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UNIVERSITY | LEADING EDGE

Supervisor training to begin

Leading Edge program involves Eastern's faculty, students, staff

By **Graham Milldrum**
University Reporter

Police officers will be among those in class Tuesday.

But instead of giving instructions, they will be taking them at the first meeting of the Leading Edge, a yearlong program that trains supervisors.

The Leading Edge is the brainchild of Sandra Bowman, training administrator.

She began the program four months after her arrival at Eastern, and the program is now in its sixth year.

The program is designed for supervisors, but students, continuing education faculty and university police officers have all attended the program.

Each class has 30 seats, which are open to all members of the university.

This year, seven seats are still open in the program, which, historically, has been full.

This drop in attendance is not surprising to Bowman.

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UNIVERSITY | STUDY ABROAD

Students can also study in the states

Travel can lead to other opportunities

By **Kaitlyn Lonkar**
Staff Reporter

When choosing where to go for college, some students pick based on their major or the academics offered at a choice school. For Mallory Holle, it was all about the offerings and how she could take her education to the next level.

As a freshman foreign language and marketing major, the study abroad program at Eastern was the main attraction and a big part of her selection process. Eastern offers different programs for students to participate and receive a cultural education, including study abroad, internships and the national student exchange.

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JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Five-year-old Austin Hanson cheers on wrestler Dexter Schwartz during the first match of All-Star Championship Wrestling in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom Saturday night.

Grand Ballroom BRAWL

All-Star wrestlers come to campus swinging, slamming and leaving one another down for the count to the delight of fans young and old

By **Tearria Ruffin**
Campus Reporter

One. Two. Three counts.

It's two hours before the show. A man lies down, aching in the middle of the ring while a man half the height of an average man dives head first into his chest.

Bam!

To the audience, it's just another man down in the ring.

To the wrestlers, it is another night at work.

"You just got to suck it up," said Aaron Mathews, a wrestler with the All Americans. "That's all you can do."

Head butts and body slams were not the only sights during Saturday's Ballroom Bash in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom. Wrestling fans young and old had a few laughs and took pictures with their favorite wrestlers.

Promoters Steve Walsh and Mitch Saret, also known as "The Animals" have been wrestling as a duo for nearly a decade and for the last three years locally.

"We wanted to add something new," Walsh said, of the decision to feature competitors from the Micro Wrestling Federation.

Walsh and Saret wanted to promote a show for all family members, including children.

Each match involves the

audience. No foul language or crude behavior allowed.

"We learn how to work a crowd," Walsh said. "It's called ring psychology."

The ring psychology that Walsh describes is what raised the adrenaline of the crowd of approximately 150 and got them to scream at or cheer on one of the 17 contenders.

At times, the high energy expressed by the audience determined who was the "good guy" or the "bad guy" in the ring.

"I thought the Arabs were misrepresented," said Mike Davis, who was in the crowd. "They're really good guys, but they get a bad rap for what they wear."

The Arabian Assassins, Assi and Isaan Hadeev, wore turbans and prayed out loud to Allah when they entered the ring.

Hecklers in the crowd booed them and voiced their patriotism by shouting "U.S.A." in unison.

Davis said he joined other members in the crowd because he wanted to support the Arabian Assassins' challengers, the All Americans. The All Americans lost the match.

"The Arabians got the best of me, but U.S.A. all the way," Mathews said.



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Champion Camron Star chokes out the Fabulous Oooa on the ropes during the women's All-Star Wrestling match Saturday evening.

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» Training

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The transition to the Banner computer system has been eating up faculty and staff members' time and has made it impossible for them to commit, she said.

The Leading Edge program requires 48 hours spread across 12 sessions throughout the year.

Students have nine required sessions and must attend at least three of the seven elective sessions.

The reason for the extended, yearlong program is to allow the students to network, Bowman said.

"We could have this done in six days, but that's not the point," she said.

Because people come from a variety of places in the university,

they might not have much contact in a normal day.

"One of the greatest benefits was getting to know others in the university that I typically didn't have interaction with," said Eric Davidson, a Health Service employee.

The program has little financial drain on the university since the speakers are almost entirely faculty or staff members with experience pertinent to the program.

Bowman has not had to pay any of these faculty and staff members to speak, and her materials cost was low.

This year's class is the first that will be taught with WebCT instead of a physical textbook. The book Bowman used in past programs went out of print.

Bowman said she used the book

as a teaching aid instead of relying on it as the core of the class.

Bowman is unable to require anyone to attend the class, making it largely voluntary. This is different for some of the students, who were required to attend the program by their individual supervisors.

"I can sit there and tell them what a great program it is, but you'd expect me to say that," Bowman said.

She said the class has value because leaders who attended past programs support it by sending their staff to future Leading Edge programs.

Davidson said he has encouraged other members of the Health Service staff to attend the program.

Anyone interested in joining the program should contact Sandra Bowman at 581-6402.

» Brawl

FROM PAGE 1

Even though Mathews, 18, suffered a bloody nose, he said wrestling has been a passion for him since he was a child.

"It's kept with me my whole life," Mathews said.

In the fourth match, two members of the Micro Wrestling Federation faced off. Three men stood on their knees to greet the micro wrestlers.

Despite their height, the smaller-framed wrestlers challenged one another and won \$1,000 for pinning a man two feet taller than them.

A man from the audience screamed, "That was the best match ever" when he saw two female contenders, Camron Star and the Fabulous Oooa, battle for the ladies' championship.

Star's message was clear when she slammed Oooa on the mat and pinned her down.

"Inflict as much pain as possible



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All-Star Championship Wrestling referee Terry Hopper, right, asks Dexter Schwartz, center, if he is ready to "tap out" as Wesley Thorton applies a choke hold during the first match Saturday evening.

and get away scott-free," Star said.

Saret said the difference between attending a live wrestling match versus sitting and watching it on television is TV viewers miss out on

the interaction.

Star said that the audience becomes a part of the action.

"When it's live, you get to participate," Star said.

» Travel

FROM PAGE 1

About 250 students participate in study abroad each year, with a 30-50 percent growth rate each year, said Wendy Williamson, director of study abroad. Students can travel to places such as Italy, France, India or even China. Eastern is helping inform students of the benefits of the study abroad program with meetings for interested students, tables at all campus events and a study abroad fair.

"Study abroad is everywhere," Williamson said. "Every avenue on campus promotes study abroad."

However, even with student participation increasing, some members of the campus community think there are other ways to promote these life-changing experiences to learn outside the classroom. Some suggestions include putting study abroad on recruitment materials and offering scholarships.

For some students, however, the issue isn't the money but how their parents will feel about living in another country.

Allowing their college student travel across the world is not exactly on the top of all parents' to-do list, said Cathy Passananti, assistant resident director of Carman Hall.

"You have to present it to them and show them all the good things about the program," she said.

Some students and parents may feel more comfortable in a new program that allows students to study closer to home.

"The national student exchange program is a great opportunity

for those whose parents aren't comfortable with them going to another country, but still want to experience something to that effect," said Margaret Messer, of the honors college.

NSE offers 190 schools in the program that allow students to travel to 48 different states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Canada for a semester. Students from other schools are also allowed to come to Eastern, but Honors College Dean Bonnie Irwin doesn't think that will be happening anytime soon.

"There are two reasons that it will take a couple of years," Irwin said. "One is that students don't generally choose the Midwest and two because we are so new to the program. In many ways it is similar to the study abroad program," Irwin said. "For some it is less expensive but students don't get the same experience as with study abroad."

Promotions for NSE include talking to freshmen in University Foundations classes and talking to some of the newer honors students.

The main goal of trying to promote different study programs is by reaching students when they are freshman and letting them know of their opportunities.

"NSE seems like an unbelievable opportunity to travel and study somewhere else for not much more than Eastern students pay to go here," said Chris Kromphardt, a sophomore political science and philosophy major. "Anyone who's not at least researching more about NSE - the schools and programs available to them - are doing themselves a great disservice."

In addition to studying at other

schools, Eastern students also have the opportunity to learn off-campus through internships.

"We need to have students engaged more than just in classrooms," said Blair Lord, Provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The internships compensate for degree credit depending on how many hours a student is putting into the internship.

Some internships are paid, but they're not necessarily the way to make money, Lord said.

"You won't get rich off of an internship," Lord said.

Many students can find their own internships through connections they have made on their own or with an advisor for their department, Lord said. They are usually done later in the degree cycle giving the students a chance to be able to develop the skills needed.

Whenever the opportunity is available for students to take an internship, they should, Lord said.

Internships can be done during the summer or school year depending on when a student can fit it into his or her schedule. And even though most students know about internships, Lord said that Eastern could do more to make sure the students feel well informed.

"I absolutely recommend internships," Lord said.

"It is important that we engage in conversation about these issues to provide students with the best education possible," said Brenda Wilson, associate professor of communication disorders and sciences.

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Greeks prepare for tugs

Fraternities and sororities prepare for Greek Week events months ahead of time in hopes of winning

By Stacy Smith
Greek Life Reporter

Kathy Kretch didn't know what she was getting into.

In her freshman year, she signed up for tugs thinking it was nothing more than a glorified version of tug-of-war.

But now in her senior year, she realizes the constant commitment and hard work it takes to maintain continued success in the Greek Week event.

Kretch is a captain on Alpha Phi's tug team.

They have a streak of five straight championship wins that will be on the line in April.

Preparation has already begun and Kretch is now showing the younger members of the team the devotion they need to win.

"Now I'm more of a role model than a follower," she said. "The girls look up to me."

Kretch's obligations include scheduling training and notifying members of practices.

"My freshman year, we tugged for five minutes and if we didn't have the training we couldn't have won," Kretch said.

"We have to be ready for anything."

Since Jan. 28, the team has conditioned two hours a day by working out and practicing rope work for the final competition.

"We work our butts off," Kretch said.

"We're out in the mud and rain practicing while other teams canceled."

To determine who will tug in the final competition, members participate in Challenge Week starting in early March.

During Challenge Week, Alpha Phi veterans vote for two Sigma Pi members they want to coach the team.

Challenge Week gives members three tries to work one-on-one and try to earn a spot on the rope.

"It's good to have coaches because they're more hardcore and can look from the outside in to critique us," said Nikki Godzicki, Alpha Phi captain.

"We take to heart what they say."

About 16 members train for tugs.

Only 10 members tug in the final competition.

Many members continue to participate in the same events over the years because of their different talents.

"It's exciting to see family, friends and teachers come to watch you," Kretch said.

"Although you only tug for like a minute, it's the best feeling in the world."

Nikki Godzicki is a first time captain of Alpha Phi.

She helps motivate the members by positive encouragement.

In a captain position, Godzicki said the members expect her to be committed and set a good example.

"It's a competition, but everyone interacts with each other," Godzicki said.

"Everyone is working together for a common goal."

The competitive nature of Greek



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Alissa Rendall, a junior elementary education major, practices on the rope Thursday night for Greek Week Tugs at Lantz fieldhouse. Tugs, which is two months away, has greek teams practicing everywhere already.

**KATHY KRETCH |
CAPTAIN OF ALPHA
PHI'S TUG TEAM**

"My freshman year, we tugged for five minutes and if we didn't have the training we couldn't have won. We have to be ready for anything."

Week means hard training and teamwork.

Some groups practice at night to avoid members' agenda conflicts.

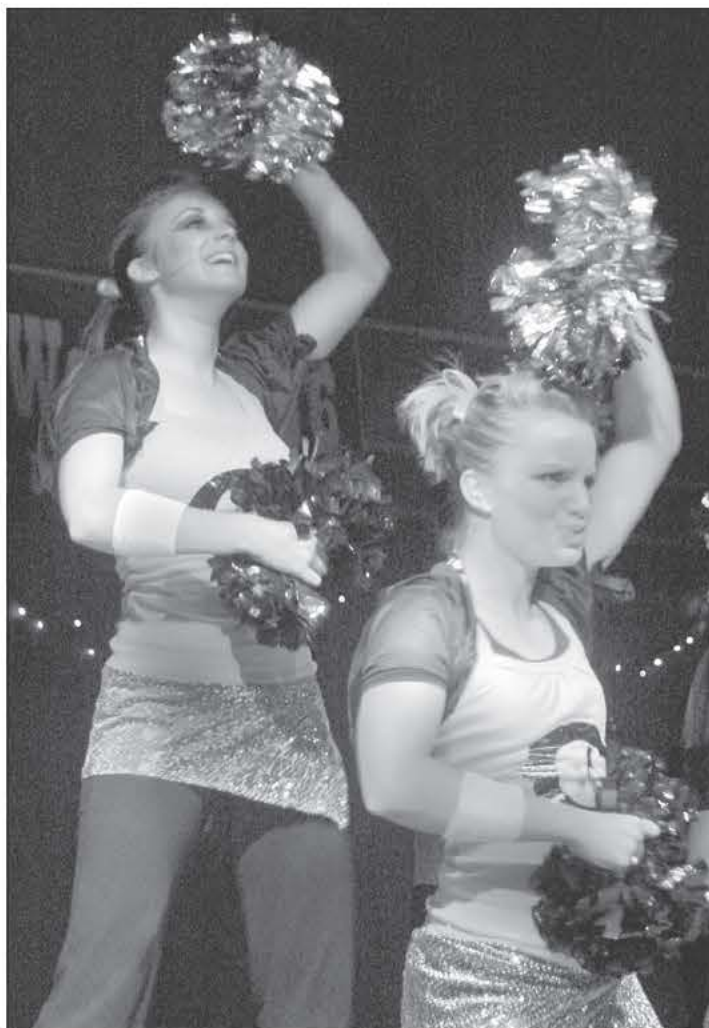
Other teams, like Sigma Phi Epsilon, practice inside or in the field house of the Student Recreation Center because of the cold weather.

"Participants take pride in the hard work put forth," said Brian Burja, captain of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"People don't realize how much effort it takes."

First-place winners of Greek Week receive a trophy, plaque and bragging rights for a year.

"It brings everyone together because of the team effort," Burja said.



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Sigma Kappa dance to the theme of the 1985 Bears and shuffled their way to victory during the Airband competition on April 1, 2006. Airband is one of many events during Eastern's Greek week.

campusbriefs

Miss Black EIU tickets on sale

» Tickets for the 37th Annual Miss Black EIU pageant are on sale today.

The cost of the tickets is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

The pageant will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom.

Tickets are available in the Student Life Office or at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union box office.

The Black Student Union is sponsoring the pageant.

For more information, contact Isaiah Collier at 217-581-3829.

Grants announced tonight

» Recipients of the 2007 College of Education and Professional Studies Mini-Grants will be announced tonight.

CEPS will be hosting its 10th Annual Research Fair and Luncheon from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Buzzard Atrium and faculty lounge areas in Buzzard Hall.

The research fair will be conducted by the recipients of the 2006 CEPS Mini-Grants. It will showcase poster session findings/results of research projects and creative activities.

CEPS faculty and graduate students will also display recent research findings.

The event is sponsored by CEPS Dean Diane Jackman, the Graduate School, the CEPS Research and Grants Committee and the CEPS Telefund Committee.

The research fair is open to all university faculty, staff and students as well as the general public.

Game show plays tonight

» EIUUnity will sponsor a game show tonight called "Who Wants to be a ..."

The game show is designed to introduce students to issues of diversity.

The game show begins at 7 p.m. in Room 1510 of Buzzard Hall.

Eight contestants have been chosen to participate, including Levi Bulgar and Cole Rogers, from Student Government, and men's basketball player Freddie Perry.

Children's books on sale

» The Association for Childhood Education International is hosting its annual spring book sale.

Books for children through eighth grade in all subject areas are on sale from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in The Reading Center, Room 1320 of Buzzard Hall.

Also included are teaching materials.

ourmistakes

» Steven Kilty was misidentified on page 11 in Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The DEN regrets the error.

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ourview News media going 'Hollywood'

Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee and men's basketball head coach Mike Miller received contract extensions last year after losing seasons.

Sallee's team went 10-17 last season, while Miller's squad went 6-21, tying the program's worst record in Division I since joining D-I in 1981. Yet, both these coaches received contract extensions. The same should not happen after this season, especially considering the records of both squads.

Sallee has experienced a revival in Eastern's women's basketball, at least according to the Eastern athletic department's stance of mediocrity. Sallee has had his squad finish 10-17 in each of his first two seasons. The Panthers hadn't had

back-to-back seasons of at least 10 wins since the 1996-97 and 1997-98 seasons. This is quite an accomplishment, considering what Sallee has said repeatedly this year of the zero tradition Eastern women's basketball has.

But when the women started competing at the D-I level in 1982, they experienced nine straight winning seasons. The tradition of winning hasn't been prevalent in the last 10 years, but a solid foundation was already there.

Sallee said this past October another 10-17 record would not be good enough. This year's team can't finish with 17 losses because its record entering the final two regular season games is 9-18. This year, Sallee's third in Charleston, the program took a step back.

Miller has seen a steady improvement in his record, and deals with practically a new team from last year's squad. Eastern has eight new players on this year's team, and the inconsistent play has been there for most of the season; but the brief flashes of potential have also been there.

Yet, Miller's contract extension last year didn't make sense. The coach had just suffered through one of the program's worst seasons for a team returning its leading scorer and two other key contributors, including the 2005 OVC freshman of the year in George Tandy.

In an April 25, 2006 article that appeared in *The Daily Eastern News*, Eastern's director of athletics Rich McDuffie said if the Board of Trustees had allowed it, a longer contract extension would have been given.

That statement is illogical considering Eastern was one of the worst teams, not only in its conference, but also in the nation

after the end of the 2005-06 season. Eastern President Lou Hencken said in the same article giving contract extensions to Miller and Sallee promotes a positive atmosphere for Eastern coaches to coach in "compared to the dog eat dog world of college athletics."

Miller is the highest-paid coach at Eastern, making slightly more than \$110,000 a year, according to Eastern's internal budget for the fiscal year of 2005-06. Sallee makes about \$40,000 less than Miller.

Financial terms were not released when the contract extensions were given last year.

Also, when Miller was hired in April 2005, he received a three-year contract, where as his predecessor, Rick Samuels, worked on a year-by-year contract until the Panthers made the NCAA Tournament in 2001. Following that successful season, the athletic department gave Samuels a three-year contract. Following the completion of that contract, Samuels was given a one-year contract extension before his contract wasn't renewed after the 2004-05 season.

With the lack of success in Miller's first two seasons, grumblings of wanting Samuels back are heard. They are duly noted; but the past is the past and having Samuels still as head coach doesn't equal winning games. Neither does giving a contract extension to coaches who continue to lose.

Head coaches today are expected to win, not lose. Until they can prove they can do

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

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID PENNELL

In response to the mountain of letters to the editor the DEN has received because of the Don G. Smith letter to the editor about the "Museum of Oppression" and the huge debate it has sprung:
Ster-e-o-type [ster-ee-uh-tahyp] A simplified and standardized conception or image invested with special meaning and held in common by the members of a group.

Divided we stand
We're all different
We're all judgemental
we're all guilty

Key:(what we see)

1. White, upperclass Christian male. Staunch Republican, extreme Conservative. Hates abortion, loves war, a member of the NRA and thinks the U.S. belongs to him
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4. Asian, middle class Buddhist female. Very disciplined and excellent in math.
5. Arab, any class Muslim, hates the west, only is here to exploit education system. Terrorist/ and/ or doctor
6. Jew, upperclass. Parents are bankers, very stingy although wealthy. Last name ends in 'stein' or 'feld'.
7. White, middle class female. Her hair is really short, so she is a lesbian. Wants to destroy marriage and the nuclear family
8. Latine Female, Catholic, illegal immigrant. Has 10 kids. Married at 14. Husband here to steal jobs.

GUEST COLUMNIST | COREY TAYLOR

Depression is not sadness

In a story I wrote called "The Wedding," for a collection of short fiction, two characters commiserate with each other over their personal depression. In the story, one of the characters compares life for a depressed person with a wedding.

It's not your wedding, so it's not about you. But the person getting married is a close friend or family member, so you're in the wedding, and you have to be there all day. You don't know most of the other people there, and the ones you do know, most of them you don't like. There's a horrible band playing music that you hate.

It's not all bad, of course. The cake is good. Sometimes the band takes a break and a song you like plays from a CD, so you dance, because you'll take what you can get. Some of the food on the buffet is good. Sometimes you have money for the cash bar. But ultimately, you're just trying to get through it. You have to sit there and take it and hope you get to go home soon. Ultimately, you're still "at the wedding."

Often people make the mistake that depression and sadness are synonymous. They are not. Sadness is sometimes a symptom of depression, but not always. A person who does not suffer from depression can experience sadness. Conversely, a person with clinical depression can have happy moments. For a person to say, "I'm depressed," simply to describe sadness, is inaccurate. Dr. Kimeron Hardin is the co-author of "Queer Blues: The Lesbian and Gay Guide to Overcoming Depression" (with co-author Dr. Marny Hall). Hardin says, "You can certainly have sadness as part of depression, but you have to rise

to a certain level of impairment in daily functions in order to meet the criteria for a depression diagnosis."

Another thing to keep in mind in terms of your emotional health is that grief or sadness as a result of loss is common. Most people recognize these feelings after the tangible loss of a relationship or death of a loved one. However, Hardin says there are other less tangible losses that we may not recognize, but which may lead to grief or sadness, such as the loss of a role. For example, if someone is accustomed to volunteer work, then for some reason is no longer able to volunteer, or if someone spends a lot of time painting, then for some reason becomes unable to express him or herself creatively, the loss of those kinds of roles can cause grief or sadness, which can contribute to depression.

It is vital for people who are stressed or who have feelings of sadness to seek help from a professional who can decide if what you're feeling is something that can work with you to manage throughout your life, or possibly even eliminate altogether. You can live your life without living it at the wedding.

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GUEST COLUMNIST | JACOB FOSTER

Obama still high on hype

Dip the pens in ink, grease the hinges on the press, roll the cameras, do your carpal-tunnel-preventative finger and wrist stretches — Obamania is in full swing.

The cover of Time magazine, his own Facebook and MySpace accounts, over five hundred Facebook groups both in support and against him — Sen. Barack Obama has quickly become the most talked about personality in America. And, yeah, I said personality. With all the hype surrounding him before and since his announcement last Saturday, Obama has already reached celebrity status.

Now, this is the point in the column where I would dearly like to make a snarky, sarcastic comment about the hollow nature of passing fads and their eventual placement in the pantheon of the forgotten alongside bowl cuts, Milli Vanilli and the Atkins Diet. It's what I do, poor facilitator of social discourse that I am.

Yet, I was there last Saturday when he officially announced his candidacy for president. I stood with the throng outside the old State Capitol, stood on tiptoes burning from the cold and listened as the voice of one man drowned out the chants of anti-abortion protestors coming to spread their gospel to the heathens with their giant posters showing pictures of aborted fetuses for visual aid (and that's class, baby, you got it or you don't).

I was there, and I heard Obama invoke the ghost of Lincoln and call for the unification of this country. I heard him talk about what we can be and what we can do. I heard him talk about changing the ways of Washington. And I thought to myself, I want this. I want this so badly.

And, yeah, I know it's still early, and, yes, there are things that bother me about Obama. His celebrity status itself is enough to make me guarded and suspicious. I just hope there's some fire behind all the smoke this time. Because I can tell you that I recognized the March 2008 troop extraction plan he also talked about in his announcement for the political grandstanding that it was. I would also have to say that I found his intermittent references to God to be disingenuous and maybe even a little manipulative. Then there's the promise of universal healthcare for which Obama has yet to reveal a plan.

It is still early, and, no, we don't know a whole lot about Obama because he has not been long on the biggest stage in American politics, but as he said, he's been there long enough to know it needs to be different. When Obama came to Charleston at the beginning of last semester to hold a town meeting, his frustration with the (lack of anything resembling a) process of enacting that change from his current position was palpable. We'll continue to find out more about the ways he plans to do that in the coming months when we can decide whether or not he's worthy of the hype and, more importantly, of our hope.

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Chief Illiniwek performs during halftime of the University of Illinois' season opener against Eastern on Sept. 2 in Memorial Stadium.

Chief met by cheers, resignation

Fans subdued during Sunday's game, the mascot's second-to-last game appearance

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — As the clock counted down during Illinois' win over Northwestern Sunday, students and others in the stands at Assembly Hall chanted a simple, one-line wish.

"Save the chief! Save the chief! Save the chief!"

It seems unlikely that wish will come true.

Sunday was the first Illinois basketball game since the university announced this school year will be the last for Chief Illiniwek, the school's 81-year-old American Indian mascot.

The halftime of Wednesday's

Michigan-Illinois basketball game will see the last performance for the chief.

Students are circulating e-mails and messages on social-networking Web sites with plans for, among other things, a vigil this week outside university President Joseph B. White's house.

Those at Sunday's game appeared to be unanimously unhappy about the decision but low-key in their dissent. But it would have been hard to not notice that something was different about Sunday's game.

Dan Maloney, the graduate student who portrays the chief, danced to far more camera flashes than usual and full stands. Few people left their seats at halftime until the chief's dance was finished.

Maloney showed no emotion on the arena floor but said afterward that Wednesday might be different.

"I don't even want to think about that right now," he said. "I'll take a

little bit longer, get here a little bit earlier, walk around a little bit."

Some students wondered Sunday what, if anything, will replace the chief after Wednesday.

Board president Lawrence Eppley said after Friday's decision the board probably wouldn't be heavily involved in that decision. But he said, as long as a new mascot didn't involve American Indian imagery, "the sky's the limit."

Cozza said she doubts there'll be another mascot.

Freshman Greg Shumaker, another Orange Krush member who sat next to her, wasn't sure what he'd like to see. But he knew what he doesn't want.

Stanford University's mascot was an Indian until 1972, when, after protests from American Indians, it was replaced with the cardinal and an image of a redwood.

"A tree?" he said. "It's a little weird."

Illiniwek's last dance

Wednesday basketball game to be the Chief's terminal performance

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — On a fall day in 1926, University of Illinois student Lester Leutwiler danced onto a football field in Philadelphia at halftime of an Illini football game.

Wearing a homemade American Indian costume, Leutwiler was the first Chief Illiniwek, and began an 81-year-old tradition of performances by the mascot at football and basketball games.

Under pressure from the NCAA, activists and some students and faculty, the university announced Friday that current chief Dan Maloney's performance at a Wednesday basketball game will be the chief's last dance.

The decision follows two decades of votes, studies and committee meetings aimed at easing campus division over the mascot, which some American Indians and others view as an insult and some alumni and students see as a cherished tradition.

The NCCA ended up forcing the university's hand.

Friday's decision ends NCAA sanctions that had prevented Illinois from hosting postseason sports since 2005.

That pressure, Board of Trustees Chairman Lawrence Eppley said, made a tough decision easier.

"I liked the chief for years," he said in an interview on campus. "When you change your focus from what you want to what's best for the university, it's not so hard."

Chief supporters see the decision as the bitter end of a proud

tradition.

"That means that we will have a museum Indian," said Howard Wakeland, president of the Honor the Chief Society, a group of chief supporters. "Put him in a cage and walk by and say that's our symbol ... That seriously kills the real heart of the chief."

Illinois still will be able to use the name Illini because it's short for Illinoia and the school can use the term Fighting Illini, because it's considered a reference to the team's competitive spirit, school officials said.

The school could create a new mascot, Eppley said, provided it doesn't use American Indian imagery.

Eppley told reporters that the decision to retire the chief did not require a vote of the trustees, but was made after the board reached a consensus.

He declined to say whether the board was unanimous in its support for dropping the mascot.

In a letter to Eppley dated Thursday, the NCAA said sanctions against Illinois will be lifted after next Wednesday's game at Assembly Hall against Michigan.

The sanctions thus far have prevented Illinois from hosting only two postseason events, both in low-profile sports.

But the Illini men's basketball team is expected to play in the postseason this year, if not in the NCAA championship tournament, then in the less-prestigious NIT.

The NIT generally makes high-profile teams such as Illinois hosts of early-round games.

Eppley said potential revenue from home games didn't affect the timing of the chief decision, but said the prospect of having to play what otherwise would be home games on the road was a factor.

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Student life: snowed in

On Thursday, *The Daily Eastern News* asked for photos of students on campus during their snow days. The next two pages display some of the photos *The DEN* received.



PHOTO BY LAURYN KROGER

"Mr. Bunny and Mrs. Squirrel" sit outside Weller Hall Feb 12.



PHOTO BY MEGAN PATCHIN

Shannon McDougall, a marketing major, Megan Patchin, an art major, and Lara Black pose for the camera after a snowball fight Tuesday.



PHOTO BY CAYCE RASMUSSEN

Nicole Sivek shows off her gymnastic skills.

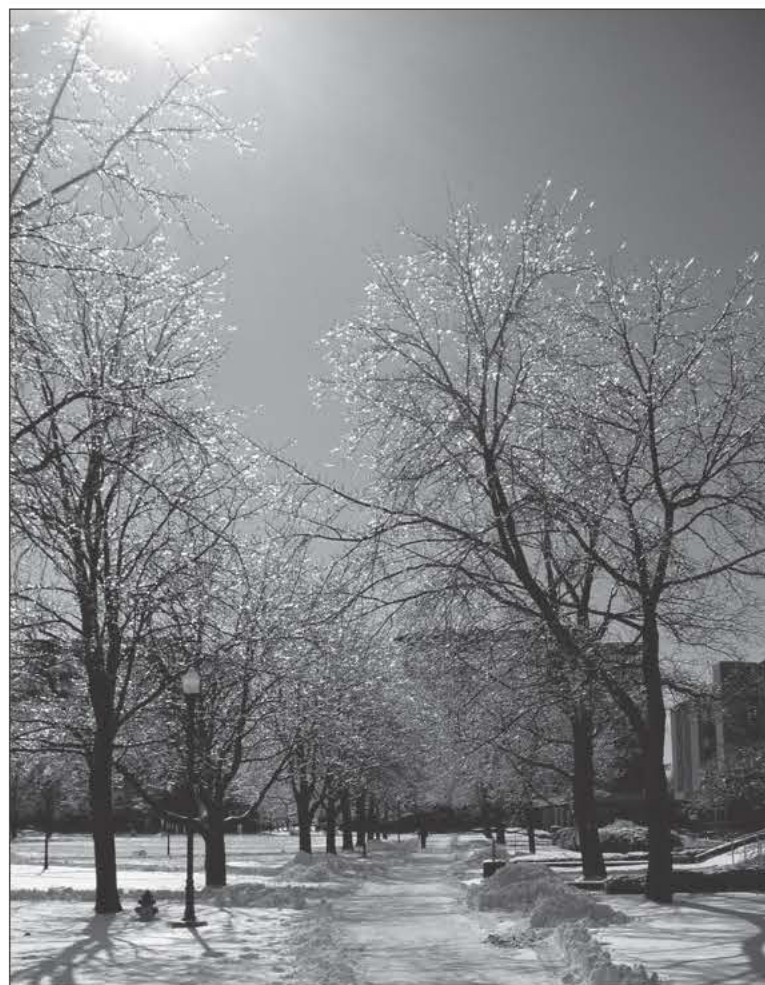


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Frozen trees stand in the South Quad between Coleman and Lumpkin Hall.



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Jeremy Shafer, a Junior foreign language major, stands under a pine tree near Stevenson Hall on Tuesday.



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Shannon McDougall, a Junior marketing major, makes a snow angel.



PHOTO BY ELIAS SAHYOUNI

Jayla Landon, a sophomore physical education major, makes her way to the men's basketball game Tuesday night.



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Berries hang from a tree, encased in ice in the North Quad.

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FROM PAGE 12

The Panthers were not surprised by Oakland's performance, but they were a bit surprised by Centenary's.

"There were a few teams stronger than they were before," Padovan said. "Centenary was a lot stronger than we thought they were. We were just happy to get third place."

Eastern's top performers for the championship were seniors Bill Senese and Marlise Davidson.

He placed first in the 100-yard freestyle. Senese was also part of the first-place 800-yard freestyle relay with fellow swimmers senior Matt Latham and sophomores Brent Noble and Joe Ethington.

Senese was also a major contributor to the record-breaking championship performance weekend.

Padovan said he broke or helped break records in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Senese was humble about the weekend's performance.

"I did much better than I thought I would," Senese said. "I was expecting big things, but this was more than I thought. I've never had a performance like that

MID-CON RESULTS

Women - Team Rankings

1. Oakland 902
2. Western Illinois 525
3. Eastern 486
4. South Dakota State 396.5
5. Centenary 387
6. Valparaiso 339.5
7. IUPUI 261

Men - Team Rankings

1. Oakland 982
2. Centenary 603.5
3. Eastern 460.5
4. Western Illinois 402
5. South Dakota State 331
6. IUPUI 307
7. Valparaiso 187

before. That was the best possible way to end my career."

Davidson placed first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.58. She said she was happy with her performance.

"I swam well over the whole year," she said. "It was nice to stand up on the podium one last time."

Padovan praised both Senese and Davidson.

"We expected that's what she would do," he said. "She had a really good finish. And Bill has been one of our top swimmers for the past three or four years. I think he even surprised himself."

"I'll never forget this year," Senese said. "A lot of the records broken will probably stand for awhile. This year's squad will stand out probably stand out for years to come."

WRESTLING | NORTHERN ILLINOIS DUALS

Panthers win second dual meet of season

By Adam Lark
Staff Reporter

The Panthers started the day right off against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Sunday afternoon.

Against Eastern Michigan and Northern Illinois, though, the Panthers could not keep the wins coming as Eastern finished 1-2 at the Northern Illinois Duals.

Eastern jumped out to a 3-0 lead against SIU-E after freshman A.J. Ciccarelli won a close 5-4 decision.

The teams traded forfeits throughout the meet.

Eastern earned three forfeits, from the 133, 149, and heavyweight weight classes.

SIU-E earned two, from senior 141-pound weight class Casey Carrino and from junior 197-pound weight class Jason Sherko.

Eastern defeated SIU-E 33-24.

"(The meet) went good," said junior Greg Perz. "The first kid I wrestled from Southern I pinned in the first period. The kid from Eastern Michigan I wrestled last year and won so I was confident I could again this year."

The quickest pin of the day came at

the heavyweight class, as freshman Joe Trinka was pinned in 25 seconds as the Panthers fell to Eastern Michigan 34-19.

During the final match of the day, the Panthers were overwhelmed by NIU as they only won two decisions, by Perz and Trinka.

Perz was able to pull out a 3-1 win, against the No. 15 ranked wrestler, Duke Burk.

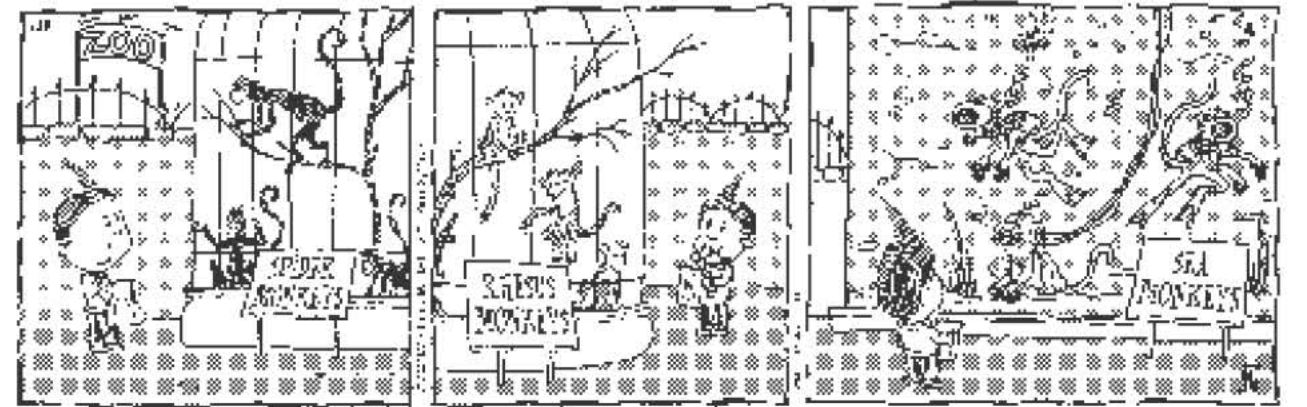
Senior Kenny Robertson lost in a take down in overtime 8-6.

The Panthers lost to the Huskies 36-6.

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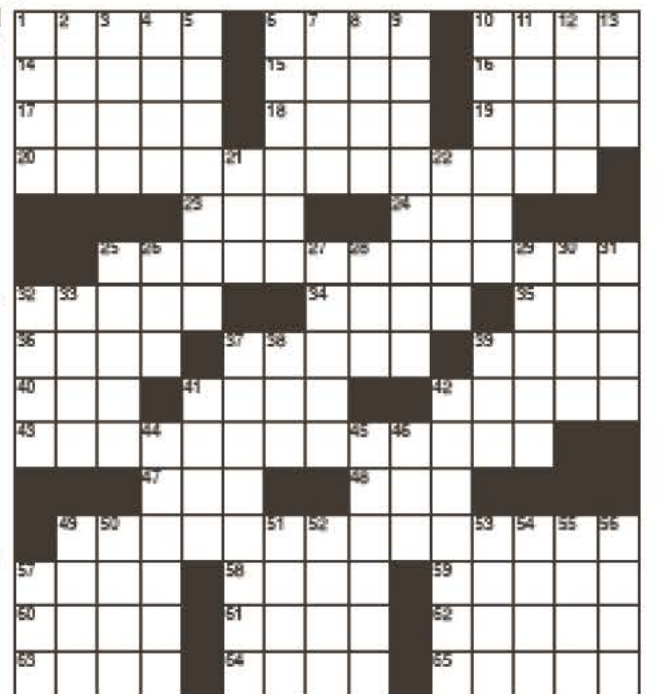
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 - 10 Heavy, durable furniture wood
 - 14 Santa _____ rucksack
 - 15 Jul _____
 - 18 Folksy guitar
 - 17 Think tank products
 - 18 Not so much
 - 19 Dec. 25
 - 20 Simple
 - 23 Web address order
 - 24 "Little" girl of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
 - 25 What a 28-Across might say
 - 32 Washed (down), as a glass
 - 34 Just managed, with "out"
 - 35 Historic time
 - 36 Cul _____ (dance)
 - 37 Ways
 - 38 Nose-in-the-air type
 - 40 Snoring sound
 - 41 Plain crazy
 - 42 Scolds, e.g.
 - 43 What a 28-Across might say
 - 47 Baseball club
 - 48 Hoopsters' org.
 - 49 What a 28-Across might say, ignoring grammar
 - 57 Tobacco plug
 - 58 Jacob's twin
 - 59 Designer Down
 - 60 Whirly
 - 61 Angry outburst
 - 62 Tim inside out
 - 63 Blossoms
- DOWN**
- 1 Settled up
 - 2 Natty
 - 3 Smead
 - 4 Mills
 - 5 Where Coclainy is spoken in London
 - 6 Heavy, durable furniture wood
 - 7 Designer Casual
 - 8 Bringing up the rear
 - 9 Unfriendly looks
 - 10 L.R.S. marker
 - 11 Humarist Bambooz
 - 12 "Oh, woe!"
 - 13 Some teasing wags, briefly
 - 21 Wedding words
 - 22 "Ars Amatoris" poet
 - 25 Master of the Rodos
 - 26 Computer storage unit, informally
 - 27 Words below roses or lilies
 - 28 Instrument making HI notes?
 - 29 Vulsely
 - 30 Do post-laundry work
 - 31 Beliefs of Indians



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 32 Having a bit of smog
- 42 Relative of a quill
- 58 "Stop!"
- 33 Filolettio pasta
- 44 After-Christmas shopping scores
- 51 "The Last Time _____ Paris"
- 37 Nicknames
- 45 Working, as a police officer
- 52 Comic Carvey
- 38 Columbus Day's nod
- 46 Bash in Bappoo
- 53 "I _____ at the office"
- 39 1 + 2 + 3, e.g.
- 48 Bash in Bappoo
- 54 Who warbler
- 41 Pharmaceutical workplaces
- 49 "Stop!"
- 55 Make their
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» Implosion

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"They know how to make plays and win," Sallee said. "We imploded and got scared by their pressure."

Sallee's displeasure towards his team's performance was evident. For the first time all season, he banned all players from talking to the media.

"I don't think we've learned about time and possession," Sallee said. "When we needed to make some plays and get some stops, we couldn't do it. We couldn't make the plays to beat the best team in the league."

It was the Panthers who were making all the plays in the first half.

Scott (17 points, five rebounds) was a non-factor in her matchup with Galligan (19 points, nine rebounds) in the first half, picking up her second foul with 9:58 seconds left.

The Panthers capitalized, finishing the half with a 36-29 lead.

"It's no secret she's the center of our team," Felton said. "(Eastern) did a good job of attacking her."

The Panthers kept rolling in the second half thanks to Canale's season-high 17 points.

But, in the end, it was the same old Panthers.

Murray State 70, Eastern 67

Murray State	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-t			
Guffey, A.	27	4-9	6-6	1-2	3	2	16
Hayes, A.B.	5	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	5
Petty	32	2-10	3-4	1-1	2	1	8
Lee	35	3-6	2-3	1-4	1	1	9
Hayes, A.N.	20	3-7	0-0	2-3	1	0	6
Luckett	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Jackson	6	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	0	0
Scott	27	7-10	3-3	4-5	0	2	17
Patric	9	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	3	3
Gordian	22	1-3	0-0	0-4	2	3	3
Guffey, P.	7	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Bell	7	1-3	1-2	0-4	0	1	3
McElrath	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	200	24-54	15-18	9-28	11	15	70

Field Goal Percentage: .444 3-point goals: 7-15 Blocked shots: 2 Steals: 1.5 Turnovers: 17

Eastern	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-t			
Scaggs	17	1-2	0-0	3-3	0	2	2
Galligan	39	6-11	7-11	2-9	0	4	19
Huffman	31	5-16	1-1	0-3	3	2	12
Canale	35	5-8	6-6	1-1	5	3	17
Thomas	32	5-9	0-0	0-3	4	3	11
Baker	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Sturtevant	8	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Eck	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Maxedon	17	1-4	0-0	2-5	0	1	2
Kluempers	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
TOTALS	200	25-53	14-18	11-34	19	20	67

Field Goal Percentage: .472 3-point goals: 3-9 Blocked shots: 3 Steals: 1.2 Turnovers: 19

PANTHER BRIEFS | WEEKEND RESULTS

Home runs come quickly for Short

It didn't take senior Sandy Short until mid-April this season to hit her first home run.

In fact, Short, Eastern's all-time leading home run hitter, hit three home runs this weekend and helped lead Eastern (3-2) at the Central Arkansas Tournament.

The three home runs surpassed Short's total of two home runs last year.

Short homered in the Panthers' opening game of the tournament, a 4-3 win against Central Arkansas.

"Sandy was hitting the ball hard in gaps and over the fence," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "Sandy and Robyn Mackie both had awesome weekends."

Eastern rallied after trailing 3-1, and scored three runs in the sixth inning to pick up the win.

The Panthers' winning run came because of a Central Arkansas error.

Sophomore Kathleen Jacoby picked up the win in the opener.

Eastern routed Alabama A&M 18-1 in five innings, before losing 6-0 to Creighton in Saturday's final game.

Against Alabama A&M, the Panthers scored 16 runs in the final two innings to secure the win.

Short homered in the fourth inning to start the seven-run inning, and Mackie followed Short's home run with one of her own.

Mackie finished the weekend with a .500 average, a home run and six RBIs.

Sunday didn't start out well for Eastern.

The Panthers blew a 6-2 lead and Central Arkansas scored seven runs in the sixth inning to win 9-7.

"Softball's a game of momentum and they got going and we just couldn't stop the bleeding," Schuette said.

The loss knocked Eastern out of a rematch with Creighton for the championship, but the Panthers knocked off Alabama A&M 12-2 in the consolation final.

Schuette said she was pleased with the team's opening tournament, especially with Eastern only committing four errors in five games.

"We'd been outside once before this weekend," Schuette said. "We went out on the football field and it was about 38 degrees that day."

Panthers drop first match

Eastern men's tennis dropped its first match of the year, falling 5-2

Saturday at Indiana State.

The Panthers (4-1) lost the doubles point and won four of six singles matches.

Senior Chuck Levaque defeated Sycamore Anton Tsymbalov in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1 singles. Sophomore Jordan Nestrud was the other Panther to win his match. He defeated Michael Wenham in straight sets 6-1, 6-2.

Women's tennis holds fast

On the women's side, the Panthers put Northern Illinois on the ropes Sunday afternoon.

The Panthers won the first three points of the match but lost 4-3.

Sophomore Natalie Martin and freshman Hayley Homburg won the first doubles match, 8-4, against Lilian Asuaje and Nao Umemura.

The Panthers (4-2) picked up the doubles point of the match when seniors Sandra Sasidharan and Madina Mambetova defeated Dora Delgadillo and Jenny Edner 8-4.

Martin and Sasidharan won their singles matches but the Panthers dropped their final four singles matches.

- compiled by Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy and Sports Editor Matt Daniels

» Daniels

FROM PAGE 12

It seemed Loyola had put imaginary lids on the baskets or Loyola had magnetic reactions to the game ball because every time Eastern had the ball, a Rambler

defender took it away from them.

The Panthers seemed tentative to shoot the ball, dribble the ball or pass the ball. Eastern blocked out terribly, with Loyola having a clear path to the basket in the first half.

But the big question is why can't Eastern compete with a school like Loyola?

Eastern has the athletes, the shooters and the defenders to win games. But for some reason, it doesn't on a consistent basis.

If the main option in Miller's triangle offense isn't there, it seems the whole offense breaks down and Eastern players scramble around having no idea what's going on.

All the Eastern players and coaches keep saying they want to build something, they're looking towards the future and they just want to keep getting better every day. Barring a miracle, Miller's team will miss the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for the second straight year. Next season, on paper, should

produce better results. The team returns everyone except Ryan Voss and different adjectives should fit next year's squad.

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'We embarrassed ourselves'

Eastern has hard time rebounding, scoring and taking care of ball

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

CHICAGO — Eastern's Bobby Joliff had just secured two straight offensive rebounds in a half where offensive rebounds were plentiful for the Panthers' opponent, Loyola of Chicago.

Joliff then looked to find a teammate and did, passing it back to freshman guard Romain Martin.

Martin, at the top of the key, tried to dribble into the middle of the lane, but Loyola's J.R. Blount stole the ball.

Blount had a fast-break layup, but his right-handed layup bounced off the rim.

It didn't matter though, because Blount's teammate, 6-foot-8 Brandon Woods, trailed the play and put back Blount's missed layup.

Woods' putback put the Ramblers up 20-8 with 5 minutes, 51 seconds to play in the first half.

This sequence of events epitomized Eastern's horrendous first half Saturday against Loyola en route to the Panthers' 66-43 loss at the Gentile Center.

Loyola only shot 37 percent in the first half, but its 12 offensive rebounds led to 10 second-chance points.

"We weren't shooting the ball well," said Loyola forward Tom Levin. "The best way to get points is to crash the offensive boards."

Levin and fellow forward Andy Polka both came off the Rambler bench and produced immediate first-half results by going after the offensive rebound.

Polka grabbed four offensive rebounds in the first 20 minutes, and scored eight first-half points. Levin added an offensive rebound and scored five first-half points.

The bench duo of Levin and Polka combined to score the same number of points Eastern did as a team in the first half, with Loyola leading 33-13 heading into the locker room.



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Freshman guard Romain Martin drives past Loyola of Chicago's Majak's Kou in Eastern's 66-43 loss to the Ramblers. Both Martin and Kou led their team in scoring.

It was the fewest points Loyola had allowed in a half in the 11 years it has played at the Gentile Center.

The Ramblers (19-9) also forced 10 Panther turnovers in the first half, by applying pressure man-to-man defense and aggressively defending any ball screen Eastern set.

When Martin or Eastern point guard Mike Robinson would use a screen at the top of the key from an Eastern player, the Loyola defender would aggressively jump out at Martin or Robinson, or "hedge" at them, forcing them to either get trapped, turn the ball over or make them pick up their dribble. "The hedging probably did the most damage to us because they were getting steals in our backcourt so it was an easy layup for them," said Eastern guard Mike Robinson, who struggled all game and did not score. "We should have played harder, could have played more aggressive, could have rebounded harder.

But tonight we just disappointed EIU basketball."

Eastern (9-19) shot a dismal 21 percent (five of 24) in the first half, and didn't make its first field goal until nearly six minutes had been played.

"We played horrible," said Panther center Jake Byrne. "We embarrassed ourselves."

Eastern's embarrassment suffered on the offensive rebounding end in the first half.

It wasn't evident in the second half, with Loyola only securing four.

But Loyola didn't need to worry about offensive rebounds much because it made five 3-pointers in a three-minute span midway through the second half to keep Eastern at bay.

Martin scored 23 of Eastern's 43 points, and was the only Panther to finish in double figures.

Both Loyola head coach Jim Whitesell and Eastern head coach

Loyola 66, Eastern 43

Eastern	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-f			
Catchings	28	0-6	2-2	0-4	2	3	2
Byrne	23	3-6	0-0	2-4	1	2	6
Cisse	20	1-6	1-2	2-5	1	1	3
Robinson	29	0-5	0-0	1-4	1	1	0
Martin	32	8-16	5-6	0-1	0	1	23
Myers-Kyles	9	1-1	0-2	0-2	0	1	3
Parrish	14	0-1	2-2	1-2	0	1	2
Brock	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
Perry	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Voss	2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Willhite	21	1-6	0-0	1-4	2	0	2
Joliff	8	0-2	0-0	3-4	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	15-52	10-14	13-34	8	11	43

Percentages: FG: 28.8 3-point goals: 3-13 Blocked shots: 1 Steals: 5 Turnovers: 16

Loyola	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-f			
Schlib	23	3-12	0-0	1-4	4	4	6
Woods	24	2-6	1-2	1-5	0	1	5
Patrick	11	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	2
Kou	30	8-13	0-0	2-3	4	3	20
Blount	26	2-12	0-0	4-8	4	0	6
Robinson	20	0-4	0-0	0-3	1	1	0
Horton	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Van Weelden	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gale	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Telander	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	3
Polka	23	3-5	4-6	5-8	3	0	10
Levin	17	5-6	0-0	2-3	0	4	12
Williams	6	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	0	2
TOTALS	200	25-61	7-10	16-41	17	15	66

Percentages: FG: 41.0 3-point goals: 9-25 Blocked shots: 1 Steals: 8 Turnovers: 10

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Panthers use meet to prepare for OVC's

By Brandy Provynnik
Staff Reporter

The gun shot went off to start the 4x400-meter relay.

Freshman Caitlin Finnegan said she knew that all she had to do was stay close to the top.

"I knew that the Rend Lake girl was fast and I just tried to stay with her and not let us fall behind," Finnegan said. "It's not just me in the race. I have to keep us in good position for the other three girls too."

Finnegan finished her leg of the race in 60.17 seconds.

Finnegan stayed close enough to the Rend Lake starter that when the second runner, sophomore Tarra Grant, came out she was able to pass her right away.

Eastern stayed in the front for the rest of the race and won in a time of 3 minutes, 59.01 seconds.

Head coach Tom Akers said he was very pleased with the relay because they finished in under four minutes with very little competition pushing them.

"We thought it was big when we did over in Indiana and now to do it on our home track without any competition shows that we are ready to bust a good 4x400 next weekend," Akers said.

Women's head coach Mary Wallace said she was impressed with how Finnegan along with freshman Chandra Golden both got season bests in the 60-meter hurdles.

Golden won the race in 8.88 seconds.

"I got a good start and from the start I knew that the race was on and I was kind of excited to be so far ahead because I haven't been doing very well lately," Golden said.

Sophomore Shawana Smith placed first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.48 seconds and fourth in the 60-meter dash in a time of 7.79 seconds.

"I was really looking for a 24.9 (in the 200) but in my heat there was nobody in front of me to make me work hard," Smith said. "I was in front the whole time so I didn't push myself as much as I could have."

Freshman Erin O'Grady won the 800-meter race in a time of 2:20.83. Distance coach Geoff Masanet said that she did run well but he knew she wanted to finish under 2:20 and may have been able to do so if she had run a little more tactically.

O'Grady said she also noticed some small things that she could have done better in order to cut off a second or two.

"The girl in front of me slowed down around the curb and I was planning on passing her on the straight away but when she slowed down it messed with my stride," O'Grady said.

"So I was stuck on the inside with nowhere to go and I had to jog in back of her for a good three steps."

In the field events sophomore Nicole Walcott placed first in the high jump with a jump of 5'02.50."

Freshman Kandace Arnold placed fourth in the weight throw and third in the shot put.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Senior comes close to breaking record

Strackeljahn nearly sets record; Panthers fine tune before conference meet

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

He finished the mile race just seconds short.

Senior Dan Strackeljahn almost broke the school record in the mile at the Friday Night Special at Lantz Fieldhouse. He crossed the line in 4 minutes, 5.79 seconds.

Mike Larson, a 1976 Eastern graduate, set Eastern's indoor record, which is 4:03.

Senior Brad Runnion, competing unattached, paced Strackeljahn to run two minutes through the first 800 meters.

"Brad was actually still on pace, but I think Dan thought he was too slow and figured to stay on pace," said distance coach Geoff Masanet.

Strackeljahn passed Runnion. Runnion peeled off the track and

Strackeljahn ran the final 800 meters without a person in front of him to catch.

"He got into rhythm," Runnion said. "That was my job; just to get him into rhythm."

Strackeljahn said Runnion set a good pace.

"(Strackeljahn's) never been that deep of a race into a four minute type of effort," Masanet said. "He can go better at the end."

Strackeljahn came up short, but along the track and especially down the backstretch, people applauded and cheered to urge Strackeljahn to break the school record.

Strackeljahn said the crowd motivated him when there was no one in front of him.

"It would have been helpful to have a few more bodies at the end," Masanet said.

Strackeljahn would then have people to catch and improve his time.

"When you really get tired at the end of the race, it helps to have the carrot in front of the horse," Masanet said. "If he would have



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Senior Dan Strackeljahn won the mile at the Friday Night Special.

had a few more people, he would have had a good qualifying time."

Running alone is not easy. "I have to turn my brain on and go to work," Strackeljahn said.

Strackeljahn has a chance to improve his time in the next week when the Panthers return to Lantz Fieldhouse to host the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships Friday and Saturday.

"He's going to bust the big one," Runnion said. "Strack's in a good position. He could go and win another OVC title if everything goes his way."

Other Eastern winners included senior Austin Hogue in the shot put, junior Kirkland Thornton in the 60-meter hurdles, senior Kyle Ellis in the pole vault, sophomore David Holm in the 600-meter dash, junior Clint Coffey in the 800-meter run, senior Obe Eretuya in the high jump and the 4x400-meter relay team.

Eastern won the meet with 212.50 points, more than 100 points in front of second-place Southern Illinois.

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The revelation of Britney Spears' having a bald head is shocking and disturbing.

What the former pop star (above, with hair) was thinking when she shaved off her hair is unknown.

The days of her being an innocent, southern girl who adolescent boys probably wish would have hit them one more time, are long gone.

But in sports, athletes have always sported the shaved head look. Sometimes, entire teams would shave their heads in preparation for postseason play.

Here are three athletes we think look better (somewhat) than Spears with a shaved head:

1. Rik Smits, Indiana Pacers — One can only look back at laughter when the former Indiana Pacer center shaved his head for the NBA playoffs in 1999. The 7-foot-4 Dutchman was certainly an easy target to spot with his bald head.

2. David Beckham, LA Galaxy — The most popular soccer player in the world, Beckham's hair trends set the standard in England. Five years ago, when Beckham shaved his golden locks, it set off a worldwide frenzy. Now with Beckham in the United States and his fro-hawk being the new faze, one can only wonder which Beckham hairstyle will catch on next.

3. Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls — The greatest basketball player in the world is instantly recognizable because of his shaved head. One can't picture Jordan with hair. It would be hard-pressed to conjure up the same memories of MJ with an Afro, cornrows or dreadlocks.

—Matt Daniels

MATT DANIELS | OUT OF BOUNDS

Eastern needs new adjectives

CHICAGO — Embarrassing. Disappointing. Horrible. Out-hustled and out-played.

These were words what Eastern men's basketball players used to describe its disheartening performance in Saturday's 66-43 loss to Loyola of Chicago.

And the performance was all those words and more.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | MURRAY STATE 70, EASTERN 67



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Freshman guard Jessica Huffman dribbles the ball past a Murray State defender Saturday in Lantz Arena. Huffman scored 12 points.

Eastern implodes in loss to Racers

Panthers fail to gain ground on final Ohio Valley Conference Tournament spot

By Marc Correnti
Staff Reporter

In a game that was supposed to feature two of the Ohio Valley Conference's dominant post players, it was a soft-spoken guard from Albany, Ky., who made the difference in Eastern's 70-67 loss to Murray State.

Not only was Saturday's game the Panthers' last home game of the season, but it may have been the final nail in Eastern's post-season hopes.

When an Ellen Canale 3-pointer put the Panthers up 62-55 with 4 minutes, 3 seconds left, it seemed Eastern had finally learned to close out a victory.

But after a pair of Joi Scott layups closed the Panthers lead to 62-59, it was little-used Amber Guffey who provided the spark for the Lady Racers.

Guffey continued the scoring run with a three-pointer that tied the game at 62-62. With 1 minute,



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Freshman guard Ashley Thomas attempts a shot over Murray State guard Shaleea Petty. The Panthers lost 70-67.

51 seconds left, Eastern's Jessica Huffman knocked down a long-range three-pointer to give the Panthers their final lead at 65-62.

Guffey responded with a layup and four more free throws in

the final moments, which gave Murray State (18-7, 14-4 OVC) the comeback victory.

Murray State head coach Joi Felton urged her point guard to be more aggressive and stop looking

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for the assist.

"I'm a pass-first point guard all the way," Guffey said. "I only shoot when I feel I'm open. I had some good opportunities at the end."

The opportunities keep slipping by for the Panthers (9-18, 6-12 OVC) who failed to make any ground on Eastern Kentucky for the eighth and final playoff spot.

With one week left in the season and the Panthers trailing Eastern Kentucky by one game in the standings, Saturday's loss especially hurt.

While the rest of the Panthers were in the locker room, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee paced up and down the hallway of Lantz Arena with his head down and his shoulders slumped.

When Sallee did finally address the game, he offered a sense of brevity that hadn't been in his three years in Charleston.

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SWIMMING | MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Eastern breaks seven school records

Men's, women's squads place third at conference meet

By Adam Tedder
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Eastern's swim teams broke a combined seven school records this past weekend at the Mid-Continent Conference Championship as well as placing third in both the men's and women's competitions.

The seven records include the men's 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyles, the 100-yard backstroke, the 200-yard freestyle relay and the

women's 200-yard freestyle.

The Panthers came close to reaching their second-place goal but seemed relatively upbeat about their third-place finish.

"Actually, after seeing what we saw there, we're happy with what we got," said head coach Ray Padovan. "That's basically as good as we could get."

The women's squad scored 486 points, and the men scored 460.5 and finished in third place in the conference meet. Eastern climbed the standings after both teams were in fifth place after the first day.

The battle for the conference championship

was no contest at all. The Oakland Golden Grizzlies had a dominating performance on both men's and women's sides, winning first place for the eighth consecutive year.

The point disparities between first-place Oakland and the rest of the teams were noticeable. Second-place winner Centenary on the men's side scored 603.5 points compared to Oakland's 982 points.

Western Illinois, the women's second-place winner, scored 525, compared to Oakland's 902.

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