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SPORTS u Mike Donato is holding steady as Eastern's QB:

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Campus votes for new

Students share rea-

for business affairs against Levi Bulgar.

Kozik said his United University party had members passing out flyers near all the polling places on campus.

"We'll be out here at 7:30 again (Tuesday) morning," said Kozik.

"If I see someone I don't know, I'll stop them and talk to them," said Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson. "We to make sure students know we care."

Anderson's Student United Party planned to make themselves visible to students again today.

"(Tuesday) we will be out here a little before nine again, outside of all the polling places," said Anderson.

Anderson is running against Jillian Ruddy for student body president.

While both parties claimed during their campaigns that they wanted the elections to be about issues and not popularity, voters went to the polls to support their friends.

By NORA MABERRY
ONLINE EDITOR

Students headed to the polls Monday to cast their vote in the Student Government elections.

"It was busier in the morning, but it was steady all day," said Amber Covington, a physical education major who was supervising voting in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. "Everyone has had their Panther Card, which is surprising."

Both parties were still campaigning in order to encourage students to get out and vote.

"We're showing students our name, showing them what we want to do and what we're about," said senate member Kenney Kozik.

Kozik is running for student vice president

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u Check out the Student Government Election Guide to get in-depth information about candidates and voting places and procedures.

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Matt Tolene, a senior physical education major, fills out his Student Senate election ballot in the Martin Luther

UNIVERSITY BOARD

Tickets not selling fast for country

University Board hopes for

By NORA MABERRY
ONLINE EDITOR

The University Board has sold just 130 tickets for the Spring Concert featuring country act Emerson Drive.

"We're somewhat disappointed, but we might get a big rush," said Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life at Eastern. "Regardless, they'll put on a good show."

Mallory Taylor, a junior marketing major and University Board Concert Committee member, said the University Board has been putting up flyers and running ads in local newspapers and radio stations to get the word out about the concert. The concert committee also told students about the concert using the Internet.

"I joined country music Facebook groups and put messages on their walls to spread the word," said Taylor.

Taylor believes the slow ticket sales can be attributed to another concert being in Charleston on Saturday and the fact that Emerson Drive has several other concerts scheduled for the area in the month of April.

"Other schools within a few hours of here have booked them in the month of April, including ISU and Bradley University in Peoria," said Taylor. "This means people that might have come here are going to go to concerts closer to them."

The concert committee booked Emerson Drive after seeing them at the National Association for Campus Activities in October. The University Board participates in block booking through NACA, which means they team up with other schools to book dates in their geographical region in order to get a discounted price for the acts.

"We booked them first but how the business runs is their agent lets other schools know they have those dates in the



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Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan makes his way past photographers and reporters

Jury finds former Illinois Gov. George

By SARAH WHITNEY
NEWS EDITOR

Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan was convicted Monday of steering millions of dollars in state leases and contracts to political insiders, lying to federal agents and tax fraud, becoming the third former Illinois governor in as many decades to be convicted of federal felony charges.

Co-defendant Larry Warner, 67, a Ryan friend and Chicago lobbyist, was also convicted of all charges in a six-month trial that was the climax of the state's biggest political corruption scandal in decades.

Ryan, long one of the most powerful Republicans in Illinois, faces a maximum of

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Freshman history major Eric Dusanek adds a Post-It to the wall of words, an exhibit at "Beyond Words" Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr.

Students visit "Beyond Words" exhibit, leave notes revealing their reactions

By KRISTINA PETERS
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Students walked quietly through the "Beyond Words - a Museum of Oppression" Monday night and made their thoughts known through the

use of Post-Its.

The "Wall of Words" allowed students to write their comments on the Post-Its about photos that were discriminatory toward groups of people.

Kevin Lee, resident assis-

tant at Carman Hall, constructed the wall for this event after displaying it in Carman.

"I'm really excited because the whole campus gets to see it," he said.

Some of the pictures dis-

played on the wall included images from "Brokeback Mountain" and a picture of two sinks - one labeled "colored" and the other "white."

Some comments about "Brokeback Mountain" were "love" and "touching."

Words to describe the picture of the two sinks included "unfair" and "disappointing."

"Compared to the last time I did it, (responses) are the same," Lee said.

Breanna Hardy, a sophomore elementary major and a group member of the homelessness display, experienced "Beyond Words" for the first time.

"I really liked (the wall)," she said. "It opened up my eyes to what reality is."

Besides the "Wall of Words" students also reacted positively about other oppression displays.

The homelessness display, coordinated by Carman Hall,

featured garbage, blankets, a couch and statistics.

Statistics included in the display were, "half of the world lives on less than \$2 a day" and "49 percent of the homeless in the central city have a chronic illness."

"Some of (the statistics) are a little surprising," said Amanda Miller, a junior history major. "It's good to see stuff like this every now and then."

Another display concerning body image showcased how important body image has become and how it can result in eating disorders.

"It was very scary," said Danielle Schmidt, a senior social science major and group member of the women in the military display. "I know so many people who have suffered from (eating disorders)."

At the body image display, students were able to make their ideal man or woman from magazine clippings and view everyday products that

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A quick take on news, scheduled

Son of former president donates \$250,000

John Buzzard, son of former Eastern president Robert Guy Buzzard, donated \$250,000 to fund Eastern scholarships in his parents' names.

The money will go toward the Robert G. Buzzard Presidential Memorial Scholarship and the Irene Couchman Buzzard Scholarship.

John's mother, Irene Buzzard, graduated from Eastern in 1916.

Robert Buzzard served as Eastern's president from 1933 to 1956. The schol-

Improv group teaches 'Laughing 101'

Eastern's Health Education Research Center will present "Laughing 101," an event designed to teach students the healing power of laughter.

The event will be at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Room 2020.

"It's kind of an education and fun event at the same time," said Sharon Tuttle from the Health Education Resource Center

DEN Online wins national

Web award

The Daily Eastern News' Web site, denews.com, was awarded second place in the "Cutting Edge" category for college news Web sites by College Publisher.

The category included competition from about 450 student newspaper Web sites.

Dennews.com beat out daily newspapers from such colleges as Hofstra, the University of Southern California and the University of Pennsylvania.

Public Peace Meal interviews held

Candidates for the position of director of Peace Meal will be holding open interview sessions with the public over the next two days.

Barbara Waymire will be interviewing today, and Barbara Wylie will be interviewing Wednesday.

Interview schedules are available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~pmpdir>.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Textbook Rental Spring Sidewalk Sale

Textbook Rental Service will be selling used textbooks outside their building.

9 a.m. | Textbook Rental Service

AALTRA: Free film in the library

Part of Booth Library Film Series

7 p.m. | Booth Library Room 3202

25 years ago - The chair of the student collective bargaining unit and the chief of the student Supreme Court get into a "scuffle" over a heated election campaign.

10 years ago - Unity Part sweeps Student Senate elections.

Five years ago - Five named winners in Faculty Senate elections.

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
CAMPUS REPORTER

Sean Anderson, of the Student United Party, is running for Student Body President with safety as his priority.

Anderson wants to add security cameras to campus. These cameras may not prevent crime, but they could allow police to catch criminals. Anderson has not yet announced a plan on how to fund these additional cameras.

The University Police Department reported that 296 crimes were committed on campus in 2005. An addition of security cameras to various campus locations could prevent similar crimes from occurring again.

"When people know they are on camera, it is less likely a crime will occur," said Adam Due, chief of UPD.

The Facilities Planning and Management plant currently has work orders to place security cameras in the Student Recreation Center, the stadium parking lot, and in the UPD.

The security cameras are very expensive, Due said. Beyond buying the



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Security cameras installed around campus recently, like this one, aim to prevent crime and help catch criminals.

security cameras, Eastern will also have to pay for wiring, hardware and software.

The UPD building is currently scheduled to have cameras installed because the police arrest people and take them to be interviewed and interrogated, Due said.

The majority of the cameras will be on the inside of the building to prove suspects are not coerced and provide proof of their confessions.

Cameras could prevent

crime if placed on campus, but they would not be monitored, Due said.

The stadium lot is scheduled for cameras, according to the facilities plant, but Due is not sure if the plan will go ahead.

These cameras could record thefts as well as prove who was involved. Automobile damage is common in the stadium lot. The lot is an isolated area where people park their cars, and walk through late at night.

In 2005, two thefts



TYLER SIMS
SENIOR
GEOGRAPHY MAJOR

"Voting is a very important part of American democracy. Our fore fathers worked very hard to



EMILY SHIMANSKI
JUNIOR RECREATION
ADMINISTRATION
MAJOR

"Because someone I know was going for senator. And I want to support the

Parking garage would come at high

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
CAMPUS REPORTER

The possibility of building a parking garage at Eastern was raised during the Student Government elections.

A parking garage on campus will only come at a very high cost.

Eastern President Lou Hencken said in the June 2002 Faculty Senate meeting that they were investigating a parking garage as a viable solution to parking problems.

The Campus Parking Committee

discussed a parking garage this year, but everything has been put on hold until a new parking committee is formed under the Council on University Planning and Budget, said Adam Due, chief of the University Police Department.

"CUPB requested that a new committee be formed and the president had a say in it," Due said.

A parking garage is being looked into based solely on cost, said Lionel Sanders, director of the physical plant.

Facilities Planning and

Management has been investigating by comparing the cost per parking space of building a garage with other institutions that have parking garages, such as the University of Illinois, said Sanders.

"For parking per spot, the cost is high," Sanders said.

A member of the parking committee, Jim Nance, has the task of looking into the cost of building the garage.

The university does not have a parking garage in their master plan.

FACULTY SENATE

Reception held to honor

By ASHLEY RUEFF
SENIOR UNIVERSITY REPORTER

Wednesday's Faculty Senate meeting will be brief in order to accommodate the Faculty Retirement Reception at 2:30 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center.

"We hope that it only takes a half-hour so we can go over and honor our colleagues," said John Stimac, geography/geology department chair and Faculty Senate recorder.

Faculty Senate and Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois will be co-sponsoring the retirement reception, Stimac said.

"Faculty members who have devoted their careers will be honored by their colleagues and the campus community," said Assege HalieMariam, psychology professor and Faculty Senate chair.

The Faculty Senate will hold executive elections

at the meeting to fill the chair, vice-chair and recorder positions for next year, HalieMariam said. Campus-wide elections were held at the end of March to fill member positions.

"We have had a fantastic Faculty Senate, and we will continue to do so," HalieMariam said.

"We have experienced members coming back for a second or third term, and we have a few new faces."

The Faculty Senate will

also set a date for a summer senate meeting and appoint volunteer faculty members to fill committee and board positions, said Jeff Ashley, political science professor and Faculty Senate vice-chair.

Ashley said end of the year meetings tend to include a lot of preparatory business since summer is approaching.

"Generally we might have more 'business' meetings since there are things that need to be

OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be

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EDITORIALS

Efforts being made to fix More than 2,800 holds from requirement slows students' regis-

It's the time of year again when the electronic writing portfolio requirement has students scrambling to get holds removed from their schedules.

Yes, this topic has been over-covered, but the requirement unfortunately is here to stay and so are students' complaints of the process until something changes to better balance the university's assessment needs with convenience for students' needs.

When admission representatives explain the portfolio requirement to incoming students it doesn't seem so confusing. Students just need to submit a paper from a writing intensive course as they progress from freshman to seniors.

Simple, unless a student is a first year student has enough advanced credit to be a sophomore, but can't take any 2000 level classes. The system records that the student is a sophomore who hasn't completed the first portfolio requirement and puts a hold on his schedule. What happens then?

Daiva Markelis, director of the writing center, is working on improving the portfolio.

Most notable is an effort, with cooperation through Banner, to allow students to submit their papers online. This is slated to start fall 2007.

While this will greatly streamline the submission process, there's still the concern that only 10 percent of the papers submitted are read.

The portfolio's main two purposes are 1) to ensure that students are writing throughout a variety of disciplines and genres and 2) to evaluate faculty's methods of teaching writing.

Why should students put effort into writing a good paper if there's only a 10 percent chance that it will be read? The answer to this is that students should write a good paper because they want a good grade. What students actually mean when they ask the above question is once they get a passing grade that should be the end of their obligation to that assignment.

To students, the EWP is just an inconvenience, another hoop to jump through to graduate.

In spring 2005, 2,853 holds were put on students' schedules who failed to complete their portfolio requirements. This was an increase of 1,655 holds from the year before and a decrease of overall submissions going from 4,023 in spring 2004 to 3,952 submissions in spring 05.

The numbers prove that students don't like turning in their portfolios. It has nothing to do with the actual paper since those are still being

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KYLA NANCE



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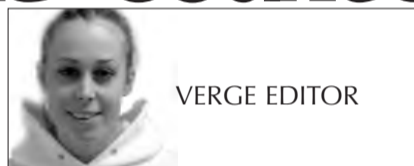
Over-the-counter gate-

Marijuana earned a reputation of leading users to other illegal substances, yet recent studies prove that over-the-counter herbal products may be the new gateway drug.

Researchers have found that teenagers who had used herbal products were "six times more likely to have tried cocaine and nearly 15 times more likely to have used anabolic steroids than those who have never used an herbal product," stated Jennifer Warner on foxnews.com in an article titled "Herbal Supplement Use Linked to Teen Drug Use."

Herbal products, such as dietary supplements and natural performance enhancers, are easily available at popular stores like Wal-Mart or almost any local grocery store with no age limit.

In the same article, researcher Susan Yussman, assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center, said, "children who are open to experimenting with herbal products may be more open to trying illicit



VERGE EDITOR

"Herbal remedy dependence could lead a teen to serious drug abuse if unnoticed or let be."

drugs."

In a study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, researchers found that teen use of herbal products increased with age and the more herbal products one used, the more likely they were using illegal drugs.

Herbal products are known for their ability to make one feel better if sick, to help one lose weight,

enhance athletic performance and give quick energy. The bittersweet consequence of these supplements is the pursued end result and a high that one can achieve by taking them.

With this in mind, it is no wonder teens are using more herbal products now and then moving onto the hardcore drugs. It's almost as if they get a legal "sneak peek" of what a drug high can feel like. Once their tolerance is up and their high satisfaction is down, they want more or are at least curious as to what a more heavy high could feel like.

Herbal products, however, shouldn't be taken off the shelf because of this data or theory. The last thing people need is another reason to go to the doctor and pay an outrageous pharmacy bill. Plus, I think it's safe to say many teens are using herbal products

Mayhugh, a senior journalism major, can be reached at DENeic@gmail..

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AUSTEN HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

I am writing this letter to endorse Austen Williams as Vice President of Student Affairs for Student Government.

I agree that his debates were lacking a few points; however, some people are not born with the gift to answer impromptu questions. Many people are unaware that Mr. Williams is a

transfer student. He attended DePaul University and DeVry University, where he served as a student senator at both institutions. Austen's work in Student Government speaks for itself. Although this is only his first semester as senator, he was co-chair of the Unity Week committee devoting over 2 months of planning; he is chair of the technology committee, an author of numerous pieces of legislation and has worked diligently researching several schools in Illinois that fund their organizations. As the current vice president

for student affairs for Student Government, I have taught Austen everything that I have learned in this organization and educated him on where I left off in various projects. His passion and devotion will take Eastern Illinois University's Student Government far. I have worked with both people that are running for this position and I have been in this organization with Austen's opponent for several semesters now. Nevertheless, I feel without a doubt that Austen Williams is a lot more qualified for my cur-

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Student body president Ryan Berger checks on the renovation of 7th Street Underground Monday afternoon.

Revealing the source

Student Body President Ryan Berger answers ten questions

Student body president Ryan Berger will graduate this semester, leaving behind First Night and a remodeled 7th Street Underground.

He sat with The Daily Eastern News' news editor Sarah Whitney to discuss why voting in Student Government elections is important and the little things he's going to miss about Eastern.

Question 1: What is your favorite memory of Student Government?

Answer: First Night was one of my favorite memories because it was a new idea, and with new ideas there's always uncertainty of how the student body will react and if it will work. It was exciting to see the students out, and ... because I know that it will continue.

Question 2: How is 7th Street Underground going?

Answer: It's going phenomenal. I am very excited. 7th Street Underground will be the coolest place on campus, at least until we get to see how awesome the new fine arts center will be. The administration has been very helpful. They deserve as much recognition as me.

Like I said at the (Student Senate) meeting, I have a new respect for anyone who does interior design, because it's hard. (The design) is going very good, the hardest thing was coming up with (the color pattern) because the walls are painted gray and the ceiling is gray; color was very important. We didn't want it to be dark and gloomy, but at the same time we had to balance that need with some-

thing that will last and remain cool.

Question 3: What do you hope for next year's Student Senate?

Answer: I want Student Government next year to do their research on legislation, do their research on the ideas that the administration has. I feel that sometimes senators don't realize how important

“I think I'm really going to miss little things like going to late night pizza and meeting ”

their vote is and not voting is better than an under researched vote.

Question 4: What are you doing after graduation?

Answer : I have no idea. The only thing I know that's happening to me is that I'm getting married July 29 to EIU's "first lady," Jen Hornston.

Question 5: What were some challenges of balancing personal life with being president?

Answer : I would say that running for my office challenged my personal life more than the office. It's nonstop 24-hour dedication especially for someone like me.

Question 6: How would you describe yourself?

Answer : I would like to think of myself as a hard worker. I have always (believed in the Biblical) concept that your word is your bond, so the things I say, I'm going to do them. And that's always something that I try to live by, even though sometimes I don't.

Question 7: What are your favorite music groups and why?

Answer: Something that I've noticed about myself that's frustrating ... is that I like popular music, anything that's like Gwen Stefani. I went to her concert and then I was done with that and moved on. So, now it's definitely LL Cool J and J. Lo and their new song. Like I said, next month I probably won't even know the song that I liked this month.

Question 8: What's one thing you've learned about yourself while working on Student Government?

Answer : That I love public service. I knew that I was always interested in it, but I'd never really had a position or doing anything like that before. It's just really rewarding to do something for the community.

A politician is really someone who gets paid to do community service work.

Question 9: Why should students vote in the election?

Answer: Students need to vote because it's the only way that students can check what Student Government is doing. A lot of times something will come up, like the rock wall.

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CITY COUNCIL

New water ordinances get another look

BY KRISTEN LARSEN
STAFF REPORTER

The Charleston City Council will consider increasing water rates at its meeting tonight.

During the April 4 meeting, five ordinances were placed on file for public inspection.

These ordinances included issues

such as water and sewer rates going up 5.5 percent, a \$25 water connection fee and a \$10 fee for landlords to have a copy of their tenants' water bills.

"Some of these ordinances may be placed on file again to give people more time to look at them," said Mayor John Inyart.

The council will also vote on an

ordinance, which would have the Human Resources Department report to the city manager instead of the comptroller.

The mayor will announce the reappointment of Richard Wise and the new appointments of Kit Morice and Hank Beurskens to the Historic Preservation Commission.

One member of the commission will be a construction consultant, and Beurskens will replace Chuck White in this position.

This commission has only been in place for one year but is in charge of preserving the older properties in the Charleston area.

The council also will vote to authorize a settlement agreement

for workers' compensation. This is an older settlement from when a workers' compensation plan went bankrupt and is the last one of the cases, said Inyart.

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Indictments sealed against two Duke lacrosse players

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — A grand jury issued sealed indictments Monday against two members of the Duke University lacrosse team in connection with allegations that a stripper was raped last month at a team party, a source close to the case told The Associated Press.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity because the grand jury proceedings are secret, said he did not know which players were indicted or what charges they faced.

The grand jury adjourned around 2 p.m. Monday, handing up indictments a short time later to Superior Court Judge Ronald Stephens. A filing at the courthouse said the judge had sealed at least one indictment, citing a state law that allows an indictment to be "kept secret until the defendant is arrested or appears before the court."

A 27-year-old black woman told police she was attacked March 13 by three white men in a bathroom at a party held by the lacrosse team.

Nearly 2 million uncounted under 'No Child' loophole

States are helping public schools escape potential penalties by skirting the No Child Left Behind law's requirement that students of all race must show annual academic progress.

With the federal government's permission, schools deliberately aren't counting the test scores of nearly 2 million students when they report progress by racial groups, an Associated Press computer analysis found.

Minorities — who historically haven't fared as well as whites in testing — make up the vast majority of students whose scores are being excluded, AP found. And the numbers have been rising.

"I can't believe that my child is going through testing just like the person sitting next to him or her and she's not being counted," said Angela Smith, a single mother. Her daughter, Shunta Winston, was among two dozen black students whose test scores weren't counted to judge her suburban Kansas City, Mo., high school's performance by race.

Under the law championed by President Bush, all public school students must be proficient in reading and math by 2014, although only children above second grade are required to be tested.

National Archives promised to avoid attention to removal of CIA documents

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The National Archives promised to avoid drawing "unnecessary public attention" to its efforts to remove declassified CIA documents from public view after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, according to a once-secret agreement with the spy agency.

The agreement was made public Monday in response to a Freedom of Information Act request by The Associated Press. It provided new details on the efforts of the nation's chief historical repository to hide the fact that U.S. intelligence was secretly trying to reclassify approximately 55,500 pages of previously public documents.

Documents released last week to AP showed the Archives had agreed to refuse to disclose that the Air Force, the CIA and another intelligence agency had made the original request to remove the documents. The CIA agreement released Monday was not included in the documents made public last week.

"It is in the interests of both the CIA and the National Archives and Records Administration to avoid the kind of public notice complaints that may arise from remov-

ing from the open shelves for extended periods of time records that had been publicly available." In addition, "NARA will not attribute to CIA any part of the review or the withholding of documents from this exposed collection," the agreement said.

The agreement with the CIA was dated October 2001 and set the mold for a second similarly worded secret agreement with the Air Force just months later. The disclosure of the secret dealings between the archives and the spy agencies has prompted a public outcry, including from historians concerned that pieces of history were being secretly reclassified with no accountability.

Archivist Allen Weinstein said he didn't learn until last Thursday that a second classified agreement had been signed by the archives, and he requested its immediate release. "There can never be a classified aspect to our mission," Weinstein said, promising that future agreements won't be kept secret.

Weinstein met Monday with several concerned groups to try to smooth relations. Attendees said the meeting was a good first step toward re-establishing the archives' credibility with the research community.

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Hall. "I am on Student Government," said David.

"I know everybody, and I think I have a better idea of who will do a good job because I have worked with everyone." "It's important to vote," she added.

"Student Government can make a difference on campus."

Not all students agreed. Ben Rienbolt, an English graduate student, decided not to vote in the Student Government elections.

"I'm not voting because I honestly don't care," said Rienbolt. "It's pretty much the same stuff each year and nothing ever happens."

Student Government elections contin-

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BEN RIENBOLT, ENGLISH GRADUATE STUDENT

ue today in Coleman, Carman, the Student Recreation Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Polls are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Results will be announced at the Student Senate meeting April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Union.

RYAN:

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count alone but most likely will receive a much lighter sentence. Sentencing for both men is scheduled for Aug. 4.

The verdict came on the 11th day of deliberation by a jury of six men and six women whose work had to be restarted after two jurors were dropped and two alternates added in their place.

"I believe this decision today is not in accordance with the kind of public service that I provided to the people of Illinois for over 40 years, and needless to say I am disappointed in the outcome," Ryan said.

Illinois ranks fifth of the ten most corrupt states in the nation according to a 2004 report released by the National Press Club, falling behind Mississippi, North Dakota, Louisiana and Alaska.

"One long-standing feature of Illinois political

culture is tolerance of unseemly behavior in the political arena," said Richard Wandling, chair of Eastern's political science department.

"Since the origins of the state, we've had a rough and tumble political culture where politics is a serious process, viewed as people trying to pursue self-interest, and then they run afoul of the law."

"It's sort of sad, actually," said political science professor Andrew McNitt.

He cited Ryan's contributions as governor, such as well-supported education, the death penalty moratorium, conservation and highway construction.

However, political trust is tarnished through unethical behavior in the long run.

"The unfortunate result is people expect a significant percent of elected officials are up to no good," Wandling said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL

Saddam challenges handwriting experts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein's lawyer Monday challenged findings of handwriting experts verifying the former president's signature on documents linked to a crackdown on Shiites, and demanded a review by specialists from anywhere except Iran or Israel.

The report from handwriting experts said a signature on a document approving rewards for intelligence agents involved in the crackdown in the 1980s was Saddam's, prosecutors said, reading from the report.

Saddam's lawyer Khamis al-Obaidi disputed the experts' finding and insisted that the documents be analyzed by international experts except those from Iran because of "its obvious hostility against Arabs and Islam."

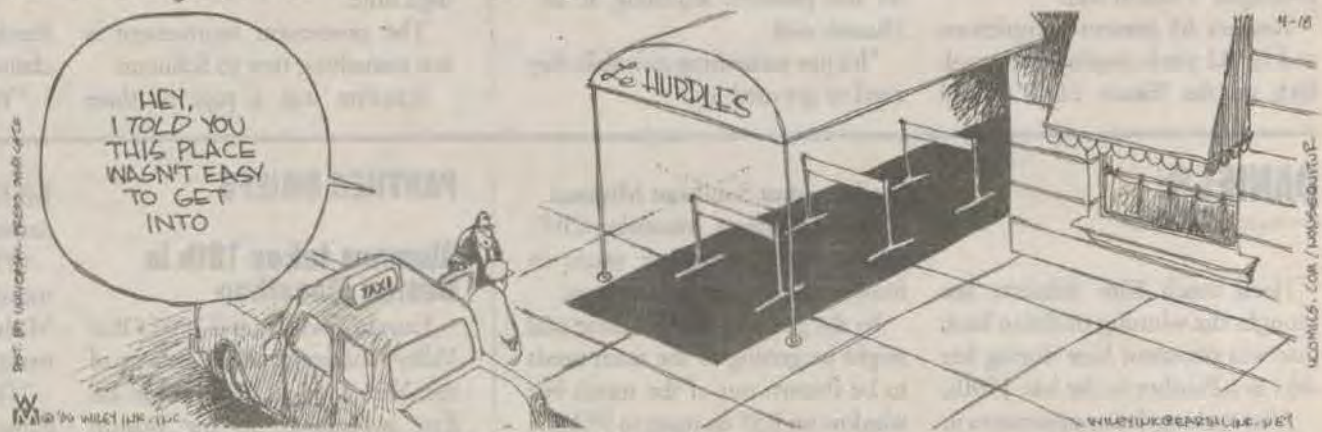
"And Israel," shouted Saddam, dressed in a black suit and white shirt. "Because we don't consider Israel a state, you didn't mention it. But the international community recognizes Israel as a state so you must mention Israel."

Iraq and Iran fought an eight-year war in the 1980s, and Saddam, a Sunni Arab, had accused Iraqi Shiite militants of supporting Shiite-dominated Iran.

After hearing the report, chief judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman adjourned the court until Wednesday to give the experts time to look at more documents.

In a previous session, Saddam had refused to confirm or deny his signature, and some of his seven co-defendants had said their alleged signatures on other documents were forgeries. Saddam and the others are on trial for the deaths of 148 Shiites and the imprisonment and torture of others after a 1982 assassination attempt against the former Iraqi leader in the Shiite town of Dujail.

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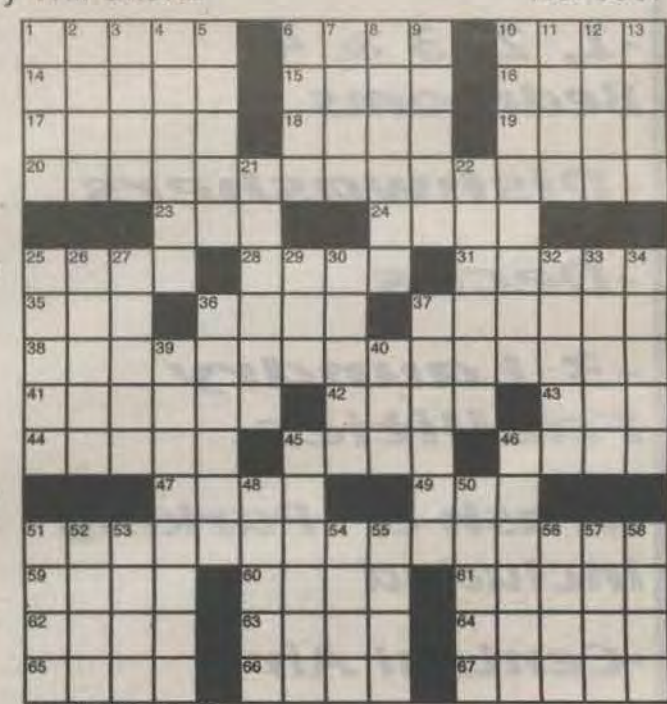
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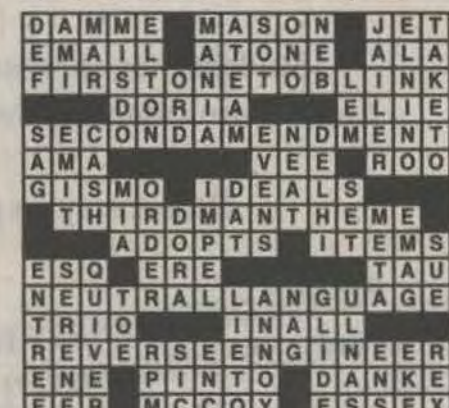
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Hutson suggested Stinson has fallen into the trap of trying to make an impression too early.

"It's almost as if he's trying too hard to impress us coaches and needs to just relax while he's out there," Hutson said.

The other Division I transfer happens to be a local product. Wyoming transfer Bodie Reeder will get an opportunity to make the three-deep roster. Reeder is remembered in the East Central Illinois area after being a four-year starter at Mahomet Seymour High School and leading them to an 11-1 record in his senior year.

"He was able to get solid coaching from his father (offensive coordinator) at Mahomet Seymour and so

he's excellent at reading defenses and coverages," Hutson said.

Reeder's 65 percent completions and 6,582 yards passing both rank fifth on the Illinois High School Athletic Association all-time career list. The 6-foot-2 quarterback is also seventh in career touchdowns (67) and ninth in completions (393).

The 2004 Bloomington Pantagraph Area Athlete of the Year and 4.75 GPA (5.0 scale) student turned down a baseball scholarship to Stanford in order to continue his goal of playing college football.

"The key with Cole and Bodie is for them and everybody else to realize that it's not going to happen overnight," Hutson said. "They're going to need time to develop."

The new wrinkle being thrown at all four quarter-

POSTSEASON:

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"We'll see how the (two playing styles) collide," Schuette said.

Only four of the 17 players on the roster this year were around for the Panthers' last OVC tournament. Eastern, the sixth seed in 2003, won two games before being eliminated in the double-elimination tournament.

Senior first baseman Jenny Cervetto, Cassandra North, Ashley Condon and Nicole Eichelberger are the four players that made the trip to the 2003 tournament.

Cervetto said it has been a goal for the team to make it to the tournament all season.

"Winning it would be great but just getting there would be good too," she said.



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior first baseman Jenny Cervetto scoops up a ground ball during practice at Williams Field Monday afternoon. Cervetto is one of four players left on the team who went to the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the last

"It's my last year, so of course I want to go out on a high note."

The postseason tournament is not something new to Schuette. Schuette was a part of three Panther teams that

DANIELS:

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Head coach Kim Schuette has brought the winning tradition back that was prevalent here during her days as a Panther in the late 1990s.

After making three appearances in the OVC championship game, Schuette has her players geared toward making a return trip to postseason play—something that wasn't

years of former coach Lloydene Searle's tenure.

But the road doesn't get easier for Eastern, starting with today's doubleheader against Southeast Missouri.

In the Panthers' remaining OVC games, nine are against teams in front of Eastern in the standings.

So the pressure that Schuette said might be getting to the team needs to be thrown out of the team's bus window on I-57 en route to SEMO.

PANTHER BRIEFS

Alumnus takes 18th in Boston Marathon

Eastern graduate and 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Male Athlete of the Year Kyle O'Brien made his first appearance in the Boston Marathon a memorable one.

O'Brien placed 18th in the 2006 Boston Marathon Monday, finishing the 26.2 mile course in two hours, 19 minutes and 57 seconds.

"It's real exciting to see," said former Eastern cross-country coach Jeff McInerney about the Danville native's performance.

O'Brien runs professionally for a running team based out of Michigan and began running marathons in 2004.

"I'm real pleased with him just going out and giving it a shot," McInerney said.

Women's golf in fourth place

The Panthers registered a team score of 326 to stand in fourth place after the first day of the eight-team women's Ohio Valley Conference golf tournament at Drake Creek Golf Course in Ledbetter, Ky.

Paced by sophomore Amy Simons opening round of 78 (6 over par), Eastern is 20 shots behind leader Eastern Kentucky.

Junior Jacky Bodis sits in

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TRACK AND FIELD

Panthers boast personal bests at Pace Setter

BY KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Senior Denise Jones cleared 5 feet, 8 inches in the high jump Saturday at the Pace Setter meet in Terre Haute, Ind.

The height represents her personal best and qualified her for the Regional Championships.

Jones isn't new to Eastern's track team, but she is new to the official roster for the outdoor season. While her coaches and the NCAA worked out a sixth season of eligibility for Jones during indoor season, she practiced with the team and competed unattached.

In many meets, she was the best competitor in her event from Eastern, but she never earned points for her team because of her status.

Now the Panthers have officially added Jones to the roster and she has proven to be an asset.

She was Eastern's top female finisher in the

Pace Setter Meet Friday and Saturday at Welch Track Complex, where the Panthers faced Purdue, Valparaiso, Murray State and Indiana State.

At the meet, she placed first in the high jump and earned 10 points for her team. Jones also placed eighth in the javelin throw.

"It means a lot more to be with the team, I really enjoy the support from the other players," she said. "I encourage them, they encourage me."

Jumps coach Nate Davis said Jones has set a great example this season and predicts her performance this weekend to be just the "tip of the iceberg."

"We've jumped higher bars in practice," said Davis.

At the end of the first day of competition Friday, Eastern's women were in fourth place and the men were in third but by the second day, both teams had improved their standings.

The women ended the meet in third and the men took second.

Jones wasn't the only Panther who made qualifying efforts on the weekend.

Senior Dan Strackeljahn also qualified for the Regional Championships this weekend when he ran a personal record 3 minute, 47.32 second mile on Thursday during the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee.

Freshman Dorian White became a qualifier with his second place vault of 16 feet, 3/4 inches. He qualified for junior nationals, which will be held this summer.

Amy LeJeune and Chris Wesson also reached personal bests.

LeJeune ran 2:18.48 in the 800-meter run and Wesson ran two personal bests in the 1500- and 800-meter runs.

Head coach Tom Akers admired the effort.

"His 1500 meter was 8 seconds better (than his previous best time) and his 800 was

around .4 better, but a personal record in the 800 after running the 1500 is pretty outstanding," he said.

Wesson was the only Panther on the men's squad to earn a first-place finish during the weekend.

Eastern had originally scheduled a split last weekend, and would have sent partial squads to Western Illinois and Indiana State.

Akers opted to keep the team together, however, and chose the closer of the two schools, Indiana, to host his team.

"The competition was a little better," he said.

Coach Mary Wallace said with indoor season out of the way, her athletes are right where they need to be to head into conference.

The Panthers will send partial squads to University of Illinois and Kansas for midweek meets and continue to work on improving with an eye on the conference in Richmond, Ky., on May 5-6.

BASEBALL

Eastern looks to avoid Aurora upset

BY MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

Even after winning 10 of their last 13 games and pulling within a half-game of second place in the Ohio Valley Conference, today's home game against Aurora University might serve as a letdown for Eastern.

While Aurora is a Division III school, the Panthers struggled earlier this year against a similar opponent, NIAA's Olivet Nazarene.

In the April 4 home game against ONU, the Panthers trailed 7-6 in the bottom of the eighth, before rallying for a 10-7 win.

This time may be different. Aurora is considered a Division III powerhouse, with five Division III NCAA College World Series appearances in the last 15 years.

With a home game Wednesday against Southern Illinois and a weekend showdown with first-place Samford looming, the Panthers are wary of ONU's Spartans (19-5).

"I think there is a tendency to have a letdown in these games," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "But if you talk so much about it and make a big deal of it, then we'll leave with a loss."

Junior pitcher Mike Budde will start today against Aurora with freshmen Jake Wade and Ross Jeske also planning to see



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Senior designated hitter Keiji Szalo lays down a bunt in the second game of last weekend's series against Jacksonville State. The Panthers will host Division III Aurora today at 3 p.m. at Coaches Stadium.

significant time on the mound. The midweek games against non-conference teams have allowed Schmitz to get a better hold on his talent and configure a better lineup and rotation.

"I finally got our rotation and pitching staff aligned to what we think is best," Schmitz said. "I didn't do a good job early on with giving players their roles. Any player wants to know their role."

With sophomore Mike Manns and junior Drew Gierich slotted as the No. 1 and No. 2 pitchers and senior Kenny Firlit's strong showing against Indiana State, the Panthers may have found some consistency in a position that had been lacking.

"We need to find two more starting arms," Schmitz said. "Budde will get a shot today and Jeske and Wade will be given more opportunities. This is their chance."

As much credit as the Eastern pitching staff has received, the offense deserves its fair share.

In the last 13 games, the Panthers averaged 7.4 runs per game while climbing to second in the OVC in batting average (.299).

"Our hitters are starting to take shape as far as seeing pitches," Schmitz said. "But if you pitch pretty well, usually everything else falls into place."



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	Baseball at Samford	1 p.m.

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Despite talk of changes at quarterback, Mike Donato still maintains his job as Eastern's starting gridiron

general
BY MATTHEW STEVENS
SPORTS REPORTER

After two Division I-A transfers, a couple walk-ons and another open competition, the Panthers' story under center refuses to change.

Last season's starter Mike Donato is listed as the No. 1 quarterback on the Panthers spring depth chart and the coaching staff is confident he will lead the Eastern offense onto the field for the season opener at Illinois on Sept. 2.

"Mike is a take charge and the offensive line is in a comfort zone with him as the leader of the offense," said Eastern offensive coordinator Mark Hutson. "He's been the most consistent guy in the position, which we expected, and he's improved on certain skills."

The junior from Broadview has refused to give up his spot as leader of the offense, which has contributed to Eastern going into the 2006 campaign as the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions.

"His completions are at a similar percentage compared to last year. The other

four are still the No. 1 spot coming out of spring, but they all have a ways to go to over take Mike," said Eastern head coach Bob Spoo.

Spoo has made it public that the quarterback battle is "not where we want it to be," going into the fall, but a host of contenders will jockey for depth chart positioning.

Donato's backup last year, Kyle Kniss, continues to take snaps with the first team and his familiarity with the offense is a big key for the 2006 backup battle.

"He doesn't have to relearn anything in regards to terminology so he'll get more comfortable with time," Hutson said.

The competition started on Feb. 1 (National Signing Day) when the Panthers brought in a pair of signal callers transferring from Division I-A to compete for the starting job that was publicly stated as open by the Eastern coaching staff this spring.

"Our feeling is that every job should be competed for but some obviously have a head start on our system," Hutson said.



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Junior quarterback Mike Donato makes a pass at practice on Monday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium.

Ball State transfer Cole Stinson has taken snaps with the first team offense in practice and the pair of scrimmages already conducted this April. Stinson came to Eastern after being highly recruited to the Cardinal program and had two games

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OUT OF BOUNDS
MATT DANIELS
SPORTS EDITOR

Don't buckle under the

Now is not the time for Eastern softball to succumb to the pressure.

Now is the time for the Panthers to step up and deliver.

Because this group of Eastern softball players is having a year unlike any other in recent years at Williams Field — they're actually winning.

Having achieved a kind of success this year unlike any the program has seen in the past five years, head coach Kim Schuette has shown that a competitive softball team can be built at Eastern.

The team already owns more wins (27) than the program has had since the 1997 team went 38-25. And with 12 conference games left on the schedule, the Panthers have a chance to add even more win totals — and a chance to do damage in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

The team has struggled at times, dropping games to the bottom two teams in the OVC, Morehead State and Tennessee State, this season.

Sandy Short is not hitting home run after home run. Kathleen Jacoby is not striking out every batter or throwing perfect games every time she's in the pitcher's circle.

The defense has been a strong point, from Chelsea Adams making diving plays in the hole at short-stop to Rachel Karos having sure hands and a quick reaction time at third base.

Even backups like senior Jenny Cervetto are making key defensive contributions when called upon, and senior pitcher Ashley Condon rose to the occasion in a rare start against Bradley last week.

The team only has one senior who has been a constant in the lineup

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SOFTBALL

Panthers begin postseason

BY MATT DANIELS
SPORTS EDITOR

Panther head coach Kim Schuette is hoping that the pressure her team is feeling is gone by the time today's doubleheader against Southeast Missouri starts.

Schuette has not been pleased with how her team has played in the past two weeks, saying that even when the team was in the midst of its five-game losing streak it was playing better than it has lately.

"We're not hitting the ball as hard and not making our plate appearances count," she said.

Schuette also thinks the team might be pressing a bit



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Southeast Missouri
(25-12, 12-3)

Last game
4-1 loss at Eastern Kentucky

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2nd place — 2 back (Ohio Valley)

due to the lack of success the team has had.

Eastern is right in the mix of earning a berth in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, a place the Panthers haven't been since the 2003 season. The team is cur-

rently in fifth place in the conference, a game ahead of sixth place Tennessee-Martin.

"I think sometimes when you haven't had success you're scared to fail and you're scared to achieve at the same time, instead of just wanting to win and wanting to achieve and having no fear," Schuette said. "They start to get nervous about who's going to beat them and who's going to catch them, instead of being the dominant team and doing anything they can to win."

The Panthers (27-17-1, 9-6 OVC) travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to take on Southeast Missouri, currently

second in the conference, to try and gain ground in the conference race.

"This is the time of the year where everyone's fighting for a spot in the conference tournament and the conference standings are starting to be determined," said SEMO head coach Lana Richmond.

The Redhawks (25-12, 12-3) are coming off a weekend where they lost two out of three to Eastern Kentucky, but still stand two games behind league-leading Tennessee Tech.

"We just have to get our offense going again," said

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Pursuing the presidency

Two candidates compete to take the top Student Government position

By SCOTT RICHEY
STAFF REPORTER

Student Government elections are fast approaching, and two parties on Eastern's campus are competing for executive board and senate positions.

Jillian Ruddy, current student vice president for Business Affairs, and current Student Speaker Sean Anderson are representing the United University Party and the Student United Party, respectively, as candidates for student body president.

Both Ruddy and Anderson have previous experience in Student Government, and both have different plans they think will help improve Eastern's campus next year.

"I really want to make student government more accessible to students," Ruddy said.

Ruddy said Student Government doesn't actually reach out to students, and she said she believes it should. One of Ruddy's plans for Student Government is to set up a table in a high-traffic area on campus so students can have contact with senators and executive board members.

The Student Government hides in the Student Activity Center, and not many students know where that is, Ruddy said.

Ruddy said United University boasts many Student Government candidates with ample experience, and that all of their platform ideas are tangible.

Ruddy added that the United University is ready to work for the students and that they have put themselves in position to get things done for Eastern's students.

More inside

◆ Read the executive board and student senate candidates' profiles and goals to help determine who deserves your vote.

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According to the United University motto, "It's all about you."

Anderson and the Student United Party have set their campaign on the platform of increasing campus security.

"There was a stabbing at Eastern Illinois University, and there was no reaction by the administration," Anderson said.

Students have the right to feel safe on campus, Anderson said, and he raises the question about how much money and effort would it take to put up security cameras and lighting across Eastern's campus. Anderson said student safety needs to be more of an issue.

"We, as a campus, if we all work together, can make this campus safe," Anderson said.

Following the Student United Party motto of "get these students what they want," Anderson said he wants to see improved parking on campus and more student input on issues like the rock-climbing wall at the Student Recreation Center.

He stresses the diversity of the Student United Party and its actual plans to change things on campus as reason to consider the Student United Party on election day.

"If you're not content with Student Government, then vote for the Student United Party," Anderson said.



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Jillian Ruddy (right), United University Party, and Sean Anderson, Student United Party, shake hands after their debate in the Coleman auditorium last Monday.

Election commission to supervise polls, count votes

By BRANDON NETIUK
STAFF REPORTER

As those running in the Student Government elections anticipate the results, the Elections Commission will be in charge of counting votes and supervising polling places today and tomorrow.

Graduate assistant Chad Quinones is running the election, as opposed to years past when the Student Body President was in charge.

This was changed after the Student Government altered the bylaws so that an elected officer, according to Student Body President Ryan Berger, who was in charge of the commission last year, wasn't running the elections commission.

This year the commission is made up of seven students who were appointed by the graduate adviser and approved by the Student Senate.

The main responsibility of the commission is to run all the polls

around campus on the election days.

The commission finds unbiased students to work these polls and go between the four places on campus where the polls will be located.

Quinones said the commission will try its best to respond to any complaints from the parties and have made arrangements for things to go smoothly at each of the polling locations.

These responsibilities include making sure nobody from the different

parties is campaigning within 100 feet of the polls.

Students can vote today and tomorrow at any of the locations. The polls will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days.

When the polls close on Tuesday, the commission will then turn over the ballots to an unbiased staff member and Quinones. They will compile all of the ballots, and the winners will be announced at the Student Senate meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in

the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I encourage students to come out to the polls and elect the students who will be making decisions that will affect their college experience," Quinones said.

The polls will be located at Carman Hall, the Student Recreation Center, the MLK Jr. University Union and Coleman Hall. A valid student ID is required in order to vote.

Passing the torch

Current Student Government members hope their successors will carry on the work



ANDREW BERGER
CURRENT STUDENT
EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT



KEILA LACY
CURRENT VICE
PRESIDENT FOR
STUDENT AFFAIRS



JILLIAN RUDDY
CURRENT VICE
PRESIDENT FOR
BUSINESS AFFAIRS

BY NICOLE WESKERA
STAFF REPORTER

Five executive board members are passing their positions down to the next heir of the Student Government executive officer throne. While one is running again for the same position, most of the members are shifting positions and passing on the torch.

Chelsea Frederick, vice president for academic affairs, said she hopes the person filling her shoes carries out the current reconstruction of the grade appeals process. A grade from the beginning of fall semester can be appealed all the way up to the last day of classes in the spring semester.

"By (the end of spring semester), students don't have their story straight," said Frederick. Also, the teacher who gave the grade-in-question has the last word whether or not it stands.

Frederick said the final decision about whether or not a grade stands should be up to the grade appeals committee, but the teacher will be allowed a rebuttal.

She also wanted students to realize the importance of the Electronic Writing Portfolio.

"Students aren't doing it, but it is helping the university," said Frederick.

In the past, students would have to turn in a paper to the EWP for a certain class. Now, it is easier because students can turn in any paper from



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Supporters of the United University party cheer on Jillian Ruddy after her debate against Sean Anderson in the Coleman Auditorium last Monday evening.

any class.

In her position, Frederick does what she describes as "a lot of back-ground work." She works with the faculty and administration.

"You have to be able to communicate with whoever and know how to meet with faculty halfway and how to talk with them," Frederick said.

Keila Lacy, vice president for student affairs, was concerned mainly with bridging the gap between

Recognized Student Organizations and students.

"RSOs are a vital part of our campus," Lacy said. "I've set a wonderful foundation...for the person next. I expect results as good or better."

Lacy said she would also like to see Pantherpalooza carried out further. Her main job now is to promote, assist and advise student organizations.

She said she would like to see the future vice president for student affairs put on more programs and improve the ones that already exist, such as Unity Week.

"I would like to put on more forums that (confront issues) students are concerned with, like the stabbing," Lacy said.

Jillian Ruddy, vice president for business affairs, said she is mainly concerned with the successor



CHELSEA FREDERICK
CURRENT VICE
PRESIDENT FOR
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



RYAN BERGER
CURRENT STUDENT
BODY PRESIDENT

knowing about the Show Me the Money campaign and expanding it.

"It's important that students know where their money is going," Ruddy said.

She said it is also important for the person filling her position to know about the Apportionment Board.

"They need to be knowledgeable about it to know what's going on," Ruddy said.

She said eight students on the AB are voting members and the future VP for business affairs has to understand that he or she is not a voting member.

"They have to be knowledgeable about both sides and both organizations," Ruddy said. She said it is also important to have experience.

The person in position deals with tuition, fees and the AB and goes through the fiscal budgets of all the organizations it funds.

"You have to know how to get things done," Ruddy said.

Voting information

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SEAN ANDERSON
JUNIOR

Major: political science

Hometown: Arlington Heights
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

My priority, once elected, would be safety. I will work with students and faculty to make our campus (safer) by installing more lighting and security cameras. The students have the right to feel and be safe.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

By "giving students what they

want."

Before Student Government makes decisions for the students, we need to get input from the students.

I will host forums and conduct surveys because I care about the students' opinion.

What do you think is the biggest issue for students, and how do you plan to resolve this problem?

The biggest issue for students is parking. Working with Amanda Raz (Student United Party candidate for student executive vice president) and faculty, I will work to free up parking spaces by proposing a faculty parking lot.

This will allow students to park by their classes.



JILLIAN RUDDY
JUNIOR

Major: elementary education

Hometown: Mt. Greenwood
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I want to make Student Government a visible organization on this campus to better inform the student population on issues and to better address concerns that students have. I also want to continue to improve programs such as First Night and Panther Service Day. Also to work on building school spirit on campus I

would like to work with organizations such as the Blue Crew to really organize and get more student attendance and participation in athletic events. I would also like to build up unnoticed or recognized traditions.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

The student body president represents Eastern as a whole, and if I am granted the privilege of holding this position I would serve the students by being an accessible person. I want students to know who their student body president is so they know where and who to go to. I would also continue programs and follow through with new ones. I will and am able to get things done, and that is a promise.

Student executive vice president



ANDREW BERGER
JUNIOR

Major: political science

Hometown: Grayslake
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

It is critical to continue our lobbying efforts on the state level. What I plan to do next year is create a state-

wide student lobbying association to strengthen our voice in Illinois government. Other goals include establishing a voter registration program for new and returning students and continuing to work on the Academic and Student Affairs sub-committee.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I have been serving in this position for the past year and developed the relationships necessary to accomplish the goals of the students.

Vice president for student affairs



COLE ROGERS
SOPHOMORE

Major: social science education

Hometown: Oswego
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I first plan to set up a system of student organization funding so the university will be giving money to differ-

ent organizations. The other main thing I plan to implement is a more organized way for students to perform community service. This will allow students to make a bigger impact on the Coles County community.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

By being a mediator to the administration. As an exec, I would have built up a good relationship with the administration be better able to communicate to them "what students want."



AMANDA RAZ
SOPHOMORE

Major: special education/art education dual certification

Hometown: Harwood Heights
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I want to improve parking on campus and in Greek Court, work with

the Charleston and Eastern communities and work with the state to get more money for the university so not all the expenses fall on students.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I am a very patient, hard-working, organized person, and when I take something on, I see it through. I also have experience in different parts of campus including Greek life and the Office of Orientation. If I am elected, I would listen to all of campus.



AUSTEN WILLIAMS
FRESHMAN

Major: computer information systems

Hometown: Chicago
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

Bring RSOs on one accord. I want to revamp the student leadership

council. This will help students share ideas and possibly put on events together as a campus. Most importantly, bring concerns to the administration for the students so the staff here knows what goes on.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

Fully representing students to the administration. I will attend various RSO meetings and get concerns from their members and fulfill my duties as the Chief Student Affairs Officer.

Vice president for academic affairs



CAROLYN BECK
SOPHOMORE

Major: political science

Hometown: Belleville
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

One of the most important issues affecting students is the Electronic Writing Portfolio. At the moment,

students have little to no representation on this issue, and I believe it is important they have a voice in every part of campus.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

The position of Academic Affairs in many ways acts as liaison between the faculty and staff of Eastern and its students; my broad experience working with the faculty and administration will help me use this position to reach its fullest potential.

Vice president for business affairs



LEVI BULGAR
SOPHOMORE

Major: psychology

Hometown: Mt. Prospect
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I want to work to establish RSO funding and help organizations to better achieve their mission state-

ments. I want to inform students how their money is being spent on a regular basis. This includes expanding the "Show Me The Money" campaign and also by e-mailing students. Finally, I want to give the students a bigger voice when it comes to where their money goes.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I will work to be a liaison between Student Government, AB, RSOs, and, most importantly, the students.



DAVE KEYES
JUNIOR

Major: exercise science

Hometown: Elk Grove Village
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I would make all grades available on WebCT. Any student/teacher concerns can be resolved right away.

Second, I would make an online academic advising form that would help prepare students for advising appointments. Lastly, I would create a student mentoring program to pair incoming students with upperclassmen with the same major.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I would use all of Eastern's resources to complete my goals. I would try to get everyone involved with improving Eastern's academic program.



KENNEY KOZIK
SOPHOMORE

Major: Industrial Technology

Hometown: Orland Park
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I want to make scholarships more accessible to students. I think we can

go beyond Eastern that and get some scholarships the state gives to students. Another thing I want to do is create RSO special event funding. This would work like the Apportionment does, where RSOs would be able to come to the board of students and request money for events they are putting on.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

The best thing that would help me serve students is my experience.

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Year: junior
Major: special education
Hometown: Lemont
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I want the students to know they have a voice in Student Government. I want to see students coming to meetings voicing their concerns and then (I want to see) those concerns be put into action by the elected senate members.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

First, by listening to them and letting them know they have a voice. I feel that is that best way to serve students; by giving them the knowledge of that they can do to change problems.

Leah Pietraszewski

Year: sophomore
Major: teacher certification in family and consumer sciences
Hometown: Homewood
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

Due to everything that has been going on in the Diversity Committee, I would like to join that committee and make things clearer. Also, because I will still be involved in the Residence Hall Association, I would like to better bridge the gap.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I would best serve the students of Eastern by actually going out and taking surveys on the issues. I would also do my best to listen to what people have to say about the issues.

Victor Ramos

Year: junior
Major: finance
Hometown: Chicago Heights
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

A goal that I hope to meet is the addition to security around the university. Our tuition increases every year, and hopefully, the university will use this money for student safety. We need more cameras, more lighting and a safer environment for all students, not simply those who live on campus.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I feel if I were elected, the best thing I could do for students is make sure they know we will make good decisions, and we will keep them informed and updated.

Tiffany Turner

Year: freshman
Major: social science
Hometown: Winnebago
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I really want to help the students at Eastern, so I don't have specific goals. I want to improve campus life and help students however they wish.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I would hope I could help with issues bothering students. I hope they can be addressed and resolved.

What do you think is the biggest issue for students and how do you plan to resolve this problem?

There have been some issues with safety, and I'm hoping my party can help address those as best we can.

Ed Park

Year: Junior
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Morton Grove, IL
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I would like to see more events involving the north and south quads that can appeal to a broad audience.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

By giving the Senate a different perspective of the student body.

What do you think is the biggest issue for students and how do you plan to resolve this problem?

A big problem is cigarette butts all over campus. We could designate areas for smoking with appropriate sized disposal units. Hear lamps would guarantee usage.

Katie Dzielski

Year: junior
Major: Math (secondary education)

Hometown: Bartlett

Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

By spreading the word as to the issues and trying to increase

student involvement around campus, I think that school spirit could be greatly improved.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

Help promote school spirit and try to help more students get actively involved. I think it's all about keeping the students informed about the issues on campus and ways to which they can get involved.

Mike Hilty

Year: sophomore
Major: English/sociology
Hometown: Gurnee

Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

To bring students together to form different RSOs and create positive changes on cam-

pus and in the community and go above and beyond my job description to serve the students.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I'm currently serving as Delta Sigma Phi vice president, the Residence Hall Association vice president and the Interfraternity Council's vice president internal. I have a good sense of what students want.

Eric Rusk

Year: freshman
Major: art/secondary education

Hometown: Hoffman Estates

Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

To get the Greek life more

involved with the Student Government to make student life better overall. I think that student involvement and school spirit isn't as high as it should be and by working more with Greeks, I plan to help raise both.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I would serve as a representative for the Greek community to voice its opinion.

Ashley Nolan

Year: freshman
Major: elementary education
Hometown: St. Charles
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I plan on encouraging school spirit by emphasizing sporting events and other related competitions and maintaining better contact with RSOs and other EIU sponsored programs by attending their individual meetings and establishing a concrete network between these organizations.

What do you think is the biggest issue for students and how do you plan to resolve this problem?

Student Government has a responsibility to be the ambassadors from the students to the higher officials; it's just not happening.

Adam Martinelli

Year: sophomore
Major: communications
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

I want to help bring more money back students. I feel students pay a lot of money to come to this school, and their money gets thrown away on things they aren't aware. I think if tuition is going to increase every year, then students should know why and should have a say in what kind of fees they are paying for. We believe in giving more back to the students.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

I feel my hard work and dedication will be a huge asset for this school. I have many new ideas and goals.

Tiffany Grice

Year: sophomore
Major: family and consumer sciences

Hometown: Rantoul

Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

To get the students more involved with activities on campus and get them more into the "School Spirit" aspect of campus.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

By encouraging them to come out and be a part of the awesome community we have here at Eastern.

What do you think is the biggest issue for students and how do you plan to resolve this problem?

Participation, students need to get what they deserve while being here.

Abdoulaye Traore

Year: junior
Major: finance
Hometown: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Party: Student United Party

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

To represent an important minority at Eastern, which is the international student community. I want to be their voice on Student Government and strive to improve their life on this campus as well as promoting and encouraging diversity in all areas.

How would you best serve the students of Eastern?

By listening to the students' concerns. I will clearly do my best to have these concerns expressed to the authorities or the decision makers in the hope of seeing them changed or improved.

Tyson R. Holder

Year: junior
Major: psychology
Hometown: Godfrey
Party: United University

What goals do you have to better this university and its students?

1) I would like to see more student involvement with Student Senate. 2) I would like to see more student interaction between Greek and non-Greek members of the student body. I believe that the only way each student can make a difference is if they combine their efforts with other members of the student body. 3) I would like to see more student input on fee increases. 4) I would like to see better relations between the student body and Student Senate. I believe that senate members should definitely get to know the students that they represent better.

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