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CITY | TAXES

Preparing for a protest

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

About 80 people, including local lawmakers, gathered in Morton Park on Lincoln Avenue yesterday to protest government spending and tax increases.

The protest was part of the National Taxed Enough Already (TEA) Party movement, which takes its name from the 1773 Boston Tea Party when American colonists protested British taxes.

Participants at yesterday's demonstration drank tea, listened to speakers and musicians and made signs for a protest that will be held at noon today outside Charleston City Hall.

Organizer Holly Rennels said she helped plan the event out of concern that government leaders are ignoring American values and the needs of their constituents.

Rennels criticized President Barack Obama for appearing to bow to King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

Rennels said both Republicans and Democrats are responsible for high taxes and government spending.

"No matter what our party alliance, we all agree that both parties got us here," Rennels said. "We may take some jabs at the current administration...but we're all in this together."

State Representative Chapin Rose, R-Charleston, also spoke at the event, criticizing calls to raise taxes to pay off Illinois.

Rose said state leaders have erroneously estimated the state's deficit at \$9 billion.

"They have cobbled together seven years of debt on top of the deficit," Rose said. "That figure is being used to justify the tax increase."

Rose also said raising taxes is only a short-term solution to Illinois' budget problems, adding that programs like Medicare will continue to cost the state.



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Larry Phillips, a Charleston resident, holds up a protest sign at the East Central Illinois Taxed Enough Already party on Tuesday night at Morton Park. Attendees were able to make signs for the protest that will take place at noon today at city hall.

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UNIVERSITY | STAFFING

Interim associate dean search begins

By **MATT HOPF**
News Editor

An interim associate dean for the College of Arts and Humanities will be appointed for two years, according to a memo from Blair Lord.

Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, sent the memo to faculty and staff throughout the college asking for nominations and expressions of interest by April 20. Current associate dean Jeffrey Lynch was named interim dean of the college Thursday. He will assume the position after dean James Johnson retires in June. Lord said in the memo if there were several candidates, faculty and staff could offer comments regarding them.

The search for a dean of the College of Arts and Humanities started last semester, with finalists visiting Eastern in February.

Lord announced March 24 that the search for dean would reopen this fall. Lord said in an e-mail Tuesday that the interim would provide services to the new dean for a year.

"This should allow the new dean an opportunity to determine what he/she wants in an associate dean and time to actually run a search process to identify such an individual," he said.

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UNIVERSITY | STUDENTS

Economy has effect on transfers

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

The ailing economy is having a direct effect on transfer relations at Eastern.

As state and federal aid declines for four-year public institutions, enrollment has begun to increase in community colleges across the country to reduce the blows of tuition increases. Enrollment head counts at community colleges has increased by 28 percent nationally from Fall 2008 to Spring 2009, according to a Winter 2009 survey by the League for Innovation in Community College.

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CITY | BUSINESS

Garden center to open at former dealership property

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

The cars are gone, but the former Baldwin Pontiac dealership at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Douglas Street is showing new signs of life, with rows of cars replaced by rows of trees, shrubs and rocks.

Local landscapers Jonathon Wills and Tim Butler said they plan to open their new Green Tree Garden Center at the site in the coming months. The center will provide landscaping services, tree and lawn care, trees, shrubs and flowering plants, Wills said.

"We've had a positive response already and we haven't even opened the doors yet," Wills said.

Wills said the men are waiting for cold weather to pass before they open the garden center and begin selling annual and perennial plants.

"We're waiting for the frost to pass," Wills said. "It's still really early in the season."

Wills, a 2002 Eastern graduate in environmental biology, said he and Butler have owned Green Tree landscaping together for nearly four years. Before that, Butler said he worked on projects around the country, including landscape maintenance at Disneyland in California and landscape design at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

Butler said he and Wills design landscapes as eco-friendly "outdoor living spaces."

"We're definitely not your normal kind of landscaper," Butler said. "We look at (landscaping) as more of a work of art."

The company has landscaped over 100 projects in the Charleston area, Wills said, adding that most of the company's business comes from cus-

tomers referrals.

Butler also said he and Wills identify problems with trees and shrubs.

"We'll actually go out and diagnose problems with everything that's classified as a woody ornamental," Butler said. "We actually look into things deeper...rather than just putting down more fertilizer."

Wills said the men ran their landscaping service at a shop in Mattoon until they bought the former car dealership last fall. Initially, they planned to use the building and grounds to store their equipment, mulch and plants, Wills said. But, he said, people began asking about buying plants and material from the building.

"So, we'll give the garden center a try," Wills said.

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Green Tree Garden Center, the new business at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Douglas Street is getting ready to open its doors to customers looking for products to satisfy their green thumb.

EIU WEATHER

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CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

Diversity requirement up for revote

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

The Student Senate will review the diversity involvement requirement by-law change for the third time this year at the 7 p.m. meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

At the Feb. 11 meeting, the senate did not pass the bylaw change with 14-7 vote with one abstention. One more vote was needed for a two-thirds majority to pass the change.

Student Senate member Mike Whildin was the lone abstaining vote.

Kendall Jackson, a sophomore family consumer science major, was one of about two dozen Black Student Union members who protested the diversity requirement being removed

from the bylaws.

He was also elected last week to serve on next year's senate.

Jackson said the authors Mark Olendzki and Tiffany Turner took into account the minority student organizations' concerns regarding the word "diversity" being removed.

Even though Jackson agrees with most of the wording, he said there is still some work to do.

"The wording still doesn't sit well with me," Jackson said. "Overall, the message is similar to the previous one, but the way it is worded and how some people interpret wording can go a certain way. Some members might not want to complete it."

"Basically, when I think of diversity, I think about stepping outside your comfort zone."

One thing Jackson said he disagrees with is that some senate members feel that Greeks should count as diverse.

Other items on the agenda include releasing \$500 for the Live Line demonstration that took place April 7.

Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin said the money does not have to be collected until April 25.

Griffin also said T-shirts for Panther Service Day is marked as emergency legislation. He said Student Government will pay \$800 for the shirts while the Student Community Service Office will pay the remaining \$450. For the shirts to be distributed well, Griffin said the proposal has to be voted upon this meeting.

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CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE

Fundraising campaign update given to Senate

By **KATELYN TONRA**
Staff Reporter

Eastern's near future is going to see some changes as was addressed at Faculty Senate's meeting Tuesday.

Eastern is working on an inaugural comprehensive campaign where fundraising is a top priority and concern. This process, which is expected to last about five to six years, was started in July 2006 and is anticipated to end in June 2012.

The plan has three phases. The preparation phase started in July 2006 and ended June 2008. This phase was where the idea for the campaign started. Jill Nilsen, who presented at the senate meeting, explained that the first plans were to develop the campaign, start assigning prospective major donors for qualification and solicit cultivated top prospects.

The Leadership phase started in

July 2008 and is planned to end in June 2010.

In this phase, the internal campaign preparation committee was created, and the campaign chair and steering committee were recruited.

The campaign-operating plan started this spring semester. A campaign budget needs to be finalized and the campaign-funding objectives need refining before this phase is complete.

The final campaign goal also needs to be determined. This fall, the campaign brochure, Web site and campaign video are in plans to be completed. The preparation for the campaign kickoff event will also start.

The final public phase will go from July 2010 to June 2012.

For this phase, the university will complete all collateral campaign materials, solicit all major gift proposals and complete them, and announce the campaign conclusion.

In other business, Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, discussed his initiative on cell phone usage in class.

He said it is important for cell phones to be in class and on at least vibrate, so that vital alert messages can get into the classroom.

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Also, a proposal to change campus mail to electronic mail was presented. Although this would cause a change in the university's constitution, the proposal passed because it would help save trees, make contact with individuals faster and could cause a larger voter turnout.

At the next meeting, the senate will elect its executive committee. This will be the last meeting of the semester.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Sex Positive Fair features toys, games

By DOUG T. GRAHAM
Staff Reporter

People played Twister, wrote sexual confessions on a plywood board, played "pin the clitoris on the vagina" and colored pictures of penises at the Sex Positive Fair and Masturbate-athon on Tuesday night in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The event raised more than \$800 through optional raffle tickets purchased at the door and in donations.

Kendall, a sophomore art history major and event coordinator, said the money would be donated to Planned Parenthood in Effingham.

The gift bags raffled contained chocolates, candies, an assortment of condoms, sex toys donated from Passion Parties and coin banks that said "Sperm Bank."

Two rows of tables stacked with sex-related presentations were arranged in the ballroom.

Students and volunteers stood next to the poster boards displayed on their table and talked to anyone who stopped by.

Laura Wussow, a junior physics education major and coordinator of the sex fair, ran a table decked out with several erect plastic penises wearing a variety of condoms donated by Rubber Lovers. Students were allowed to take packaged condoms from the table, which varied in color, smell and shape.

Kirstin Bowns, a sophomore special education major, made a booth about abstinence.

She said she made the poster because she "wanted to portray abstinence in a positive light."

"It would be a shame to have a sex positive fair and have it without an abstinence angle," she said.

Bowns said waiting for the right time to have sex is "a beautiful thing."

The "Myth of the Vaginal Orgasm" was presented in a booth created by Carly Guerriero, a senior women's studies major. She said despite scientific evidence proving that the clitoris is the source of the female orgasm, some people still support the claim that the vagina is more important. Guerriero said the reason people believe that is because



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While coloring images of penises and vaginas Leah Littleton, a senior geography major, jokes and sings "Let's Talk About Sex" by Salt'n'Peppa with friends, Clarissa Domek, a senior art major, and Mirian Torres, a junior political science major, during the Masturbate-athon on Tuesday evening.

they want to perpetuate the need of a man's penis in female sexuality.

Nicole Pixley, a representative from Passion Parties, had a booth set up to promote the sex toy company.

Although the company was not allowed to sell the many arranged toys around the table, Pixley said the students were able to take information on how to purchase sex toys online or plan their own sex toy party.

She said sex toy parties were very popular.

"I'm booked up every weekend until June," she said.

At around 7:15 p.m., Jeannie Ludlow, a professor in the women's studies department, gave a speech on the history of America's sexual revolution. She drew comparisons from those who opposed the early feminists to those who are opposing the Sex Positive Fair.

Event coordinator and sophomore art history major Kendall introduced Ludlow as a late replacement for a speaker who backed out at the last minute.

Kendall said Meadows called him at 11 a.m. Tuesday to cancel her speaking engagement.

Terri Fredrick, an English professor and advisor to EIU Pride, said people had called saying they were going to protest the event.

The only protesters to show up were two faculty members who instead of shouting slogans and waving signs, were out in front of the University Ballroom promoting the "Last Lecture" series going on down the hall.

Fredrick said the event organizers were expecting a lot more protesters to show up to the event. She said she had been in contact with the University Police Department just in case anything got out of hand.

The UPD was not present because there was no need.

Fredrick said she appreciated the protesters behavior, calling it "professional and respectful."

Michael Dubois, a faculty member in the department of student teaching, was one of the protesters. He said he came out to express his "frustration with the over-the-top

activity (that) ... does not represent the University very well."

"Sexuality is a lot more serious and important than sex toys," Dubois said.

Laura Wussow, a junior physics education major and event organizer, said the protesters had a right to express their opinions, but she said it was "sad that they are trying to keep college students from getting information about safe sex."

All of the money raised from the event will go to Planned Parenthood in Effingham, which caused issues for the organization.

Kendell said people were complaining to Planned Parenthood about their "support of the event," which Kendell claims they do not.

Kendell said Planned Parenthood has never been affiliated with Pride or the Sex Positive Fair. Pride will donate the money to Planned Parenthood not as affiliates but as a private donation.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Bricks to be painted for diversity

The Residence Hall Association will be hosting the Writing on the Wall Brick Painting event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and Thursday in the Library and South quads.

Bricks will also be painted at 5:45 p.m. Thursday in the South Quad.

At the event, bricks will be decorated with words or phrases that have hurt, offended or marginalized students to be used in the construction of a wall of oppression for Social Justice and Diversity Week.

Graduate Expo events continues today

The Graduate School and the Graduate Student Advisory Council are hosting Graduate Expo Week 2009 this week.

Today, the College of Sciences will have a presentation at 11 a.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Christoph Heeren will make an MBA presentation titled "Corporate Social Responsibility in Sin Industries" from 2 to 2:30 p.m. today in Lumpkin Hall 3011.

A presentation from the College of Education and Professional Studies will begin at 3 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

A Graduate Student Social will conclude today's events with free BBQ pulled pork sandwiches and ice cream sandwiches at 7 p.m. in Klehm Hall, Room 2309.

On Thursday, a poster exhibit and awards ceremonies will conclude the week's events.

Deadline for textbook return approaches

All textbooks do not have to be returned to the Textbook Rental Service at the same time. Textbooks can be returned as each class is finished.

The deadline to return textbooks from the spring semester is at 3 p.m. Friday, May 8.

For more information, visit www.eiu.edu/~textbks/.

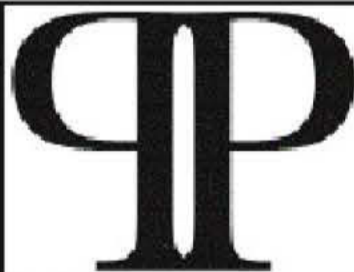
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KRYSTAL MOYA

Edit board offers
hope for industry

Today I went to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* editorial board meeting with my opinion writing class headed by John Ryan, professor of journalism.

Dressed in interview attire and armed with a notebook, I was anticipating both a learning experience and a networking experience at one of the largest papers in the Midwest.

However, when I sat at the table with only two editorial board members, I was confused. Where was everyone?

"We have two staff members on furlough and one on vacation today," said Gilbert Bailon, editorial page editor.

There it was, staring me directly in the face: the monstrous Internet trend, the downward-spiraling economy, the corporate greed of forced vacations and staff cuts, the loss of advertisements and revenue and the loss of respect for a group of people that stand for something more than money.

There it was, and I was hit with it hard. I felt like I was lying on the floor, my lungs without wind, gasping for air and asking one question over and over. Do I have a future?

Here was one of the giants of Midwest media, struggling to survive. Why?

Kevin Horrigan, the deputy editorial page editor and other member in attendance, knew the feelings around the room as over 15 prospective journalists stared at him for answers. He valiantly took a chance at quelling the ogre in the room by repeating the paper's responsibility to the people who read it, and how he wishes there was something he could do to change the "Age of the Downsize."

As the paper's staff dwindles, he said, the quality goes out the door, like our dreams had as we sat down in that office.

But Bailon and Horrigan went back and forth on editorial ideas anyway, while mixing in encouraging messages about the process of the opinions page. Slowly, our morale was raised up off the floor.

They worked well with each other and focused on issues that mattered. They emphasized reporting and credibility. They gave me hope. And, as their editorial cartoonist RJ Matson walked in the room, the onslaught of everything I had heard was killing newspapers, seemed less daunting. There was one more to contribute.

And he did. They all did, hammering down energy bills that would cheat the people out of their earnings and giving a face to the "new poor" that developed in this economic recession.

I wish everyone could have seen that room and how those men dealt with our faces of doubt, because if they had, I don't think there would be a problem with newspapers dying out anymore.

I realize how trite and cliché it sounds to say people should support newspapers, but you didn't see it. You didn't see these men holding on to the last threads of the industry and doing it with valor. But you should have.

Despite the monsters the industry is up against, I have hope for my future. If men and women like this exist in the industry, there will always be newspapers.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Proposed clinic a positive step
for Coles County health care

Coles County could soon be home to a free clinic in about a year, and with the number of uninsured people in the area, a free clinic is a great idea.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 10.9 percent of Coles County residents were uninsured in 2000.

The Census Bureau stated about 5,300 people in Coles County were uninsured while 43,275 were insured.

In Illinois alone, about 13.4 percent of its residents were uninsured in 2000, the Census Bureau stated.

There is no reason for anyone to go without medical care and the free clinic would help those who can't get insurance, whether it's because they lost their job or do not have the income to support it.

Mike Murray, president of Coles Community Health Program, the organization trying to build the free clinic, said the clinic would be built on the east side of Mattoon and would take up about 2,700 to 3,000 square feet.

Murray said in the next six months the organization hopes to begin construction of the building and in a year, have it open and functioning.

According to the organization's Web site, www.colescommunityclinic.org, its mission is to "bring greater access to primary care services" in accordance with the Community Health Improvement Center of Decatur.

The site said it would benefit the community by reducing the burden on the hospital emergency department, improving access to other health care providers and employing six to eight office support staff, one to two nurse practitioners and a part-time medical doctor.

Currently, the closest free clinic to Mattoon and

"Granted, most of us college students do not have the means to donate a lot, but a little bit can help, especially if the community does too."

Charleston, as well as the rest of Coles County, is in Champaign.

Champaign isn't exactly close when you are in need of medical assistance, so a clinic in Coles County should be supported.

The Coles Community Health Program currently has half of the funds it needs to open the clinic.

Murray said about \$360,000 of the \$600,000 needed has been raised. The organization might receive some stimulus money, about \$300,000 to \$350,000 to cover the rest.

However, on the organization's Web site, there is a place to donate; granted, most of us college students do not have the means to donate a lot, but a little bit can help, especially if the community does too.

Support a free clinic that could possibly help you or your fellow community members.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEALTHY CHOICES NOT JUST
AN ISSUE FOR VEGETARIANS

I was distressed by your article on vegetarianism in Monday's edition of *The DEN*.

The point of the article — accompanied by a skull & crossbones image, no less — seems to be that vegetarianism is unhealthy for college students.

This is a highly misleading point of view.

It seems to be based on the point made by HERC nutrition coordinator Susan Allen: "What a lot of kids do is that they stop eating meat. They don't

replace it with anything and they eat a lot of cheese pizza and pretzels."

Certainly, a diet consisting mainly of pizza and pretzels is unhealthy.

But it doesn't matter if it's cheese pizza or pepperoni.

And if you throw in a couple of Chik-Filets and a few bacon-double-cheeseburgers, things don't improve.

Bad nutrition choices are a problem whether you are a vegetarian or not.

There is no doubt that vegetarians need to be aware of what they eat, but so do meat eaters.

By making an active decision to adopt dietary restrictions, vegetarians

are already one step ahead in that process. Vegetarians are forced to be more conscious of their food choices.

We can't just stop in at Hardees or Subway and pick up a greasy, high-fat sandwich.

Having to think more carefully about what you can eat doesn't guarantee a healthy diet, but it raises the likelihood.

Not to mention the fact it is better for the environment, kinder to animals, and cheaper.

Steve Scher
Professor, Department of Psychology

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SEWING



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Emily Drahokoupil, a freshman broadcast communications major, makes a row for a pattern in the costume shop in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Tuesday afternoon.

» Transfer

FROM PAGE 1

Rita Pearson, transfer coordinator and associate director of transfer relations, said Eastern has seen a "definite trend." The office indicates that more than 50,000 students transferred "somewhere in Illinois" in 2008, compared to the 30,000 students that transferred 10 years ago.

"As more students are choosing to begin their college careers at community colleges, four-year institutions are going to need to have more transfer resources to accommodate them," Pearson said.

However, Director of Admissions Brenda Majors said even with increases in the transfer population, Eastern will always have a population that is made up of a majority of freshman.

"There will be waves of demographic shifts and a likely upturn in the economy that will assure us of a good balance of traditional new freshmen," she said.

Traditional services for transfer students at Eastern stem from the epitaph of "transfer friendly."

The office attempts to work with students as soon as possible in order to cater to each one personally and help them transition, Pearson said.

"We encourage (transfer) students to

apply as early as possible," she said. "We start accepting applications up to a year in advance, but the planning and preparation for transferring can begin earlier than that."

Pearson said students who desire to attend a community college first can begin to plan their transfer to Eastern their freshman year.

Requirements for application are official transcripts and ACT or SAT scores.

"Eastern is a full participant in all statewide agreements like the Illinois Articulation Initiative, the Associate in Arts for Teaching, u.select and Associate Compact Agreements," Pearson said. "We also appreciate our partnerships with the community colleges in individual program articulation agreements and course articulation."

Eastern has a general education foundation that incorporates community college core curriculum.

The curriculum used to complete an Associates Degree is the curriculum used by Eastern for general education credits.

"We also print substitution lists for each community college, which lists all the courses that meet general education requirements as well as departmental equivalencies," Pearson said.

But despite Transfer Relation's willingness to work with students in advance,

transferring to Eastern still has its complications.

Transfer scholarships are minimal, with one Phi Theta Kappa scholarship administered and only a few Academic Achievement Awards.

Transfers can also apply for departmental scholarships, but many of these are decided before many students apply, Pearson said.

She is currently pushing for more scholarships to be dedicated to transfer students.

"We also could use more staff dedicated to the recruitment and retention of transfer students," she said. "Transfer Relations would definitely put an additional full-time transfer counselor to use."

She also expressed an interest in having more publications distributed to transfer students, both prospective and enrolled.

The focus will allow Eastern to show the university is paying attention to its transfer students, Pearson said.

"We truly have the transfer student's best interest at heart and want them to have an excellent college experience here at Eastern Illinois University," she said.

Krystal Moya can be reached at 581-7942 or at ksmoya@eiu.edu.

» Protest

FROM PAGE 1

"You can raise taxes any amount you want, (but) if you don't get your arms around the cost-drivers in the state budget, you'll be broke again,"

Rose said.

Charleston resident Larry Phillips said he attended the TEA Party out of concern over government spending.

"I'm tired of our government spending all our money on pork (projects) and not looking at bills before

they sign them," Phillips said.

Norma Serrles, of Mattoon, attended the meeting with her granddaughter Tiffani Thoele, also of Mattoon.

"(I am here) to stand up for our rights," Serrles said. "I oppose govern-

ment spending when they don't have money to spend."

Increased income taxes and cigarette taxes have made it harder for her to endure the slumping economy, Thoele said.

"(Politicians) need to lighten up

on the people, because we're having hard economic times," Thoele said. "They can bail us out without dragging us down."

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Cusack

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"Four of our players just clicked on the last day," Imburgia said. "I don't know what happened, but it felt great. (Riordan) struggled a little bit so far this spring, but she broke through and played great."

Like many of the tournaments, the weather was rough. Imburgia said it was cold and windy, but she knew she had to get it done.

"I felt all over the place the last day, but I knew I had to keep it together and get a manageable score so we could be in a position to win," Imburgia said.

After a successful fall season, the Panthers were not able to duplicate those successes before this weekend. The team finished in first place at the Chicago State Invitational and sec-

ond place in four other tournaments in the fall.

Until last weekend, the highest the women's team had placed was in seventh place in the Bradley Classic April 5 and 6.

Imburgia said the win meant everything for the team as they prepare for the conference championships. She does not know why the team locked in like they did on the final day of the tournament, but she hopes that can carry over into the OVC Championships in two week-ends.

"We have not played up to our potential all spring, but we showed this week we can do it," Imburgia said. "It showed we can play out best golf and win the conference tournament."

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TENNIS | RECAP

Men's tennis loses to Salukis

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's tennis team lost its final match of the regular season to Southern Illinois Carbondale 6-0.

The matches were moved to Sports Blast, an indoor facility, due to weather and only featured singles play.

At No. 1 singles, Eastern junior Jeff Rutherford lost in straight sets, 3-6, 4-6, while at No. 2 singles play, Eastern senior Vuk Milicevic lost in three sets 5-7, 6-4 and 6-7.

Eastern freshman Matyas Hilgert lost in straight sets at No. 3 singles, while fellow freshman Jamie Firth lost at No. 4 singles.

Eastern freshman Drew Grimaldi lost in three sets 1-6, 6-2 and 4-10

at No. 5 singles. Eastern sophomore Vance Davis lost at No. 6 singles.

The Panthers (10-12) will play next in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

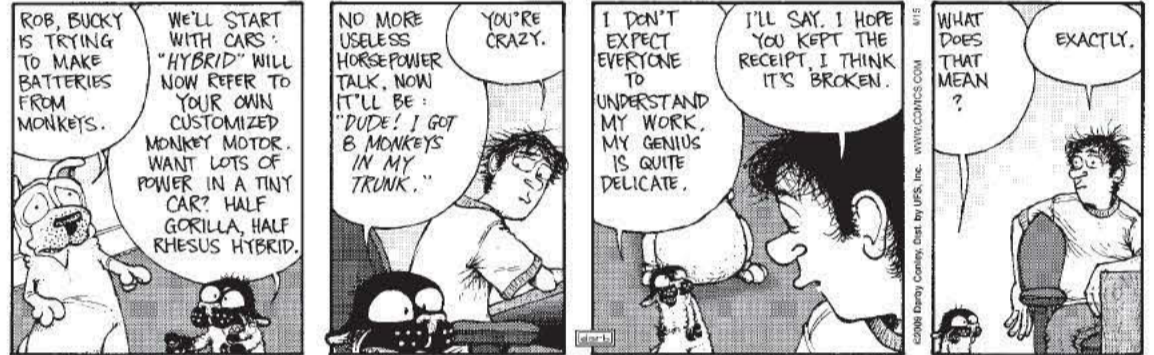
The Panthers, a No. 6 seed, play No. 3 seed Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. Friday in Paducah, Ky.

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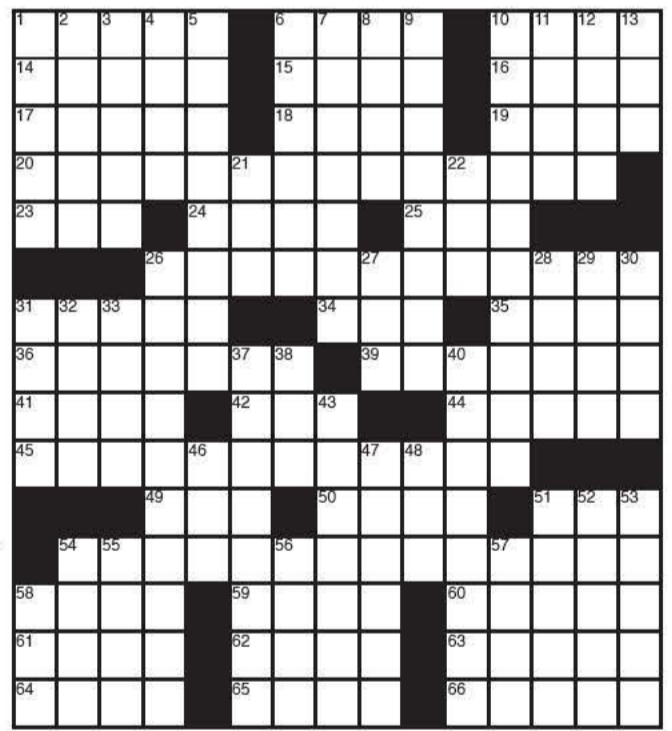
Department of Special Education: Special Olympics Volunteer Meeting Tuesday April 21, 2009 6:00pm Buzzard Auditorium. It is important for everyone who volunteered to work Friday, April 24th and attend this meeting; if you have not received our assignment you may pick it up at this meeting.

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 - 51 Real ending?
 - 54 "Star Wars" actress who's a Harvard grad
 - 58 New member of la familia
 - 59 Simple quatrain form
 - 60 Al-Qatif, for one
 - 61 _____ Sea, outlet of the Amu Darya
 - 62 Small songbirds
 - 63 New Mexico county
 - 64 Glowing
 - 65 Old pump name
 - 66 Livia, to Tiberius



PUZZLE BY CALEB MADISON

- DOWN
- 1 2005 #1 album for Coldplay
 - 2 Poet who wrote "This is the way the world ends / Not with a bang but a whimper"
 - 3 Incessantly
 - 4 Ancient Peruvian
 - 5 What some amusement park rides have
 - 6 Rob of "Numb3rs"
 - 7 A pint, typically, at a blood bank
 - 8 Chew out
 - 9 Restaurant offering that might come with a toy
 - 10 1957 Fats Domino hit
 - 11 Holler
 - 12 Pretoria money
 - 13 Strand material
 - 21 Towel off
 - 22 String after E
 - 26 "No doubt!"
 - 27 Prefix with liberal
 - 28 180's
 - 29 Factoid for fantasy baseball
 - 30 "I'm all _____"
 - 31 Fresh
 - 32 "Livin' La Vida _____"
 - 33 Worldwide: Abbr.
 - 37 Kiss
 - 38 "The Bells" writer
 - 40 Stereotypically messy digs
 - 43 "The Second Coming" poet
 - 46 Tennis's Ivanovic
 - 47 City on the Rio Grande
 - 48 Want ad abbr.
 - 51 "No more for me"
 - 52 Congo, once
 - 53 Artist James
 - 54 "I, Claudius" figure
 - 55 "Down with _____!": Fr.
 - 56 Relative of a stork
 - 57 "Ciao"
 - 58 Judging by their names, where the answers to the four starred clues might be found?

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Breaking through when it counts

Skidmore's homer carries offense

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

CHAMPAIGN — Through seven innings Tuesday night, it appeared the Illinois pitching staff had done what few teams have this season and silenced the red-hot Eastern baseball team's bats.

But the No. 29 Panthers' offense broke through with three runs in the top of the eighth, keyed by a two out, two-run homer by senior third baseman Zach Skidmore en route to a 5-1 victory at Illinois Field in Champaign.

"They had been throwing me first pitch fastballs all day," said Skidmore, who now has seven home runs this season. "Before that at bat, I said 'If they throw you a first pitch fastball, trust your hands and swing,' and that's what I did."

The eighth-inning breakthrough aided a stellar day by the Eastern pitching staff.

Senior right-hander Brian Morrell started and allowed one earned run and two hits in five innings of work.

Junior lefty Tyler Kehrer and junior right-hander Richie Derbak combined to throw four innings of a three-hit ball with Derbak earning the win to improve to 3-2 on the season.

"(Illinois) only made maybe two bad pitches the whole game and we didn't make any," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz, as the Panthers (25-6) won in Champaign for the



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Junior infielder and pitcher Richie Derbak pitches the ball during a game against Indiana State on April 8. The Panthers won 5-1 against Illinois at Illinois Field in Champaign, the first time since 1996.

first time since 1996. "We'd been scoring a lot and the pitching staff isn't getting as much credit as it can. Great job by our pitching staff."

Eastern has won 15 of its last 16 games dating back to March 21.

Freshman right-hander Will Strack was equally effective for the Illini (21-9), scattering five hits and one unearned run in five innings.

Until the eighth, the only Eastern run had come off of an RBI fielder's choice groundout by senior second

baseman Jordan Tokarz in the third.

"It was a cold, windy day and with the wind blowing in, I knew it'd probably be low scoring," Schmitz said. "By the third inning, I told them 'Hey, it's going to be this kind of a game and we've got to take advantage of situations,' which we didn't early on."

Mike Stankiewicz took the loss for the Illini to fall to 0-1 on the season.

The senior righthander allowed

three earned runs on four hits in 1 2/3 innings of work.

The Panthers return home Wednesday as they kick off a 10-game home stand at 3 p.m. against Blackburn College at Coaches Stadium.

Eastern hosts Ohio Valley Conference preseason favorite Jacksonville State Saturday and Sunday.

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SOFTBALL | WEEKDAY RECAP

Rough day for the Panthers against Billikens

Eastern pounded in second game

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern softball team wants to forget about Tuesday's doubleheader against Saint Louis Tuesday at Williams Field.

The Panthers squandered a five-run lead in the first game, and lost 11-10 in eight innings and were dominated 19-2 in a five-inning mercy rule loss in the second game.

In the first game, Eastern led 10-5 after five innings, but the Billikens (16-22) scored the final six runs of the game.

In the top of the seventh, the Billikens scored three runs.

Eastern sophomore pitcher Amber May (17-10) was taken out of the game after she walked one, but struck one out.

Eastern freshman pitcher Maria Sorrentino came in and walked two straight batters.

May came back in for Sorrentino and gave up two runs on a hit and then a third run on a fielder's choice.

SLU scored its final run in the



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Freshman catcher Hailee Hanna makes a catch during the first game of a doubleheader against Saint Louis on Tuesday afternoon at Williams Field.

top of the eighth on a sacrifice fly.

"We thought we had the game won, which was unfortunate," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "We acted like the game was over. You can't do that in softball, and you can't do that when the win is blowing out."

In the second game, the Panthers (24-16) pitching staff gave up 17 hits as SLU scored 10 runs

in the first three innings.

"It was a rough day on the mound all-around," Schuette said. "I'm not sure we had much good pitching on the mound today, and it's hard to win when that happens. It looks an EIU baseball score."

Eastern senior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby (6-6) gave up 12 runs and 11 hits, nine of them earned.

She walked four and struck out

four in 3 2/3 innings.

The Panthers also committed three errors in the second game.

Eastern junior centerfielder Angie Danca said the team tried to get past the first game, but it didn't happen.

Danca had two of the Panthers' five hits in the second game.

"There's not much to say about it," Danca said. "We did get crushed, but we got to move off of it, got to forget about it."

The Panthers two home runs in the first game tied a single season record for team home runs (25).

The Panthers return to action against Morehead State at Williams Field.

The three-game Ohio Valley Conference series begins with a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday and the final game at noon Sunday.

Morehead State is in fourth place in the OVC, and Eastern is second in the league.

"We got to work in practice," Danca said. "We'll fix (those mistakes) in practice and go play Morehead."

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DAN CUSACK

First win comes at key time

The women's golf team got its first win of the spring Monday at the Loyola of Chicago Invitational finishing first of eight teams, and it could not have come at a better time.

This was the last regular season tournament for the women this spring as they prepare for the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in London, Ky., and the team played brilliantly.

Four players for the Panthers finished in the top 10 including senior Carrie Riordan (third place), junior Katie Imburgia (tied for fourth), senior Michelle Anderson (ninth) and junior Jaymie Voorhees (tie 10).

More impressively for the Panthers was the way in which they won.

The Panthers shot a 317 on the first day of the tournament, but cut 13 strokes on the second day to win the title.

Riordan dropped four strokes from her day one score (79 to 75), Imburgia three strokes (79 to 76), Anderson two strokes (80 to 78), and Voorhees nine strokes (84 to 75).

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3 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Friday vs. Murray State |
10 a.m. - Paducah, Ky.

MEN'S TENNIS
Friday vs. Tennessee Tech |
2 p.m. - Paducah, Ky.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Saturday at Illinois |
10 a.m. - Champaign

BASEBALL
Saturday vs. Jacksonville State |
1 p.m. - Coaches Stadium