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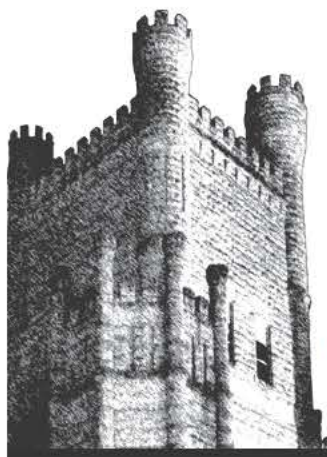
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Union responds to governor's speech

University officials say reduced education funds caused need for tax cuts

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced his plans for the state for the coming year and began his re-election campaign in his State of the State address last week.

In his speech, Blagojevich announced plans to give a tuition tax credit to parents of some college freshmen and sophomores and proposed a program to create jobs in Illinois.

In his speech, which can be found on the state of Illinois Web site, the governor proposed a tuition tax credit of up to \$1,000 for parents of freshmen and sophomores at Illinois universities who maintain at least a 'B' average.

The University Professionals of Illinois, which is the academic



GOV. ROD
BLAGOJEVICH

bargaining group for higher education in the state, responded to the governor's speech in a written response on its Web site. The group represents seven public universities in the state, including Eastern.

Sue Kaufman, a journalism instructor at Eastern, is the state president of UPI and issued the group's response.

In the response, UPI said the state has put students and their parents in this situation by cutting state funding for higher education. The group also said it thought it would make more sense to just move the money the tax cuts will cost the state and give it to

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CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Models display clothing from the 1930s during the November 2005 School of Family and Consumer Sciences "Passion for Fashion" show in Lumpkin Auditorium.

Textile company helps student group

Clothing designers get access to new software

By ASHLEY RUEFF
STAFF REPORTER

Not many Recognized Student Organizations can brag that they were inspired by a million-dollar donation, but Eastern's chapter of the International Textile and Apparel Association can.

The group meets once a week to design apparel for competitions and got its start in April 2005 when Jean Dilworth, professor of family and consumer sciences, encouraged five of her students to begin an ITAA chapter at Eastern.

Dilworth knew the \$1.47 million donation in new textile software given to the merchandising area within the School of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2003 could help foster a chapter of the association on campus.

"I would not have attempted to get the group started if not for the new software," Dilworth said.

Lectra Corporation, a leader in textile software production based in Paris, France, made the donation because of a professional connection Dilworth had.

"The company knew about me because I had been a long time member of ITAA," said Dilworth, who has been entering her own garments into ITAA faculty competitions since 1990.

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JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Alpha Phi house, 1816 Ninth St., will soon be torn down and replaced with a 35-space parking lot. The new lot is expected to be complete by Aug. 1.

Alpha Phi house to be replaced as parking lot

Sorority president not discouraged by move

By JESSE FUNK
STAFF REPORTER

Some commuter students may not have to spend as much time looking around campus for a parking space next fall.

The Facilities Planning and Management Department recently purchased the property located at 1816 Ninth St., currently owned by Alpha Phi sorority, to create a new student and staff parking lot.

Gary Reed, superintendent of the Utilities Department of Facilities Planning and Management, said the new lot should be completed by Aug. 1, and will contain about 35 student and staff parking spaces.

Eastern pushed for the new lot because parking is limited in the area, according to Reed.

"It will be a good addition to the existing lot, and will be essential once the new fine arts building opens in 2007," he said.

Reed said the final cost for the lot is questionable until the design is finalized, but the Board of Trustees has allocated \$235,000 for the purchase and demolition of the Alpha Phi house. Funds for the construction of the lot come from the parking account, consisting of fees charged for parking permits and violations.

Kelly O'Malley, a junior health studies major and President of Alpha Phi, considers the sale of the Ninth Street house to be an advantage to the sorority.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Students can win, even if Panthers don't

Students who attend the Eastern men's and women's basketball games against Morehead State on Jan. 28 could win prizes just for being present. University Housing and Dining is sponsoring On-Campus Resident Appreciation Night at Lantz Arena to

offer on-campus students a chance to win a Fall 2006 single room upgrade, a flat screen color television set or furniture, among other prizes. To be eligible, students must live in university housing, pick up a prize ticket in the southeast balcony of Lantz on Jan. 28,

be present at the time of the drawing, be enrolled in at least a one-hour credit course and show student identification.

The men's game starts at 3:05 p.m. and the women's game starts at 6:05 p.m.



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kelly McMahon, a freshman mathematics major, learns to play cribbage during Math Engery's informative meeting "The Game of Cribbage: How It Fits into your Elementary Classroom" in the University Ballroom of the MLK Union Monday.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Study reveals literacy problems

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — More than half of students at four-year colleges, and at least 75 percent at two-year colleges, lack the literacy to handle complex, real-life tasks such as understanding credit card offers, a study found.

The literacy study funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the first to target the skills of graduating students, finds that students fail to lock in key skills, no matter their field of study.

The results cut across three types of literacy: analyzing news stories and other prose, understanding documents and having math skills needed for checkbooks or restaurant tips.

Without "proficient" skills, or those needed to perform more complex tasks, students fall behind. They cannot interpret a table about exercise and blood pressure, understand the arguments of newspaper editorials, compare credit card offers with different interest rates and annual fees or summarize results of a survey about parental involvement in school.

"It is kind of disturbing that a lot of folks are graduating with a degree and they're not going to be able to do those things," said Stephane Baldi,

the study's director at the American Institutes for Research, a behavioral and social science research organization.

Most students at community colleges and four-year schools showed intermediate skills. That means they can do moderately challenging tasks, such as identifying a location on a map.

There was brighter news.

Overall, the average literacy of college students is significantly higher than that of adults across the nation. Study leaders said that was encouraging but not surprising, given that the spectrum of adults includes those with much less education.

Also, compared with all adults with similar levels of education, college students had superior skills in searching and using information from texts and documents.

"But do they do well enough for a highly educated population? For a knowledge-based economy? The answer is no," said Joni Finney, vice president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, an independent and nonpartisan group.

The survey examined college students nearing the end of their degree programs.

WTF?

Fisher and Buttafuoco reunite on TV

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — More than a decade after 16-year-old Amy Fisher had a sexual relationship with a much-older car mechanic and shot his wife in the face, the one-time "Long Island Lolita" and Joey and Mary Jo Buttafuoco have agreed to appear together in a televised reunion.

All three have signed on for the appearance, which has yet to be sold to a network, television producer David Krieff told the New York Post for Monday editions.

"It's time to just put it behind us," Fisher, now 31, told the newspaper. "We played this all out in a public eye. It'd be interesting to let the public see the healing process at the end. They saw everything else, why not let them see the final product?"

Fisher spent seven years in prison. Joey Buttafuoco, who was jailed for statutory rape following the 1992 shooting, said he planned to ask Fisher to explain her actions.

"I've been asked about a million times by Mary Jo, 'Why did Amy shoot me?' I was never able to get that answer," said Buttafuoco, now 49. The Buttafuocos moved to California and divorced in 2003. Mary Jo, who remains partially paralyzed from the shooting, is engaged.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Withdrawals

All day | W for Course
Withdrawal Begins
Office of Registration

Dreamweaver

9 a.m. | Dreamweaver
Using the EIU Template, a free technology event is being held for faculty, staff and graduate students.
CATS Training Lab McAfee
Room 1214

Graduate studies

2 p.m. | Executive Meeting
Council on Graduate
Studies Executive Meeting
Martin Luther King Jr.
University Union
Room 1895

Faculty Senate

2 p.m. | Faculty Senate
meets
Booth Library
Conference Room 4440

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers
what is the worst part about
the first week of school.

- A) The moving in process
B) Stepping foot in the class
room again
C) Dealing with all the drunk
people
D) Nothing, the first week of
school is the easiest

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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COMMENTARY



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ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MEMOIRS OF A BIG FAT LIAR

I've decided to write a memoir about my life.

My story will be about my struggle to escape Eastern Illinois University to become a Broadway actress in New York. I will mainly focus on a two-year span of my life, spent on the rough streets of Charleston, forced into a world of meth and prostitution just to feed my three kids and save enough money to make my journey, all from the ages of 20 and 22.

Okay, okay, so I'm not a prostitute, and I don't do drugs. But the rest is true. After all, it's a memoir, not fiction! It's the way it happened in my memory, I swear.

Except, I might as well add that I don't have children, and I've never dreamed of being a Broadway actress. Hell, while I'm unloading all these truths, I should also say I've never even wanted to "escape" Eastern, and Charleston isn't exactly the roughest city in the Midwest.

My memoir idea is based on truth though, shouldn't that count? I do attend Eastern and have since I was 20, and my dream has always been to visit New York at least once. I'm also currently trying to save money... to pay off student loans.

I'm sure my real story wouldn't inspire Oprah to endorse a book written by me, and it certainly wouldn't make the best seller list. But it would be entertaining, that's for sure.

Before I enrolled in Journalism Ethics, I thought the class was useless, because ethics are common sense. Everyone knows that passing fiction off as the truth is lying, and it's wrong. I didn't think people needed a class to teach them that.

Then we discussed examples of people who could have used just that: Jayson Blair, who plagiarized and fabricated stories that ran in the *New York Times* until 2003, and Stephen Glass, who fabricated stories for the *New Republic* magazine until 1998.

The latest perpetrator is James Frey, who passed whole and partial fabrications off as the truth in his memoir, "A Million Little Pieces."

After hearing about Frey in class, I've done a Google search on him a few times and read opinions about his crime against non-fiction readers.

Editorialists like Robert Paul Reyes of the *American Chronicle* defend Frey.

"If I were to write my memoirs, they would be rife with contradictions and inaccuracies, because man is basically an irrational creature relying on an imperfect and unreliable memory," he wrote.

My memory isn't perfect either, but I'm pretty sure I could remember whether I was under investigation for selling drugs, as Frey claimed in his memoir.

Reyes implied that Frey's fabrications were "little white lies," and said everyone is guilty of telling them, but I think his falsity was a little more intense.

"Little white lies" are what Forrest Gump told when he said he loved playing ping-pong with his Flex-o-Lite ping-pong paddle, not what Frey told when he lied about spending three months in a jail cell with a convicted murderer.

Sensationalized storytelling is acceptable under the label of fiction, but once a person claims to be telling the truth, he had better tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth to the best of his abilities. If he fails to do so, he has crossed the ethical line of trust.

In journalism, that boundary means everything, and not even little white lies are acceptable.

Readers need to know that the publication they read is trustworthy. And, in order to get better at what they do, journalists should be avid readers themselves, which makes them just as vulnerable to liars like Glass, Blair and Frey.

It's like an old saying my parents taught me when they were trying to bring me up as a moral and ethical person.

"Treat others as you would wish to be treated."

And I certainly don't want to be lied to.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KYLA NANCE



EDITORIAL

Google's privacy up for grabs

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales asked a federal judge this week to order Google, a popular Internet search engine, to give the government records of requests made to the Web site.

Gonzales' request comes after Google admirably stuck to its promise of loyalty to its users by not complying with President Bush's subpoena served last summer. The online edition of the *Chicago Tribune* reported Friday that the subpoena included requests for all items submitted to the search engine over one week and access information on one million selected Web sites.

Google should be commended for refusing the government's request. This is not only because of its promise of privacy to its users, but also because of the current state of eavesdropping efforts by Bush's administration.

"Google's cooperation is essential in (the Department of Justice's) effort to simulate how people navigate the Web," The Department of Justice said in the *Chicago Tribune*.

More specifically, the department and Bush's administration said the information will be used to assess "objectionable destinations" like pornographic Web sites and other "harmful-to-minors material."

The problem with these intentions is that the government has not made it clear specifically how it will make use of the information it obtains. In addition, Yahoo, Microsoft and America Online have complied fully or in part to the same requests. Why is it that

At issue

The Google search engine is being asked by the government to release records of user requests.

Our stance

President Bush's administration has been working on different ways to eavesdrop on U.S. citizens. Google has a promise of privacy to its users that will be broken if the government gets their way.

Google is being hounded when studies have yet to be done on the information already submitted?

Furthermore, the National Security Agency has sent thousands of telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and names to the FBI since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to investigate possible links to terrorist cells.

The *New York Times* reported Jan. 17 that to enstate this eavesdropping program, Bush did not get permission of a court, which has led to debates of the program's legality.

Although President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were quoted saying the program is a "vital tool" against terrorism, and it has saved "thousands of lives," FBI officials and those conducting the investigations have said these tips have led to nothing but "dead ends or innocent Americans."

So, why should Google comply to give detailed information about the material its users access when its peers have made other similar information available?

And why should it comply when the federal government has not yet proved that privacy-invading investigations like these have yet to yield any kind of material that will benefit the citizens of the country?

The answer is simple. It should not.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CHOICE IS YOURS AND YOURS ALONE

I want to thank Jessica Cantarelli and her feature on why John Schiver became a vegetarian ("Student Live Meat-Free Lifestyle," Jan. 17). Like John, college students across the country are showing compassion for animals and are leaving animal products out of their diet.

Most animals raised today for food are

forced to live inside huge warehouses known as factory farms. These animals are routinely subjected to abuses that would be illegal if forced on dogs and cats. Many—especially those in the egg, veal and pork industries—are confined in spaces too small for them to turn around, lie down comfortably, or even spread their wings.

When we sit down to eat, we're making a choice: either we can support cruelty or choose compassion. As John Schiver

demonstrates, a great way to choose compassion is to opt for the vegetarian meal. For more information on vegetarian eating, visit HumaneEating.org.

JOSH BALK

OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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FACULTY SENATE

Faculty looking for more time to grade

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The time allowance between the end of finals and the deadline to submit grades will be a focus of discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting today.

At the senate's first meeting of the semester two weeks ago, some faculty members mentioned they were frustrated with the short amount of time that faculty members have to figure grades after finals are over.

Currently final exams end on a Thursday afternoon and faculty members are required to turn in grades to the Records Office by 3 p.m. Sunday.

After that time access is denied to the Web site, said Faculty Senate chair Assege HaileMariam.

"If we follow the work week, (Eastern) faculty has literally one work day to grade, compute final grades and submit grades in addition to giving make-up examinations," HaileMariam said. "Of course, the faculty works over the weekend to meet the deadline, but it is not enough."

Senate members are concerned that the short amount of time might affect the type of exam that the professor chooses to give.

For example, professors might

choose a multiple-choice exam over a written exam because of time constraints, she said.

If faculty members do not make the deadline for submission, they must submit each grade separately. The Records Office does not accept a class roster with student grades after the deadline. Instead, faculty members must fill out an individual form for each student, she said.

At the previous meeting, some senate members mentioned that they know of other state universities that have longer periods of time for grade submission.

The senate is interested in finding out why those universities have longer submission times.

Faculty Senate will also discuss its plans for this year's faculty forum.

"This year we would like the campus community to come together to have a conversation about various topics and envision (Eastern's) future," HaileMariam said.

The senate has asked the faculty to submit their ideas for possible topic for the forum. Bud Fischer, senate member and chair of the faculty forum committee, said the committee is working on the plans for the forum and intends to report their plans to the senate soon.

The senate will meet at 2 p.m. in



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—ASSEGE HAILEMARIAM
FACULTY SENATE CHAIR, PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR

Faculty Senate Meeting:

Faculty Senate meets today at 2 p.m. in Booth Library's Conference Room 4440

◆ The Agenda:

- Time period between end of finals and submission of grades extended
- Ideas for faculty forum

CANADIAN ELECTION

Conservatives seem to be clear winners

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OTTAWA— Canada's major media predicted victory for Conservative leader Stephen Harper in national elections Monday night, an outcome that was expected to push Canada to the right and lead to improved ties with the U.S.

There were cheers at the Conservative Party headquarters in Calgary as the media predictions were announced. Harper was expected to give his victory speech later in the night.

Shortly after polling stations closed, the country's major news outlets including the Canadian Broadcast Corp. and the Canadian Press news agency called the election for the Conservatives, who were winning seats for the first time in French-speaking Quebec and making significant gains in the Liberal stronghold of Ontario.

With only 36 seats still uncoun- ted, the Conservatives had either won or were leading with 105 seats; the Liberals had 91; the Bloc Quebecois had 49 and the New Democratic Party had won or were leading with 23 seats. The Green Party and an Independents appeared to have the other seats.

Based on the media prediction, the Conservatives will fall far short of win-

ning a majority in the House of Commons and will have to form a coalition to rule.

A Conservative victory ends nearly 13 years of Liberal Party rule and shifts the traditionally liberal country to the right on socio-economic issues such as health care, taxation, abortion and gay marriage.

Relations with the Bush administration would likely improve under a Harper government, as his ideology runs along the same lines of many Republicans south of the border.

Many Canadians had grown weary of the broken promises and corruption scandals under the Liberal Party and were apparently willing to give Harper the benefit of doubt, despite fears the 46-year-old economist was too extreme in his views opposing abortion and gay marriage.

During the campaign, Harper pledged to cut the red tape in social welfare programs, lower the national sales tax from 7 percent to 5 percent and grant more autonomy and federal funding to Canada's 13 provinces and territories.

He also wants to improve relations between Canada and the United States, which comprise the world's largest trading bloc and conduct \$1.5 billion in business daily.

The Liberals have angered Washington in recent years, condemning the war in Iraq, refusing to join the continental anti-ballistic missile plan and criticizing President Bush for rejecting the Kyoto Protocol on greenhouse gas emissions and enacting punitive lumber tariffs.

Phi Kappa Theta, Red Cross blood drive today; free T-shirt

One of many blood drives sponsored this year, the fraternity is shooting for 120 pints during this month's drive

By MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Darrell Eaton, 78, Charleston, prepares to give his 26th gallon of blood tomorrow in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, contributing to the 511 total units that have been collected at Eastern since August.

"(Blood) is a necessity," Eaton said. "There's a demand for it everyday."

This blood drive is just one of many sponsored by Phi Kappa Theta and the American Red Cross this semester.

"Natural disasters happen, and we need to help people by getting the supply (of blood) up," said Matt O'Malley, Phi Kappa Theta blood drive president for Eastern.

O'Malley said they hope to collect 120 pints of blood during this month's drive.

His fraternity has been holding one major blood drive every month, which totals, if they have reached their quota each drive, about 600 pints of blood.

"We have collected over 500 units during the course of this school year at EIU," Tracy Torbeck, senior donor recruitment manager for the American Red Cross.

Torbeck gave a statistic concerning why it is important to donate blood.

"Every two seconds in the United States someone needs a blood transfusion," she said.

Students who donate blood today will receive a free T-shirt, O'Malley said.

Eaton, however, is not giving blood for the free

"Every two seconds in the United States someone needs a blood transfusion."

TRACY TORBECK,
SENIOR DONOR RECRUITMENT MANAGER
FOR THE RED CROSS

prizes, but rather he said it's just a kind act to do. "I'll give (blood) as long as I can keep giving," he said.

He did offer some words of advice for someone who has never donated blood before.

"Just walk in there and try it," Eaton said.

While O'Malley said although he cannot give

Where and when to give:

PHI KAPPA THETA'S BLOOD DRIVE HAS COLLECTED OVER 500 UNITS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

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blood today because he is ineligible from donating last month, he will donate at next month's drive.

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Blagojevich says he'd be receptive to options other than keno

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLINSVILLE— Suggesting he isn't married to bringing keno to Illinois, Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Monday sharply challenged state Republican lawmakers to propose something better to fund school upgrades he envisions under his \$3.2 billion capital plan.

But the Democrat warned he would not consider Internet sales of lottery tickets, a plan that already has passed the Senate and awaits House action.

"That, to me, is bringing gambling into somebody's home. I'm not in favor of that," Blagojevich told reporters during a stop in this St. Louis suburb to rally support for his capital plan.

Blagojevich wants lawmakers to approve \$3.2 billion in bond sales to pay for new roads, schools and mass-transit systems, eventually paying off that debt with money from the state road fund, new general revenues and keno proceeds.

George Ryan son-in-law tells of getting \$55,000 from campaign gifts

CHICAGO — A son-in-law of George Ryan testified Monday that he received \$55,000 in gifts from the former governor's campaign fund at a time when he was drinking, deeply in debt because of a severe gambling problem and headed into bankruptcy.

Michael Fairman, an electrical supply salesman, said that he also received a \$5,000 loan from Ryan's longtime friend and co-defendant, Larry Warner, and thinks he probably paid it back but has no specific memory of doing so.

"I had a gambling problem and I was in financial straights at the time and I needed some help," said Fairman, who is married to Ryan's daughter, Lynda.

Ryan, 71, and Warner, 67, are charged in a 22-count federal indictment with racketeering, mail fraud and other offenses. Among other things, prosecutors say the former governor dipped into his Citizens for Ryan campaign fund to hand out gifts to his relatives and others.

Exelon offers to test private wells near nuclear plant

BRACEVILLE — A nuclear power plant in Will County is offering free well tests near one of its discharge pipelines to assure several property owners they have safe drinking water, a spokesman for the company that owns the plant said Monday.

The voluntary tests are meant to erase any concerns about the recent discovery of elevated levels of a radioactive substance at its Braidwood Generating Plant, Exelon Corp. spokesman Craig Nesbitt said.

In November, higher than normal tritium levels were found near the site of a 1998 valve break. That leak allowed several million gallons of water being pumped from the plant to the Kankakee River to escape on plant property.

The spill did not violate environmental regulations or permits and was contained on plant property.



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Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and new Bolivian President Evo Morales, Bolivia's first indigenous president, stands on the balcony of the Government Palace in La Paz, Bolivia, Sunday.

Bolivia's Morales announces Cabinet, including Marxist energy minister

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA PAZ, Bolivia — New President Evo Morales, a fierce critic of U.S. policies and free-market prescriptions, appointed a Marxist energy minister Monday and a Cabinet of Indians, intellectuals and union leaders, backing his promise to give a socialist shape to this poor South American country.

Morales took office Sunday after winning the presidency in a landslide by promising to bring the poor Andean nation's natural resources under state control, fight corruption and end centuries-long discrimination against the Indian majority.

Before swearing in the 16-member Cabinet, Morales reminded them of Bolivians' high expectations.

"I want to ask you personally," Morales said, "that this government have zero corruption, zero bureaucracy. ... The people are tired of this and it's got to end."

The appointment of Andres Soliz Rada as minister of hydrocarbons could signal a tough fight between the Morales administration and the multinational gas and oil companies operating in Bolivia.

A lawyer and former member of Congress who fiercely defended Bolivia's natural resources as a newspaper reporter, Soliz Rada

will be in charge of renegotiating energy contracts so that Bolivia's state petroleum company has majority control and gets a significantly higher share of the profits.

The new post of minister of water will be held by Abel Mamani, a radical civic leader in the slum city of El Alto who brought down two previous presidents with violent street protests that forced a French Suez Corp. subsidiary to cancel its contract to provide privatized water at steeply higher rates.

For first time in Bolivia's 180-year history, most of the ministers are Indians — including a little-known Aymaran, David Choquehuanca, named as foreign minister.

Morales, 46, also chose a mining union chief to lead the mining ministry, and appointed three women cabinet members.

Some of the ministers are little known even inside Bolivia, such as Alicia Munoz, the new interior minister, in charge of intelligence, police and the anti-drug fight.

"There's a clear intention to maintain a certain balance between efficiency and legitimacy," said Jimena Costa, professor of political science, "Ceding certain ministries to social leaders is necessary to maintain governability and not have people out on the street immediately making demands."

In his inaugural speech Sunday, Morales blamed free market economic prescriptions

for failing to ease chronic poverty, and said foreigners had looted Bolivia's national resources since the Spanish conquest.

But he also pledged to respect property rights, and quickly got down to business on Monday, announcing potential agreements with Japan to sell brown sugar and quinoa and potential debt relief from Japan and France.

He also signed accords with Venezuela's Hugo Chavez to provide 5,000 scholarships for rural Bolivian students, help get identity cards to rural residents, sell Bolivia 200,000 barrels of diesel and buy 200,000 tons of Bolivian soybeans a year.

On Sunday, Morales thanked Chavez and left-leaning presidents Ricardo Lagos of Chile, Nestor Kirchner of Argentina and Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil for coming to the ceremony, calling them his "elder brothers."

While he said he's counting on international support, from everyone from the United States to Cuba, he also vowed that his Movement Toward Socialism party would steer clear of outside influences.

He hopes to crack down on drug smuggling while promoting legal markets for the plant. And while saying he plans to rule "with all and for all," Morales stressed he won't seek revenge for the past.

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Twenty-year-old hacker confesses to Web attacks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A 20-year-old hacker admitted Monday to surreptitiously seizing control of hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected computers, using the zombie network to serve pop-up ads and renting it to people who mounted attacks on Web sites and sent out spam.

Jeanson James Ancheta, of Downey, Calif., pleaded guilty in Los Angeles federal court to four felony charges for crimes, including infecting machines at two U.S. military sites, that earned him more than \$61,000, said federal prosecutor James Aquilina.

Under a plea agreement, which still must be approved by a judge, Ancheta faces up to 6 years in prison and must pay the federal government restitution. He also will forfeit his profits and a 1993 BMW. Sentencing is scheduled for May 1.

Federal judge in New York orders release of Guantanamo detainee ID

NEW YORK — A federal judge ruled Monday that the Defense Department must release the identities of hundreds of Guantanamo Bay detainees to The Associated Press.

U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff told the government to provide the information in the form of unredacted copies of transcripts and documents related to 558 military hearings in which detainees were permitted to challenge their incarcerations.

Most of the hundreds of prisoners at the U.S. prison in Cuba have been held since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks without being charged or publicly identified, which has troubled human rights groups.

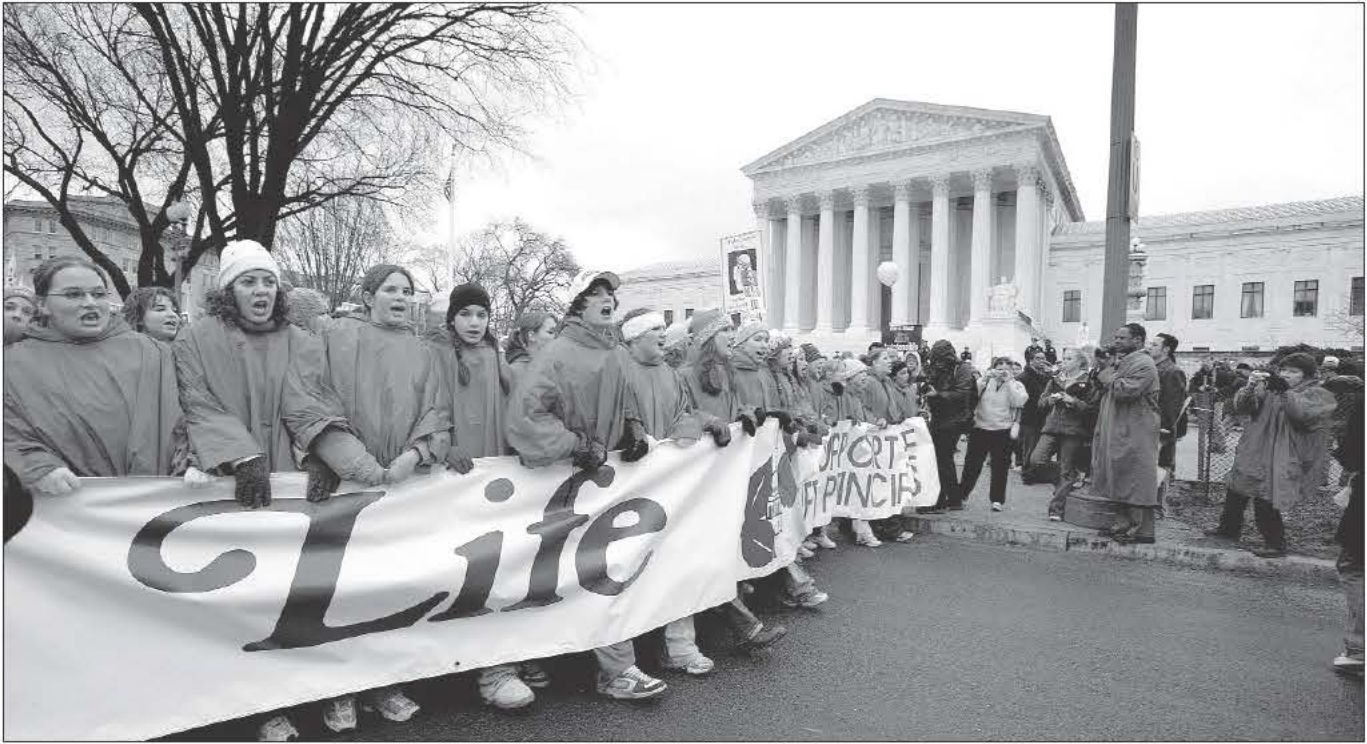
The AP filed its Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking the documents last year. The government then turned over the transcripts of 558 tribunals but redacted facts about each detainee's identity.

No jail time for officer charged in death of Iraqi General

FORT CARSON, Colo. — A military jury on Monday ordered a reprimand but no jail time for an Army interrogator convicted of killing an Iraqi general by stuffing him headfirst into a sleeping bag and sitting on his chest.

Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Welshofer Jr. also was ordered to forfeit \$6,000 salary and was largely restricted to his barracks and workplace for 60 days.

Welshofer, 43, had originally been charged with murder and faced up to life in prison.



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Anti-abortion activists march to the Supreme Court, passing the U.S. Capitol in a rally to condemn the Supreme Court ruling 33 years ago which made abortion legal, Monday in Washington, D. C.

Judiciary committee backs Alito

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito heads into the first vote of his high court candidacy with victory assured Tuesday in a Senate committee, but Democratic opponents are still working to dampen his support in the full Senate.

The GOP-controlled Judiciary Committee is expected to advance the nomination of Alito — President Bush's pick to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor — on the strength of its 10 Republican senators. There are eight Democrats on the panel.

All 10 Republicans — including chairman Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the committee's lone GOP abortion rights supporter — announced their support soon after Alito finished his confirmation hearings earlier this month. That guarantees he'll have a positive recommendation from the panel when the Senate begins final debate Wednesday.

"You don't have to worry about him in the committee," Bush said at Kansas State University on Monday. He called Alito "a very, very smart, capable man. When you talk to Sam Alito, you think, 'smart judge.'"

Democrats agree that Alito is smart, but they are worried about how he will rule if confirmed.

Half of the committee's eight Democrats — Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Dick Durbin of Illinois and Dianne Feinstein of California — have announced their opposition to his nomination. Many expect the others — Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, both of Wisconsin, Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware and Charles Schumer of New York to join them in opposition.

In previous judicial battles, a 10-8 party line vote would be the first

sign of the possibility of a Democratic-led filibuster. But Democrats are not expected to try one with Alito, a former federal prosecutor and lawyer for the Reagan administration.

After the committee votes, Alito's nomination goes to the full Senate for a final vote later this week. Republicans want Alito on the Supreme Court before Bush gives his State of the Union address on Jan. 31.

Democrats are already considering whether to use Alito as a 2006 and 2008 campaign issue.

"If he issues rulings as Sandra Day O'Connor did, it will be no issue at all," Durbin told Fox News Sunday. "But if he goes to the court and comes forward with rulings such as we've seen from Justices Scalia and Thomas time and again, it will be an issue."

Alito's liberal critics plan to protest and march this week to try to turn votes against the 55-year-old judge who is now on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. They fear his replacement of O'Connor will bring conservatives a decisive fifth vote on cases involving abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty.

Abortion-rights supporters held a rally on Sunday, urging the Senate to reject Alito's nomination. They held a candlelight vigil in front of the court, waving signs that read: "Alito — No Justice For Women," and "Keep Abortion Legal."

Few expect Alito's opponents to be successful. Most, if not all, of the Senate's 55 Republicans are expected to support Alito and most of the 44 Democrats to oppose him. Independent Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont has not said how he will vote.

Only one Democrat so far is supporting Alito, conservative Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska. Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts won the votes of 22 Democrats last year.

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Now, with the support of an active ITAA chapter on campus, members are getting the same chance to make professional connections for their future just like Dilworth.

"Without the software we would not have had the opportunity to actually print fabric in the classroom that was used on our competition entries," Dilworth said. "(The software) gave me the opportunity to expose (the students) to things they can actually produce during a semester."

The 15 members meet at 4:30 p.m. every Thursday in the tex-

tile lab in Klehm Hall to work on sketches and garments that are done completely outside of their classes.

Jen Johnson, a junior family and consumer sciences major with a concentration in fashion merchandising, is the president of ITAA. Johnson said she welcomes all majors to ITAA and encourages students to give it a try if they are the least bit curious.

"This gives (members) an opportunity to go with it and make their own creations," Johnson said. "This club has sparked an interest in design that the department didn't know existed."

Plans for minors in textile design technology and printing design technology are now in the works in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Johnson said she thinks students will be very interested in the new curriculum.

"ITAA student chapter is viewed as one of the choices to expand the interest in both textile design and print design career opportunities," Dilworth said. "The interdisciplinary minor has been proposed and courses have been identified. It will hopefully be successful through the regular channels of new course and minor proposals."

If and when the course curriculum changes will be effective is still unknown, but both Dilworth and the students are looking forward to the expansion of Eastern's courses.

"My background is in design; therefore, it has been something I've hoped for Eastern students and our merchandising area for several years," Dilworth said.

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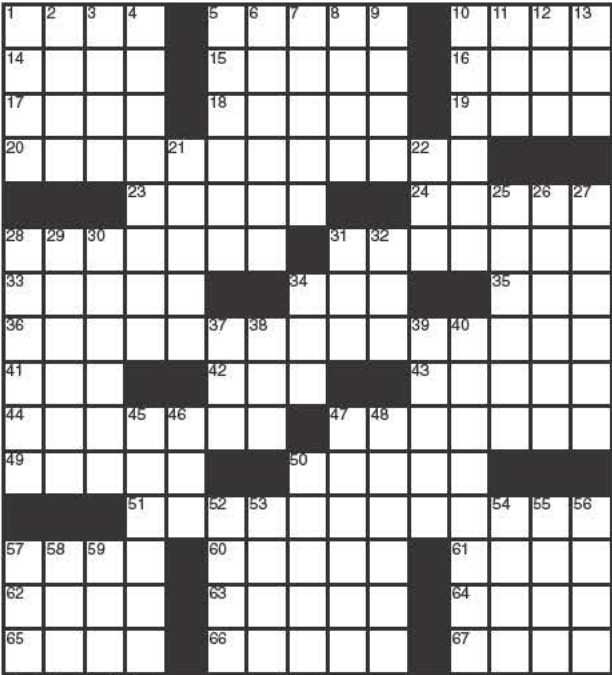
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higher education

Another major point in the governor's speech was a proposal to create more jobs in Illinois.

He proposed a construction program that would create 230,000 jobs and cost the state \$3.2 billion, the Chicago Tribune reported on Jan. 19.

Harold Nordin, a retired economics professor who returns each fall to teach introductory classes, said the governor did not address how he plans to implement his proposals.

"He didn't (say) where he's going to get the money," Nordin said.

Nordin said taxes and license fees have helped to lower the large deficit the state had when Blagojevich became governor but that his proposals could potentially

raise the deficit.

He said the governor's plans to help the economy and bring in new businesses might work if he is able to entice businesses to the state.

"It (depends) if he is going to promote the tax incentive to attract new businesses and have businesses expand," Nordin said.

Blagojevich is beginning his re-election campaign with an opponent in the primary and low numbers in much of the state.

A survey done by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and KMOV-TV found that Blagojevich's approval rating is 47 percent.

Judy Barr Topinka, who is running for the Republican nomination for governor, has an approval rating of 45 percent, the article said.

Nordin said the governor made points in his speech to propel his re-election campaign but it is not guaranteed that he pleased everyone.

"Some people always find things to argue about," he said.

Nordin said he thinks the governor helped himself in his re-election bid by not going into details about where he plans on getting money for his proposals.

This was a good tactic for Blagojevich because it is "more difficult to argue about generalities," Nordin said.

He said the governor needs to do more to get citizens, especially state workers, on his side before the election by working on the proposals he outlined in his speech.

"(Otherwise) he might find himself in a weak position," Nordin said.

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"We already have an Alpha Phi house in Greek Court," she stated, "so we'll just stop filling up the one on Ninth Street."

O'Malley said that before Alpha Phi purchased the house in 1976, it was a private residence. She also said that on April 24, 2006, they will be celebrating 38 years of living in the Ninth Street property.

Even though the new lot will create 35 spaces, student reactions are mixed.

"I think it's a pretty good idea," said Aaron Crites, a junior economics major, who commutes to campus daily.

"The bad part is the students

that live near campus will fill the lot first and probably just leave their cars there; it seems like it will just create 35 new spots in a lot that's farther away," Crites said.

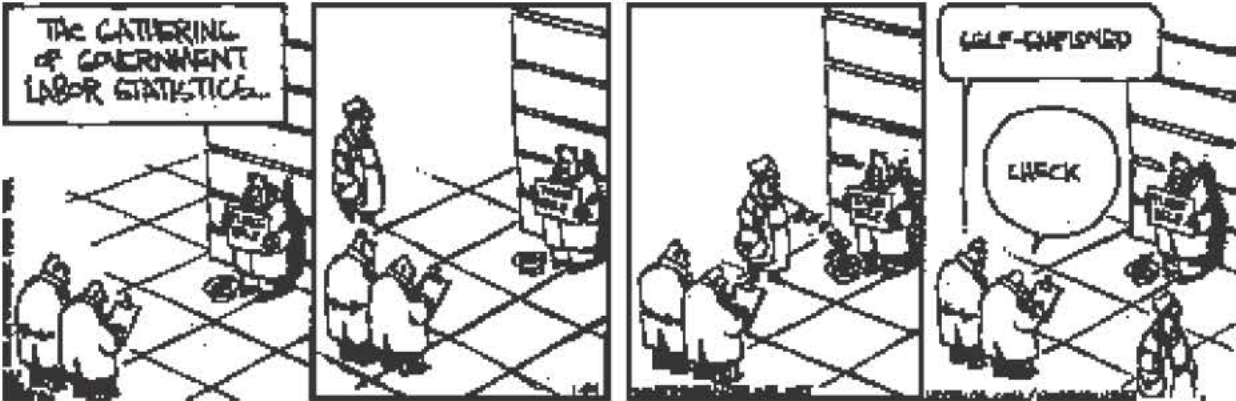
Bettina Hutchens, a senior psychology major, said "I'm always looking for a space over there because so many people park on that side of campus. I just hope the lot will actually make a difference so I won't be late to class as much."

Alpha Phi plans to use the money they received for the sale of the Ninth Street house to go towards scholarships and other funding for members of the sorority. "It will bring a lot of great opportunities to Alpha Phi," she said.

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SWIMMING

Eastern victorious despite rough waters

Sluggish performances, mental blocks among problems facing Panthers

By JOE WALSTADT
STAFF REPORTER

The positive results were not good enough for Eastern head coach Ray Padovan, who thinks his team should have done better this weekend in a dual meet at Valparaiso.

"It was kind of a sluggish meet for us," said Padovan. "I think it was more mental, we didn't go in with the right mental attitude thinking it was easier than it was."

Despite the sluggish performance, the men won 145-68 and the women won 139-92 against the Crusaders on Saturday.

The Panthers were coming off a meet against Millikin on Jan. 14 at Lantz, with the Eastern men defeating the Big Blue 111-68 with the women winning 121.75-78.5.

"I think we swam a lot better against Millikin than Valparaiso," Padovan said. "We came in real flat and they beat us in several places. It was a bit of a wake up call for us."

Regardless of where their heads were at, the Panthers were in first place for many races and had some standout performances.

Freshman Kevin Boyle swam well against Millikin two weeks ago, and he continued that strong swimming with a win in the 100-meter freestyle and a second place finish in the 200-meter freestyle.

Junior Bill Senese missed the Millikin meet with the flu but was his usual self at Valparaiso with wins in the 50-meter freestyle and 200-meter backstroke. Boyle and Senese combined with juniors Jason Warner and Chris Pontecore for a winning time of 1:40.34 in the 200-meter medley relay.

The standout for the women was senior Claire Garvey. She won both the 400-meter individual medley and the 500-meter freestyle. If two wins aren't impressive enough, Garvey's success



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Junior Bill Senese works on his backstroke during practice Monday evening in Lantz Natatorium. Senese won both the 50-meter freestyle and 200-meter backstroke at Eastern's meet at Valparaiso on Saturday.

comes with not being able to practice with the team this semester. She is in Springfield completing an internship for her physical education major in order to graduate in May. Garvey didn't even travel with the team, having her mom drive her to the meet at Valparaiso and meeting up with the team there.

"I send her workouts everyday and she is tough," said Padovan. "I can trust her to do them and stay honest,"

Coach Padovan is confident that a change of environment and better competition will get his team re-focused for

Thursday's away meet at IUPUI.

"They have a much bigger, nicer pool than Valpo," said Padovan. "It won't be easy anymore."

The Panthers have a short practice week and they travel to IUPUI to take on the Jaguars. They will have lighter practices Tuesday and Wednesday in preparation for IUPUI.

The team also drops their morning practice this week for the rest of the season in order to regain some strength and endurance for the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament in three weeks.

Barry Bonds pulls out of World Baseball Classic

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO— Barry Bonds pulled out of the World Baseball Classic on Monday, saying he didn't want to risk an injury that could jeopardize what might be his final season with the San Francisco Giants.

The star slugger had three operations on his troublesome right knee last year and missed most of the 2005 season before returning Sept. 12 and playing in 14 games.

He announced in late November that he planned to play for the United States and was included on the preliminary U.S. roster for the inaugural 16-nation tournament, scheduled for March 3-20.

"When my name was first announced for the WBC, my gut reaction was that I wanted to play. After much thought and discussion with my family I have decided to remove myself from the upcoming World Baseball Classic roster," Bonds wrote on his Web site,

www.barrybonds.com.

"After the announcement I received a lot of criticism as well as concern from fans and my family and friends. The obvious objections were about my health and whether or not I would be ready to play," Bonds said. "In the end, I decided that I can't take any chances that might jeopardize my season."

The 41-year-old Bonds has 708 home runs, third on the career list behind Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755). Bonds batted .286 with five homers and 10 RBIs in 42 at-bats last year, walking nine times.

"After he played only 14 games a year ago you can understand why he came to this decision," Team USA manager Buck Martinez said during an interview on ESPN late Monday night. "He's 41 years old. He better do everything he can to have a healthy season."

Giants general manager Brian Sabean has said he hopes Bonds will be able to play in

120 games this season, which will be his 21st in the big leagues.

Bonds hoped to lose a significant amount of weight this offseason from his 6-foot-1 frame after his knee kept him from doing the cardiovascular work and weight training he typically does throughout the year.

While Bonds has acknowledged how much he wants to break Aaron's record, he also is still searching for his first World Series ring — and he says that's his top priority.

"As it is every season, my main goal and main focus is for our team to win a championship. I need to be in the best physical shape for the 2006 season — in what could possibly be my last season," Bonds wrote.

Giants manager Felipe Alou said during the winter meetings in Dallas last month that he thought Bonds would benefit from playing in the WBC, with the chance to be a designated hitter.

"I owe it to the Giants organization, my

teammates, and most of all to the fans of San Francisco to give 100 percent this season," Bonds wrote. "I assure you, my decision was not an easy one, but based on my circumstances, I had to put my health and my team first. I wish Team USA the best of luck and even though I won't be in the dugout with them, I'll be definitely be cheering them on to bring our country a WBC title."

By skipping the World Baseball Classic, Bonds certainly hopes he will be able to play a full Cactus League schedule after missing all of spring training and the season's first five months a year ago.

His contract with San Francisco is up after the 2006 season.

Giants position players report to the team's training facility Feb. 20 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The U.S. still has several big-name stars on its initial roster, including Alex Rodriguez, Roger Clemens, Derek Jeter and Ken Griffey Jr.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Freshmen vaulters leap toward college



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Freshman vaulter Tricia Gaumer reached 10 feet, 6.25 inches during the pole vault at Saturday's Mega Meet in Lantz Fieldhouse.

By HOLLY MOHR
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

The transition from high school to college is a huge step, but adjusting to college level pole vaulting is a step backwards.

Eastern's 2005-06 indoor men's and women's track and field team welcomed five freshmen to the pole-vaulting event this season.

Tricia Gaumer and Samantha Hoffert are in the process of modifying their pole-vaulting techniques.

Nate Davis, assistant track and field coach, said the freshmen are adjusting well but haven't reached their comfort zone in pole-vaulting at the college level yet.

"They get comfortable with their high school techniques and then get to college and the level is raised," he said. "It's frustrating."

The transition has been difficult because of how "nerve-racking the changes are," Sadie Barnes said.

Barnes said changing poles was difficult but it will help her in the long run.

Changing poles is not the only obstacle freshmen pole-vaulters have to overcome.

"The longer season can be stressful because of how short the high school season is compared to college," said Ben Hinds, who is one of two freshmen pole-vaulters on the men's team, along with Dorian White.

Other freshmen are thankful for the year-round training.

"I didn't really get to practice in high school," Barnes said. "The meets at the beginning of the season were my practices."

She said the only times she could practice were when she

could travel 20 minutes to another high school and use their equipment.

"I like all the practice I have to do at Eastern. Even though it takes some getting used to," Barnes said.

The freshmen also have to deal with the frustration of adapting to the other hardships of college life, while tweaking their techniques at the same time.

Gaumer said getting used to courses and the lifestyle of a college athlete has been challenging for her.

"It's been tough but I honestly don't know what I'd do with my time if I wasn't a pole-vaulter," she said. "It's helped that my teammates are my support system."

The team spends a lot of time together off the track.

"They have the same mentality so they stick together," Davis said. "Everyone wants everyone (else) to do well."

He said the sport is more about an athlete beating their own personal best unless they're competing at conference or nationals.

Hinds said his teammates, freshmen and upperclassmen alike, all encourage each other and do whatever they can to help one another improve.

Tom Akers, men's head coach, said he is very pleased with how the freshmen have adjusted.

He said the freshmen get easily discouraged with going backwards in learning techniques but they've all maintained a good attitude.

The team has four more meets to improve before conference.

Davis said the team is working for "down-the-road" results. He said it's frustrating for the freshmen but he "wouldn't want their best meet to be the first meet of the season."

WOIKE:

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These commercials show us a goofy side of LeBron James, with him dancing to Rick James and dunking an oversized dinner roll. He'll be an even bigger star once his team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, decide to use him more in the post.

4. Defense may win championships, but offense wins fans. The Western Conference has a lot of offense — with the most interesting coming from Phoenix.

The Suns and the Seattle Supersonics put on a show Sunday as well, combining for 301 points (take that Kobe) in Seattle's 152-149 overtime win.

When the Suns play, you should be watching.

5. The Bulls' refusal to trade or release Tim Thomas, who they acquired along with Mike Sweetney from the New York Knicks for Eddy Curry. Thomas is making \$12.9 million this year. His stats in 2005-06 — three games and 13 points. But to be fair to the Bulls, I wouldn't play him either. He's no Jared Reiner.

(This isn't a reason to be excited at all actually.

I thought hard about picking one factor of the Bulls to be psyched about. Tim Thomas is what I came up with — ouch).

6. The New York Knicks are terrible. Actually, this is good news for the Bulls. As part of the Curry trade, Chicago received the Knicks' first round pick in 2006.

7-9. I know I promised nine reasons, but I lied. The final three reasons are the three games where Kobe Bryant will score more than 60 points during the rest of the season. How do I know this? The Lakers are bad, and Kobe loves to shoot. He anguished playing in the large shadow of Shaquille O'Neal, and now that Chris Mihm is patrolling the paint at the Staples Center, who else is going to take shots for them?

While this isn't a comprehensive list of reasons to join me in caring about the NBA, maybe one or two people will take notice of the league (upping the number of fans to 15).

Come join me; I'm lonely.

Dan Woike is a senior journalism major. Email him at Woikedan@gmail.com to discuss Monday's Clippers-Warriors battle.

DOOM:

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"We never seemed to get in the groove," Sallee said. "We may have rushed a couple of them."

The Badgers had already lost at the Kohl Center to San Diego State and to Western Illinois earlier in the season, giving the Panthers thoughts about an upset.

"There's no reason to think we can't sneak in and get one," Sallee said before the game.

They didn't give themselves a chance from the beginning.

The Panthers fell behind 18-6 after missing eight of their first 11 shots and trailed 37-24 at halftime.

The Panthers (8-11, 7-4 OVC) did receive another solid performance from freshman forward Rachel Galligan.

She finished the game with 11 points and 4 blocks. and broke Eastern's freshman blocks record with 46.

"It's neat for all of us to watch," Sallee said. "She is the best freshman shot blocker to ever come to Eastern."

WISCONSIN 75, EASTERN 48

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EASTERN	min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	pts
Sims	14	0-1	0-0	0-4	0	2	0
Galligan	31	4-6	3-4	2-6	0	3	11
Edwards	30	3-7	0-0	0-3	1	0	6
Sparks	30	3-12	2-2	1-2	3	4	9
Canale	31	5-12	3-3	0-2	2	5	13
Kramer	12	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Eck	7	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Maxedon	10	1-3	0-0	3-4	0	0	2
Scaggs	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Kluempers	26	2-5	1-2	4-7	3	3	5
Lippert	5	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	19-52	9-12	12-33	19	19	48

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WISCONSIN	min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	pts
Wilson	23	2-8	3-6	3-9	0	2	7
Gibson	21	3-7	4-6	3-9	1	2	10
Welton	30	1-8	2-2	3-4	3	4	4
Josephson	33	1-7	0-0	0-1	6	0	2
Anderson	36	8-17	4-4	2-3	2	0	23
Spencer	20	4-8	0-0	4-4	0	0	10
Bakke	16	0-2	0-0	4-8	1	0	0
Ward	21	6-10	7-9	3-7	0	3	19
TOTALS	200	25-67	20-27	24-47	13	11	75

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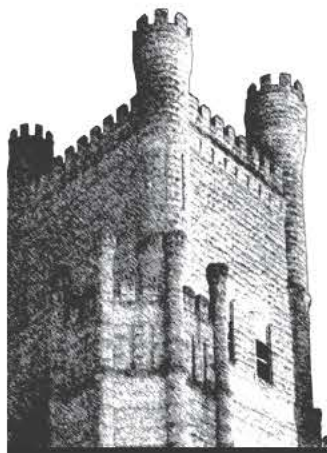
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THURSDAY	Track and Field at Indiana	Through Sat.
FRIDAY	Wrestling at Cent. Missouri Dual Jamboree	All Day
	M-Basketball vs. Morehead St.	3:05 p.m.
	W-Basketball vs. Morehead St.	6:05 p.m.

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FROM LEFT FIELD

DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

Kobe giving fans reasons to return to NBA

Sunday night, something amazing happened.

Kobe Bryant scored 81 points. By himself. In one game.

Teams have been held to under 81 points in a game 99 times this season. This was a defining performance by an under-appreciated talent (he's under-appreciated because he seems like an a-hole).

The only way a scoring night like this happens is if you play a game of NBA Live with 12-minute quarters on the Rookie setting.

Anyways, I couldn't have been happier about this.

Admitting to being a NBA fan is one surefire way to alienate yourself in any group of people. It's like holding a membership card to NAMBLA or something — people look at you like you're crazy if you can talk about Primož Brezec's trade value.

But, I have a feeling about Bryant's performance Sunday in the Lakers' 122-104 win over the Raptors (they're Toronto's NBA team if you haven't been keeping up with the league).

Things could be changing.

So in no particular order, here are nine reasons (the square root of 81) to care about the NBA again. Why not 81 reasons? I'm tired, I'm lazy and I'm aware you don't care that much about what I have to say.

1. Kobe has a shot of scoring 101 points and breaking Wilt Chamberlain's 43-year-old scoring record — one of sport's unbreakable marks. A chase of a historical record (Roger Maris' 61 home runs) brought people back to baseball, and with Kobe challenging Wilt's record, fans could come back.

2. The Detroit Pistons are scary good. Executives and coaches around the NBA have said things like all five of their starters should be All-Stars. I'm saying things like they could eclipse the Bulls' 72-10 season in 1995-96. Whether the Pistons (currently 33-5) beat the record or not, they're still the most balanced and complete team I've ever seen.

3. The LeBrons have made their national TV debut in a brilliant advertising campaign from Nike (the same people who gave us the greatest commercial character ever, Mars Blackman).

WRESTLING

Individual wins overshadowed by team loss

By PATRICK VITT
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers have gone six straight matches without starting a wrestler in the 125-pound bracket. Eastern also has a record of 1-5 over that stretch of matches.

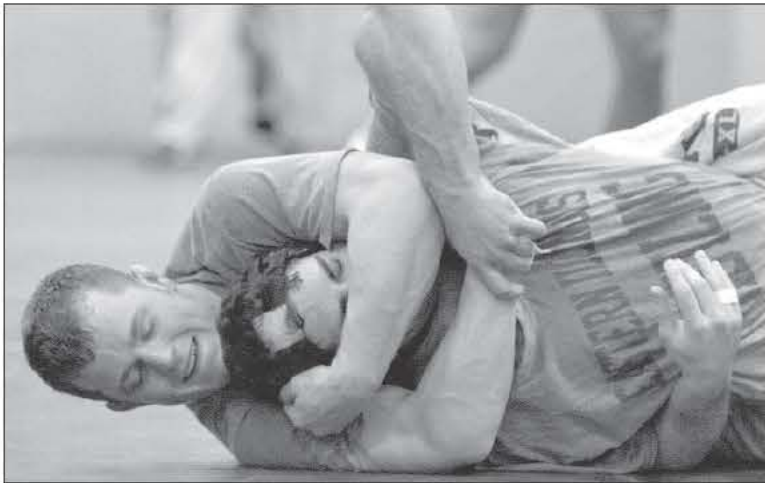
Eastern lost to Eastern Michigan 33-19 Saturday in Ypsilanti, Mich., giving up 12 points on two forfeits before a whistle had even blown.

Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland knows that starting the meet at a deficit makes winning difficult.

"It was a tough situation. Terron (Williams) wasn't ready to go so we ended up giving up 12 points or two weights to start with," he said. "In a dual meet starting off with a deficit of 12 points we had to be tactical and not make mistakes and that cost us the match."

The Panthers had their customary forfeit at the 125-pound level due to still not having a wrestler at that weight.

The second forfeit came at the 197-pound weight class with freshman Terron Williams missing this



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore 141 lbs. wrestler Chase Beebe ties up his teammate during practice Wednesday afternoon in the wrestling room in Lantz Gymnasium.

meet due to residual pain from twisting his knee during the Northwestern meet.

The Panthers did win four of the eight remaining matches.

The Panthers received wins from sophomore 141-pound Chase Beebe (2-2) who has won his last two matches.

Junior 174-pounder Kenny Robertson (14-6), who is ranked No. 13 in the nation, won his match with

a pin at the six-minute mark. This win came after Robertson had lost his last three matches to the top-three wrestlers in his bracket.

Junior 285-pounder Danny Perez (13-10) finished the night with a pin 2 minutes, 37 seconds into his match.

Sophomore 184-pounder Greg Perz (9-8) had the strangest win of the meet after obvious pins went unnoticed by the ref, he said.

"I had my guy pinned three times,

the ref just wouldn't call it," Perz said. "I ended up winning 14-1 but still if I pinned my guy we would have been 2 points closer to the victory."

McCausland knows that this was a meet the Panthers were in a position to win despite the immediate deficit, but does not view that as the reason for the loss.

"You go through the lineup and a lot of things could be changed but the real opportunity was at 149 and 157," he said. "Had we won those two matches we would have won 25-24."

Freshman 149-pounder Jeff Tharp was winning his match against junior Ahmed Joumma when Tharp was cradled and pinned at the 4:31 mark.

Freshman Chris Smith lost his match in the 157-pound weight division in an overtime decision.

Beebe can vouch for the entire wrestling team when saying Eastern should have beat EMU.

"I felt we should have won," Beebe said. "I thought even with giving up the 12 points if we had gotten those pins and won those matches we definitely should have beat Eastern Michigan."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers doomed by Badger turnovers

Three road games in five days leaves team fatigued in loss

By MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

Having cut a 15-point Wisconsin lead to nine midway through the second half, the Panthers were trying to beat a Big 10 team for the first time since defeating Minnesota during the 2000-01 season.

They will have to wait until next time.

"We kept it in perspective," head coach Brady Sallee said. "We wanted to test ourselves against a Big 10 team. But our goal is to make it to Nashville on March 3."

Wisconsin forced 22 turnovers Monday and sent the Panthers to a 75-48 loss. It was the Panthers first non-conference game since a 75-64 loss to Charleston Southern on Dec. 30 and their final one of the season.

Eastern has played three games in five days, causing Sallee to shift the team's defensive strategy, foregoing the full-court press they usually employ. They tied a season-low by forcing just 11 turnovers.

"There's no way we can run up and

down the floor like that," Sallee said. "They got after us a little bit. We made some silly turnovers."

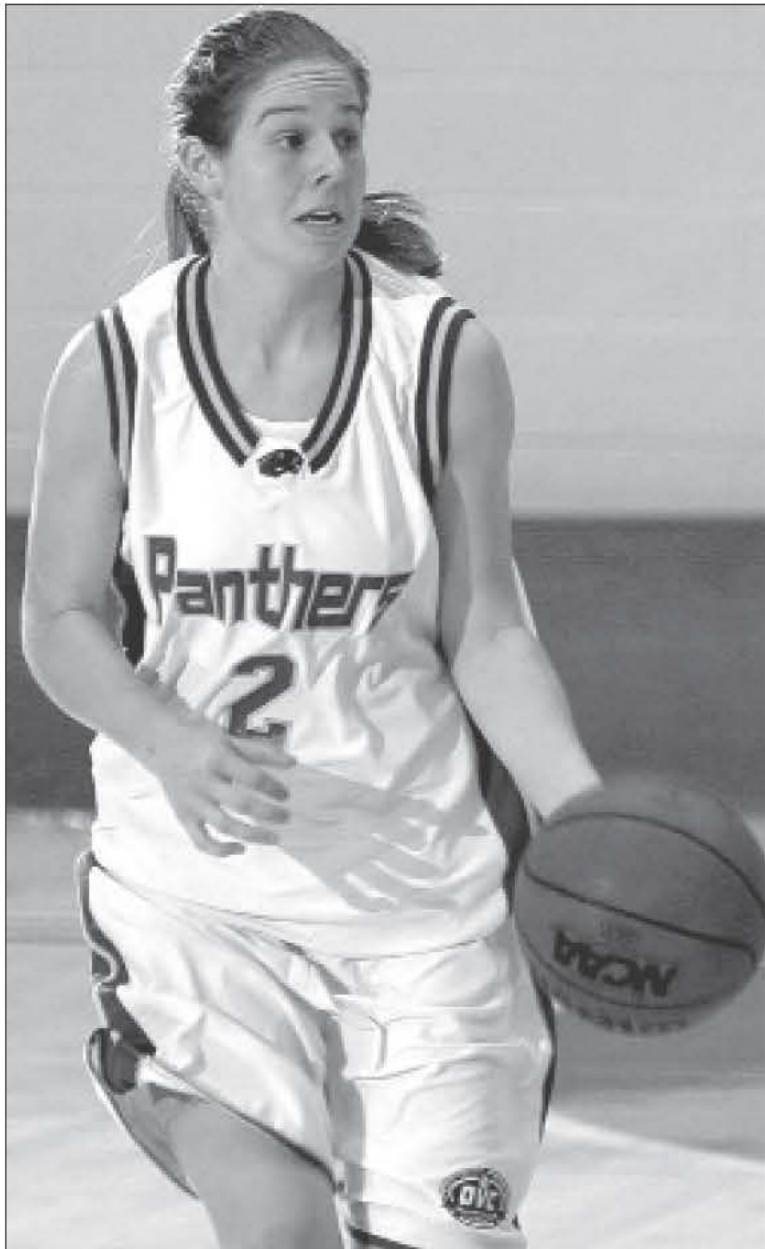
The Panthers cut Wisconsin's lead to 45-36 on a basket by freshman guard Ellen Canale. But a 3-pointer by Badger freshman guard Christine Spencer and two free throws by sophomore forward Danielle Ward pushed the lead back up to 14. Eastern could not get closer than 13 the rest of the way.

Canale was a bright spot for the Panthers. She scored 13 points in a team-high 31 minutes and was in double digits for the first time since Jan. 2 against Murray State.

"In the first half she was the only one that was aggressive," Sallee said. "Hopefully we can carry it over to Saturday's game (against Morehead State) and then throughout the rest of conference."

One statistic that was uncharacteristic of the Panthers was their shooting from beyond the 3-point line.

Eastern finished just 1-of-14, a season-low 16.7 percent.



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Freshman guard Megan Edwards drives the ball down the court during the Jan. 12 game against the University of Tennessee-Martin. Eastern lost 75-48 to the University of Wisconsin Monday night at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis.