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Anniversary

THURSDAY FEBRUARY

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COURTESY OF RON VESELY/CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Pitcher Mark Buehrle of the Chicago White Sox celebrates after Game 4 of the World Series against the Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park on Oct. 26, 2005. The White Sox defeated the Astros 1-0.

World Series trophy visits campus today

Visit is one of many on its tour through Illinois, Indiana

By MARCO SANTANA SPORTS EDITOR

> The World Series is coming to Eastern. Actually, just a piece of the World Series.

The 2005 World Series champion Chicago White Sox have been sending the World Series trophy throughout Illinois and Northwest Indiana, and it will stop at Eastern today.

"It's a big 'thank you' to White Sox fans across the city of Chicago and the entire state of Illinois," said White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf about the tour in December. "This trophy belongs to them."

Greg Hopwood, the White Sox manager of park operations and an Eastern graduate, organized the trip.

"He's a student who has worked hard, has paid his dues and is now with the World Champion White Sox," said Kenneth Baker, the director of Student Recreation, about Hopwood.

The tour had already begun when Baker received a phone call from Hopwood just after Christmas break. Hopwood offered to include an extra stop in the trophy's tour just so Eastern students could see it. After that, it was up to Baker to get the ball rolling.

"I called Vice President (for Student Affairs) Daniel Nadler; he told the President's Council, and they gave us permission to bring it on campus for the students," Baker said.

Hopwood, who is a lifelong Sox fan, received an internship with the Cleveland Cavaliers in 1995 and was able to return to Chicago with a position with the White Sox in April 1996.

Coles County offers tribute to leader all year long

BY ROB SIEBER STAFF REPORTER

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday has come and gone, but residents of Coles County have the chance to pay tribute to the former president every day.

Places like the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum and the Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site exist to inform residents of the area's historic ties to Lincoln as well as educate them on his family's roots in Coles County.

"I can't think of a better way to attract tourists," said Jeanette Clark, tourism director for the city of Charleston. "Charleston is actually known as one of the top 10 Lincolnrelated sites in the state of Illinois."

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum's primary mission is to commemorate the slavery debate that took place between Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas on Sept. 18, 1858, as part of the Illinois Senate race.

Located "200 steps" east of the original debate site, the museum has numerous displays that dictate the background and story of the contest. Also featured are an orientation film as well as historic artifacts and fragments from the Lincoln family's Springfield

"I thought it was interesting," said Martin Hardeman, a history professor at Eastern. "It could have a lot more if it had more funding."

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A statue of "Honest" Abe Lincoln stands in front of the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum, which is located on the County fairgrounds on University Drive.

Eastern closes to honor birthday of 16th president

BY JESS CAMPBELL

STAFF REPORTER

Classes at Eastern are canceled Friday in honor of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

As students celebrate the freedom from their classes for the day, many will not take the time to contemplate Lincoln's impact on the state and country.

Alyssa Obradovich, a sophomore communication studies major, said she does not usually consider what the holiday is about.

"Although I do appreciate all Lincoln has done for our country, I admit that I have never spent the day off reflecting on his accomplishments," she said.

Lincoln was born in a one-room log cabin on Feb. 12, 1809, in Kentucky. In 1830, he and his family moved to Illinois, where he received his law license a few years later, and in

1860, he was elected as the 16th President of the United States during the Civil War.

On Sept. 22, 1862, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which went into effect Jan. 1, 1863, and officially freed the abolished slavery.

"It took Lincoln's brilliant, legal mind to get the country out of the dilemma over slavery, and he did it through the Emancipation Proclamation," said Lynne Curry, a professor in the history department.

Although Eastern does not have any events on campus to commemorate the historical figure, there are other ways students can remem-

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield lets visitors tour Lincoln's past.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. all week, and students can get in for \$5.50 with a valid school identification card.

There are also various sites within Coles County that tie the area to historical events in Lincoln's life.

Curry said she thinks it would be good for the university to honor Lincoln.

"It would be awesome to do a Lincoln symposium," she said. "It would take years of planning, but it would be worth it."

While students are enjoying the day off from classes, many faculty members hope students take the time to remember one of the most influential figures in history and everything he did for the country.

"Lincoln is wonderful because he was able to evolve in his thinking of slavery," Curry said. "By the end of his life, he advocated that the freed man get the right to vote, which was an extremely progressive notion at the



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KYLE MAYHUGH SENIOR JOURNALISM MAJOR

"Dick Cheney's Elmer Fudd impression is not political news. It is gossip..."

This is the primary problem with American politics. We let ourselves get caught up in these things while lobbying reform gets put into the background.



TIM EMMERLING SENIOR JOURNALISM MAJOR

"I'm absolutely certain that the boy spent a lot of time getting to know every principal..."

Surprised? I'm not. The antics kept getting taken to the next level with no one there to warn him; a complete absence of guidance. His last thrill was the short ride down into the dark

Sparks interrupt arson trial testimony

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTIAC, Mich. - An arson trial was interrupted when sparks from an electrical fire showered the judge and his clerk while a fire chief was testifying.

Despite the problem, the trial continued in Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Daniel O'Brien's courtroom, and a jury on Tuesday found a teenager responsible for setting fire to a home in Brandon Township.

"Sparks were falling all over the judge and the clerk," the teen's attorney, Larry Kaluzny, told The Oakland Press. "It was crazy."

No one was hurt from the sparks, which apparently came from a light fixture while the Brandon Township fire chief was on the witness stand.

"It was ironic," said Jeff Franklin, the clerk, who added that there was a popping noise, then the sparks flew from the ceiling. Maintenance crews fixed the problem overnight.

The 15-year-old boy was accused of setting fire to a house in September 2004, causing \$80,000 in damage.

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Mom, daughter give birth on same day

PROVO, Utah - A 42year-old woman and her daughter each had babies 90 minutes apart, assisted by the same nurses in the same room at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center.

Both Sherri Callister, of Mona, and daughter Chelsee Bushman, 22, of Springville, were having pregnancy complications when the babies were delivered by Caesarean section last Thursday.

"At first, just finding out my mom was pregnant was a big surprise," Bushman said.

Bushman was due April 17, but her water broke early. She had been on bed rest in the hospital for three weeks when her mother, who was due around March 30, was admitted to the hospital for high blood pressure.

Bushman delivered first -3-pound daughter Bentley May. Ninety minutes later, Callister had a son, 5-pound, 8-ounce Dakota Dean.

Bentley may be an hour and a half older, but her newborn uncle is much big-

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- **5.** Senate to vote on sandwich



DONATING LIFE



KRISTY MELLENDORF/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jennifer Burnstein, a freshman English major, raises her arm to aid blood clotting after donating blood Wednesday afternoon. The American Red Cross, the sociology department and Alpha Kappa Delta teamed up Tuesday and Wednesday to host a blood drive, which collected 66 total units of blood. "We got a good amount, but we didn't get too much O negative," said Angie Dirks, an employee of the American Red Cross in the Andrews Hall basement.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Study: Freshman 15 myth not real

THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN (PRINCETON)

PRINCETON, N.J. - The "Freshman 15"? It's more like the "Freshman Seven," according to one new study.

After weighing 67 student volunteers in early September and late April, researchers at Rutgers' Department of Nutritional Science observed that the average weight gain was around seven pounds, not the oft-cited 15. The students – all freshmen - ate their meals regularly in the Rutgers dining halls.

According to the study, the sevenpound gain resulted from an intake of around 112 excess calories per day. Peggy Policastro, a Rutgers nutritionist and coauthor of the paper, said in a press release that this surplus may be due to eating in "buffet-style dining halls" in addition to decreased attention to physical activity and increased alcohol intake.

"The freshman year may be an environment where eating more food than the body needs is the predominant state for a significant number of students," she said.

Peter Johnsen, a physician at University Health Services, said that weight gain is a serious issue for most Princeton students as well.

"I think a lot of students expressed concern when they come," he said.

To combat this problem and "promote a healthier community for students, faculty and staff," President Tilghman launched the "A Healthier Princeton" initiative last year, Johnsen added. A clinical nutritionist, Mandy Clark, was hired to deal with eating issues and is expected to begin working with students in small groups.

Clark, who is currently in Chicago because of weather conditions, could not be reached for comment.

Universities frown upon consultations

BY MARY VITALE

THE DAILY FREE PRESS (BOSTON U.)

BOSTON - While some students pay thousands of dollars and spend months working with professional consultants to craft the perfect college application essays, others only have access to their high school's academic counselors, which many students and some universities say is unfair.

Increasing numbers of students are hiring these consultants for prices ranging from \$50 to \$3,000,

according to a recent Boston Globe article, to bolster their chances of being accepted to major universities. Administrators from various schools say they are becoming more concerned that the work and content seen in applicants' writing is not their own, but the product of a professional.

"We are aware of the problem," Boston University spokesman Colin Riley said. "There is a great deal of information available online to assist students (in the application process), however, we expect all students applying to do their own work when drafting an essay."

There has been debate as to whether hiring consultants is cheating or simply acceptable help for students, similar to receiving help from a high school counselor or a teacher. But BU faculty and students say the idea and content of an admissions essay should always come from the student.

"It is perfectly fine and recommended for a student to have someone proofread or look over their essay, but the overall idea should be the student's," writing professor Tracy Strauss said. "If a hired consultant is telling the student what to put in his or her essay, then that is very dishonest."

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FCS students revamp unwanted wedding dresses

By Jessica Cantarelli CAMPUS EDITOR

Eight students from the Family Consumer Sciences Department had a hands-on opportunity to add a personal touch to donated wedding gowns.

Ducky's Bridal and Formal Wear in Champaign donated four wedding gowns to the class, where students paired up and had two weeks to do whatever they pleased to the gowns.

Megan Bergschneider, a junior marketing major, said she and her partner each worked nearly 20 hours on the gown.

"I stayed up until about 3 a.m. the night before, and worked on the dress whenever I could," she

Even though she could not do everything to the dress she wanted to do, it made her realize why wedding dresses are so expen-

"(Ducky's) provided gowns, gave us complete freedom to do whatever we wanted to them," said Jean Dilworth, a professor in the FCS department.

Dilworth said the gowns were donated because they were sitting on the sales rack and not selling,

and after the students revamped them, they are viewed as mar-

"Overall the project was fantastic," she said. "It was great learning experience; we had limited time and limited materials, and that's the way the real world

The students changed the dresses in a variety of ways like tearing sleeves, shortening the gowns, adding and removing beading.

"It was a real project to solve real problems," Dilworth said, but a time limit put some restraints on the dress changes.

Katherine Niebrugge, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said the hands-on experience was something she has rarely experienced in the classroom.

"We didn't quite have all our techniques learned when we started," she said. "Instead of learning by lecture, (we) learned hands on, and we learned a lot faster than I think we would have otherwise."

Niebrugge said working with a strict deadline and not having time for mistakes on the gowns was both her favorite and least favorite part of the project.

"I think being able to have the



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Katharine Neibrugge, a family and consumer sciences graduate student, works on a wedding dress in her Pattern Design and Development class. The class got the dresses from Duckey's Bridal in Champaign and spent less than \$50 to refurbish them. The dresses are now on display at Duckey's to be sold.

"I stayed up until about 3 a.m. the night before and worked on the dress whenever I could."

MEGAN BERGSCHNEIDER, JUNIOR MARKETING MAJOR

business experience was neat," she said. "And having a deadline knowing it wasn't just for a grade - it was for a consumer and there was money on the line – a definite deadline - it wasn't like regular homework."

Instead of being lectured, Niebrugge said she enjoyed working on the gowns because it was a way to test her abilities.

"It's just another element of learning that we don't get to do everyday," she said. "When we get into the workforce, we'll have this type of experience with us."

eel left behind, come to the MARTY PARTY"

Darwin ideas challenged

STAFF REPORTER

Philosophy professor Richard Foley challenged audience members to think critically about the theory of intelligent design during one of two lectures to celebrate Darwin Day last night in the Phipps Auditorium.

"Intelligent Design is the idea that one object must have been designed and not by a human,"

He explained that creationism is based on the literal truth of the Book of Genesis in the Bible, which also describes the process of design.

The main issue of Foley's presentation was evolution versus religious beliefs. Foley jokingly explained some theories on the origin of design.

"There must have been a time-traveling genetic engineer who planted human seeds back then," Foley said, "Or perhaps alien colonization created our universe."

Adam Barnett, a freshmen political science major at Lake Land College, said he thought using philosophy as the basis of intelligent design discredited creationism.

"We as a whole should discard all of those imaginary theories on how evolution came to be," Barnett said.

John Stimac, Eastern geology professor, answered questions about the age of the earth during his presentation "The Age of The Earth and its Determination."

Stimac said in his speech that Charles Lightfoot of Cambridge University predicted the precise time and date of the earth's origin, which was during the autumnal equinox at 9 a.m. Oct. 25 in the year 3929 B.C.

"The principle of uniformitarianism states that the present is the key to the future," Stimac said.

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COMMENTARY



JESSICA CANTARELLI CAMPUS EDITOR

Should I sleep OR SHOULD I WORK?

I'm pretty sure I was born tired. No joke. When I was a toddler, I used to ask for my naps and get mad at anyone who woke me up. When "Cheers" came on, I would recognize the theme song and know it was 8 p.m., bedtime.

And now that I'm a junior in college, I still value those moments where I can cuddle up in my bed and go to sleep sans alarm. The only difference now is, those moments are few and far between.

I remember when I came to Eastern in 2003, my roommate at the time, Lauren, warned me about her abnormal sleep habits caused by a genetic disease she inherited called thalycemia.

Thalycemia caused her to get sudden spurts of exhaustion, causing her to nap oddly during the day. Being young and easily influenced, I adapted Lauren's

"When I think maybe there's a chance for a nap, I'm so wound up that I don't even want it anymore."

sleeping habits where I would attend classes, sleep or eat in between them, and stay up until about 4 a.m., to do nothing particularly productive. For a while, I convinced myself I

had the sleeping disease too.

My sleeping habits and schedule have improved since freshman year, although, it seems like it isn't a habit at all because I do not get as much sleep as I would like.

Being in a sorority and an editor of this newspaper combined with classes (they only get harder as you get older) doesn't leave time for much else, including sleep. And my weekends are full of catching up on work, cleaning, going out and whatever other duties I commit myself to, so I don't want to waste the day sleeping.

In the midst of all my complaining (and not sleeping), I have to ask myself, "so is this what college is really like?

"Is this the kind of life I should have been living all along? Is this what normal college students go through, and I've just been too carefree and neglectful of my priorities that I just decided to sleep?"

I have friends at New York University and Illinois Institute of Technology who have always told me how there aren't enough hours in the day and they are busy, busy, busy with things, but I never actually related to them until now.

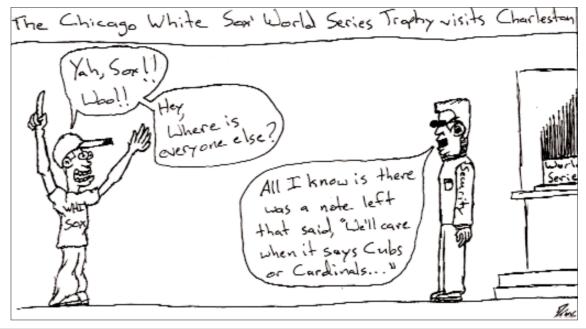
I have become the kind of person I only thought existed at Ivy League schools: the person who comes home from a night of partying at 3 a.m. and is up by 9 a.m. doing homework and getting things done, so she can go out again. And making it the entire day without a nap.

When I think maybe there's a chance for a nap, I'm so wound up that I don't even want it anymore. Because there's always more to do, something else to get done.

I have learned to appreciate being able to live the carefree life I lived freshman year, when I got as much sleep as I wanted and had little to no responsibility. Perhaps this is good for me, responsibility with places to be and things to do. A taste of the "real world," nap-

> Cantarelli, a junior journalism major, can be reached at DENcampus@gmail.com.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



EDITORIAL

Patients' rights more import

Gov. Rod Blagojevich took a bold, but justified, stance in passing his executive order compelling pharmacists to distribute contraceptives like the morningafter pill.

On Feb. 9, he made an appearance on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" and spoke with interviewer Jason Jones about his order in a segment called "Pill of Rights."

Pharmacists and pharmacy employees have voiced objections to the order, saying that it violates the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act. The act protects the rights of health care workers to refuse to participate in the performance or distribution of

health care services that violate their moral convictions. Although the rights of health care workers should be taken into consideration, the rights of the patient are the more important issue here.

According to www.morningafterpill.org, the emergency contraceptive is a high dosage of the birth control pill, containing the same steroids, progesterone and estrogen, that is used over a 72-hour period with the goal in mind to prevent or end a pregnancy.

Double doses of regular birth control pills are also sometimes prescribed as self-administered emergency contraceptives, although testing hasn't proved the method's effectiveness, the site noted.

The morning-after pill stops ovulation, alters a woman's normal menstrual cycle or irritates the lining of the uterus and kills the already-fertilized egg, the site said.

A December article on www.msnbc.com reported that unwanted births are on the rise, with 14 percent of total births in 2002

At issue

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's law allowing the sale of birth control pills.

Our stance

The governor made the right decision. The patient buying the pills is the one most affected by them, so he or she has the right to buy and use them.

resulting from unwanted pregnancies compared to 9 percent in 1995. Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion in 1973, and gave women the right to choose whether to have these unwanted pregnancies.

In August, the American Center for Law and Justice filed a federal lawsuit against Eastern on behalf of Andrea Nead, a former part-time nurse at Health Services, who said she was refused a full-time position because of her moral disposition and unwillingness to distribute the morning-after pill.

Blagojevich's order would now require her to do so, regardless of her beliefs. According to The Daily Eastern News article in August, the American Nursing

Associations Code of Ethics for Nurses provides that nurses have the right to protect their personal integrity, but must also look out for the rights and interests of the patient involved.

Ultimately, the patient is the party most affected by the distribution of the contraceptive, and she has the right to seek it, without having to deal with hesitant health care workers' moral convictions.

Whether in cases of emergency or non-emergency, patients have the right to receive speedy service and the right to choose what they do to their own bodies.

Besides, distributing the morning-after pill does not necessarily mean the distributors condone the use of the contraception, but that they respect the patient's freedom to choose her own health care options.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEN MISSED KEY ISSUES IN BLACK HISTORY STORIES

The DEN recently ran what I guess were supposed to pass for investigative pieces about Charleston's failure to celebrate Black History Month and about the absence of minorities in city government.

While these articles were surely wellintentioned, they failed to address key issues that would have legitimatized them as news. Instead (and not surprisingly) The DEN did not do its homework and ended up producing editorial-political drivel.

The city employees article was at least somewhat balanced. The reporter admitted that there is a tiny minority population in Charleston. However, there was simply no story. If Charleston were somehow different from the norm the story would have carried some weight. But the reporter provided no background information.

If I were to check small cities with Latino populations of 90 plus percent, would I find many white people working for the city governments? I really do not know because the reporter did not provide that information. The DEN should stop making veiled value judgments in the selection of its stories.

The stories about Charleston not

celebrating Black History Month were far less balanced and therefore even less useful for anything but reckless agitation. Key questions were not sufficiently addressed. Does Charleston celebrate ANY of the (insert ethnic group here) Months? What OTHER holidays DO they celebrate (if any)? Do the schools run programs for the children on their own?

These questions were not addressed, and we were all left to wonder why the DEN printed editorials that looked like stories.

> GEORGE T. LESICA SENIOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

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IBHE adds student seat

The Illinois Senate passed a bill on Tuesday that gives a seat on the Illinois Board of Higher Education to a "nontraditional" student from a public university in the state.

Undergraduate students currently have a seat on the 15-member IBHE. The bill states that the IBHE Student Advisory Committee would select the non-traditional student representa-

The bill will now go to the House of Representatives.

Budgeting faculty grants

Faculty development will present a workshop titled "After the Award: Then What?" for faculty members interested in applying for external

Kathy Thomas, from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs,

CAMPUS BRIEFS

and Chris Childress, Eastern's grant accountant, will discuss what should be done with a budget after a grant is awarded, how to set up a grant account and any regulations the recipient needs to follow.

The workshop will be from 12 to 1 p.m. today in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Ethnopoetics come to EIU

Jerome Rothenberg, co-originator of ethnopoetics, which helps audiences conceptualize modern poetry, will share his work with Eastern's campus during his visit today.

Rothenberg will be in the Booth Library Conference Room at 11 a.m., and will present a reading at 4 p.m. in the Coleman Hall Auditorium. Both of these events are free and open to the public.





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Workshop change causes confusion

BY JENNIFER CARLISLE
STAFF REPORTER

The setting was of frustration and confusion as students poured in for a stress management workshop, only to find one titled "How to be Single in a Couple's World" instead.

Nupar Jain, an intern at the Counseling Center, covered how society places great pressure on singles by stressing that being in a relationship and finding a mate is expected, to an audience of 10 students last night.

Giggles and laughs flooded the back of the room as Jain asked how students enjoyed being single.

"It sucks," said one audience member, who went on to explain how she thought it was cool to be single for a while, but now she thought it was time for a relationship.

Jain said talk shows tend to only focus on the negatives of a relationship, rather than living a quality life without

being committed.

Acting on hormones or a sexual relationship is unhealthy, as is being on the "lookout for love," she said. Students who attended agreed the workshop was a learning experience.

"I was here to receive extra credit for a class, but it was neat that I learned about a lot of my other relationships I have like with my roommate" said Tiffany Grice a

have, like with my roommate," said Tiffany Grice, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major.

Jain said she was pleased with the overall awareness the

students had of what constitutes healthy and unhealthy relationships.

"It is important to enjoy your singleness, if single, and also to appreciate yourself as an individual and not get affected by the beliefs society enforces," Jain said.

Jain said the Counseling Center has had a decrease in the number of student attendees and has chosen more specific workshops to draw in an audience.

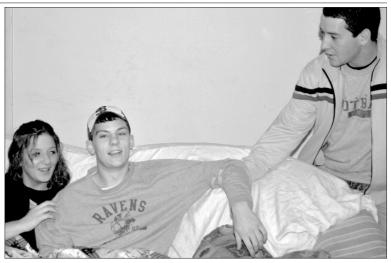


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Bachelor Chris Eitel, a sophomore business major, tries to get his buddy, Darrel Penrod, a sophomore sports management major, to go out with him Wednesday night to his girlfriend Kristin Taylor's dismay. The Gounseling Genter hosted "How to Be Single in a Gouple's World" Wednesday night.

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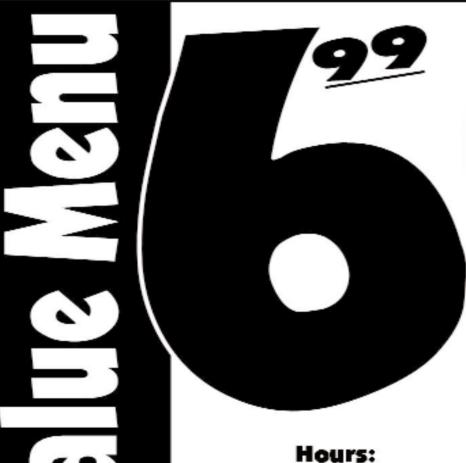
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SENATOR OF THE WEEK

Cole Rogers dots campus with promos

BY KRISTY MELLENDORI STAFF REPORTER

Getting the Student Senate name out to students is what Cole D. Rogers, the Student Senate's Student Relations Committee chair, is focusing on in his fourth semester on the Student Government.

When Rogers arrived on campus in the fall of 2004, he knew he wanted to be involved, but it wasn't easy getting

"(Current Student Body President) Ryan Berger actually lost my application," Rogers said. "I called to check on it, and then filled out another one."

As chair of the Student Relations Committee, Rogers has many responsibilities such as giving his approval to groups wanting to become Recognized Student Organizations.

Rogers said the misconception that the Student Government is boring is bothers him.

"(The Student Government) is

actually a place for them to voice their concerns."

To get to where he is today, Rogers has served on several committees.

"If you take the initiative, you can move up very fast," he said.

Rogers has passed out a studentawareness survey and is currently working on the money for the Big Red Dot Campaign.

The Big Red Dot Campaign is an idea aimed to appear all over campus, and Rogers is working on getting all the money for the posters for the campaign as well. The campaign idea is for students to become aware of the Student Government.

"It is focused along the lines of the smile-face with Wal-Mart," Rogers said. "We would like for the red dot to be associated with (the) Student Senate."

Rogers also said he would like to see more feedback from students and more people at the meetings.

One meeting sticks out in Rogers' mind because a concern was brought



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Gole Rogers, a sophomore social sciences major, hangs a flyer promoting the Big Red Dot campaign which he is spearheading. Rogers is also the chair of the Student Relations committee.

up to the senate.

"A girl came in last year with concerns about not being able to use her card for meals at any time," Rogers

Soon after that, Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, worked for improving the system and implemented a two-hour gap between meals, he said.

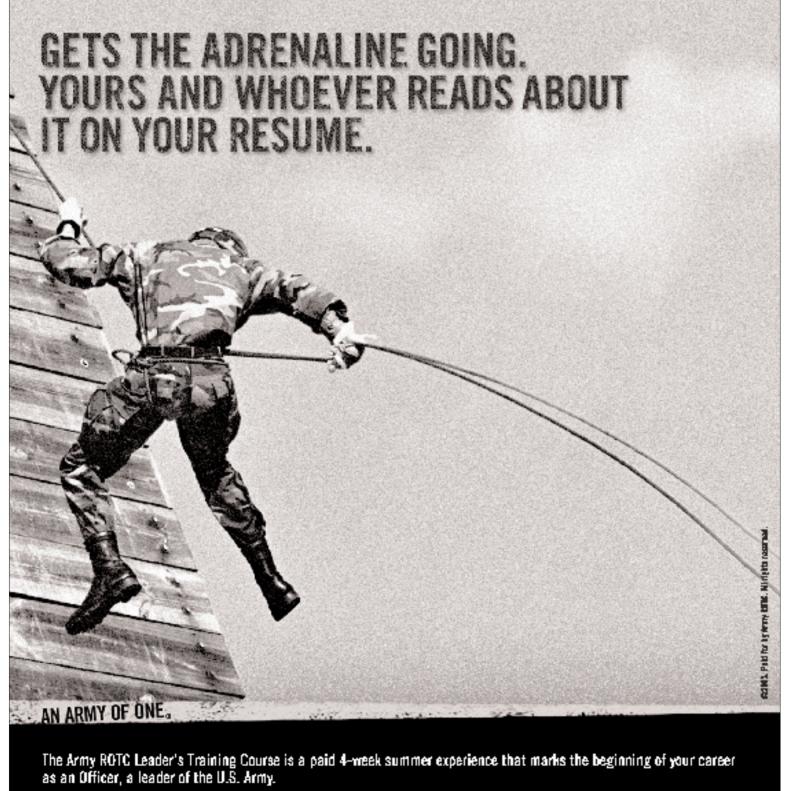
Rogers said it's easier for the Student Government to provide for its students when the organization is presented with an idea.

He also participates in the Education Scholars, the Student Action Team and just got involved with the College Democrats.

"Everything he works (on) is for the students," said Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson. "He will go far and accomplish whatever he wants. He will be very successful with whatever he does."

What students should know about the Feb. 15 Student Senate meeting

- #1 Item to create formalized system for Recognized Student Organizations to use sandwich boards for advertising purposes passed.
- #2 Item to approve a line item transfer for the purchase of a typewriter for the Account Technician was tabled.
- #3 Item to approve a line item transfer for the purchase of refreshments for the Apportionment Board during the budget presentation meeting was tabled.
- **#4** Item to allocate funds totaling \$6,000 for supplies and professional services during Unity Week was tabled.



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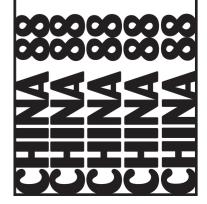
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Symbol of a 'dream come true' visits Eastern

"It was a thrill for me," he said. "I was glad to hook up with a team I grew up

Hopwood assists in overseeing the dayto-day operations of U.S. Cellular Field.

White Sox fans are excited to see the trophy come to Eastern. Russell Brown, a senior family and consumer sciences major who interned with the White Sox last summer, is one of them.

"I think it's great that the fans are actually getting a chance to see the trophy," he said. "It's something special."

Baker is thrilled to bring the trophy to the Student Recreation Center.

"It's fun, and we have a lot of White Sox fans here at the university," he said.

Hopwood said the experience of winning a World Series was a dream come true.

"The Sox took the whole front office to the World Series," he said. "It was unbelievable."

The White Sox completed a sweep of the Houston Astros on Oct. 26 for their first World Series championship since

Josh Kronenberger, a junior communication studies major, said he plans to see the trophy despite being a St. Louis Cardinals fan.

"It's awesome," he said. "I'd love to see the trophy. I've never seen one."

Some Chicago Cubs fans are not as

"Why should I go see the 2005 trophy when I can just see the 2006 trophy for the Cubs?" said Andy Ehrlich, a senior history and social sciences major.

Ashley Tomlinson, who is also a senior history and social sciences major, responded by sharing her sister's comment about Cubs fans: "They better go because that's as close as they'll ever get to a World Series trophy."

The trophy will be at the Student Recreation Center today from 11 a.m. to

TRIBUTE:

Charleston hosts one of the top 10 state Lincoln sites

The museum is also among the top 10 Lincoln-related historic sites in Illinois, which places it alongside Springfield's Lincoln museum and New Salem Park, where Lincoln lived and worked as a young man.

Eight miles south of the museum, the town of Lerna hosts the Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site.

Maintained by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the site allows guests to walk through a replica of the home owned by Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, as well as homes owned by their neighbors, Stephen Sargent and Reuben Moore.

Like the Lincoln-Douglas museum, the site presents visitors with various informative displays and a movie profiling the Lincoln family and their way of life.

Having been a part of the community since 1936, the Lincoln Log Cabin brings back fond memories for many Charleston residents.

Mayor John Inyart took field trips to the site as a young man.

"I always enjoyed these trips, and now as an adult I can truly appreciate what folks went through living in those times," Inyart said. "Personally, I have grown to respect and understand Lincoln much more as an adult ,and now as mayor feel a sense of pride knowing he and his family have ties to our area."

Inyart also said plans are in the works to link Charleston with other Lincoln-related spots in central Illinois to allow people to take a journey in his shoes and see the various spots that helped shape Lincoln's life.

"It allows Charleston to connect easily with other Lincoln sites, to work together as far as marketing and advertising are concerned, and to provide a comprehensive Lincoln visiting experience," Clark said.

Les Anderson, a senior art education major and Lincoln enthusiast, has praise for the historic sites in Springfield.

"It's pretty neat, you get to see a little more of what life was like back then," Anderson said. "Just looking at his bed, you can see how tall he was."

Eastern's history professors and majors share a profound respect for Lincoln and the things he accomplished.

Hardeman referred to Lincoln as the second most important American president, next to George Washington.

"His presidency created the foundation for modern America in many respects," he said.

Meredyth Lovell, a senior biology major, said she believes the Lincoln Log Cabin specifically deserves more

"It's really interesting, but it needs more public exposure to it," Lovell

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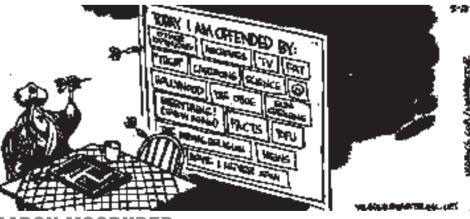
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EASTERN 60, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 49

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EASTERN	min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	pts
Catchings	27	6-12	4-7	3-6	2	4	18
Tandy	31	3-8	0-0	1-10	1	1	6
Byrne	27	3-8	0-0	2-7	0	3	6
Robinson	31	3-7	2-3	0-2	7	1	9
Gomes	38	5-17	1-1	0-1	2	1	13
Sinclair	24	2-3	0-0	1-1	2	3	5
Parrish	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	3
Burke	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wilkin	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
TOTALS	200	23-56	7-11	8-33	15	16	60

Percentages: FG .448 3-point goals: 7-17 (Catchings 2-4, Gomes 2-8, Parrish 1-1, Robinson 1-2, Sinclair 1-2) Blocked shots: 3 (Catchings, Gomes, Tandy) Steals: 7 (Robinson 3, Byrne, Catchings, Gomes, Tandy) Turnovers: 8

		fg	ft	reb				
SEMO	min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	pts	
Guerrier	25	2-5	0-0	1-6	1	0	4	
Francis	32	5-11	0-0	3-12	1	1	10	
Willoughby	23	0-4	2-2	0-1	3	3	2	
Paradoxsi	40	4-8	0-0	0-3	4	1	9	
Booker	39	4-16	6-6	2-4	2	2	15	
Jones	26	2-5	0-0	0-3	0	2	4	
White	14	2-4	1-2	1-3	0	1	5	
TOTALS	200	19-53	9-10	10-37	11	10	49	

Percentages: FG .358 3-point goals: 2-13 (Paradoxsi 1-4, Booker 1-7, Jones 0-1, Willoughby 0-1) Blocked shots: 4 (Guerrier 2, Jones, White) Steals: 3 (Paradoxsi 2, Jones) Turnovers: 13

SOFTBALL

Panthers season to open at Louisiana Tournament

Eastern will go to Monroe, La., this weekend to play five games in three days and begin the 2006 season.

Eastern softball finished last year in seventh place and begins this season in the same rank in the Ohio Valley Conference pre-season rankings.

The Panthers finished last season with a 15-32 record including going 2-8 in their last 10 games of the season.

First-year head coach Kim Schuette will replace Lloydene Searle, who was coach at Eastern for the last seven years. Schuette will have seven returning starters including their top three hitters.

"Our older girls are the foundation of our team, they are the big swingers we will be counting on," Schuette said.

Junior C/IF Sandyn Short, junior OF/1B Katy Steele and junior 3B Rachel Karos will be counted on to replicate their combined 11 home runs and 53 RBIs from last season.

Eastern will need to replace staff ace

Heather Hoeschen and her 2.79 ERA and 9-16 record.

One offensive need that should be turned around from last year is Eastern's team batting average of .233 compared to opponents .290 average.

Six freshman will be counted on to contribute where seniors have left vacancies, including losing two of their three starting pitchers.

Brief compiled by Patrick Vitt

Weekend softball schedule

Friday

6:15 p.m. • at Louisiana-Monroe 8:30 p.m. • vs. Louisiana Tech

Saturday

1 p.m. • vs. Jackson State

4 p.m. • vs. Stephen F. Austin

Sunday

9 a.m. • vs. Grambling

PRESSURE:

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'Sense of urgency' at Southeast Missouri

Galligan may not be on the same level as Conceicao, Tennessee Tech's Emily Christian or Austin Peay's Ashley Haynes, but Sallee believes his freshman center is not far behind.



Southeast Missouri (16-7, 13-3)

Last game 70-64 L at Tennessee-Martir **Last game** 87-86 W at Eastern Kentucky

Leading Scorer G Megan Sparks 16.0 ppg **Leading Scorer**F Tatiana Conceicao
18.8 ppg

"All those players can do multiple things, while Rachel is more comfortable with just playing on the low block," Sallee said. "But, I think with natural progression she has a chance to be mentioned with those three some day."

Sallee also likes Galligan's fearless attitude when matched up with other post players.

"I'm ready to take her on," Galligan said. "I want to play better than the last game against (SEMO)."

Senior guard Megan Sparks said the Panthers had a "relaxed" week of practice last week, but Galligan says the intensity that was missing in the two losses to Austin Peay and Tennessee-Martin is back

"There's more of a sense of urgency at practice than last week," Galligan said. "We know it's coming down to do or die."



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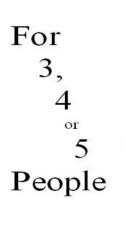
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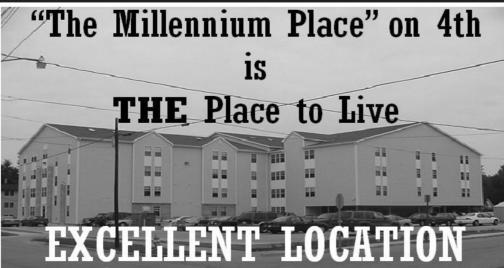
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SWIMMING

Mid-Continent Conference next for Eastern

Panthers, rest of MCC look to topple Oakland

BY JOE WALTASTI STAFF REPORTER

An old saying in sports is that games are not won on paper.

The Eastern men's and women's swimming and diving teams will be praying for that adage to hold true this weekend. The Panthers, along with five other schools, will be battling the proverbial "goliath" of Oakland Natatorium on the IUPUI campus. Sports Illustrated ranked the IU Natatorium "the No. 1 college swimming facility in the nation."

"Oakland is just head and shoulders above everybody else in the conference," said head coach Ray Padovan.

Oakland's dominance is apparent due to the seeds. Swimmers are seeded based on their season best performances in every event they have swam. Oakland has the top seed in every individual event and every relay. In many cases, Oakland swimmers have the top three or more seeds. In the men's 100-yard freestyle Oakland has the top 8 seeds.

"I have been joking with my teammates that we should score the meet ourselves not including Oakland," junior Bill Senese said. "That way I think we could win."

Oakland swimming is a highlyfunded program with top-notch facilities. When compared to Eastern's program, Oakland has one major advantage: scholarships. Oakland has seven times the amount of scholarships that



University at the Mid-Continent Junior Chris Pontecore swims the breaststroke against St. Louis University Conference tournament at IU Feb. 4. Eastern will travel to Indianapolis to compete this weekend.

Eastern has, which allows them to lure in some of the best swimmers in the country.

"It is unfortunate for (Oakland) that they have to be in a conference like the Mid-Con," Padovan said. "But conferences are formed around basketball and football. The prestige of a swim program is usually not taken into account."

The Panthers have a few highseeded swimmers themselves.

Senese has been one of the Panthers best and most consistent swimmers throughout the season. He is seeded second in the 50-yard freestyle and third in the 200-yard backstroke. Claire Garvey and Patty Young are the highest seeds for the women. Garvey is ranked fourth in the 1,650-yard freestyle and Young is also fourth for 200-yard breaststroke.

Eastern relay squads are highly ranked. All of the Panther relay teams but one are either seeded second or third out of the seven teams competing in the tournament.

This will be Eastern's first time

competing in the MCC tournament, and the conference is happy to see them involved.

"We are very excited that Eastern and South Dakota State joined the Mid-Con and will be represented in our conference tournament this year," said Mid-Con Director of Media Relations Kristina Petersen. "We are always happy to have more athletes and more competition for the conference."

The set up of the conference tournament is unlike any of the other meets the Panthers have swam this season. Only 18 swimmers will be allowed to participate and teams are allowed to bring four other swimmers designated as exhibition competitors. Exhibition competitors are only allowed to compete in time trials and preliminary heats.

The 18-swimmer limit is somewhat confusing. According to the rules of the conference, divers are only counted as one-third of a participant so Eastern's six-member diving squad will only count as two competitors. Including 2006 MCC Swimming and **Diving Championship Teams**

Eastern Illinois

Competing in their first MCC tournament since they withdrew from the conference in 1997.

Centenary

Freshman Leslie Clampitt has set two school records in the 50 free and 200 free relay.

IUPUI

The Jaquar men relied on the strength of their diving to beat Eastern 156-144 in January. Oakland

Grizzlies have won the MCC

tournament seven years straight. South Dakota State

Joined the MCC with Eastern this season.

Valparaiso

Diving team caused a controversy for the Crusaders when they all unexpectedly quit.

Western Illinois

Freshman distance swimmer Amber Peircy has won MCC's Female Athlete of the Week award three times this season.

the divers and the exhibition competitors, Eastern will have a total of 26 swimmers at the tournament.

Swimmers will be allowed to compete in more than the usual four events. They can swim in three individual races and four relays. Medals will be given to the top three finish-

"I am more looking for us to put up career best and season best times than to win every race," Padovan said. "I will be happy if we can do

WALTASTI:

Thomas' trade rumors all over

This man lives in such a fantasy world that he honestly believes it would be mutually beneficial for the Sonics to trade Ray Allen to the Bulls for Ben Gordon or for the Denver Nuggets to trade Kenyon Martin to the Bulls for the useless and, essentially teamless, Tim Thomas.

He is so bonkers he might even start making college trade proposals. (I hacked his computer and found a trade offer that involved George Tandy and the expiring scholarship of Josh Gomes for Warren Carter and a recruit to be named later).

My second-favorite part of the season is seeing which ridiculously bloated player contracts that New York Knicks' general manager Isaiah Thomas will take on.

Thomas has never heard of the phrase, "salary cap," and he just adds and adds players to his team at will.

He has been connected lately with overpaid players like Steve Francis, Lamar Odom, and the trouble-making combo of Ruben Patterson and Darius Miles.

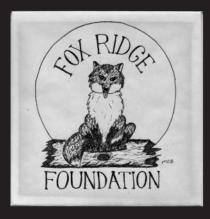
He already has the likes of Penny Hardaway, Allan Houston, Eddy Curry and Stephon Marbury making maximum contracts and sitting on Larry Brown's bench.

Thomas went so far as to trade an unprotected first-round draft pick for Curry's irregular heartbeat, irregular effort and irregular weight gain.

But don't worry Knicks fans, or any other fan for that matter. Trade rumor season is a time for hope and disregard for logic.

It is a time for people like me to waste countless hours pouring through Web sites and blogs like I am an FBI agent searching the Balco labs. There must be nothing better in this world than a little tease of hope. Why else would Wrigley sell out every

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SPORTS

PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

TONIGHT	SWIMMING AT MCC CHAMPIONSHIP	Through Saturday
	Women's Basketball at SEMO	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	TRACK AND FIELD FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL	3 p.m.
SATURDAY	M-Tennis at Northern Illinois	3 p.m.
	Softball at La-Monroe Tournament	All Day

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



At times, a good rumor beats truth

The NBA trade rumor bonanza is in full swing. NFL coaches have been fired and hired, and the MLB rumor mill is still churning away in the background.

No matter which of the bigthree sports you like or what team you may root for, this is the time of year for hope.

Cubs fans can still hope Jim Hendry will convince Roger Clemens to suit up on the North

Sox fans can hope that Kenny Williams does the impossible and pull Jim Thome and Javier Vazquez from the Phillies and Diamondbacks (wait, he already did that).

Bears, Rams and Colts fans can look forward to the combination and see if Vince Young would, if he had to, kill his cat for survival. (That is seriously one of the questions that has been on the Wonderlic test given to all the potential draft picks).

But the most fun and amusing part of trade rumor season are Chicago Tribune writer Sam Smith's columns.

There is not a player in any major professional sport that has not been a part of a Sam Smith trade idea.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers go for season sweep



Freshman forward Lindsey Kluempers gains control of the ball against Southeast Missouri's Chytearra Kintchen during the teams' last meeting Jan. 5. The Panthers are looking for a sweep of the Redhawks tonight at the Show Me Center.

Team hopes to break SEMO's streak, contain Conceicao

BY MARC CORRENTI

STAFF REPORTER

The Eastern women's basketball team knows the situation.

It has faced dominant post player after dominant post player this season.

Tonight will be no different when the Panthers face reigning Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year Tatiana Conceicao and a red-hot Southeast Missouri team.

In the first meeting between the teams in Charleston, the 6-2 senior center scored 15 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Her numbers were mostly negated by freshman center Rachel Galligan.

Galligan posted a strong game as well. She notched 13 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks.

Times have changed since the last meeting on Jan. 5, when the Panthers won 70-61. The Redhawks (16-7, 13-3 OVC) have won 10 straight since then and are a half game out of first place in the OVC with Tennessee

The Panthers (10-14, 9-7) are on the other side of the spectrum as they have dropped three of their last four games to fall to fifth place in the OVC.

"I think we just played harder than they did in the last game," Eastern coach Brady Sallee said. "We know that at

their place it's going to be more difficult."

The measure of difficulty starts and ends with Conceicao. Although she had a big game and SEMO lost last time, Sallee knows that it can't happen again if the Panthers are to win in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"The key is going to be us attacking their pressure and controlling Tatiana," Sallee said. "We'd like to play her oneon-one without any doubleteaming."

The person in charge of playing Conceicao one-on-one will be Galligan.

Galligan said she is used to the constant pressure of playing dominant post players.

"She's one of the best post players in the league," Galligan said. "She's athletic, she rebounds, and she's tough. She's definitely up there with the best post players in the league."

Sallee took it one step further as he feels that Conceicao has WNBA aspirations and will play pro basketball somewhere some

"She not only can hurt you down on the block, but the perimeter as well," Sallee said. "I think it's a kid that has a chance to tryout for a WNBA team in the future. There's a lot of basketball in front of her."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

streak at Southeast Missou Eastern snaps losing

OVC's leading scorer held to 15 points

BY MATT DANIELS

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The short-term improvement that head coach Mike Miller has stressed was shown by his team Wednesday night.

Facing a short-handed Southeast Missouri team, Eastern won on the road for the first time since a 72-67 win on Dec. 30 against Missouri-Kansas City.

Led by sophomore guard Bobby Catchings' hot outside shooting and the near-flawless play of point guard Mike Robinson, the Panthers won 60-49 at the Show Me Center.

"Bobby gave us some offense early when he made some shots for us and got us going," Miller said.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak for Eastern and also snapped a seven-game road losing streak.

The loss for SEMO extends its losing streak to 11 games, with their last win coming at Lantz Arena on Jan. 5.

Leading 46-43 with 4 minutes, 38 seconds remaining, the Panthers (6-18, 5-13 OVC) went on a 11-0 run over the next three minutes, sparked by two 3-pointers from senior guard Josh Gomes to hold off the Redhawks.

"That put us back in it," Miller said. "Josh hit big baskets down the stretch and he'd missed some shots down there, but he kept coming back, kept coming back."

After SEMO guard Roy Booker hit two free throws to cut the Panthers' lead

MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	OVC	OVERALL
Murray State	15-2	18-5
Samford	12-5	16-8
Tennessee Tech	11-7	16-10
Jacksonville State	10-7	12-11
Austin Peay	10-8	15-12
Eastern Kentucky	9-8	12-13
Tennessee State	9-8	10-13
Tennessee-Martin	9-9	12-12
Eastern Illinois	4-13	5-18
Morehead State	3-14	4-19
Southeast Missouri	3-14	6-17

to three, Gomes came down and hit a 3-pointer and was fouled by Booker on the shot. The senior converted the free throw to give Eastern a 50-43 lead.

The lead would not have been possible if not for Catchings' first-half shoot-

Catchings scored 13 points in the first half on 5-of-6 shooting. In the previous three games, the sophomore scored a combined 17 points on 6-of-21 shooting. He finished with a game-high 18 points.

The scoring of Catchings helped offset a poor first-half shooting effort from Gomes. The Panthers' leading scorer shot 2-of-8 in the first 20 minutes and 5-of-17 for the game.

Booker, the OVC's leading scorer at 22.5 points per game, was held to 5 points in the first half, and Miller credits the different defensive combinations used for containing Booker.

"The job we had to do on Roy Booker, he still finished with 15 points, but he was 4-of-16 and he really had to earn his baskets," Miller said. "Somebody who can score like that,

there's no one way you can stop him or slow him down.'

After the Redhawks (6-18, 3-15) closed Eastern's lead to 39-33, Robinson stole the ball and hit a 3pointer on the Panthers' next possession. The freshman finished with 9 points, 7 assists and zero turnovers. It was Robinson's first collegiate game with no turnovers.

"He played as much like a guard as he did all year," Miller said. "I thought he did so many things that impacted the winning."

The Panthers get back into action Saturday at 3:05 p.m. with a non-conference game against Eastern Michigan at Lantz Arena.

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