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STATE | NIU SHOOTINGS

UNIVERSITY SHOOTER KILLS FIVE, SELF

Attack strikes Geology 104 class

By **Nora Maberry**
News Editor

A former student shot and killed six people, including himself, on Thursday at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

The shooter, Stephen P. Kazmierczak, 27, of Elk Grove, walked into a lecture hall in Cole Hall and started shooting.

Once the first 911 call was placed, it took two minutes for campus police to enter the room.

By that time, three students and Kazmierczak lay dead.

Two more were mortally wounded.

Another 16 people had been injured, and terrified students were still running for the exits.

The shooting

The Geology 104 class started at 2 p.m.

At 3 p.m., a man dressed in black carrying a shotgun and two handguns stepped out from behind a black curtain on the lecture stage and began what authorities described as a "very brief rapid-fire assault" before killing himself.

Investigators believe Kazmierczak entered through a back door.

Students in the class said they saw the barrel of his shotgun before they saw him.

Kazmierczak said nothing as he made his way to the front of the lecture hall stage. Students said he did not appear agitated or hurried. The instructor was lecturing with his back to the class and may not have even seen Kazmierczak as he made his way forward, witnesses said.



ALEX GARCIA | MCT

A DeKalb police officer guards the scene outside Cole Hall, a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University, on Thursday in DeKalb. A man opened fire with a shotgun and a handgun wounding several people before apparently killing himself, authorities said.

Kazmierczak pumped the weapon, preparing to fire, and pointed the weapon at the largest congregation of students, in the center of the room, witnesses said.

At 3:06 p.m., he fired.

Students started running from the room, some stepping over fellow students who had taken cover.

"He was shooting from the hip. He was just shooting," said John Giovanni, 20, a student from Des

Plaines. "I was running, but I was hurtling over people in the fetal position."

Within two minutes of the first 911 call, 10 NIU police officers were at Cole Hall.

In that time, Kazmierczak had reloaded his shotgun, left the stage and walked up one aisle toward the back of the room, then across the aisle. Kazmierczak then went back

onstage and killed himself.

Kazmierczak had pouches of unspent ammunition around his waist and had not unholstered one of his four weapons, authorities said.

"In spite of the enormity of the tragedy, it could have been worse," said NIU spokeswoman Melanie Magara.

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The victims

Gayle Dubowski, 20, last of Carol Stream, was a sophomore criminal justice major. "She was very sweet. She was sort of shy but always had a smile on her face," said Amanda Kent, an NIU student who had a second-year Russian class with Dubowski.



Catalina Garcia, 20, last of Cicero, was an education major. She was the youngest of four children. Garcia graduated from Morton East High School in 2006, where she belonged to the yearbook club and a campus dance group. She was described as shy and bright, and a good student.



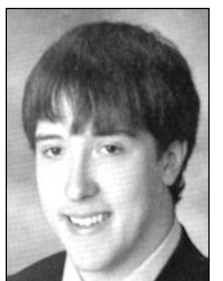
Julianna Gehant, 32, last of Mendota, was an elementary education major. In her 2007 Christmas card, Gehant wrote, "I have four more semesters until I am qualified to teach second-graders." Gehant, who was known as Julie, served in the U.S. Army where she taught construction.



Ryanne Mace, 19, last of Carpentersville, was a sophomore psychology major. Mace was the granddaughter of Rev. Miley and Janet Palmer of Decatur. The Palmers lived in Charleston from 1973 to '79 when Rev. Palmer served as pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church.



Daniel Parmenter, 20, last of Westchester, was a sophomore finance major and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He worked at the *Northern Star* student newspaper as an advertising representative. Maria Krull, newspaper adviser, described him as a "gentle giant."



INFORMATION FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOCAL | SHOOTING RESPONSE

Local authorities prepare for emergency

Altered plan includes text messaging, new on-campus sirens

By **Nora Maberry**
News Editor

Eastern's safety protocol was under review before Thursday's shooting at Northern Illinois University, said Eastern President Bill Perry.

"We have been evaluating our procedures here," he said.

These evaluations resulted in the decision to add two more sirens as part of the Emergency Notification System. The revamped system will also give students, faculty and staff the option to subscribe to a text messaging service that would send out emergency notifications.

Eastern is currently reviewing the security of its classrooms as well, Perry said.

Perry said university campuses have typically been open and acces-

BILL PERRY | EASTERN PRESIDENT

"The openness and accessibility (of a university) has always presented risks. Universities have generally done an excellent job of managing those risks."

sible so students, staff, faculty and community members could participate in university life.

"That openness and accessibility has always presented risks," Perry said "Universities have generally done an excellent job of managing those risks."

Perry said Eastern would continue to test the safety systems and develop procedures to enhance the safety and security of Eastern's campus.

In the event of a shooting, any buildings that are evacuated would be done by the director of law enforcement or public safety offi-

cials.

"Unless otherwise directed, the buildings would be evacuated by the same routes and procedures as for fire or other emergency evacuations," Perry said. "Once clear of the building, individuals would go to a location as directed by law enforcement and university personnel."

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said Eastern's safety protocols are contingent on the location and the nature of an emergency.

With any emergency the Emergency Notification System would be implemented.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>MONDAY</p>  <p>32° 12° Snow Flurries NW 15-20/30</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p>  <p>25° 15°</p>	<p>WEATHER BRIEF Another round of arctic air will prevail across the region this week with daytime highs barely reaching 32 degrees under partly cloudy skies. Next chance of expected precipitation is this weekend.</p> <p>For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>27° 12°</p>		

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Supermodel Klum offers her house to Spears

The Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — Heidi Klum wants to help Britney Spears. The 34-year-old model says she'd be willing to open her home to Spears while the troubled pop singer puts her life back together.

"She can call me and come live in our house with us for a couple of months," said Klum, a mother of three who is married to the singer Seal and lives in Beverly Hills, Calif. "I would help set her straight."

"I am sorry when a young person gets thrown so off-track," Klum said, according to a transcript of an interview that will be aired Monday night by the German broadcaster ARD. "She has, of course, lived an extremely wild life."

this weekend. The film, which stars Hayden Christensen, has grossed \$33.9 million since opening on Thursday.

Debuting in second place was Disney's teen dance sequel "Step Up 2 the Streets," which pulled in \$19.7 million for the weekend and \$26.3 million since Thursday.

Pennsylvania county questions Sorvino's film

SCRANTON, Pa. — More than two years ago, Lackawanna County agreed to partner with first-time director Paul Sorvino on "The Trouble with Cali," an independent film Sorvino is producing and directing in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Shot in the Scranton area in 2006, the low-budget movie has yet to hit theaters, prompting the cash-strapped county to ask Sorvino what he has done with its \$500,000 investment.

Sorvino, who lives in the nearby Pocono Mountains, says he has com-

pleted a "very rough cut" of the film and hopes to have it ready for a distributor in three or four months. He's raised about \$975,000 of the movie's projected \$1.3 million budget, including a personal investment of \$175,000.

He says he won't get paid until the county and other investors see a 20 percent return on their investment.

Oprah-plugged book generates Internet interest

NEW YORK — More than 1 million copies of Suze Orman's "Women & Money" have been downloaded since the announcement last week on Oprah Winfrey's television show that the e-book edition would be available for free on her Web site, www.oprah.com.

The demand compares to works like "The 9-11 Commission Report," which the federal government made available, and Stephen King's e-novella, "Riding the Bullet."

'Jumper' hurtles to top of weekend box office sales

LOS ANGELES — The globe-trotting thriller "Jumper" leaped to a box office win with \$27.2 million

PHOTO OF THE DAY

SERVING UP A HOT CUP OF JOE



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

An Eastern student purchases coffee from Jitters and Bliss in Charleston on Saturday afternoon. Jitters and Bliss, along with Jackson Avenue Coffee and Java B&B, are local coffee shops that have had to deal with the new, nationally owned Starbucks, which opened in Charleston on Feb. 8. See Page 6 for more details about how local coffee shops have adjusted to Starbucks.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Boys find live grenade while treasure hunting

The Associated Press

PACE, Fla. — An 8-year-old boy and his friend found a live, World War II-era hand grenade while searching for buried treasure with a metal detector.

Sidney Mathis and his friend had found nails, bolts and a toy car by sweeping the detector over a field near their home Thursday.

But it was their other find that alarmed Sidney's father, Chris Mathis.

He arrived home Thursday to find the boys about to

put the grenade into a bucket of water.

Chris Mathis grabbed the grenade and dangled it outside the window of his sport utility vehicle as he drove away from the apartment complex.

Chris had second thoughts.

"I hit a bump and that's about the time I realized moving the grenade wasn't the brightest thing to do," he said.

Two members of an Air Force explosives unit from nearby Hurlburt Field in the Florida Panhandle took the grenade and destroyed it Friday morning.

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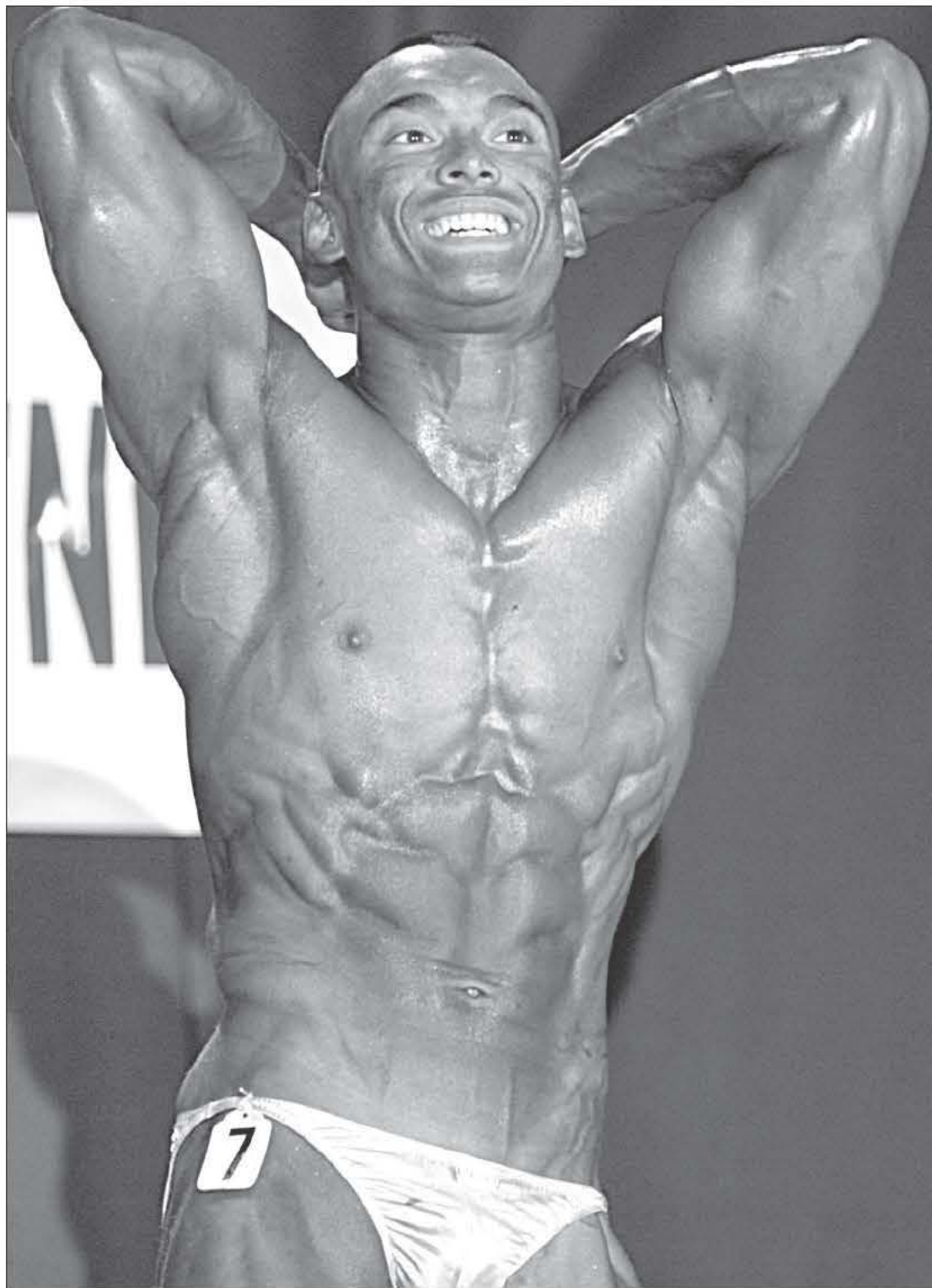


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CAMPUS | EVENTS

WORKING ON THEIR FITNESS



Dave Keyes, winner of the title of Mr. EIU, flexes his abs for judges during the 2008 Mr. EIU competition on Saturday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



Ms. Fitness competition winner Jill Romanowski poses for judges during the posing segment of Saturday's competition.



Mark Olsen flexes his upper body for the judges during the mandatory pose segment of Saturday's competition.



Karl Sehnke flexes his whole upper body for the judges during the pose down segment of Saturday's competition.

Mr. EIU, Ms. Fitness competitors show off results of diets and training

Photos by John Bailey

Story by Erin Matheny

Months of intense workouts, strict diets and extreme dedication culminated in Saturday night's Mr. EIU-Ms. EIU Fitness competition.

Participants competed before a standing room-only crowd in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Dave Keyes, a senior physical education major, earned the title of Mr. EIU, while Jill Romanowski, a senior economics major, won the title of Ms. EIU.

Romanowski beat out Katie Lehner, a senior physical education major, for the title.

Both competitors came to the stage and performed a posing routine set to music.

"The drive that drove me to get here is to thank for it," Romanowski said. "It's an awesome feeling."

The men's competition was split into four divisions: bantam, middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight.

Nine male competitors participated.

The winners of the four divisions met again in the finals, where they did group and individual posing for judges.

"The training paid off," said Keyes, who beat out Joe Burton, a senior physical education major, in the light-heavyweight division to advance to the finals.

"It's the greatest thing in the world, to have the love of everyone. I can feel the love."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Sudanese refugee to share stories, film

Students are invited to hear a first-hand tale of survival from a Sudanese refugee.

Mabouc Mabouc, who was separated from his family at age 7 as he escaped a war-torn Sudan in 1988, will speak at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall Room 2030. The film "Dinka Diaries," which tells the story of five refugees in Philadelphia, will also be shown.

Last financial aid workshop Feb. 25

Eastern's Office of Financial Aid will have its last free workshop to help parents apply for funds.

The workshop will be 6-8 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the University Union. To RSVP for the workshop, contact Cathy Gordon at 581-3714.

Students invited to "Rock 'n Bowl"

Students can attend "Rock 'n Bowl" from 8 to 11 p.m. Thursday in the bowling lanes of the Union.

The event will feature a performance by country artists Jackie Lawson and Black 'n' Blue and include free refreshments and prizes. Costs are \$1.50 per game with free shoes. Contact the bowling lanes at 581-7457 for more information.

—Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry and Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

CORRECTION

The record for the Southeast Missouri women's basketball team was incorrectly reported on page 13 of Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The DEN regrets the error.

POLICE BRIEFS

• A 22-year-old Mattoon man was arrested Tuesday morning after crashing into a stoplight pole on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Douglas Drive.

Tyler M. Moran was driving east around 6:30 a.m. on Lincoln Avenue when his car spun around and collided with the pole. Moran was arrested and ticketed with driving too fast for conditions and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, according to police reports. No one was injured in the crash.

• A Charleston man was driving down the Lake Charleston Hill on Tuesday morning when he lost control of his van. The vehicle flipped and slid across the roadway, stopping in a ravine. No one was injured in the crash, and no arrests were made. The 50-year-old driver said he did not know the roadway was icy.

—Compiled by Cathy Bayer, Cops and Courts Reporter.

MORE PHOTOS ONLINE

• For a photo gallery of Saturday night's Mr. EIU/Ms. EIU competition from the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, check out dennews.com.

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GUEST COLUMN

Loss isn't
easy for
anyone

ADAM TESTA

Black banners hung over the doorway of the Perry County government building on Nov. 6, 2007, in southern Illinois.

I noticed the banners on my way to a county board meeting and thought they were for two teens killed in an accident the week before.

Everyone in the county board office was crying. The chairman's seat was covered in black cloth, with a gavel sitting on top. County Board Chairman James Booker had died the night before after complications during a routine surgery.

My heart sank, but I had to maintain professionalism. After the shortened meeting and prayer, I went outside, called a photographer and went to work talking to other county officials. The hardest part was asking questions about what happened from there in terms of county business. It just seemed wrong.

It didn't help the feelings any that less than a week before all this, I talked to teachers and friends of the aforementioned high school students.

About two weeks before Booker's death, I also had to write a story memorializing the career of a city commissioner who stepped down because of cancer. He died in December, and I had to write that story, too.

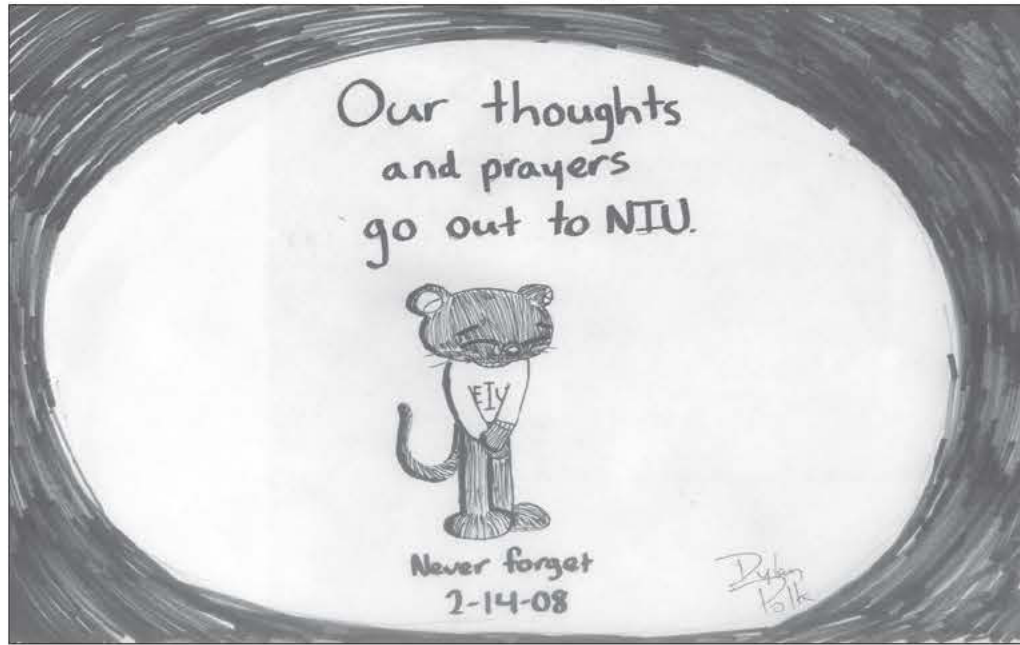
For journalists, whether it's a stranger or someone you've built a reputation and professional friendship with, writing about death is never easy. No matter what you do, someone will think it's wrong. When calling sources to ask about the deceased, some sources prefer not to comment. Others will spill their hearts out and tell you everything.

Everyone deals with grief in their own way, and journalists have to do the same. On my way back to the office after that Nov. 6 meeting, I broke down in tears. It was an emotional time for me, as well as everyone else in that room, but it was also my duty to let people know what happened.

As journalists, we have to remain unbiased and present the facts as they are. We have to leave our emotions out of our writing, but that doesn't mean we never had any to begin with. Dealing with these situations is as difficult on us as those intimately involved with the people we've lost. When dealing with these situations from now on, I will remember the words a city councilman said to me before hanging up the phone: "Do a good job. He deserved it." That's all we can strive for as journalists: to do the best job we can to present their stories accurately and honestly and to respect those we've lost.

Adam Testa is a 2007 Eastern graduate and is now a reporter for the Southern Illinoisan.

Drawn from the news | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Get back on track: Don't
let fear dictate your lives

Fear came into our lives once again late Thursday afternoon. Reports of a gunman on the campus of Northern Illinois University came across the news.

Our television screens emitted unimaginable scenes.

Paramedics rushing students to ambulances; students with stunned looks and cell phones out, trying to reach loved ones.

As the seconds turned into minutes and minutes turned into hours, this nation learned more of the sordid details from a cold, gray weekday afternoon in DeKalb.

Six human lives lost. Another senseless act of violence. Eighteen individuals injured simply because they decided to attend their ocean geology class in Cole Hall.

A campus of 25,000 is still trying to come to terms with Thursday's incidents and a nation that's only left asking why.

Fear and worry was at the forefront of many people's minds in this state — and on this campus — on Thursday.

But fear itself cannot, and should not, stop our society. We cannot stay locked inside our houses, afraid to live our daily lives.

Even if this month has had moments we cannot simply comprehend. Shootings at a high school in Memphis, Tenn., and at a junior high school in Oxnard, Calif., last week preceded the horrific events in DeKalb.

But those three events, sadly, haven't been the only shootings this month.

A woman entered a classroom Feb. 8 at Louisiana Technical College in Baton Rouge, La., and killed two people before she shot herself.

A city council meeting on Feb. 7 in Kirkwood, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, ended with six people dead after a man came in and started shooting.

Earlier in that week, a gunman entered a clothing store in Tinley Park, a Chicago suburb, on Feb. 2, and killed five people.

These acts of violence give all of us around this area a moment of pause and contemplation. Tinley Park and Kirkwood are within a three-hour drive from Charleston.

This leads to the proverbial saying "If it can happen there, why can't it happen here?"

But you can't let your lives be dictated by the unknown or hypothetical. Even if your brain

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** We're all stunned by the news of Thursday's shootings at Northern Illinois.

• **Stance:** Although we're shaken up, we should try not to be afraid and continue on with our daily routines.

keeps asking the question "What is wrong with our society?" you need to continue living your life.

Students might experience anxious moments today in class.

The thought of an armed gunman might cross individual's minds while this campus, which had Friday off in observance of President's Day, resumes the majority of its classes since Thursday's shooting at NIU.

day's shooting at NIU.

But go to class.

Go to your jobs. Go eat at dining centers and study in the library.

This month has taught the

American public to expect the unexpected. Public places, like city council meetings, college lecture halls and clothing stores, have all turned into crime scenes.

Regular Americans partaking in a daily routine suddenly had their lives ended.

Families now have to completely alter their lives because of these senseless acts. And on Thursday, the latest senseless act happened.

DeKalb is roughly a three-hour drive north of Charleston.

Some students on this campus have close friends at NIU. Some Eastern administrators and professors have earned degrees at NIU. Some students on this campus are from DeKalb and the surrounding area.

Our thoughts go out to the people who are trying to understand the cruel and harsh circumstances of this incident.

But don't stay in bed all day today because of incidents that have happened this month. The victims of all these awful tragedies this month didn't deserve this fate.

The best way to honor the deceased is to live, and live with pride, not with fear.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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CONTINUE THE DEBATE



ONLINE

Visit DENnews.com to read Kristy Mellendorf's blog, "Tanning isn't worth it."



"Although it has yet to be recognized by any medical organizations, 'tanorexics' exist."

-Kristy Mellendorf



JASON DUARTE

Protecting our
college campuses

Paranoia is still felt by students at college campuses. Thursday's tragedy at Northern Illinois University is still fresh. And with every school shooting, it only gets worse with fear of copycats and loads more sorrow felt for fellow college students, wherever they may be. I know because Friday, I sat in the lobby of Midwestern University, a private school with an enrollment of 1,675 as well as a gated entrance in Downers Grove. That morning, the gate was lifted because when the morning rush of students and faculty comes in, it's a hassle to swipe everybody's ID card individually, so access to campus by vehicle is open, meaning anybody can come in.

I do know a few students enrolled here, but only one knew beforehand that I was going to come in. Sure enough, when we went to the school at about 8:45 a.m., the gate was open. Around me, students studied diligently because come today, it's final exam time here at Midwestern. Nothing seems to be different from this school than any other.

Nobody has approached me as an outsider, as the school isn't that small. But I had a conversation with a student I know about Thursday's tragedy and she, as well as another student I know, were in shock and kept saying things like, "What's to stop somebody from coming here and doing that?" I couldn't help but reply, "Nothing."

I cannot figure out what motivates someone to enter a campus and start blindly murdering people. Almost 100 percent of everybody at this school is somebody I've never seen before, so maybe a potential shooter would take advantage of that personal detachment. But every school shooting I've ever heard of — including Thursday's — involved a student or students either enrolled or previously enrolled in that school.

What I think the best thing students and faculty can do about a potential campus shooting or just violence in general is just be aware. Be constantly aware of who's around you, as well as suspicious behavior. Have the mentality of airport security every once in a while.

But what I think is most relevant in prevention of more occurrences like Columbine, Virginia Tech and NIU is if anyone is ever that stressed out or has any tendencies to do something like kill someone, seek help. Behind every face is a soul, which is no more or less of a soul than your own. Take a deep breath and seek help. My empathy goes out to the students and families at NIU, but also to every campus that has had to deal with this.

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» Prepare

FROM PAGE 1

Housing's safety plan

Communication is a key component of the Housing and Dining safety plan.

If a shooting happened on Eastern's campus, Housing and Dining services would use the Campus ENS to alert housing residences as quickly as possible.

Housing also has the Housing Emergency Announcement System, which is a fire alarm system in Andrews Hall that allows housing to make emergency announcements that can be broadcast to every student room and common areas, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services.

Douglas and Lawson halls will have this feature by summer.

Professional building staff and Residence Assistants are required to use their Eastern e-mail account so that official communication can reach staff quickly, Hudson said.

Two-way radios are available at each desk if the phone or Internet is not available and all professional staff on duty carries university provided cell phones.

Hudson said if an incident occurred inside a residence hall, Housing would most likely send out a message telling students to stay in their rooms and lock their doors.

Another major part of the Housing safety plan is limiting access to the buildings.

Stairwell and floor doors are locked 24 hours a day and residents must use a key to their floor to gain access. All exterior doors to residence halls are locked at midnight.

Charleston Police Department

Mark Jenkins, interim Charleston police chief, said if a shooter enters a building and begins shooting, the situation is usually over within five to ten minutes when ammunition is entirely expended or the shooter takes their own life.

If a shooter were to enter an Eastern building or even a local school, the first responder to the scene would be a patrol officer and not the SWAT team, which many people think.

Usually the department has between four and six officers on duty, Jenkins said.

Charleston, along with the university, belongs to a local Crisis

If a shooting happens at Eastern, Eastern President Bill Perry says students should:

- If the shooter is not in your building, try to be "safe in place" by locking the doors and windows, getting away from windows, and calling 911. Remember our university police are trained in active shooter response. Do not leave until instructed to do so by university police or other university officials.
- If the shooter is inside your building, but not in the room you occupy, try to be "safe in place" as described above. If circumstances indicate to you that it is not possible to be "safe in place" you may have to try to exit the building.
- In any event, if law enforcement personnel are on site, follow their

instructions.

- If the shooter is in your classroom, there are risks involved with any action you take. How you respond will depend on many factors that you will have to assess rather quickly, such as the locations of exits (doors, windows), your location in the room, and the level of threat presented by the behavior of the armed person.
- You should take the action you believe at the time gives you the best chance for your survival.
- If you have a cell phone and can dial 911, do so. If it is dangerous to speak, silence the phone; 911 personnel can hear what is happening. If you flee, once you are to safety, call 911 to report the incident and its location.

Response Team, where four officers from each department respond to any crisis situation.

The Mattoon Police Department and the Coles County Sheriff's Office also belong to the team.

Assembly would take at least 30 minutes at best, Jenkins said.

Officers in Charleston train in First Responders/Active Shooter where officers train in a shooting at a school or a work environment.

"This training takes the realistic approach that the number one priority to a situation like this is to neutralize the shooter as quickly as possible, and realistically even in a small community like this," Jenkins said.

A few officers in the department are instructors in active-shooter response, he added.

Last fall, officers trained at Charleston High School and the department is currently working with Charleston School District officials to complete an active-shooter drill while school is in session.

Equipped in all Charleston squad cars are semi-automatic M-4 assault rifles, which officers would probably respond with.

All officers have been certified with the M-4, Jenkins said.

Besides the M-4, squad cars have 12-gauge pump action shotguns and their standard sidearms.

With the 2009 budget for the Charleston Police Department, the department plans to stock all squad cars with "response bags."

The bags would contain Kevlar helmets, flash bangs, a first aid kit and a ballistic shield, Jenkins said.

The bag would also include crowbars, wire cutters and other tools to get inside a building if someone barricaded his or herself in.

Communication

Eastern has a crisis communication plan which involves press, web, phone, radio and television in order to get information to the public in a timely manner.

If a shooting happened at Eastern, Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, would use the crisis communication phone tree to move her team into action.

Nilsen oversees University Communications and WEIU TV and radio.

"Each person on that team works to ensure that accurate information is available to both internal and external constituents," Nilsen said.

Reaching out to NIU

Nadler said he and other Eastern administrators had sent condolences to the NIU community.

Eastern is sending two counselors to Dekalb to assist with grief counseling, and later this week plans will begin at Eastern for memorial activities to honor the students lost at NIU, Nadler said.

Eastern is offering personal and group counseling to students affected by the shooting at NIU. Nadler said the counseling center is responding to many phone calls and e-mails from students.

The Counseling Center can be reached at 581-3413.

After regular hours, the Counseling Center emergency line can be reached at 217-348-2909.

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The weapons

Kazmierczak purchased two of the three guns from a Champaign firearms dealer. He bought a pump-action Remington Shotgun and a Glock 9mm handgun legally on Feb. 9, authorities said.

NIU Police Chief Donald Grady said investigators recovered 48 shell casings and six shot gun shells following the attack in Cole Hall on Thursday.

The time to grieve

NIU officials are telling students that now is the time to grieve for lost friends.

"We're advising students to remain calm and seek counseling and other support services that are being offered at various locations," said NIU president John Peters. "All of our personnel

have spread out through the campus to help students. We've asked them to reach out to each other in this difficult time. They're doing that. I'm proud of them."

On Thursday, the university was offering students grief counseling at various locations around campus.

The future

Seven people remained hospitalized Saturday after the attack, with three in serious condition, one of them upgraded from critical. The other four are in fair condition.

Cole Hall will remain closed until the end of the semester.

Peters has said that an increased police presence will be seen when school resumes.

"We need to take care of ourselves and each other, reaching out to those of us who are struggling," Peters said in a statement. "An act of violence does not define us."

The shooter

"We were dealing with a disturbed individual," Peters said of Kazmierczak during a press conference Friday.

Kazmierczak had spent time in

a mental health center after high school.

He was enrolled at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Kazmierczak graduated from NIU with a bachelor's degree in sociology and pursued a graduate degree at the school through the Spring 2007 semester.

In summer 2008, he began taking classes at the U of I.

Kazmierczak had no arrest record while attending NIU, authorities said.

Kazmierczak left no suicide note, and authorities currently have no motive for the killings.

Other threats of violence across Illinois campuses

University of Illinois at Chicago

A 24-year-old UIC senior was arrested after she allegedly sent out emails threatening violence on the campus. The

student, who lives in Wheaton, was arrested on Saturday and charged with disorderly conduct.

Southwestern Illinois College

Steven Ellis, 21, a student at Southwestern Illinois College, a junior college in Belleville, was arrested on Saturday and charged with falsely making a terrorist threat. Authorities say Ellis approached another student on Friday and attempted to recruit him into a plot similar to the shootings at NIU.

If convicted, he could face 15 years in prison.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Police at SIUE said they arrested a student who was reportedly carrying weapons on campus on Friday. Stephen Vories, 22, of Glen Carbon, was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon on state property and unlawful use of a weapon after authorities allegedly found a Taser, a knife and two "spring guns" in his possession. Spring guns are similar to BB guns.

The Associated Press, The Northern Star and the Daily Illini contributed to this report.

THE EFFECTS ON NIU

- Faculty and staff at NIU are asked to return to work on Tuesday for training on how to help students deal with the attack.
- All NIU classes at all locations will resume Monday, Feb. 25.
- All NIU university events, including athletic competitions, are canceled through Feb. 24.



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CITY | LAW ENFORCEMENT

Two new police officers sworn in

Only one position remains open as new officers begin work

By Cathy Bayer
Cops and Courts Reporter

Charleston's two newest police officers come from different backgrounds.

Ryan Feder, 28, spent three years as an officer in Lebanon, a town of about 4,000 residents and 12 officers.

Brett Compton, 23, was certified in Decatur, where the department has 164 officers for about 80,000 residents.

Both men look forward to helping fill Charleston's force as its 31st and 32nd officers, but the department still has one position to fill.

Compton and Feder were sworn in Friday at the City Hall Council Chambers in front of about 15 people, including Mayor John Inyard and interim police Chief Mark Jen-



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Brett Compton signs an officer's oath at the City Hall Council Chambers on Friday morning. Compton is one of two new city police officers.

kins.

They replace Carl Daniel, who retired, and Brent Butler, who took the chief deputy position at the Coles County Sheriff's Department.

The department chooses officers

from two lists: tested and experienced.

Unlike the less experienced officers who fall under the tested list, those on the experienced list must have at least two years' experience

and be state certified.

An advisory panel, which includes Jenkins, rates applicants and makes recommendations to the city's Police and Fire Board.

Feder, from the experienced list, was the panel's top choice. He applied to join the department in August 2006, but the department was not hiring, he said.

Besides his experience in Lebanon, Feder has another two and a half years' experience in Okawville.

Coming to Charleston will be a jump for Feder, but he said he is ready for the change.

The Belleville native said he welcomes the change of pace.

Compared to the city of Lebanon, Charleston has more resources and a university that comprises much of the city, he said.

Compton, on the other hand, looks forward to Charleston's slower pace compared to Decatur.

The Shelbyville native was hired from the tested list. He worked for about nine months as a community

service officer in Charleston and left to join the Decatur Police Department. Compton said he was anxious to come back to Charleston, where he begins work Tuesday.

"There's a much better opportunity here, I think," he said.

Compton attended Eastern and said he would like to finish his degree in business management.

As a student and community service officer, Compton became familiar with Charleston's streets.

"It's a good-size city to be a police officer," he said. Enough happens to stay busy, but there is less crime and fewer calls, he said.

Compton becomes the first community service officer to be hired as a city police officer.

"He was a logical choice," Jenkins said.

Both officers are in the field-training program, where new officers ride with a more experienced officer.

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CITY | ECONOMY

Local coffee shops not yet feeling the heat from Starbucks

Businesses see no noticeable decrease in customer numbers

By Jordan Crook
City Reporter

When a competing national chain moves into an area, local businesses often suffer as a result.

But this has not been the case for at least two of Charleston's coffee shops since Starbucks opened in the city more than a week ago.

While Starbucks has seen a steady stream of customers since its opening, Jackson Avenue Coffee and the on-campus Java B&B have not seen

a decrease in customers.

Doug Miller, manager of operations for Jackson Avenue Coffee, 708 Jackson Ave., chalks this up to the atmosphere at his store.

"It's like (that show) 'Cheers,' where everybody knows your name," Miller said.

He said customers who visit Jackson Avenue Coffee like to sit and enjoy their coffee and each others' company, which Miller said differs from what he called the "stop-and-go" atmosphere of Starbucks.

"It's really a destination stop for people," he said.

Miller said the environment of the coffee shop makes people want to linger.

He said his shop is larger than Starbucks, and the space also allows room for bands to perform.

Miller said Jackson Avenue Coffee has catered to several niche customer groups within the area by both providing space for them to watch bands perform and for various organizations to meet since it opened nearly six years ago.

"We're an embedded and fully functional member of the community," he said.

Miller said students who are used to Starbucks might pick the chain over his local business.

"If Starbucks is their favorite coffee shop, then (students) might go there," he said. "But, otherwise, I

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think they'll still come to Jackson Avenue."

Kristin Cann, assistant director of Java B&B and Panther Catering, shares a similar sentiment, though she thinks the proximity to campus will keep students coming.

She said Java B&B, located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, has an ideal location.

"(Java B&B) is centrally located on campus," she said. "In order for students, faculty and staff to go to Starbucks, they would have to leave

campus, which is just not convenient."

Cann said the shop has not seen a decrease in customers since Starbucks opened.

"I believe our customers are loyal to Java B&B," she said.

She said students will continue to come to the campus coffee shop because of its variety of products, including Haagen Dazs ice cream, baked goods and fruit cups.

Keith Bliss, owner of Jitters and Bliss, a coffee shop in Charleston also on Lincoln Avenue, declined to comment on this story.

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CAMPUS | EVENTS



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Members of Eastern's orchestra converse before the start of Stagestruck, a concert sponsored in part by the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation.

Piano soloist stars in Eastern symphony

By Joshua Van Dyke
Staff Reporter

Music of Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin featured in the McAfee Gymnasium Sunday, however the famous composers' music were not the highlight of the show.

Instead, Eastern's own pianist, Sonny Pickowitz, was the main attraction. She swiftly moved her hands over keys to recreate Frederic Chopin's "Piano Concerto."

It was the largest audience the junior piano performance major had played for a solo act, and she spent eight months practicing on the piece.

"Building up to it was sort of overwhelming," Pickowitz said after the concert was over.

Her time spent practicing resulted in a standing ovation from the audience.

"The pianist was amazing," said



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Richard Rossi conducts Eastern's orchestra Sunday afternoon during the Overture to Egmont, a piece played in the Stagestruck concert.

Stephany Hartman, a senior family consumer science major.

The Eastern Symphony Orchestra

also played works that included both orchestra and Broadway pieces.

"I thought they sounded very

professional," said Patrick Williams, a sophomore social science education major.

Symphony members had been working on the music since the beginning of the semester, as well as pieces to be performed when the Doudna Fine Arts Center opens next semester. The concert was originally going to feature dueling pianos, but that was changed and saved for the opening of Doudna.

The musicians still have plenty of work on their plate with their next show planned for March 30 at the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Along with preparing for the Doudna and the March 30 performances, Pickowitz has to practice for her Junior Recital.

"I think I'm going to take the night off," Pickowitz joked.

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NATION BRIEFS

Former first lady hospitalized after fall

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Former first lady Nancy Reagan was hospitalized Sunday after falling in her home in Bel-Air but is doing well, her spokeswoman said.

Reagan, 86, was taken to St. John's Health Center, where doctors determined she did not break a hip as feared, spokeswoman Joanne Drake said.

Drake said Reagan was doing well and would stay the night in the same room where former President Ronald Reagan stayed after he broke his hip at home in 2001. He died June 5, 2004.

The former first lady is "joking and visiting in her room," Drake said.

Reagan's family physician recommended the overnight stay "as a precaution," Drake said.

Small plane crashes shortly after takeoff

BENTON, Kan. — Kansas authorities now say a small plane crash near Wichita killed two people.

Butler County Sheriff Craig Murphy says a man and a woman were aboard the Cessna, which crashed shortly after taking off from the Benton Airport on Saturday night.

Officials earlier said one person died.

USDA orders major beef recall from California

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of frozen beef from a California slaughterhouse, the subject of an animal-abuse investigation, that provided meat to school lunch programs.

Officials said it was the largest beef recall in the United States, but no illnesses have been linked to the recall, and officials said the health threat was likely small.

STATE BRIEFS

NIU gunman called girlfriend to say bye

WONDER LAKE — Jessica Baty, the 28-year-old girlfriend of Steven Kazmierczak, the gunman who killed five people and himself at Northern Illinois University, said Sunday that he called her early on Thursday to say goodbye.

She also received a note from him.

"You've done so much for me," the note said, according to Baty. "You will make an excellent psychologist and social worker someday."

New sketch of Tinley Park gunman released

TINLEY PARK — Police have released an updated sketch of a gunman who shot five women

to death in a suburban Chicago clothing store.

The new sketch offers a front view of the suspect without a hat and braided hair.

He has been described as a 25- to 35-year-old black man between 5 feet 9 and 6 feet tall and between 200 to 230 pounds with thick braided hair and a receding hairline.

Man receives 15-year sentence for killing

WOODBURY, N.J. — Benjamin Martin, who strangled his mother while she was visiting from Carbondale, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on Friday. He pleaded guilty in November to aggravated manslaughter in the March 2006 strangling of Nancy Martin.

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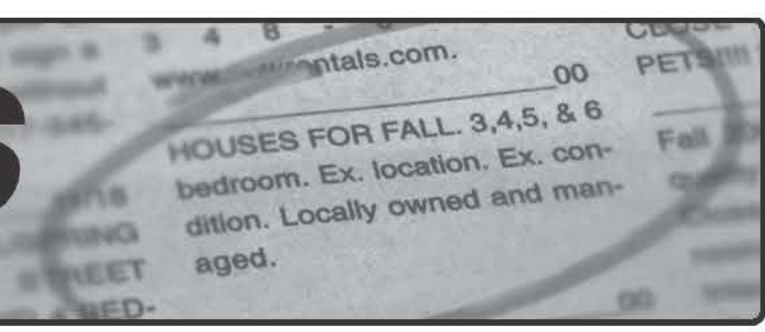
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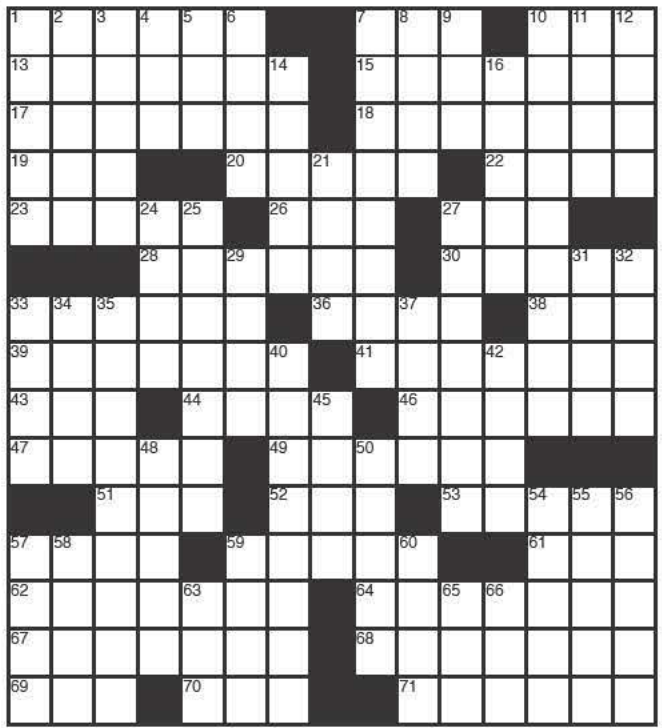
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 - 15 Symbol of sturdiness
 - 17 High hit behind the catcher, say
 - 18 Do surgery (on)
 - 19 End of a school Web address
 - 20 Salves
 - 22 "My life ___ open book"
 - 23 Ward off
 - 26 Safety item for a tightrope walker
 - 27 Pep rally shout
 - 28 Refused
 - 30 Tallied up
 - 33 Neurologist or orthopedist
 - 36 Graceful swimmer
 - 38 Nuptial agreement
 - 39 Spotty
 - 41 Tidy savings
 - 43 Miss. neighbor
 - 44 ___ of Man
 - 46 Paths from here to there
 - 47 Stretchy fabric
 - 49 Self-assurance
 - 51 Family
 - 52 Vegetable that rolls
 - 53 Looks to be
 - 57 Treble's counterpart
 - 59 Thorny parts of roses
 - 61 Ill + IV
 - 62 Miss terribly
 - 64 Theory of the universe, or a hint to the starts of 17-Across and 7-, 10-, 35- and 40-Down
 - 67 Scene at a natural history museum
 - 68 Observed secretly
 - 69 Summer hrs. in D.C.
 - 70 One doing leg. work
 - 71 Derisive looks
- DOWN**
- 1 Post or Trib
 - 2 Residence
 - 3 Shred
 - 4 Aide to Santa
 - 5 Old auto inits.
 - 6 Rebuff
 - 7 Prosperous place
 - 8 Kennel cries
 - 9 ___ out (barely make)
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 - 14 Twisty-horned antelope
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | MURRAY STATE 67, EASTERN 56

Racers' guard play causes problems

Points in transition stop Panthers' momentum

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Eastern held a 5-4 lead against Murray State after senior guard Julio Anthony hit a 3-pointer from the right corner on an assist from senior guard Bam Willhite early.

It was the last time the Panthers would have the lead, as Murray State used its transition offense and rebounding to beat Eastern 67-56 on Saturday night in Murray, Ky.

The Racers (16-10, 12-6 Ohio Valley Conference) out-rebounded the Panthers 36-26. The Racers also scored eight fast-break points, while Eastern had none.

Those two areas of the game gave Murray State the lead it would not relinquish after Anthony's 3-pointer with 17 minutes, 16 seconds remaining in the first half.

Murray State senior guard Bruce Carter missed a 3-pointer of his own after Anthony's make, but junior guard Kevin Thomas grabbed the offensive rebound and threw a skip pass to sophomore guard Danero Thomas for a 3-pointer.

Carter pulled up for a 15-footer in transition with 15:29 left in the first half on an assist from junior guard Tyler Holloway after Eastern senior forward Jake Byrne lost the ball to Danero Thomas.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the Panthers (5-21, 4-14) didn't do a good job defending the Racers' fast break.

"They outplayed us," Miller said. "They made the plays that they had to make, and they did it consistently."

Byrne compared the Murray State game to the Eastern's 90-70 win against Southeast Missouri on Thursday because both teams pushed the ball up the court. The main difference, Byrne said, was in the Panthers' shooting.

The Panthers did not shoot the ball as well against Murray State (41 percent) and had several long rebounds.

"There were a lot of chances for them to push it," Byrne said. "They really ran the floor well."



COURTESY OF MURRAY STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

Eastern freshman center Matt Dorlack blocks a shot by Murray State junior guard Kevin Thomas. Eastern could not handle the Murray State guards as the Panthers lost 67-56 on Saturday night in Murray, Ky.

Miller said the first 10 minutes of the game did not portray the way the Panthers were playing.

"The score didn't indicate that we weren't playing poorly or not executing very well, but that was the case," Miller said. "We were sloppy and didn't execute well. It was disappointing how we came out, and that basically set the tone for the game."

Byrne said Eastern's offense struggled against the Murray State defense because the Panthers had expected the Racers to play more man-to-man defense. Instead, the Racers alternated between a 2-3 zone defense and a 1-3-1 zone defense.

Byrne led the Panthers with 16 points – the third consecutive game

Byrne has scored in double digits. "With (the Racers') defense pushing out so much on the guards, it really left the middle open," Byrne said.

Murray State was able to get down the court in transition because of the advantage it had in size and speed on the court. The Racers started the game with a four-guard lineup, compared to Eastern's post-oriented starting five. Those lineups meant Byrne (6-foot-8) had to guard Carter (6-foot-4).

"We didn't have a good matchup for Bruce Carter because of the versatility that he has," Miller said. "(However), we wanted to counter that – (Carter's) really not a post

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murray State 67, Eastern 56

MURRAY STATE (16-10, 12-6)
Carter 7-16 6-6 22, Easley 2-3 4-6 8, Holloway 4-5 2-2 11, Thomas, K. 0-5 0-2 0, Thomas, D. 2-3 1-2 6, George 1-4 5-5 7, Williams 3-5 2-4 8, Long 1-2 3-3 5, Fotto 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-44 23-30 67.

EASTERN (5-21, 4-14)
Catching 1-4 0-0 3, Byrne 7-10 2-3 16, Parish 2-3 0-0 4, Willhite 2-5 0-0 5, Myers/Kyles 2-4 2-4 8, Cisse 3-7 0-0 6, Laser 1-6 0-0 3, Dorlack 1-2 2-4 4, Anthony 2-10 2-2 7. Totals 21-51 8-13 56.

Halftime: Murray State 34-22. **3-pointers:** MSU 4-13 (Carter 2-5); Eastern 6-14 (Myers/Kyles 2-2, Catchings 1-2). **Turnovers:** MSU 11 (Four with 2); Eastern 8 (Anthony 3). **Fouls:** MSU 13, Eastern 25. **Techs:** None. **At:** 3,308.

player – so let's make him guard in the post. Offensively, we were a little bit out of sync, so we were never able to completely take full advantage of that matchup."

Carter led all players with 22 points on 7-of-16 shooting and 6-of-6 at the free-throw line.

"He's a scorer," said Murray State head coach Billy Kennedy. "He might have got six shots off in the first three minutes. That's what he's there to do."

Holloway was the second leading scorer for the Racers with 11 points on 4-of-5 shooting, but only three of his points came from beyond the arc. Holloway is the third leading three-point shooter in the OVC (48.5 percent), and he made three 3-pointers when the Racers played in Charleston on Jan. 3, including one 3-pointer, which sent the game into overtime.

"People are guarding him," Kennedy said of Holloway. "What I liked about Tyler today was he actually rotated and got on the floor and did some things for us defensively."

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OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	Overall	OVC
Austin Peay	18-9	14-3
Murray State	16-10	12-6
E. Kentucky	13-12	10-7
Morehead State	13-12	10-7
UT-Martin	15-14	11-8
Samford	12-14	9-9
Tenn. Tech	12-17	9-9
Tenn. State	11-15	8-9
SE Missouri	12-16	7-11
Jacksonville State	6-20	4-14
E. Illinois	5-21	4-14

Close

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Eastern's last field goal of the game came with 2:52 left when Eastern junior forward Maggie Kloak had an easy layup after Murray State senior center Angela Brown left her defensive position.

That would be Eastern's last lead of the game.

Galligan led the Panthers with 16 points.

Kloak and Eastern sophomore guard Jessica Huffman added eight points each.

Hayes led her team with 23 points. Racers' senior guard Shaleea Petty added 15 points, and Brown scored 13 points.

The Panthers, who had trouble scoring on Thursday night with 41 points, had five players score by the first half against the Racers.

"It still wasn't perfect (on Saturday night)," Galligan said. "(Those) games are over with, though."

The Panthers take a break from OVC play with a game against Illinois Tech at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Lantz Arena.

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OVC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	Overall	OVC
SE Missouri	19-6	14-2
Samford	20-6	13-3
E. Illinois	14-12	13-5
Murray State	18-7	12-5
E. Kentucky	12-10	7-8
Jacksonville State	11-15	8-9
Tenn. State	11-15	8-9
Tenn. Tech	8-19	7-10
Morehead State	7-18	5-11
Austin Peay	5-20	2-14
UT-Martin	5-22	2-15

E. Illinois' Schedule

- No OVC games this week
- Thursday vs. Illinois Institute of Technology at 7 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Murray State 62, Eastern 59

EASTERN (14-12, 13-5)
Kluempers 3-4 1-2 7, Galligan 5-15 6-6 16, Canale 2-7 0-0 5, Edwards 1-3 0-0 3, Sims 2-6 0-0 5, Huffman 2-2 2-4 8, Sitavanti 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 3-6 1-2 7, Kloak 3-6 2-4 8. Totals 21-49 12-18 59.

MURRAY STATE (18-7, 12-5)
Hayes 8-18 6-6 23, Brown 6-8 1-2 13, Guffey, P. 0-7 2-2 2, Petty 6-13 2-2 15, Lee 3-15 1-3 8, Matthews 0-0 0-0 0, Luckett 0-0 1-2 1, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Guffey, P. 0-0 0-0 0, Bell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-61 13-17 62.

Halftime: Eastern 32-28. **3-pointers:** Eastern 5-12 (Huffman 2-2); MUR 3-14 (Three with one made). **Turnovers:** MUR 12 (Guffey, P., 3); Eastern 16 (Three tied with 3). **Fouls:** MUR 15, Eastern 15. **Techs:** None. **At:** 1,019.

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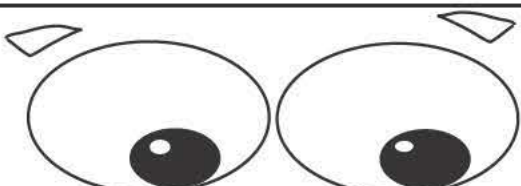
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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | WEEKEND RECAP

Eastern women sweep weekend opponents

Men win two of three matches in Indiana

By JC Clark
Staff Reporter

Eastern women's tennis continued its undefeated spring season this weekend with wins against Niagara and Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne.

The Panthers (4-0) defeated Niagara 6-1 on Saturday, and swept IPFW 7-0 on Friday in Fort Wayne, Ind. The women swept all the doubles matches in both competitions.

The lone loss of the weekend came in Saturday's No. 3 singles match when Niagara's senior Shella Dargout defeated Eastern sophomore Hayley Homburg 7-6, 4-6, 10-6.

Despite the one loss, the Panthers controlled singles play easily and won the rest. Senior Sandra Sasidharan

defeated freshman Raquel Solis 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1 singles. Junior Natalie Martin defeated Vanja Latic 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Eastern also dominated in doubles play against the Purple Eagles (0-6).

The women's team's performance on Friday against IPFW (5-6) was also impressive, as it won five of six singles matches in straight sets.

"I guess against IPFW, everyone just played amazing," Martin said.

Eastern head coach John Blackburn is not reveling in the women's team's early success despite the decisive play of the weekend's matches.

"Our best tennis is ahead of us," Blackburn said.

The women's team travels Saturday to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to take on South Dakota State and will also play Sunday at Northern Iowa.

The men's team won two of its

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saturday in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Eastern 6, Niagara 1

Records: Eastern (4-0); Niagara (0-6)

Singles

1. Sasidharan (EIU) def. Solis (NU) 6-2, 6-4.
2. Martin (EIU) def. Latic (NU) 6-0, 6-1.
3. Dargout (NU) def. Homburg (EIU) 7-6, 4-6, 10-6.
4. Allgire (EIU) def. Cunnington (NU) 6-0, 6-1.
5. Huck (EIU) def. Tiso (NU) 6-4, 6-0.
6. Harmazy (EIU) def. Roberts (NU) 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles

1. Martin/Homburg (EIU) def. Latic/Dargout (NU) 8-2.
2. Sasidharan/Huck (EIU) def. Solis/Cunnington (NU) 8-3.
3. Allgire/Larson (EIU) def. Tiso/Roberts (NU)

three matches this weekend, and swept St. Francis (Pa.) 7-0 in its final match on Sunday.

The Panthers won all six singles

MEN'S TENNIS

Sunday in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Eastern 7, St. Francis (Pa.) 0

Records: Eastern (4-4); St. Francis (Pa.) (0-6)

Singles

1. Rutherford (EIU) def. Sandu (SF) 6-4, 6-1.
2. Milicevic (EIU) def. Seevers (SF) 6-1, 6-1.
3. Nestrud (EIU) def. S. Kowalski (SF) 6-2, 6-3.
4. Thomas (EIU) def. Nune (SF) 6-1, 6-0.
5. Gama (EIU) def. Angiuoni (SF) 6-2, 6-0.
6. Marler (EIU) def. Primeau (SF) 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles

1. Thomas/Stedman (EIU) def. Seevers/S. Kowalski (SF) 8-1.
2. Nestrud/Bush (EIU) def. Sandu/J. Kowalski (SF) 8-3.
3. Milicevic/Rutherford (EIU) def. Kirby/Arine (SF) 8-2.

matches in straight sets against the Red Flash (0-6).

The Panthers (4-4) split their two other matches this weekend. The

men lost to Indiana State on Friday, 6-1 and won a closely contested match against Niagara on Saturday, 4-3.

The team won four of six singles matches against the Purple Eagles (0-3), which Blackburn said was the key to the team's success.

"I think our singles play was the story of the weekend," Blackburn said.

Junior Jordan Nestrud won all three of his weekend matches. He was the only Panther to win against Indiana State (2-5).

"I've been stepping up my game on the deuce points and the break points," Nestrud said.

The men's team plays Illinois State at 7 p.m. Friday in Normal.

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» Richey

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Thursday night's game seemed like the Panthers had turned their season around. Mathematically eliminated from reaching the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament a week earlier, Eastern played like it had nothing to lose.

And it was the best game the Panthers had played all year or two years, if you ask senior forward Jake Byrne.

Eastern did everything right against SEMO.

The Panthers were physical in the post and out-rebounded two SEMO big men who had dominated Eastern

a month earlier. The Panthers also shot the ball well and made 32-of-52 field goals (62 percent), and the scoring was evenly distributed between the perimeter and post players with five Panthers, who finished the game in double figures.

Saturday night's game was the downhill of the roller coaster that has come to define Eastern's season. Eastern was at a disadvantage from the start.

Murray State is not a big team, and it put four guards on the floor to start the game. Eastern countered with its usual two-guard, two-forward, one-center lineup, which would have worked if the Panthers were able to stop the Racers' transition offense.

The Racers' tallest starter was 6-

foot-9 sophomore forward Tony Easley, but he was tall and thin. Eastern sophomore center Ousmane Cisse might have given up an inch to Easley, but Cisse is the stronger of the two. Byrne had a minimum four-inch height advantage over anyone guarding him.

If the Panthers were able to work their offense around the post, the outcome of the game might have been different.

But the Panthers were not able to do this, and they were forced into a running game with the Racers. Murray State had speed on its side, and used that to its advantage to run rampant against the Panthers.

The player who could have helped Eastern was at his usual spot on the end of the bench.

Sophomore guard Romain Martin could have changed the entire dimension of the game, but he remains unavailable because of plantar fasciitis in his left foot. Not only is Martin a scoring threat, but he also could have been used in at least a three-guard set for the Panthers to combat the Racers' lineup.

Eastern has three games — two in conference — remaining this season. After Thursday's game, it seemed like the Panthers might have had enough momentum to finish the season strong with wins.

Saturday's game proved that the Panthers may never escape inconsistency.

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» Jumper

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On Friday, the men's distance medley relay team of senior Chris Wesson, sophomore Pat Tortorici, sophomore runner Wes Sheldon and Holm ran the fourth fastest time in school history (9:55.21). The team placed third and ran the fastest time in the OVC so far this season and beat the previous time by 26 seconds.

The Panthers will host the EIU Friday Night Special on Friday at Lantz Fieldhouse. It will be the last meet before the OVC Indoor Championships.

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TRIPLE THREAT



Obe Eruteya

Eastern senior jumper Obe Eruteya (above) won the triple jump at the Iowa State Classic this weekend with a jump of 50 feet, 7.5 inches. Eruteya's jump in Ames, Iowa, was more than one foot longer than his previous best this season on Dec. 8 at the EIU Early Bird meet.

Here are three other top performances from Eastern athletes this weekend.

1. Jake Byrne — The senior forward from Elsberry, Mo., scored 16 points against Murray State on Saturday to lead the Eastern men's basketball team in scoring for the third consecutive game. Byrne scored 18 points at Southeast Missouri on Thursday. Byrne shot a combined 15-of-22 (68 percent) in Eastern's two road games.

2. David Holm — The junior middle-distance runner from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, finished ninth in the 800-meter run at the Iowa State Classic in a time of 1 minute, 51.24 seconds. Holm's time was the third-fastest in Eastern history, and he now holds the third- and fourth-best times on the Panthers' career list.

3. Women's tennis team — The Eastern women's tennis team remains undefeated at 4-0 after wins against Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne and Niagara this weekend in Fort Wayne, Ind.

-Scott Richey



SCOTT RICHEY

Game defines season

The Eastern men's basketball team scored 90 points and beat Southeast Missouri by 20 points Thursday in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Two days later, the Panthers lost by 11 points to Murray State.

"We'd make a few plays, and then we wouldn't make a big play that we needed," said Eastern head coach Mike Miller after the loss at Murray State. "That's kind of the way we played throughout."

But that is expected from the Panthers this season. They are maddeningly inconsistent. Only once this season have the Panthers won back-to-back games, and neither victory was a sure thing until the final second ticked off the clock.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | MURRAY STATE 62, EASTERN 59

Panthers drop close game

Eastern loses battle on offensive glass

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

It was another frustrating loss for the Panthers.

Eastern had two chances in the final minute on Saturday night to take the lead and the win, but the Panthers couldn't finish as they lost 62-59 at Murray State.

Eastern sophomore forward Dominique Sims stole the ball with less than 36 seconds in the game, but Eastern's offense could not find the shot it wanted as Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan missed a short jump shot from the top of the key.

Murray State grabbed the rebound and had the opportunity to make a free throw but missed it with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game.

Twenty seconds later, Sims went up for another shot with the Panthers down 60-59, and instead of shooting, Sims passed off to a group of players.

The ball rolled into the group a jump ball was forced and Murray State gained possession with 5.9 seconds remaining.

Murray State junior guard Ashley Hayes hit two free throws for the Racers' last points of the game. The Panthers had a chance to set up a shot with 4.9 seconds left, but the ball rolled out of bounds on Eastern's half of the floor.

"We wish we could have executed better," Galligan said. "It's tough. It's frustrating. We weren't playing our best. I know I missed shots."

The frustrations continued for Eastern (14-12, 13-5 Ohio Valley Conference) after a sloppy 46-41 loss on Thursday night against Southeast



PHOTO COURTESY OF MURRAY STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

Eastern red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards dribbles around the Murray State defense. Eastern lost 62-59 on Saturday night in Murray, Ky.

Missouri in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

A win against Murray State would have allowed the Panthers to secure a better seeding for the Ohio Valley

Conference Tournament, but with the loss against the Racers (18-7, 12-5) the Panthers might get pushed back to the No. 3 or No. 4 seed.

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The Panthers split the regular season series with the Racers, but Murray State has the tiebreaker advantage against Eastern with one win against first-place Southeast Missouri.

The Panthers can secure at least a third-place finish in the conference if Murray State loses one of its next games and Eastern wins its final two conference games.

"I think it was just a very good basketball game between two very, very good basketball teams," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "Hopefully, we'll see them in (Nashville, Tenn., for the OVC Tournament), and I'm sure it will be another great game."

Eastern was also frustrated by its 16 turnovers and Murray State's offensive rebounds.

The Racers finished with 35 rebounds, but had 17 offensive rebounds and five in the final five minutes of the game. Murray's 17 offensive rebounds also translated into 17 second-chance points.

"Their ability to get to the offensive glass was a huge factor in this game," Sallee said. "Anytime you give up 17 offensive rebounds, on the road on top of it, it's going to be very, very hard to beat a very good basketball team that way."

Eastern's turnovers problems improved from Thursday night when it had 27 turnovers. The Panthers took care of the ball better in the second half with just six turnovers.

"You can't (turn the ball over) in the stretch against these teams," Galligan said.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK | WEEKEND RECAP

Eruteya wins triple jump at big meet

Senior takes title; others hit personal, season bests

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

Senior jumper Obe Eruteya jumped past his own best mark this season and all other competitors this weekend at the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa.

The Chicago native won the triple jump with a mark of 50 feet, 7.5 inches, the farthest by any competitor in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

"There was a lot of competition, and that was one of the top 3 meets in the country this weekend," Eruteya said. "I am very pleased with the outcome and how I performed."

Eruteya jumped more than 50 feet for the first time this season.

"I just wanted to go out there and do my best," Eruteya said. "I knew that 50 feet would come sooner or later."



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Eastern senior jumper Obe Eruteya practices for the long jump in Lantz Fieldhouse. Eruteya won the triple jump at the Iowa State Classic.

Eastern head track coach Tom Akers said the weekend meet had a few hiccups, but he was pleased

by his athletes' two days of competition. "We had a lot of season and per-

sonal bests," Akers said. "We had a lot of people (who) stepped up, and I am very pleased by the result."

Junior distance runner David Holm had another solid meet. He finished ninth in the 800-meter run and ran a season best of 1 minute, 51.24 seconds.

Holm's time was third-fastest in program history.

Akers said Holm had a solid weekend and ran well in his 800-meter run, the distance medley, and the 1,600-meter relay.

For the women's team, sophomore sprinter Meghan Carney placed 13th in the 600-yard run. She finished in 1:28.15, her fastest time of the season.

Junior sprinter Shawana Smith placed 21st in the 60-meter dash in 7.79 seconds.

Eastern was also successful in non-seeded events on both the men's and women's teams.

Junior sprinter Tarra Grant placed fifth in a non-seeded 400-meter dash in 58.74 seconds.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S GOLF
Today at North Texas Invite |
All Day - Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday vs. Illinois Tech |
7 p.m. - Lantz Arena

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Thursday at Summit League Championships |
All Day - Rochester, Mich.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Friday at Summit League Championships |
All Day - Rochester, Mich.

MEN'S TENNIS
Friday at Illinois State |
7 p.m. - Normal