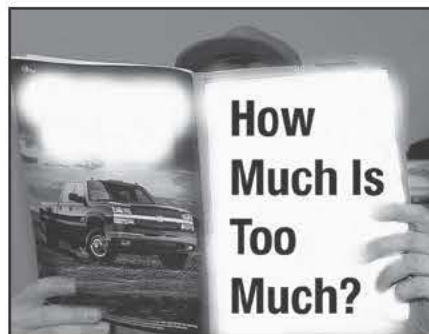
The high prices of journal publications have created a storm of opposition among universities and colleges throughout the nation.

The opposition is because of colleges and universities becoming increasingly alarmed to the business practices of some journals and journal publishers, according to assistant professor Ann Brownson.

"Journal publishers, as well as some book publishers, realize that they have a very small audience when they publish," geology professor John Stimac said. "If we want good quality journal articles, our libraries are forced to pay outrageous fees for various journals."

Brownson distributed a memo at the faculty senate meeting, which stated "the Faculty Senate calls on all faculty, staff and students of Eastern Illinois to become familiar with the business practices of journals and journal publishers in their specialty."

Booth library offers journals to students relating to different departments



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ILLUSTRATION BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Journal publishers are accused of charging outrageous prices which makes it difficult for universities to provide quality journals to faculty and students.

and interest of study. These journals are used by faculty and students for research purposes and for various means of education.

The price universities must pay for these materials has been on the increase in recent years.

Steve Scher, assistant professor in the psychology department, said at the faculty

senate meeting that no one wants to deny the publishers the right to make a profit, but there is an issue of generating a "fair profit."

Brownson said this is not just a library cost issue.

"The larger issue is that faculty 'give' their articles to these publishers, or sometimes even pay a charge to have the article published, and then the publishers turn around and sell these articles back to the faculty and to libraries," Brownson said.

Faculty members who are charged to have their scholarly works published pay very high rates, Stimac said.

Scholars will have their work published in order for others to learn from it or add to it. The high price of having their work published could hinder the process of learning.

"Over the last several years, these price increases have eroded Eastern's ability to continue to provide the quantity of print journals that it has in the past, and now many publishers are also charging high prices for electronic access to their journals as well," Brownson said.

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Local artist chosen for Tarble exhibit

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

After recently reopening, the Tarble Arts Center is holding its second exhibit.

Works created by Dennis Morris, the Illinois Arts Council Arts-In-Education artist-in-residence, are being displayed in the Brainard Gallery in the Tarble Arts Center until April 18.

Kit Morice, curator of education and exhibits for Tarble Arts Center, said Morris was selected because of his extensive experience and interesting work.

"Morris was picked from an artist roster put together by the Illinois Arts Council," Morice said.

"Artists interested in doing a one-month residency apply through the Illinois Arts Council, then the council chooses artists which make up a roster of artists who meet the requirements and are eligible," said Michael Watts, director of Tarble Arts Center. "Then teachers from schools who want to participate in the residency select an artist from the roster."

Paper pulp paintings, cast paper vessels and mixed media paper pulp and acrylics pieces are some of the works included in Morris's exhibit.

The exhibit will feature art from community members along with Morris' art. Morris will be teaching a class titled "AIE Residency Core Group Class" that is open to the community and is designed for young children and teenagers.

The class is free and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from March 23 through April 15. The session will focus on the creation of an artist's book while incorporating the use of

recycled and natural materials. A variety of paper-making and book-making techniques will be explored and incorporated into the core group project.

According to a press release, Morris uses a variety of plant-based materials to create richly textured abstractions that explore the formal elements of art; particularly color, texture and pattern.

"Morris's work has been widely displayed through out the Midwest region," Morice said.

Morris is a retired teacher who taught in the Springfield school district for more than 30 years.

He now travels around conducting workshops and showing his work. Morris has been part of the Illinois Art Council for four years and won the Art Educator of the Year Award from the Illinois Art Education Association in 1992.

During his month residency, Morris will travel to four area schools, working with different grade levels at each school. The first school on Morris's stop will be Monday at Cowden-Herrick High School in Cowden; after that he will head to Central A&M High School in Moweaqua, Charleston Middle School and Jefferson Elementary School in Charleston.

"The Art-in-Education residency program is designed to bring professional artists into the classroom and teachers and students will learn new skills," Morice said.

The Core Group Class is cosponsored by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, Coles County Arts Council and area schools. Morris will speak at a closing reception 4-6 p.m. Friday April 16.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Calling for help

A firefighter calls for assistance from another firefighter Sunday afternoon while battling a field fire in Fairmount. Firefighters from Vermilion and Champaign counties fought a blaze in a field west of Fairmount Sunday afternoon around the intersection of 400 East and 1100 North road. The field was estimated at more than 40 acres.

CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL

Apartment complex approved

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

Students searching for off-campus housing may soon have another option because the city council Thursday moved to approve an ordinance, which amendss a permit for the Rolling Meadows planned unit development.

The development, which is located at the end of A Street north of Polk Avenue, is owned by Carlyle Apartments, who plan to

build three eight-unit apartment buildings containing 24 bedrooms.

The modification to the ordinance, which was originally passed before Mayor Dan Coughill became mayor in 1993, allotted for the land to be used for six duplexes containing 30 bedrooms.

In other business, the council authorized the expenditure of \$1,663 in tourism funds to cover advertising expenses for the 2004 interpretive season at Lincoln

Log Cabin.

The council also adopted a new policy of record keeping during closed meeting sessions, which will require both audio tapes and minutes to be kept of each meeting. The minutes, which are kept indefinitely, will be reviewed after six months and those that can be released to the public will be at that time. After 18 months the city will destroy the audio records if the tapes are no longer needed.

This week's activities

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
◆ Looking for a debate? Visiting professors of history will share their opinions when they meet at Eastern Monday. Carole Levin, of the University of Nebraska and Robert Bucholz, of Loyola University in Chicago, will exchange views beginning at 7 p.m. Levin will explain why Queen Elizabeth was the greatest queen and Bucholz will explain how Queen Anne was the greatest queen.	◆ The next film shown in the Booth Library series will be "20 years old in the Middle East." Filmed after the fall of Saddam Hussein, the film traverses the region from Jordan to Syria to Lebanon to take the pulse of Arab and Iranian youth. The film gives American students a chance to understand the lives and attitudes of Middle Eastern people, how they are different and how they are similar. Running time is approximately one hour and the film will be shown at 4 and 7 p.m. in Room 3202 of the library.	◆ Eastern graduate Erin Weed will speak about women's self defense. The lecture, "Girls Fight Back," teaches college-aged women how to avoid making themselves targets of crime. Weed has received training with some of the best self defense professionals in the country through the American Women's Self Defense Association. She has created an organization, Girls Fight Back, which offers training to young women around the country.	◆ Associate Professor of English at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Lauren Goodlad will give a presentation titled "Men in Black: Gothic Narrative, Androgyny, and Ethics at the Turn of the Millennium." Her talk will focus on the book <i>The Crow</i> and the book and the movie "Fight Club." The lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room.	◆ University Board is bringing comedian Ben Bailey to Eastern at 9 p.m. Friday night at the 7th Street Underground. Bailey has appeared on popular television shows such as Fox's "Mad T.V.", Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and HBO. He has worked with Ray Romano, Jay Mohr, Dave Chappelle and Chris Rock.
			◆ Along with Eastern's celebration of Queen Elizabeth, Booth Library will show the movie "Shakespeare in Love" starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Geoffrey Rush. Show time is 7 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.	◆ The Phi Alpha Delta fraternity is sponsoring an LSAT prep course. The deadline to register for the program is Friday. It is \$70 for Phi Alpha Delta members and \$90 for non members. A mock LSAT test will take place March 27. Session one will take place on March 28, the second session will be on April third and the third session will be April 17. A second session of the mock LSAT will be on April 18.

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Breaks feature night life, wildlife

By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

While Kristin Duncan, a sophomore psychology major, was experiencing tent camping and armadillo attacks on her Alternative Spring Break trip, Kristin Newton, a senior physical education major, was experiencing the Royal De Caneron resort in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, and the all-inclusive activities and night life the resort entailed.

Spring break is over, but many students and even some faculty have returned to Eastern with stories to share.

Duncan, who went to Bristol, Fla., to build bridges, clean up beaches and post "Protected Nesting Area" signs with The Nature Conservancy and the Torreya State Park, spent her break tent camping and absorbing northern Florida's outdoor air.

"This was a work trip but way more fun than I expected," Duncan said. "I would suggest it to anybody and definitely go back again."

Though Duncan's trip was not an "average" spring break vacation, some of her stories are just as crazy.

One particular story Duncan shared was witnessing an armadillo charge her site leader's tent.

After a late night of appreciating the stars, Duncan and a friend were back at the camp site when they saw the armadillo under the group's van.

While Duncan remained seated at the table, Mace Boshart, a senior biological sciences major, crept around to the side of the van to snap a photo of the hidden armadillo.

Boshart's steps spooked the small creature, which caused it to charge straight toward the site leader's tent.

"I saw the armadillo charge the tent and heard it hit the tent so hard that I actually thought it went through the side of the tent," Duncan said. "Our leader woke up, and the tent instantly looked like a cat in a plastic bag."

Duncan said the movement was accompanied with an "inhumane sound" from her site leader that echoed throughout the campground.

"It definitely looked like our leader was



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE
Lisa Merchant, a senior elementary education major, places clothes on a cart outside of Andrews Hall Sunday afternoon. Merchant spent her spring break hanging out with family and friends.

wrestling the armadillo inside the tent," Duncan said. "Mace walked over to the tent though and saw that it was just Josh reacting to the armadillo's charge."

Newton's Royal De Caneron experiences were not as bizarre as Duncan's, but her trip included many activities students long to do.

Newton traveled with a group of 19 Alpha Phi sorority members and a pair of couples who were friends with all of them.

The trip was an all-inclusive trip that included all drinks and food, both a complimentary and planned bar crawl from the resort and activities such as snorkeling, horseback riding, hikes to waterfalls and a club atmosphere at night.

"Most people agreed that the horseback riding and snorkeling were the best parts of the trip," Newton said.

At the beach, the girls experienced 85 to 90 degree weather and saw whales, dolphins and other aquatic wildlife.

"We saw these orange things with black dots that were about two feet long," Newton said. "They were either snakes or eels that were digging into the sand, but

they scared the crap out of all of us."

Though the girls enjoyed the activities during the day, the clubs called their names by night.

Newton said Hilo, where dancing on the bar was not only allowed but encouraged, was one of the bars where they spent most of their time.

"Hilo was awesome," Newton said. "People would order drinks under your feet while you were dancing on the bar."

Students were not the only members of Eastern that enjoyed their spring break in a foreign atmosphere.

Margaret Garrett, a beginning level Spanish professor at Eastern, traveled to Arizona to visit family, go site seeing and enjoy the weather.

"We were going to go to Mexico, where I am from, but two members of our group were sick and we didn't want to leave them out," Garrett said.

Garrett spent her break hiking in the Sonara Desert, watching Cubs spring training games, visiting family and viewing artifacts at the Mesa Museum of Archeology.

Governor's education plan ignites controversy

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER



Dale Righter

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's plan to restructure the education system in Illinois has raised questions from Sen. Dale Righter.

Righter said the constitutionality of the reform is questionable, and he said he is apprehensive about the impact this will have on area schools.

Blagojevich plans to reduce the power of the State Board of Education and develop a new Department of Education. This new system would be under Blagojevich's direct control.

The department would be directly accountable to the governor, the lawmakers and the taxpayers of Illinois.

This move comes after continued struggles to make the education system fully utilize its sources.

During a Committee of the Whole held March 3, the senate heard arguments concerning the plan.

"Illinois students can do better," Rebecca Rausch, a press secretary in the governor's office, said

Rausch said attempts will be made to streamline the bureaucracy.

The main goals are to improve the graduation rate, increase the number of minorities who graduate and spend more dollars in classroom instruction.

"This bill is sponsored by a bipartisan group," Rausch said.

She said the bill is in the beginnings of the process. "We feel good about things so far," Rausch said.

Though Righter is uneasy about replacing the board of education, he agrees with the need for reform.

"The governor deserves credit for opening debate," Righter said.

He added that the delegates should be credited for trying to improve the educational system.

However, Righter said the current state board of education is a constitutional entity and is concerned about the new department being controlled by the government.

"The main troubles right now are funding and administration problems," Righter said.

He said that he would rather keep the education system as an independent body and that a constitutional amendment must be enabled to change the system.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions," Righter said.

Yellowcard, Something Corporate tickets on sale today

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The second of two University Board spring concerts goes on sale at 10 a.m. Monday at the Ticket Office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Something Corporate and Yellowcard are co-headlining the performance with duo The Format opening on April 25.

"Both bands did really well on our surveys. Yellowcard had a lot of write-ins," said UB Concerts Coordinator Joe Atamian.

From Southern California, Something Corporate's music is described by the band's Web site as off beat notes on love, relationships and being members of

Generation Y.

Eighteen-year-old frontman and songwriter Andrew McMahon said his greatest influence is Elton John.

Even though McMahon plays the piano, he insists Something Corporate is not a piano-based band.

"I've always been a fan of a more driving sound, blending guitar with piano chords," McMahon said in a press release.

Something Corporate formed when McMahon saw the band's future lead guitarist playing at a party.

The band began by playing in a theater and selling 150-200 tickets to kids. The group then started playing local clubs.

"People who listen to radio songs tend

to like our band because we write choruses with hooks, so we'll always have a pop crowd," the press release stated.

Yellowcard, a five-piece band from Jacksonville, Fla., formed in 1997 and recently signed with Capitol Records.

Yellowcard's latest album, "Ocean Avenue," was released in 2003. Ryan Key, Ben Harper, Sean Mackin, Alex Lewis and Longineu Parsons make up Yellowcard.

Tickets are \$8 for Eastern students and go on sale for the general public March 29 for \$15.

UB spent \$25,000 on this show and \$28,500 on the Howie Day show scheduled for April 4.



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EDITORIAL

Proposed bill unfair to faculty tenure

One state representative has fair concerns about diversity on college campuses, but doesn't have the right plan for how to address them.

Rep. Monique Davis, D-Chicago, plans to eventually introduce a bill that would create a state commission to review and approve faculty tenure. It would take the process of determining tenure away from the universities, but Davis left the legislation in a house committee hearing instead of introducing it this congressional session.

Davis said not enough minority faculty receive tenure at Illinois, driving them to jobs in other states.

"We can no longer tolerate institutional racism. We have to break down the barrier," she said this month.

At Eastern, about half of both minority and white faculty have tenure, according to figures from the office of Planning and Institutional Studies.

As of Oct. 1 2003, 33 of 60 minority faculty members have tenure, 293 out of 560 white faculty members are tenured, while 60 are unclassified and two are international members.

Right now tenure depends on several factors. Not all faculty members are eligible. A faculty member must wait six years to be considered for tenure, a committee must review them and a department dean and chair must recommend the faculty member to the Board of Trustees for tenure.

Even with a lack of diversity in faculty members, taking judgment of tenure away from universities is not the right solution. Institutions and individual departments know their faculty better than a state commission would ever have the opportunity to.

The state does not need control in this area during a time when there have been other initiatives to switch power to the broader state level, such as Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal to transform the Illinois State Board of Education into a Department of Education.

Cynthia Nichols, director of the office of civil rights and diversity, said last week that the decision rates on whether to give minorities or whites tenure are equal at Eastern.

It is obvious more efforts could be made to attract minority faculty, but determining tenure should be kept at the university level. Another committee could be created to evaluate tenure or other provisions made that would still keep the sign of faculty status within academic environments.

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

At issue

Rep. Monique Davis will introduce a bill to create a state commission to review and approve faculty tenure.

Our stance

Tenure should be determined at a university level.

OPINION

Break benefits bring disadvantages



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Just six more weeks, people, seven including finals week. That's 30 more days of classes until the end of the semester. This is my random observation for the day.

After spending the past week sleeping in past noon and living off of whatever was on top of the freezer, the thought of the remaining 30 days of class overwhelms me. This is the cruel side effect of Spring Break. Spring Break is intended to give students and faculty a relief from the daily grind of classes, papers and tests. The logic for the break is pretty sound: give everyone a break and they will return refreshed and poised to work through the final weeks of the semester.

For those like me, spring break did not refresh me. Instead, I spent the majority of my break sealed up in my house working on English papers that I would otherwise have to give up a night of sleep for or part of one of my weekends to complete.

While I did get some of my homework done, I didn't get much else accomplished.

I was hoping to do something fun over Spring Break, such as squeeze in a round of golf. The cold weather in the Chicago area for most of the week squashed

"Spring Break is just a big tease. It gives you a taste of freedom for a week. It's just long enough to throw your daily routine out of whack."

those plans.

That's not to say break was all bad. Waking up to the news at noon, rolling over and going back to sleep for another hour is always satisfying. I also got to get reacquainted with my old friend, television. Spring Break made me realize how much I missed my three episodes of "The Simpsons" each day.

I hope everyone had a more exciting Spring Break than I did, but sadly it's over and we have to return to the daily grind.

Spring Break is just a big tease. It gives you a taste of freedom for a week. It's just long enough to throw your daily routine out of whack.

After seven days of freedom, everyone is bound to six more

weeks of work with no relief in between. There is no three-day weekends between now and the end of class, just six solid weeks of work and then the ever dreaded finals week.

I'm probably in the minority of those that would trade a full week off for five shortened weeks. I would rather have things in moderation than one large lump sum.

All my complaints about when and how I get time off are mute. I cannot change the fact that we are in the homestretch of the semester. For the underclassmen that are looking forward to the freedom the summer brings, the end of the semester can't come soon enough. For some of the upperclassmen that have the go out into the "real world," the end of the semester is approaching too soon.

I find myself somewhere in the middle. The prospect of forgetting about classes for three months hasn't sounded better since high school. On the other hand, I wish the semester wasn't so close to its end so I could have more time to get all my classwork done.

Complaining won't do anybody any good now. It's time to get to work and wrap up another semester.

Cartoon by Becky Aurich



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gay lifestyles should not be judged

Ralph W. Rounds II, you really need to work on your argument. Perhaps we are on an "avalanche" of moral decline, but to solve that problem people should stop being so worried about the sins of others that we forget our own. "Christophobic?" Please. Christ was an out-cast, hated by the church because he loved, accepted and befriended all of the "immoral" people who were no worse than the priests in the synagogues. Maybe we should take our cue from him.

I'm glad you have an opinion but it sure isn't the only one, which means it's not necessarily the right one.

I'm not going to speculate whether homosexuality is right or wrong. There's been more than enough of that going around and my purpose is not to defend either side, but rather to bring a bit of humility to those who can't see outside

their own little box. As a Christian, I've been taught that it's wrong but I see no more fault in gay couples than I see in myself for having premarital heterosexual relations. These are private matters that are ultimately between God and the individual and should concern no one else.

When it gets right down to it, the whole gay marriage debate is over the "morality" of homosexuality based upon the arguments found in the Bible. And while America was formed as "one nation, under God," we've thrown God out of every other aspect of American life and still expect everyone in the country to conform to mainstream Christian beliefs. And by the way, not everyone believes the Bible is our only guideline for life.

This country was also founded with "separation of church and state." Therefore, regardless of

whether homosexuality is biblically right or wrong, a justice of the peace should be under no religious obligation to turn away a gay couple wishing to marry, and the churches should still have the freedom to choose for themselves, whether they will support such unions.

I am so sick of everyone trying to make everyone else conform to their own individual beliefs. Regardless of the topic, it just won't happen. We each have the right to our own opinions, yet no one seems to remember that we must respect and attempt to understand those that differ from our own. Republican vs. Democrat; black vs. white; America vs. the

world; straight vs. gay: we're wasting our time with these labels and arguments and who's-better-than-who. The point of life is to live it as fully and as righteously as you can. Life is short and we're making it shorter with all this conflict and anger. All these accusations and judgments aren't exactly making Christians look like the loving people we're supposed to be, which is the primary reason a lot of people are turned off by religion. So how are we supposed to follow the command to be examples of God's love if we go around pointing fingers all the time?

*Rachel Sefton,
biology graduate student*

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Hearing to finalize jury trial stipulations for shooting defendant

By Carly Mullady
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A hearing for the remaining defendant in the Homecoming weekend off-campus shooting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday.

Jury trial stipulations for Marc D. Griffin, 21, Chicago, may be decided during the status hearing.

Griffin is being charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm for allegedly shooting into 1514 12th St., where Eastern students and alumni were present.

During a hearing Feb. 20, a motion for joinder Griffin's case with former co-defendant Crystal P. Lovemore, a sophomore undeclared major whose last known address is 1151 Johnson Ave., was determined "moot," Coles County Circuit Court records said.

Lovemore was dismissed of aggravated discharge of a firearm charges in an agreement with the state's attorney and her bond was refunded.

As part of the agreement, Lovemore's mother, Lorna Lovemore, will testify for the prosecution.

Griffin was ordered to attend Monday's status hearing.

Griffin and Lovemore were arrested Oct. 24 at Lincoln Avenue and Seventh St. near Domino's Pizza after police received a report of shots fired into the 12th Street home.

The two were found in a Dodge Intrepid matching the description witnesses gave police, Charleston Police Department Detective Kevin Paddock said at a Dec. 1 hearing.

A 45-caliber Smith and Wesson

was found in the vehicle at the time of arrest and Paddock said a crime scene investigator reported 45-caliber shell casings at the shooting scene.

A search on Griffin's Firearm Owner's Identification card listed him as the owner of a 45-caliber gun, Paddock testified.

Police reports in court dockets show occupants of the residence testified seeing Griffin and Lovemore behind the home before shots were fired.

Amral L. Johnson, junior psychology major, and Kyle E. Hill, former Eastern basketball player, Bolingbrook, told police Griffin tapped a gun on the window and said "Do you want to gun play?" moments before shots were fired.

Johnson told police he had been involved with Lovemore and during a quarrel just two nights prior to the shooting she said she had a boyfriend in Chicago with a gun.

"I can have you killed," she reportedly said.

Lovemore, Griffin and Johnson were involved in a fight at the First Annual Johnetta Jones Memorial Step Show approximately an hour before the shooting, both Lovemore and Johnson told police.

Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters said in an e-mail that details for the jury trial should be set at the status hearing Monday.

Griffin's attorney, Bernard Shelton, Chicago, said in a previous interview he and Griffin are optimistic.

"My client is looking forward to the chance to prove his innocence," Shelton said.



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Cigarette makers are no strangers to the courtroom, but after settling a lawsuit with states, they face Uncle Sam as the plaintiff this fall in what is shaping up as the biggest civil racketeering trial in history.

Repeated efforts to get the \$280 billion case dismissed have failed. So has an attempt by the Bush administration to negotiate a settlement.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler rejected the latest bid to have the case thrown out, and the government submitted a list of witnesses it intends to call. On it is a who's who of the tobacco industry.

Six years ago, 46 states settled their suit against the industry for \$206 billion, payable over 25 years. Four states settled separately for a total of \$40 billion. The states recovered costs for treating sick smokers.

Kessler ruled the federal government cannot do the same. Instead, she is letting the Justice Department sue the industry for allegedly conspiring to deceive the public about

the dangers of tobacco and the addictive nature of nicotine. The government also claims the companies targeted children through advertising and then lied about it.

Government lawyers are pursuing the civil case under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as RICO. The 1970 law was created to prosecute mobsters.

The suit was filed in 1999 under President Clinton. The Bush administration has allowed it to continue after receiving criticism for publicly discussing the case's perceived weaknesses and attempting unsuccessfully to settle it three years ago.

"My sense is that through pressure from Capitol Hill and elsewhere, the case has been funded and that the career attorneys (not political appointees) have been permitted to make the major litigation decisions," said William Schultz, a former Justice Department lawyer who headed the case during the Clinton administration.

Cost:

More than half of Booth's budget goes toward periodicals

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She estimates that this year, more than 60 percent of the materials budget is spent on periodicals and even five years ago that percentage was just more than 50 percent.

The high prices that universities

and colleges must pay for journals have affected their ability to purchase good quality journals, Stimac said.

"I have had a lot of classes that teachers have had us go to the library to use online journals. It can sometimes be more interesting instead of reading from a book or listening to a lecture," said Tricia Carlson, a sophomore elementary education major.

"If enough universities take a stand against these unfair price increases, then perhaps the publishers will take note and stop their abuse of the system," Brownson said.

Parents:

Campaign will focus on financial issues

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Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said the parents' opinion might matter more to the legislators.

"The parents' point of view is more important to politicians than ours because our parents are more likely to vote," Lesica said.

He said he hasn't heard of a campaign where parents are laying down the concerns, which is why it will be beneficial.

"We hope that it works," he said.

Davidson said he wants to focus on financial issues before the situation gets worse.

"We don't want it to get to the point where Illinois' higher education is suffering," Davidson said.

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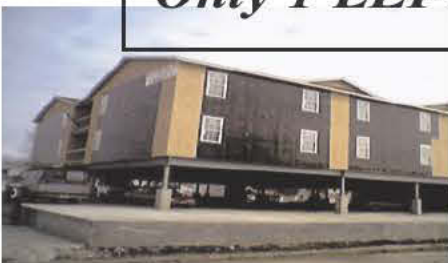
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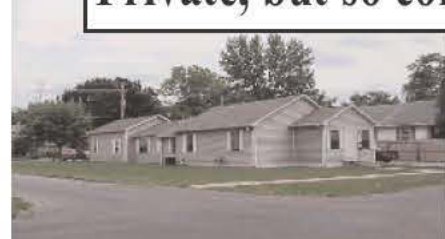
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Group aims to remove physical, mental litter

By Charity Davis
STAFF WRITER

Refusing to settle for just cleaning up the landscape, one Recognized Student Organization hopes to remove all garbage from human life.

The United People's Association, established at Eastern in fall 2003, is a group of volunteers searching for trash in the community to clean up, said Michael Kleen, a junior philosophy major and president of the Eastern chapter of the association.

The association is a Recognized Student Organization.

The association wants to inform people that although there are many problems in today's society, individuals should not feel overwhelmed and one person creates a world of difference, Kleen said.

The association sponsors many on and off campus activities such as discussion forums, secular support groups and religious seminars.

While the association is not a religious group, it sponsors a bible study

Kleen said was designed to promote religious understanding. The bible study takes place weekly at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The minister of the weekly bible study is Brent Watson, a senior elementary education major and a licensed minister with the Church of God.

During the bible study, Watson said he focuses on the teachings of Christ.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Watson said. "Although the bible study is designed to focus on the teachings of Christ, people from all religious backgrounds can be a part of the bible study."

The goal of this organization is to get people involved in the world around them by recycling, giving a person a ride and cleaning the community, Watson said.

"We need to get more involved with one another and stop being so self-centered," Watson said. "You'll find that by helping others you'll be helping yourself."

Law will allow pet owners to establish trusts for pets

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A new law signed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich allows Illinois pet owners to establish binding trusts for their nonhuman loved ones in their wills.

The new law was signed Friday and goes into effect Jan. 1. Under its provisions, pet owners can set up trusts to designate caretakers for their animals, put aside money for their care and direct how that money should be spent.

Existing Illinois law only allowed people to set up trusts for human loved ones or charities. When the new law takes effect, it will extend the beneficiary right to pets, which were previously regarded by the state as property, said Lin Hanson, a

Park Ridge attorney who drafted the bill.

Hanson said many of his clients had asked why directions to care for pets outlined in trusts had no legal standing. For example, people could leave money and their dog to a friend, but nothing prevented the friend from keeping the money and taking the dog to the pound.

"It may provide some comfort for pet owners, that they will be able to provide for them," said Blagojevich spokeswoman Rebecca Rausch.

Hanson said the new law gives pet owners the same options that parents have when deciding with whom they would leave their children in the event of their death.

Gaming Board member criticizes governor's call for investigation

CHICAGO (AP) — The only member of the Illinois Gaming Board who was opposed to putting a casino in Rosemont is criticizing Gov. Rod Blagojevich's call for an investigation into the board's 4-to-1 vote.

Blagojevich says he will appoint a special investigator to review the board's decision to award the state's 10th license to Isle of Capri Casinos Inc. He said concerns about the location of a casino in Rosemont "is undermining the public's confidence in the process."


But board member Gary Peterlin says the investigation sends the wrong message.

"The Gaming Board staff, which is independent, competent and very well respected, must be allowed to adequately do their job without interference," Peterlin said in a written statement Friday. "It is very important that they have, in addition to being able to remain independent, the appearance of remaining independent."

The board voted on Monday to award the license to the Biloxi, Miss.-based company that plans to build a Caribbean-themed casino in the suburb northwest of Chicago. Peterlin was the only member to vote against the \$518 million bid.

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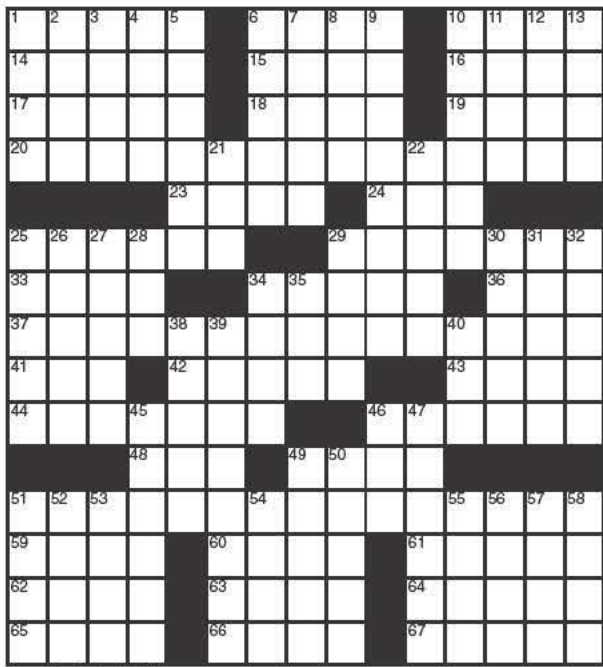
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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Wal-Mart tops Fortune 500

NEW YORK (AP) — A tail wind of improving economic conditions blew many major companies to record revenues in 2003, but none was able to knock Wal-Mart Stores Inc. off the top of the Fortune 500 list.

With sales of almost \$259 billion - nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars - the late Sam Walton's global chain of general stores topped the list of the nation's largest publicly traded companies for the third straight year. There was some predictable shuffling among the rest of the top 10.

Fortune's annual ranking, to be published in the magazine's April 5 edition, is based on the companies' sales figures as reported in financial statements for 2003.

Jittery geopolitics kept the price of oil high, helping Exxon Mobil Corp. to post \$213 billion in revenue. The 17 percent jump leapfrogged the oil company past General Motors Corp. into the No. 2 spot.

In terms of profits, Exxon Mobil was first with \$21.5 billion in earnings. Wal-Mart, which has the lower profit margins of the retailing industry, had \$9.05 billion in earnings.

Gay pastor's acquittal inspires joy, scorn

ELLENSBURG, Wash. (AP) — The acquittal of a lesbian Methodist pastor charged with violating church doctrine drew praise and scorn Sunday across a denomination that may see its divisions over homosexuality laid bare at a major conference next month.

Saturday's acquittal of the Rev. Karen Dammann was celebrated Sunday at the church where she used to preach in Ellensburg, a small town in central Washington.

"I'm very pleased," said Dodie Haight, a member of the congregation who sat through Dammann's trial about 95 miles away in the Seattle suburb of Bothell. "I don't think the jury had an easy task, but I think they gave it long, thoughtful, prayerful consideration."

A 13-pastor jury acquitted Dammann, 47, of violating a church ban on ordaining "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals." If nine jurors had voted to convict, Dammann could have lost her ministry.

At one point during Sunday's service, during the sharing of joys and concerns, choir member Charlie McKinney said Dammann had taught the congregation about the power of truth.

Attacks kill two GIs, two Iraqi civilians

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Rebels killed two U.S. soldiers in a rocket attack in western Iraq, the U.S. military said Sunday, and two Iraqi civilians died and one American soldier was injured in a rocket attack on U.S.-led coalition headquarters in Baghdad.

A 1st Infantry Division soldier also was killed Sunday in an apparent accident during a weapons firing exercise in Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, Army spokeswoman Maj. Debra Stewart said. The incident was under investigation.

One of three rockets fired in Baghdad landed inside the coalition headquarters but caused no significant damage, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The injured soldier was hit by flying glass. Some staffers in the compound took cover in basements.

Two rockets landed outside the compound in the upscale neighborhood of Mansour, killing two Iraqi civilians and wounding five, the official said. However, the nearby Yarmouk Hospital said one person died and 10 were wounded. Residents said the rockets landed in a street, damaging several cars and shops.

"This is a terrorist act. There are no military targets in Mansour," said Raed Abdul Saheb, a doctor at the hospital.

Brief mortar and rocket attacks on the coalition headquarters are common, but the projectiles often miss, or hit nearby neighborhoods. The attack Sunday was unusual because it took place midmorning; most attacks happen at night, when assailants are better able to slip away.

The rocket attack in western Iraq

occurred Saturday evening near the city of Fallujah, the U.S. official said. Five soldiers and a sailor were also wounded, besides the two soldiers killed, she said. Fallujah is in the so-called Sunni Triangle, an area where support for Saddam Hussein was strongest and scene of frequent rebel attacks on U.S. troops.

In the northern city of Kirkuk, unidentified gunmen inside an ethnic Turkman youth center fired at Kurds waving flags to celebrate the Kurdish new year, killing one and wounding four others on Sunday, said Abdul-Salam Zangana, a security official at a hospital.

Ethnic tensions sometimes erupt in Kirkuk as Kurds, Arabs and Turkmen compete for control of the city, located in one of the world's richest oil-producing regions.

Ex-Adviser blasts Bush's terror response

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, "looked skeptical" when she was warned early in 2001 about the threat from al-Qaida and appeared to never have heard of the terrorist organization, according to Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator.

"Her facial expression gave me the impression that she had never heard the term before," wrote Richard A. Clarke in a new book - "Against All Enemies" - that is scathingly critical of Bush's response to the 2001 terror attacks against New York and Washington. The Associated Press obtained a copy of Clarke's book before its Monday publication.

Clarke said Rice, who previously worked for Bush's father, appeared not to recognize post-Cold War security issues and effectively demoted him within the national security council. He said Rice has an unusually close relationship with Bush, which "should have given her some maneuver room, some margin for shaping the agenda."

Clarke, expected to testify Tuesday before a federal panel investigating the attacks, recounted his meeting with Rice as support for his contention that the Bush administration failed to recognize

the risk of an attack by al-Qaida in the months leading to Sept. 11, 2001. Clarke retired in March 2003 after three decades in the U.S. government.

Bush, Kerry indirectly trade light barbs

BOSTON (AP) — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry engaged in some lighthearted, long-distance one-upmanship Sunday, exhorting a Roman Catholic priest to save the souls of Republicans and Democrats alike.

"I presume he's got quite a few souls to save in that crowd," the Republican president joked.

"Father, I got a few Republican ones I want to add to the list if I can," quipped his Democratic rival.

It was part of a kind of political call-in show as Bush and Kerry, in separate telephone calls, gave their greetings to the annual St. Patrick's day breakfast.

The event is the more than half-century old precursor to the annual South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade, which draws hundreds of thousands. The gathering is attended by top politicians in the city and the state, most of whom are Democrats.

Bush placed his call from the White House. Kerry checked in from his skiing vacation in Idaho.

Kerry drew a big round of applause when he identified himself by saying, "This is the next president of the United States."

Both Bush and Kerry, already in the full-tilt campaigning against each other, had some fun at the expense of Republican Gov. Mitt Romney.

"Here's the way I like to put it about Massachusetts," Bush said. "I know there's a lot of talk about a Massachusetts politician who has his eye on the presidency, but tell Mitt it's not open till 2008."

Woman wins Pritzker Architecture Prize

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Zaha Hadid, an Iraqi-born architect who struggled for years to get her audacious and unconventional designs built, won the prestigious 2004 Pritzker Architecture Prize on Sunday, the first woman to receive the profession's highest honor.

Pritzker jurors singled out her designs for an Austrian ski jump, a German fire station and an Ohio art museum.

Hadid "is probably one of the youngest laureates and has one of the clearest architectural trajectories we've seen in many years. Each project unfolds with new excitement and innovation," said California architect and juror Frank Gehry, a 1989 Pritzker winner.

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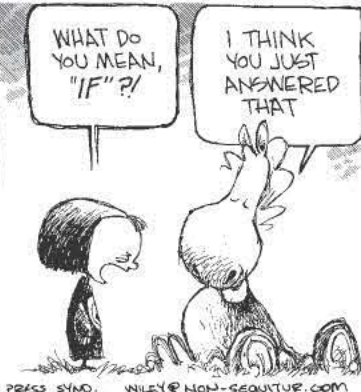
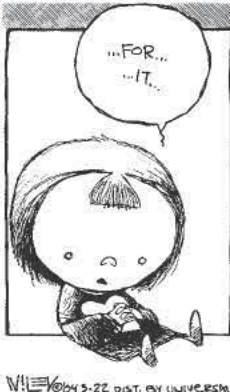
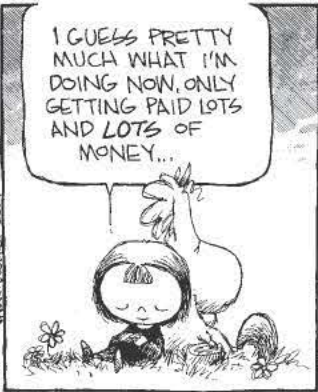
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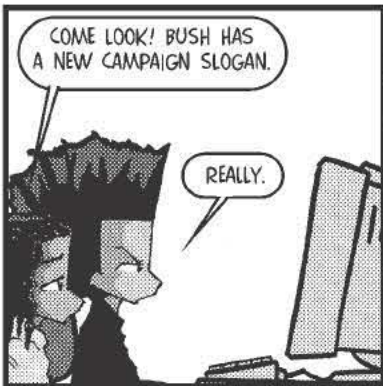
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
ILLINOIS 92, CINCINNATI 68

Bearcats trash talk first, but Illini get last laugh in easy win

◆ *Illinois now must face No. 1 ranked Duke in the round of 16*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — No flying elbows, no return taunts. Illinois just shut up and made shots — over and over again.

Then, as they fashioned a tournament trashing, the Fighting Illini had the final words — trashy, of course.

Deron Williams hit his first seven attempts, setting the tone for a can't-miss attack, and fifth-seeded Illinois rolled to a 92-68 victory Sunday in the second round of the Atlanta Regional.

The Big Ten's regular season champion will play Duke on Friday at the Georgia Dome, emboldened by its domination of a team that ran its mouths right up to the tip-off.

"I think it played to our advantage," coach Bruce Weber said. "Our guys came in so fired up. The Cincinnati guys hit a hot button with our guys in warmups."

The blustery Bearcats had a few words as the teams left the court after warmups, leaving the Illini livid. One Bearcat warned, "Get ready for your bus ride home."

That wasn't all. "They were saying they were ready to play Duke," Williams said.

If it was a ploy to get them rattled, it didn't work. The Fighting Illini kept their tongues and their poise as they took control in the first half.

Then, they did a little trashing of their own.

"It was fun," guard Dee Brown said. "I had a lot to say. I know you're all adults in here, but it was coming out pretty strong."

Williams matched his career high with 31 points, going 10-of-13 from the field, and Illinois (26-6) shot a season-high 63.6 percent as its two slick guards dominated from outside.

Brown, nicknamed the "One-

"It was fun ... I had a lot to say. I know you're all adults in here, but it was coming out pretty strong."

—Dee Brown, Illinois guard

man Fastbreak," had 14 points, eight assists and two sleight-of-hand plays that helped Illinois take control. The Fighting Illini starters went 32-of-47 from the field.

Coach Bob Huggins sat glumly in a folding chair, chin resting in his palm, as his fourth-seeded Bearcats (26-7) finished off their worst NCAA tournament loss during his 15 seasons.

The defensive-minded coach exhausted his brain and never found anything that worked.

"We tried virtually everything we had — matchup, zone. Usually we're a fairly decent man-to-man team," Huggins said. "They just made a lot of shots."

It came down to shooting and attitude, and Illinois had more of both.

The Fighting Illini weren't about to be abused by the mouthy Bearcats, who couldn't back up their talk and instead wound up backing up the bus for a two-hour trip back to campus.

"We didn't guard them," said gabby guard Tony Bobbitt, who talked to defenders throughout the game. "Let's be honest with ourselves. We gave up easy baskets."

Illinois beat a lower seed for the first time in its history and moved into the round of 16 for the third time in the last four years.

Cincinnati has dominated Conference USA, winning eight of its nine regular season championships, but can't seem to get the hang of the NCAA tournament.

The Bearcats have failed to make it past the first weekend of

the tournament in seven of the last eight years.

Their in-your-face style comes up short against teams that have the grit to give it back and the quickness to exploit them.

Illinois was just such a team.

The Fighting Illini made 13 of their 14 shots during a 10-minute span of the first half, exploiting Cincinnati's weak perimeter defense. Williams had a perfect touch, making his first seven shots — five of them from behind the arc.

Brown, who was recruited heavily by Huggins as a high school star in Illinois, silenced the Bearcats with two signature plays during the first-half run.

Brown stripped Field Williams of the ball near midcourt, drove to the basket, took the ball behind his back while in the air and made a lay-in that drew "oohs" from the crowd.

He also had a behind-the-back bounce pass to set up one of Rich McBride's shots as Illinois built the lead to 24 and was never seriously threatened.

Deron Williams set a career high with six 3s in eight attempts, and Illinois went 11-of-19 from behind the arc overall. Roger Powell added 22 points.

Illinois became the first team to shoot 60 percent against the Bearcats since Stanford beat them by 13 points in the 2001 tournament, which was Huggins' worst tournament loss until Sunday.

"We played at another level," Weber said.

"We talked about playing at a magical level, and some guys were magical tonight."

Baseball:

Panthers fall to 1-13, play next against Indiana State

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Eastern ran into stormy conditions from Mother Nature and Arkansas State during game two. The start of the tilt was pushed back over two hours and was delayed 35 minutes in the middle of the fifth inning because of rain.

The game was knotted at two when the rain came in the fifth inning. Panther starter Kirk Miller remained in the game after the delay but quickly found trouble when he went back to the mound. Miller gave up a double to outfielder Josh Allison and then walked the next two batters to load the bases. The Indians were unable to break open the game as they managed just one run in the frame on a RBI ground out to short putting Arkansas State up 3-2.

The Indians took advantage of some erratic pitching by reliever Andy Kuntz to scrap across three

runs on just three hits in the sixth inning. Leading 7-3 after seven, Arkansas State ended any hopes of a comeback with three runs in eighth off sophomore Alex Chapple.

The Indians completed the sweep of the Panthers Sunday afternoon with an 8-0 shutout at Tomlinson Stadium.

The Indians got off to a fast start on a solo home run by senior third baseman Brad Hayes in the bottom of the first. Arkansas State added one run in both the third and fourth inning off Eastern starter Erik Huber who gave up six runs in four innings on the hill.

Hayes followed his home run in the first with a two run shot to left center in the fifth and the Indians tacked on another run to open up a 6-0 lead. A wild pitch and an error aided two more runs for the Indians as they finished off the Panthers 8-0.

Arkansas State junior starter Derek Cunningham improved to 2-1 on the season with seven innings of scoreless baseball. The Indians (13-9) have now swept the last two of their last three series.

With the loss Eastern fell to 1-13. The Panthers will next be in action Tuesday afternoon against Indiana State.

Seidlitz:

Big Dance more than lost or won bets to players: it's life

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Take for example the substitute freshmen on the second seeded, and recently upset, Gonzaga squad. Derek Raivio has played his entire life with a form of diabetes and he wasn't going to miss his chance to play for the Zags.

So instead of letting the disease dictate him, he dictated the disease. Raivio and his coach Mark Few have managed now to work out a system to keep track of Raivio's system. To check his levels, Few and his trainers wait for timeouts and breaks in the action to check with Raivio, and after they do the coaching staff

makes the necessary adjustments (if needed) by giving him candy or energy bars.

That is how special this tournament is for these players, they will risk just about everything to get out and take part in the tournament to play for their team.

Not every team has a story of a player like that, but many teams do have interesting people like Raivio on their squad. It's people like him who make normal viewers root for teams they usually have no interest in.

Brackets are filled out and money is won and lost over these teams, but for the players themselves this opportunity means much more than a win or loss in a postseason tournament.

So, as the upsets pile up and teams leave the tournament chaos for this March, just keep in mind that for many of these players this tournament is the time of their life.

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BASEBALL

Eastern struggles during longest road trip of season

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Panther baseball team traveled south to Mississippi and Alabama as their season-long 13-game road trip continued during spring break. Unfortunately, for the Panthers its record went south as well.

Eastern dropped its first five games on the trip as the Panthers lost three to Southern Mississippi and two more to South Alabama.

Prior to the three-game series against 18th-ranked Southern Mississippi, Panthers head coach Jim Schmitz noted the Golden Eagles were a "really good team" and just "one game away from going to the Super Regionals" in last year's College World Series. After a three-game sweep by the Golden Eagles in which the Panthers were no-hit, scored just three runs and were shut out twice, Schmitz's statement proved true.

In game one on March 12, Southern Miss. jumped out to an early lead off Eastern starter Kyle Widegren and coasted to a 10-3 victory. Widegren, a junior college transfer from Parkland, lasted five innings but surrendered 10 hits and seven runs as his record fell to 0-2 on the season.

Saturday's afternoon tilt went down in history as the Golden Eagles' Cliff Russum pitched the third nine-inning no-hitter in school history as Southern Mississippi rolled over the Panthers 12-0. Russum struck out 15 of the 29 Panther batters he faced and walked just three hitters as the right-hander improved to 4-0 overall.

"He (Russum) controlled the game throughout, and he's been pretty good every time on the mound this season," Golden Eagles coach Corky Palmer said. "He's a real tough guy, and it was a great effort."

The Panthers best chance to push across a run came in the third inning when Marcus Jackson led off with a walk and then stole second base. Jackson advanced to third with two outs but was stranded 90-feet from the plate when Jeff Cammann struck out to end the

Eastern statistical leaders

THROUGH 11 GAMES

Batting average: Ryan Campbell, .349 (15 for 49)
Runs Batted In: Pete Stone and Marcus Jackson, 7
Stolen Bases: Jackson, 4
Earned Run Average: Mike Bouchez, 3.86

inning.

Eastern went down in order six of the nine innings and other than Jackson, no Panther advanced past first base.

The Panther bats remained cold as Southern Miss. swept the series with an 11-0 victory on March 14. Freshman Patrick Ezell went eight innings giving up six hits, walking none and striking out 10 to get the victory.

"Patrick did a good job for us today," Palmer said. "I feel better about the next few weeks now that Patrick is pitching well for us."

Eastern used seven pitchers during the game with only freshman Brian Long going more than an inning. Junior right-hander Anthony Billups took the loss for Eastern when he gave up three runs in the first inning.

Eastern fared little better in the series opener against South Alabama March 16. Jaguar pitchers Bryan Adams and Bert Heath combined to one-hit the Panthers as Eastern was held without a run for the third straight game and dropped the contest 5-0. Marcus Jackson prevented Eastern's second no-hitter in three games with a two-out double in the fourth inning.

"I thought our pitching and defense were good," South Alabama coach Steve Kittrell said. "Adams had good velocity on his ball and threw a good breaking ball. He walked a few too many (five) but had a pretty good outing."

The loss spoiled a solid performance from Eastern's freshman hurler Erik Huber who made his first collegiate start and went six innings, giving up six hits and three earned runs.

Eastern made up for their offensive futility with 24 runs in the series finale against South Alabama, however, the Panther pitching staff could not hold an eight run lead in the seventh inning and lost a wild contest 25-24.

Eastern ended its 28-inning scoreless streak with two runs in the first off Jaguar starter Daniel Roberts. The Panthers quickly lost the lead as South Alabama struck back for nine runs in the first two innings. Eastern's Matt Hall gave up seven runs (five earned) in 1 1/3 innings to take most of the damage from the Jaguars.

Eastern scored six runs in the fourth and seven in the sixth to open up an 18-10 lead after six innings, but the bullpen of Alex Chapple, Mike Manns and Andy Kuntz surrendered 12 runs in the seventh inning as South Alabama regained the lead 22-18.

But the Panthers fought back in the top of the ninth with six runs to regain the lead 24-22. Eastern brought in Jeff Cammann to close the game, but the former third baseman could not end the team's nine game losing streak. Cammann was wild as he hit a batter to lead off the inning and then gave up a double and hit another batter to load the bases. Senior Brian Long entered in relief and enticed a Jaguar batter to hit a fly ball to center, but Marcus Jackson dropped his second fly ball of the game to allow the tying runs to score. South Alabama won the game two batters later with a sacrifice fly from Brad Gordon.

Eastern's 24 runs tie as the sixth highest total in NCAA history by a losing team and the 49 combined runs set a new Stanky Field record.



Freshman pitcher Brittany Whelan looks to throw the ball to first against Central Connecticut State at the Wolfe Sycamore Classic. Eastern won the game 2-1.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Softball: Eastern loses 2 close games to Wolfpack

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The Georgia Tech Classic is similar to the Ringor Invitational.

The only differences between the Ringor Invitational and the Buzz Classic are the number of teams and the number of pools.

The Buzz Classic has one more pool, five total and one more team, 25 in all.

On March 19 the Panthers played both Georgia State and NC State.

Unfortunately, the Panthers ran into Andrea McNary on the wrong day in game one against the Georgia State Bulldogs. McNary pitched a complete game four-hit shutout earning the win in a 1-0 victory and tying her career high in strikeouts with 15.

In game two the Panthers would get a chance to avenge their loss

to the NC State Wolfpack just six days earlier.

The Panthers dropped their first contest to the Wolfpack by just two runs. Seven innings were not enough this time as the Wolfpack earned the win 3-2 in the bottom of the eighth on a fielder's choice.

On March 20 the Panthers were shutout by both Bowling Green and Tulsa.

In game one Bowling Green's six extra base hits and solid pitching performance from sophomore Lindsay Heimrich were enough to overwhelm the Panthers 8-0.

In game two, Tulsa's starting pitcher, Julie Fennell, went the distance striking out 10 and walking only one as the Golden Hurricanes beat the Panthers 5-0. Pennell's walk in the second inning would turn out to be the only baserunner in the game and the lone statistic that prevented her from pitching a perfect game.

The Panthers will look to rebound from eight losses as they open up conference play at Eastern Kentucky on March 27.



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SPORTS

Panther sports calendar

TUESDAY	Baseball at Indiana State	3 p.m. Coaches Stadium
WEDNESDAY	Baseball vs. Olivet Nazarene	2 p.m. Coaches Stadium
FRIDAY	W Tennis vs. Southern Illinois	2 p.m. Darling Courts
	Track at Bayou Classic	

WRESTLING

NCAAs tackle Dowty, Veach

Senior wrestlers exit early at national tourney

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's pair of senior wrestlers couldn't wrestle past the nation's best at the NCAA championships in St. Louis.

Pat Dowty and Matt Veach wrestled their final matches of the year at the Saavis Center with hopes of becoming the first all-American wrestlers at Eastern since 1997. Dowty was wrestling in his third NCAA tournament in a row at 133 pounds, and this was Veach's first appearance at the national tournament.

Dowty started the weekend-long tournament off right with 10-3 victory Thursday morning against Edinboro's Jacob Gray. Veach wasn't so lucky at 165-pounds when he was pinned in the first period by Michigan's Pat Owen, who he had wrestled earlier in the year.

"He just got rolled through and taken to his back. That happens," head coach Ralph McCausland said. "I told him he (would) just have to forget about it and move on."

And Veach quickly did when he won his next two matches Thursday night in wrestle backs. Veach rolled through the first two rounds of wrestle backs with a 15-8 victory over Pittsburgh's Zach Doll and a 9-3 win over Illinois' Ben Hay.

Dowty lost his Thursday night match with an unlucky draw to wrestle returning national champion Travis Lee of Cornell.

"Pat just couldn't get things going and everything he did offensively Lee negated with his defense," McCausland said. "But I told the guys we're still here after the first day and it's a level playing field."

With that in mind, each of the



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Senior Matt Veach wrestled last week in the NCAA Tournament held in St. Louis finishing with two wins and two losses. Veach, wrestling at the 165-pound weight class, finished the regular season with a 25-6 overall record.

wrestlers took the mat for what would end up being the last times in their careers. Dowty was matched against Virginia Tech's David Hoffman on Friday morning. But couldn't find his tempo on the way to a 13-6 loss.

"He has some early chances that he just didn't capitalize on," McCausland said.

Shortly after that Veach took the mat against Iowa's Cole

Pape, who he had wrestled earlier in the year.

Like Dowty, Veach couldn't find his tempo in the second day of wrestling and lost 5-3.

"It's unfortunate because they and I both know what they can do and it just didn't happen," McCausland.

"There's no re-do's to set the tone they want but that's part of the sport."

Despite the disappointment each of the wrestlers had after the weekend, they each had one of the greatest experiences you can have in wrestling, McCausland said.

"There's eight mats with quality matches on all of them. It's so loud the wrestlers can't hear me from 10 steps away," McCausland said.

"It's a rush for any athlete."



THROW DOWN

Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

Know-it-alls quiet when Tourney begins

Well, at least I knew my bracket was busted before the tournament started.

I think everybody should just accept the fact that their bracket will be all marked up by the time the second round wrapped up Sunday night. With all the upset teams and smaller schools making their impact on the tournament field, special stories can come from many schools and players.

There are 64 teams in the field and most of which nobody knows anything about. If you thought you actually knew Nevada was actually as good as they are, just stop lying to yourself and your buddies, because most likely you didn't know why you actually made that pick if you did.

But Nevada is that good, or Gonzaga is actually that bad, and that is what I think makes the NCAA Tournament the best tournament involved in sports today.

The fact everybody is an expert about the teams in this tournament until the squads they picked turned to mush on the court is the surprise that just keeps coming in this tournament.

The sheer volume of the teams in this tournament and the road they have taken to get to this point makes some of the most compelling stories you can find.

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SOFTBALL

Playing ball while relaxing from school

♦ *Softball squad crams
10 games as students
leave for spring break*

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

While some students spent their spring break relaxing on white sandy beaches, the Eastern softball team was busy playing 10 softball games.

The Panthers won their first two games but then lost their next eight and now find themselves on an eight game losing streak.

The Panthers started their spring break strong on March 12 in Rock Hill, S.C., where the Winthrop Eagles hosted the Winthrop Ringer Invitational.

The Ringor Invitational included four pools of six teams. Eastern was pooled with Ohio State, NC State, Winthrop, Furman and NC A&T.

Eastern finished the invitational 2-2 in a four-way tie, in its pool for second place but because of tiebreaker rules failed to qualify for Sunday's final rounds.

The Panthers started the tourna-

ment out strong beating Furman 5-1 and North Carolina A&T 6-2 on Friday. Saturday, however, the Panthers took a turn for the worse losing to the host Winthrop Eagles in the afternoon game 5-1 and then 6-4 to North Carolina State in the night cap.

The Panthers traveled from South Carolina to Boiling Spring, N.C. to play a double header against Gardner-Webb on March 16, where six errors contributed to consecutive losses.

Eastern dropped game one 5-0 where starting pitcher Heather Hoeschen was badgered for three runs in the first inning, earning her the loss.

In game two of the twin bill, Eastern took the lead in the fifth inning on a two-out RBI single by Katy Steele, but an error allowed Gardner-Webb to tie it up in the fifth. The Bulldogs won the game with a four-run sixth and Brittany Whelan was charged with the loss despite not giving up an earned run.

From North Carolina the Panthers headed to Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic.

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BASEBALL

Panther losing streak stretches to 13 straight

♦ *Eastern has not notched
a victory in more than
three weeks*

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern baseball team opened its season with one of the biggest upsets in recent memory when the Panthers shocked 2003 College World Series participant

Southwest Missouri State 6-4 in 12 innings. But the three weeks following the victory have been just as shocking with Eastern going winless in its last 13 ball games.

Arkansas State put an exclamation point on the Panthers recent troubles with a three-game sweep this weekend in Jonesboro, Ark. With the losses to Arkansas State and defeats against South Alabama and Southern Mississippi

earlier in the week, Eastern failed to pick up a victory during the eight-game spring break trip.

Eastern was baffled by Indians starter Doug Walter, who went six solid innings giving up two runs on five hits. Walter struck out six Panthers while walking just one batter to pick up his third win on the season.

The Panthers struck Walter early with a run in the top of the first when Kevin Carkeek pushed an RBI single past the right side of the infield. After Eastern scored its first run, the Arkansas State hurler settled down and retired the next 12 batters.

With Walter keeping the Panthers at bay, the Indians took a 3-1 lead after four innings and never looked back in a 7-2 victory.

Panthers starter Kyle Widegren kept Eastern in the ball game allowing five runs in 7 1/3 innings, but the Indians broke the game open for good with four runs in the eighth off Widegren and freshman Mike Manns.

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Stiff competition prolongs streak

*Eastern outscored 152 to 55
in last 13 games*

TEAM	SCORE
at La.-Monroe	15-4
Kansas State	12-3
at Ole Miss	16-5
at Ole Miss	3-1
at Ole Miss	18-10
at S. Mississippi	10-3
at S. Mississippi	12-0
at S. Mississippi	11-0
at S. Alabama	5-0
at S. Alabama	25-24
at Arkansas St.	7-2
at Arkansas St.	10-3
at Arkansas St.	8-0