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UNIVERSITY | ELECTIONS

Almost a tenth of campus votes

Results to be announced at Student Government meeting tonight

By Nora Maberry
News Editor

More than 1,100 students voted in Student Government elections that took place Monday and Tuesday, said Ashlei Birch, student director of elections.

Birch said most students voted between classes.

During the Spring 2007 Student Government elections, 498 students voted.

Election results will be announced at tonight's Student Government meeting.

Matt Feely, graduate assistant for Student Government, said the ballots will be taken to Ninth Street Hall today and counted by Jennifer Smith. The ballots were Scantrons, which eliminates human error, Feely said.

Candidates for Student Government were out again on Tuesday campaigning and urging students to vote.

Bobbie Mitchell, student body president candidate for Students Wanting Action Today, said his party was out to remind students to vote.

"It seems like people have their minds made up," he said.



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Drew Griffin, a candidate for off-campus senator, discusses campaigning regulations with Matt Feely, the student life adviser on Tuesday afternoon outside McAfee Gymnasium.

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CAMPUS | EVENT



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brandon "Werm" Lacue of Team Flight Brothers performs a dunk in McAfee Gymnasium Tuesday evening as part of an event sponsored by Respect for Youth.

Dunking for a cause

Respect for Youth brings professionals to play basketball

By Emily Zulz
Activities Reporter

University Police Chief Adam Due traded his everyday uniform for work-out clothes Tuesday night.

The white lines that ran down his athletic pants stood out as Due participated in a basketball game against the Team Flight Brothers and members of Eastern's basketball team.

Respect For Youth, a chapter of University Members Against Drunk

Driving, brought the touring dunking group Team Flight Brothers to McAfee Gymnasium.

The home team, comprising Due, Charleston Fire Department Chief Kris Phipps, area children and other volunteers, went up against the trained professionals and Eastern's men basketball team.

The Team Flight Brothers made dunk after dunk while Due and the rest of his team tried to keep up.

Due ran to half court before slowing to a walk as the opposing team slammed the ball into the basket with a bang. As Due tried to make a shot, the ball got slapped from his raised arms.

"I got rejected early on, and that

pretty much set the pace," he said.

Due said playing against the Flight Brothers was humiliating but fun. He joked that he and his team took it easy on the athletes.

"I think they were nice to have a little fun with us and not beat us up," Due said.

He said the members were fantastic athletes, with both experience and youth, and that just watching them warm up and shoot from half court amazed him.

Respect for Youth had expected five flight brothers, but only two showed up.

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STATE | LEGAL DISPUTE

Access no longer limited

Agreement between IPA and IHSA reached before next month's state track meet

By Matt Daniels
Editor in Chief

Newspaper photographers won't have a limit put on their access at next month's Illinois High School Association state track and field meet at O'Brien Stadium.

A settlement was reached April 8 in the ongoing legal dispute between the IHSA and the Illinois Press Association about a newspaper's right to re-sell photos taken at IHSA-sanctioned events.

The initial lawsuit by the IPA, filed Nov. 1, came about because the IHSA wanted to give exclusive access to its contracted photographer, Visual Images Photography, but limit where newspapers could position their photographers and how many photographs newspapers could re-sell.

The *State Journal-Register*, based out of Springfield, and the *Northwest Herald*, based out of Crystal Lake, were also on the lawsuit against the IHSA.

Springfield-based attorney Don Craven, who represented the IPA and the newspapers, said the settlement benefited the newspapers the most.

"We have an agreement with

the IHSA that will last indefinitely," said Craven, who has represented the IPA for more than 20 years. "I hope that the IHSA has learned that it does not want to reopen the subject. From the small weeklies to the *(Chicago) Tribune* and *Sun-Times*, everybody was just incensed by the actions of the IHSA."

Marty Hickman, the IHSA executive director, said in a statement last week that the IHSA understands the value of newspaper coverage of high school sports.

"This settlement will allow both of our organizations to get back to doing what we do best," Hickman said.

State Journal-Register photo editor Rich Saal said he first became aware of the situation last summer.

The IHSA posted on its Web site the credentialing process newspapers had to comply by in relation to the upcoming school year's sports.

Saal noticed more restrictions placed on newspapers this year, and forwarded the e-mail to *SJ-R's* then publisher Sue Schmitt.

Legislative measures taken by both the Illinois House of Representatives and Illinois Senate in March that supported the newspapers' position helped both sides reach an agreement, said IPA Executive Director Dave Bennett.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>70° 47° Sunny 5:15-20</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p>  <p>72° 50°</p>
	<p>FRIDAY</p>  <p>65° 49°</p>

WEATHER BRIEF

A warm-up in temperatures with sunny skies for the remainder of the work week. There is a chance of severe thunderstorms on Friday.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Cosby goes hip hop with album in May

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bill Cosby's path has taken him from pudding pops to hip-hop.

The 70-year-old has recorded a hip-hop album set for release next month. "Cosby Narratives Vol. 1: State of Emergency" blends the comedian's concepts and stories with a hip-hop, pop and jazz soundtrack.

"I do not rap on any of these things," Cosby told The Associated Press on Monday. "I wouldn't know how to fix my mouth to say some of the words."

Cosby said the hip-hop music he hears is profane and degrading. His album is "the opposite of what I think is the profanity for no particular reason, the misogyny for no particular reason," he said.

The album, assembled by Cosby's longtime musical collaborator

Bill "Spaceman" Patterson, contains rhymes provided by guest rappers. The subject matter? "The value of an education. The value of respecting one's self and ... giving (listeners) a chance to raise their self-esteem and confidence," Cosby said.

Swift wins female video at country music awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Taylor Swift won Video of the Year and Female Video for her smash "Our Song" while newcomer Kellie Pickler took home three awards during Monday's Country Music Television awards.

"I wrote that song in the 9th grade for a talent show," said the 18-year-old Swift, who won the night's top honor over Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley and Sugarland.

Pickler, 21, won Breakthrough Video, Tearjerker Video and Perfor-

mance of the Year for "I Wonder," a song about a daughter's feelings for her mother that she says connects deeply with fans. Like Carrie Underwood, Pickler is a former "American Idol" contestant.

Brazil says 'no' to Campbell's blood for now

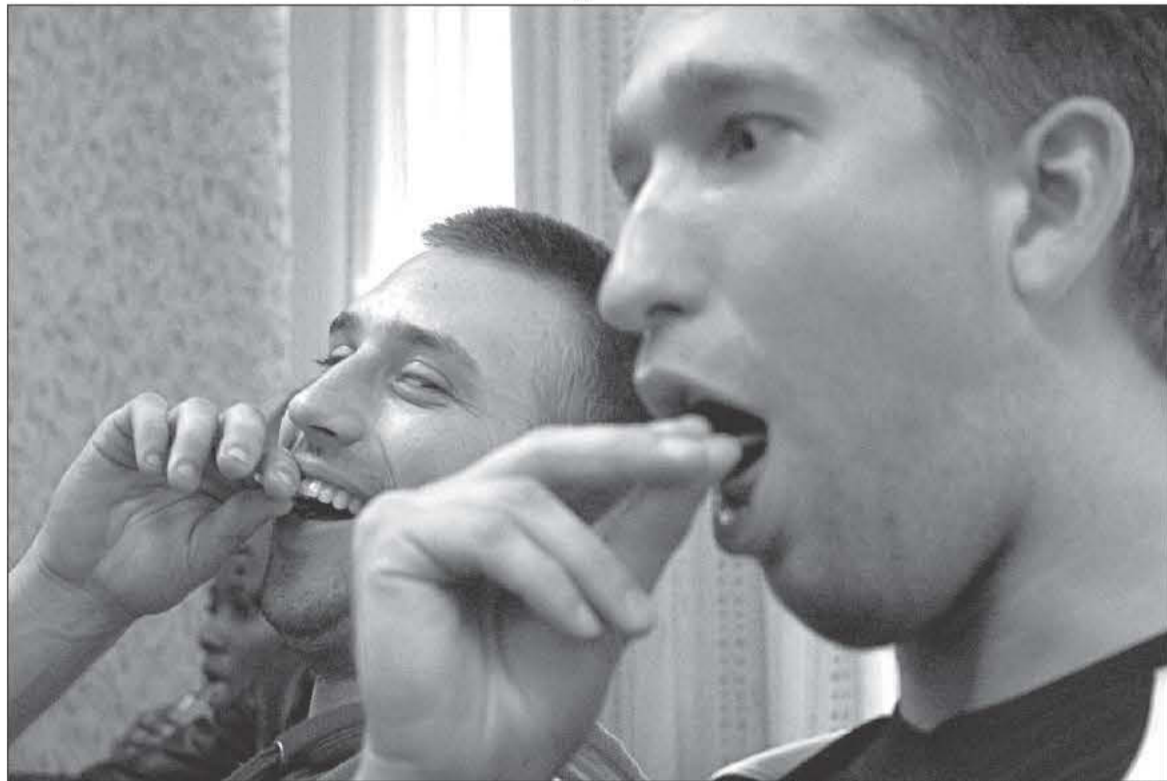
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Naomi Campbell wants to give blood to help fight a dengue fever epidemic, but Brazilian officials won't take it yet.

The British supermodel arrived at the HemoRio medical center Tuesday to take part in a blood drive but was turned away. Officials there say she needs to wait longer after having surgery in February to remove a cyst.

An outbreak of mosquito-borne dengue fever has infected more than 75,000 people in Rio de Janeiro state this year and killed at least 80.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Sexed-up suckers



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ben Carter, a freshman undecided major, and Scott Raddatz, a sophomore marketing major, taste the product "Great Head," a flavored oral sex lubricant, on suckers at the First Official Sex Toy Party Ever!, an event sponsored by EIU Pride as part of Pride Week.

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

Programmer pops question on girlfriend's video game

The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Hiding a ring in a bouquet just wasn't enough when a computer programmer decided to pop the question.

Bernie Peng reprogrammed Tammy Li's favorite video game, "Bejeweled," so a ring and a marriage proposal would show up on the screen when she reached a certain score. Li reached the needed score — and said yes.

The word of the romantic feat last December filtered out after Peng, a financial software programmer, posted

details on his blog.

"I thought it was pretty cool, in a nerdy way," Peng told *The Star-Ledger* of Newark.

The couple plans to marry over Labor Day weekend, and PopCap, the Seattle company that makes "Bejeweled," will fly the couple to Seattle as part of their honeymoon.

"Most video game companies would frown on people manipulating their games," said Garth Chouteau, a spokesman for PopCap.

"But it won him a woman. As a bunch of geeks we have to say, 'Bernie, hats off to you.'"

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CITY | CITY COUNCIL

Council approves '08-'09 budget

9 percent increase in water, sewer rates also approved at meeting

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

The Charleston City Council approved a \$27.4 million budget at Tuesday night's meeting at City Hall.

The budget had been on file for public inspection since the March 18 meeting.

City Manager Scott Smith praised the city directors for their hard work on the budget.

The directors trimmed enough out of their budgets so that only \$100,000 had to be cut, as opposed to \$250,000 in years past.

The council congratulated Smith and Comptroller Heather Kuykendall for their work on the budget.

"I was pleased with the organization of the budget this year," said Council Member Larry Rennels.

He said the organization made it easier to review the budget.

The council also approved a 9 percent increase to water and sewer rates.

Mayor John Inyart said the increases will help establish a capital reserve fund so the city will not have to borrow money for upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant and the Waste Water Treatment Plan in the future.

The increase will also be used to pay off a loan the city is applying for from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for upcoming renovations to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Smith said the city must prove to the IEPA that it is capable of paying back the loan and have a capital reserve fund in place to receive the loan.

Inyart opened the floor for public comment on the increase, but no one addressed the council.

"It's not fun raising prices," Inyart said.

He added that it is a responsible move for the council to do so that the city won't have to borrow mon-



MITCH SURPRENANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

City Attorney Brian Bower listens as a water and sewer rate hike is approved among City Council members. The council voted to approve the 9 percent increase in rates at its Tuesday meeting in City Hall.

ey in the future.

Rennels said when a new Water Treatment Plant was being planned, the council told residents it would not levy property taxes to pay back the bonds, but the users would pay for it.

The increase will raise a \$40 water bill by \$3.60 per month, making the bill a charge of \$43.20 per year.

The new water and sewer service rates are \$9.96 per 1,000 gallons, while just water service rate is \$9.03 per 1,000 gallons.

The old rate was \$9.14 per 1,000 gallons of water for water and sewer service and water service was \$8.28 per 1,000 gallons.

When a user goes over 10,000 gallons, the new rate is \$9.58 per 1,000 gallons for water and sewer service, while it will be \$8.29 per 1,000 gallons for just water service.

The old rates were \$8.79 and \$7.61, respectively.

Eastern, which receives its own water and sewer service rate, will now pay \$9.58 per 1,000 gallons, compared to the old rate of \$8.78 per 1,000 gallons.

In other business, the council approved an intergovernmental agreement with Coles County for the development of a park at the corner of Sixth Street and Madison Avenue.

Under the agreement, the city would spend about \$20,000 to develop the land while the county would give an additional \$10,000 for the park.

The county board has yet to approve the plan and tabled it at the April county board meeting.

Smith said the agreement would have the county mow the grass and trim bushes, while the city would remove garbage and other labor on the site.

Also approved was a proposal

waiving the bidding process to purchase equipment for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Only one company manufactures the equipment.

The council awarded bids for purchasing street materials and chemicals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and also approved extending an agreement with Eastern for geographic information system support services, which involves creating a computerized overlay map of streets, sewers and other utilities.

The council also approved two zoning requests.

One rezones property along 18th Street, south of Lincoln Avenue from residential to commercial.

The other request rezoned property at the intersection of E Street and Locust Avenue from commercial to residential.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

DEN receives 21 awards in national contest

The Daily Eastern News won 21 awards at the Society for Collegiate Journalist's national competition.

Editor in Chief Matt Daniels took first place in the sports feature and sports column categories and received second-place honors in sports news and sports features.

Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto took first place in news reporting and continuing coverage. Former News Editor and alum Sarah Whitney earned first-place honors for a profile in feature-writing.

Former Photo Editor Jay Grabiec won first place in the photo feature and photo essay categories, while DEN photographers Eric Hiltner, Karla Browning and Karolina Strack took the top three spots in sports photography.

The DEN also received first-place honors for its editorial page, front-page layout and sports page design, and second-place honors for inside-page design. Former Campus Editor Katie Anderson took second place in column writing, while former Senior University Reporter Ashley Rueff earned an honorable mention. DEN editorial cartoonist David Pennell finished second for the editorial cartoon category. The Warbler won four of six categories in the yearbook division, and WEIU-TV won the broadcast division for nightly news coverage.

Lecture will cover conflict in Iraq

The political science department and the College of Sciences Visiting Scholar Program are sponsoring "The War in Iraq and the Spread of Conflict: Some Overlooked Early Warning Indicators" at 7 p.m. today in Room 1205 of the Physical Sciences Building. John Vazquez, political science professor at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will speak.

Tour the Ballenger's Teaching Center

Eastern's Student Association for the Education of Young Children will conduct library tours of Ballenger's Teaching Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

CORRECTIONS

On Page 3 of Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon was misidentified.

On Page 12 of Tuesday's edition, the starting pitcher for Tuesday's game against Illinois was incorrectly reported. Freshman Mike Recchia started for the Panthers.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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UNIVERSITY | FACULTY SENATE

Higher education funding looks bleak this year

No funding increase for fiscal year 2009 a concern at meeting

By Brittni Garcia
Faculty Senate Reporter

Journalism professor Les Hyder is concerned about state funding for Eastern in the upcoming fiscal year.

He said the university needs more state funding but will not likely see it any time soon.

"My concern is to hold on to what we got," Hyder said. "The likelihood is we will not see any action on the budget until last minute, around June 30."

Hyder, a Faculty Senate member, spoke to the senate about Illinois' funding for public higher education Tuesday during its meeting.

Hyder is also Eastern's representative on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Faculty Advisory Council.

In his budget recommendation for fiscal year 2009, Gov. Rod Blagojevich recommended a 0 percent



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Alison Kostelich, student representative for Faculty Senate, looks on as the Faculty Senate discusses amendments to bylaws concerning the election of subcommittee members Tuesday afternoon in Booth Library.

increase for higher education from the 2008 fiscal year.

The state started to cut funding for higher education in 2002. The General Assembly is doing preliminary budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1.

In other business, Robert Augustine, dean of the Graduate School, and Jeanne Snyder, coordinator of the gerontology program, presented a seven-minute video on interdisciplinary graduate programs.

Augustine said interdisciplinary

ary research is tough for every institution; however, to strengthen the practice, one must strengthen professional practices.

Gerontology is the only interdisciplinary program at Eastern. Gerontology is the scientific study of the aging process and old age, and the program involves five departments and three colleges.

Snyder said one difficult aspect for this program is that gerontology faculty members do not report to her or anyone, which makes communication difficult.

"Initially, when I became coordinator in 2001, we had more of these kinds of challenges, but in the last year or two, I would say we are now on solid ground," Snyder said.

Augustine said he is going to develop interdisciplinary graduate programs in the future and wants to attract the best students for that in the world.

"We don't want our institution to be behind on this," he said.

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WHO'S WATCHING WHO?

Boston U. — Do you ever watch old spy movies where sleuths in suits sneak around taking pictures with their shoes and wonder what became of the spy of today? It's the guy just down the street, an agent of the office park cul-de-sac. He's watching you now, tracking, logging and analyzing your every move.

I'm talking about Internet Service Providers — in my case, good ol' RCN, which controls my connection to the World Wide Web and thus all the personal data that's stored on it. Your We sites? Cached. Your search engine history? Saved. Your downloads? Tagged and bagged.

It's all there, from the very first Internet link to what you just now clicked, saved as encoded cookies sitting there as treats for whomever can reach the jar. The question is: Who's allowed in?

With enough financial incentive, it's very likely that ISPs will get in on the act and start selling our Internet records to advertising companies producing specialized content.

It's probably already happening. I bet some firm, pushing Pepsi or porn or petroleum, is designing ads based off my entire RCN history.

Are we, the hunted Internet users, wary enough of our predators? I'd say most people don't know what's going on, but if they did there would be public outrage. People should be able to choose what information is accessible and have the choice to be targeted or have their ISP wiped clean, like Internet bleach.

Someone should start a non-profit that offers legitimate data collection and allows mining only with information explicitly allowed by the target consumer. If ethically sound data becomes popular, it can shift the market and entice information technology firms to buy "clean."

Galen Mook
The Daily Free Press

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Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

A different kind of 'face-to-face'

Facebook has changed the college experience of nearly every Eastern student.

It's also changed the life of anyone else who has decided to sign up and become a member.

What initially started as a way to connect various college students on this campus and students on different campuses has turned into a way of life.

With the inception of Facebook on this campus at the start of the Spring 2005 semester, words like "poke," "applications" and "friend requests" are now part of our daily vocabulary.

Instead of communicating to people in person, via phone or even e-mail, Facebook messages are now more common to send.

The use of photos on people's profiles, the news feed that started to creep up last fall (no pun intended) and the ability to friend people from all across the world make Facebook an ultimate social networking site.

But what would our world, as college students, be like if we didn't have Facebook?

Procrastination might decrease, or it might not.

We might be able to communicate better in person because instead of sending angry, ranting Facebook messages, people could solve their problems in person, face-to-face.

We might not be able to find out about who's recently become single or involved in a relationship, who changed their favorite quotes or who changed their favorite movies.

It does have benefits, like finding out where an old classmate lives now, or an easier way to communicate with people because they are more likely to check Facebook these days instead of their

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** If a student attends college, it's likely he or she will have a Facebook account. The system has become the norm.

• **Stance:** The social networking system has changed the way we communicate, for better or worse, and students should adapt to its uses.

phones or e-mails.

The world of Facebook has evolved since it became part of Eastern in January 2005. Facebook, at the time, was more inclusive and didn't have as many extra games, applications or even photos.

Now, scandalous photos of what you might have done on a Saturday night are essentially free game to anyone who's your friend on Facebook with a login and a password.

The college experience is completely changed now because of Facebook. Incoming freshmen to Eastern can register to be a part of Eastern's network once they receive their Eastern e-mail, before they've ever even taken a class on this campus.

Facebook is here to stay.

As with all new technologies, it takes time for people to adapt to them and figure out its true use.

We're still in the initial stages with Facebook, even after all the advances and new tools they've established since its beginning.

College is supposed to prepare you for the rest of your life.

And for students today, the use of Facebook, its benefits, its consequences and its social tools all are something we've had to adapt to.

Another step toward safety

Lincoln Avenue is getting safer.

By next fall, a new crosswalk systems on Lincoln Avenue and Division Street will be implemented, a project Mayor John Inyart and City Manager Scott Smith announced last week.

The crosswalk was an idea that came from students, people on local committees and Charleston community members.

All of these people had a good idea in mind.

The system will count down the seconds left that pedestrians have to cross the street before the light changes.

"I think it will improve safety for pedestrians, for students and non-students to know more information before they step into the road," Inyart said.

The new crosswalks will be placed at Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue, Sixth Street and Lincoln Avenue, and on Division Street.

Safety on Fourth Street has always been a concern, and this new addition should ease some minds.

Inyart said the new crosswalks should make students pay more attention when crossing the street.

With the current system, who knows when the light will change or if it will change while a pedestrian is in mid-crossing.

Students and whoever else might be crossing

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** The city of Charleston will add new crosswalk counters so people can see how much time they have until the light changes.

• **Stance:** People in this community will be much safer because of the counters. All pedestrians should be thankful.

the streets will be able to know just how much time they have to make it across safely.

People who approach the light after the signal to cross has already been given will know if they have 5 seconds or 10 seconds left to make it to the other side of the street — it's all about predictability.

And if a pedestrian sees that they are in the middle and the light will change in 5 seconds, they can take the necessary precautions — whether it be walking faster or stopping at a median.

Similar crosswalks have been added in other areas, also, to improve safety.

New York City added these crosswalks at five intersections in 2006.

According to the *New York Times*, other cities using this technology include Albany, N.Y., Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Las Vegas and Washington.

Charleston may not be as big of a city New York City, but no matter what size a city is, safety should always be a top concern.



MATT DANIELS

Not much
has changedDaniel Alejandro Perez.
Lauren Ashley McCain.
Henry J. Lee.

These names meant nothing to us here in east-central Illinois last year.

They still might not be household names today, ones that easily roll off your tongue and are stored in the common-knowledge department of your brain.

But these names carry with them great significance and weight.

The names mentioned above are three of the 32 victims of last year's shooting massacre at Virginia Tech, which happened one year ago today.

The institution of higher learning at Virginia Tech suddenly became an institution of fear at this time last year, with students not concerned with turning in papers, but rather with living.

What began as another day on the college campus in Blacksburg, Va., quickly turned into one of nightmare and sheer terror in the worst mass shooting ever to take place in this nation.

Those names above, and their families, didn't realize once they woke up that Monday morning that Seung-Hui Cho would soon leave a lasting mark on their lives.

The media portrayed Cho, the shooter, as a disturbed individual, a loner, one incapable of making or keeping friends. He certainly appears disturbed in the video package he mailed to NBC News the day of the massacre, saying at the end of the video, "When the time came, I did it. I had to."

Now, a year later, we still live in a society where violence remains — or the threat of violence exists — on a college campus.

Just this week is another clear example we don't live in a perfect world. Threatening messages, including "Be prepared to die on 4/14" were left in graffiti on bathroom walls at Saint Xavier University in Chicago, prompting the cancellation of classes indefinitely. Four high schools near the campus also closed Monday.

Classes were also canceled at Malcom X College, a community college in Chicago, and more than 1,000 students were ordered to stay off campus after a threatening message was found on a bathroom wall. And finally, at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., threatening messages were found during the weekend, and classes were canceled for Monday but started again Tuesday.

What is wrong with society these days? Why are young people so angry and distraught sometimes?

Is it the media's fault? Is it our parents' fault? Is it our school system's fault? No one reason is clear or stands out to where people can specifically pinpoint the reason. No solid answer is out there.

Memorials will be held today. Vigils will be planned and moments of silence observed for the victims of last year's shooting. Hours of media coverage will saturate the airwaves, and plenty of space in our newspapers and on the Web will surface to remember what happened one year ago in Blacksburg.

But even with all this attention, will violence on college campuses change? Or is it common these days to expect something bad to happen while sitting in math class? Sadly, the answer to the latter question is yes.

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» Elections

FROM PAGE 1

Chris Kromphardt, the candidate for student vice president for academic affairs from the United Party of Students, said his party had changed its campaign strategy by changing campaigning locations on Tuesday.

Monday his party spent most of the day campaigning on the South Quad. Tuesday they moved their campaign efforts toward the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The parties were using different tactics to try to win voters too. SWAT handed out buttons, and UPS still passed out candy to students.

"People are still responding to the candy," Kromphardt said. "I wouldn't be surprised if next election we see everyone with candy."

Kromphardt said people have passed out fliers for years, and the candy allowed the party members to actually talk to students while showing them how the party was different from other parties. Kromphardt added that the candy was more effective than fliers when trying to get students' attention.

"One of our guys called it 'side-walk spam,'" Kromphardt said.

Mitchell said his party was not

passing out candy because that was UPS' strategy. The buttons seemed popular with students, he added.

Omar Solomon, a Student Senate member candidate from Students United Party, said his party was trying to get the word out to students and remind them to vote by passing out fliers. His party was taking a few minutes at the beginning of their classes to remind students to vote.

Solomon said SUP's slogan was "Giving Students What They Want." While campaigning, Solomon told students his promise to make Student Senate members more visible on campus if elected to Student Senate.

"I can promise you will see me on campus, if you haven't already," he said.

Solomon said he disagreed with the effectiveness of UPS' strategy of passing out candy to potential voters.

"Candy disappears in a minute, you'll lose the button in a day or two, but the connection we make with you will last forever," Solomon said.

He said he believed the other parties were focusing on SUP because of their longevity in Student Government.

"It's our third year running as a party," Solomon said. "People always come at us because we're at the top."

Tuesday, most of the parties had

moved to just over 100 feet from the voting tent. Candidates were not allowed to vote while wearing their party shirts and were not allowed to campaign on the sidewalk in front of the Housing and Dining office on the north side of the Library Quad, Kromphardt said.

Campaign bylaws state campaigning is not allowed within 100 feet of the tent.

"I think everybody has pushed the envelope on where we stand," Mitchell said.

Kromphardt said his party measured ahead of campaigning, so they knew exactly where they could stand to talk to students.

Feely said he will pick up the election results today and deliver them to Ceci Brinker, director of student life.

"I don't even look at it," Feely said.

Brinker may look at the results before the meeting if she chooses to do so.

The final results will be announced either by Birch or Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick, Feely said.

Student Government meets at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Union.

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» Team Flight

FROM PAGE 1

Members of Eastern's basketball team volunteered to fill out the rest of the team. Brandon Lacue, whose street-ball name is "Werm," was one of the two who came to Eastern.

Lacue has been a part of the Team Flight Brothers since the team started three years ago. He said he gains momentum and feeds off the crowd to perform his dunks.

"Every dunk I did, they cheered," Lacue said. "It was fun."

Matt Kelly, a senior journalism major and president for Respect for Youth, said Lacue is known as the best one-footed jumper.

Lacue was asked spur-of-the-moment to come perform at Eastern, and he said he packed and got on the first flight. Lacue and the Team Flight Brothers will be in China next month, then the Bahamas.

Proceeds from the night went toward starting an endowment for Respect for Youth, whose goal is to eliminate binge drinking, underage drinking and impaired driving at Eastern. The endowment would allow the group to bring speakers to campus who promote healthy decisions.

About \$300 was made, after 51

MORE ONLINE

The Team Flight Brothers were captured on video dunking in the McAfee Gymnasium Tuesday.

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tickets were sold.

Kelly said he will be gone after this semester and wants to see the group keep going. He said the endowment would make it easier for those remaining because they wouldn't be starting with nothing. The event served to raise money and to raise awareness of Respect for Youth.

Katrina Zaret, a senior journalism major and vice president for Respect for Youth, said the event promoted responsible decisions and the idea that people don't have to drink to have fun. She added, the group is not against drinking, just drinking irresponsibly.

Kelly said attendees will see through this event, the group does not just preach about making responsible decisions; they like to have fun too.

Kelly said the idea was that if people came to the event, they were not out making "stupid decisions."

"People think the only way they can have fun is to drink, and that's just not true," he said.

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CAMPUS | SECURITY

New alert system inspires interest

EIU text message system put into place recently; students respond

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

More than 2,000 people have subscribed to the Alert EIU text-messaging notification system.

But the university wants more students to subscribe to the system.

The system, instituted in March this year, will alert students who subscribe of emergency situations on campus via their cell phones. The messages will be no longer than 160 characters long.

Eastern is preparing another media blitz to continue increasing subscriptions, said Dan Nadler, vice

president for student affairs. 2,400 students and faculty have subscribed to the system so far, Nadler said.

Students can subscribe by accessing Eastern's homepage and clicking on the Alert EIU link. Students can submit their cell phone number and E-number, and a confirmation text is then sent that tells the students they are in the system.

Alert EIU is now a Facebook group, created by Jarrod Scherle, a sophomore pre-engineering major.

The group, called "Sign up for Alert EIU Text Messaging," has 584 members. Scherle is a Student Senate member and created the group after the senate meeting when Nadler announced Eastern had created a text-messaging alert system as a safety measure.

"I figured that by creating the group and including a link to the exact sign-up page, (it) would be an effective way to spread the word to

students," Scherle said.

Scherle said he received the text confirmation immediately and that he is glad he signed up.

"If something were to happen, I think these text alerts could really help keep students safe," Scherle said.

Faculty members have also signed up. Alison Mormino, director of philanthropy, signed up after seeing it on the Eastern Web site and reading about it in *The Daily Eastern News*.

"I signed up the same day I read the article," Mormino said.

Mormino said she has not experienced any problems and received a text message after signing up.

"I rely on my personal cell phone as my only phone," Mormino said. "Since it is with me at all times, I thought it would be a good way to receive any important information related to campus safety."

Andrew Witt, a senior marketing major, said he already felt safe on campus but still opted to subscribe.

"EIU is a smaller campus and I don't feel students here feel as out-casted here as they would at a bigger campus," Witt said. "Besides all that, you can't live your life in fear because of a few nut jobs."

He also joined the Facebook group for Alert EIU.

"I think this is the best approach for this sort of situation. I always have my phone, but I don't check my e-mail before every class," Witt said.

Ashley Horton, a junior psychology major with a minor in criminology, said Alert EIU is needed to help students feel safer.

"I feel Alert EIU is a good thing because there are people, if something ever happens, that either don't check their e-mail or are not on campus at the time, so having another

notification system is an excellent idea," Horton said.

But she said the notification system doesn't make her feel any safer.

"It does not make me feel safer on campus unless I know exactly where the emergency is happening," she said. "Nothing can really make me feel safe from the things that could happen."

Nadler said the university depends on more than the text-messaging system to keep campus safe. Initiatives already in place include emergency sirens, e-mail and web page communications, public address equipment, emergency phones, security cameras and restricted access in residence halls.

"We are always exploring ways in which to enhance our campus safety and security initiatives," Nadler said.

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CAMPUS | EVENTS

Sounds of (jazz) music fill Booth Library

National Library Week celebrated with ensemble music

By Chris Gajda
Senior Verge Reporter

Mary J. Booth Library, a place frequently visited for study sessions and quiet, turned into a performance hall Tuesday with the sounds of Eastern's Jazz Combo.

When the lower level seating was filled, students and the public brought chairs onto both the second and third floor walkways.

"We never know what kind of turnout to expect at these kinds of things," said Paul Johnston, band director. "We're really happy with the attention it received."

The concert, a part of National

Library Week, featured classic jazz compositions and new arrangements by Eastern students.

The night started with "Tenor Madness," followed by "The Jazz Sextet" and concluded with "The Jazz Quintet."

The students in the combo have been together since the fall and write and compose the music themselves. They perform two formal shows a semester.

As applause increased through the night, so did the crowd's newfound appreciation for jazz.

Stacey Berger and Amanda Paluzzi originally came to the concert for class credit but found themselves tapping their toes with the music.

"I expected to have a good time," Berger said, "but I had a better time than I thought."

The combo was invited to play in early fall by Allen Lanham, dean of library services, to play because of its newly received grant.

The grant allowed the library to purchase new jazz material and to showcase the jazz display in the corridor. The display, titled "Jazz Blossoms," shows the growth of jazz at Eastern. At the concert, Lanham told the audience to get involved in student programs and encouraged them to make suggestions for types of displays or performances they would like to see the library host.

Eastern's Jazz Ensemble has one more performance this year Monday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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Drummer Ben Hall, a senior music education major, solos over "Ceora," a tune written by Lee Morgan and arranged by Paul Johnston, at the Jazz Combo concert performed at Booth Library on Tuesday night.

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» IHSA

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"The IHSA is an organization that puts on sporting events for primarily public high schools," Saal said. "It seemed totally out of place for them to be in a position to place restrictions on access to amateur athletic competitions in public venues."

Bennett said he thinks claims the IHSA made about being a sanctioning body, like the NCAA or NAS-CAR, are wrong.

He said the IHSA is a state organization subject to state laws and is responsible to the public for what it does.

"We thought comparisons of what the IHSA does to all of those other sports enterprises was not a well-founded argument," he said. "The practical application of this is that the IHSA represents local schools and communities. A relationship between a small, local paper and schools is vastly different compared to a relationship with the University of Illinois or the Chicago White Sox."

Restrictions were placed on photographers who didn't agree to conditions the IHSA imposed on them at the state football championships in Champaign in late November. Several photographers had to take photos from the stands or press box, instead of the field. Saal said the *SJ-R* didn't run into this problem at the football championships because no area team from the *SJ-R's* coverage area played, but the paper did run into a problem in February at the state wrestling championships.

Saal said an *SJ-R* photographer had to buy a ticket and sit in the stands at Assembly Hall in Champaign to cover the state wrestling



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Senior high jumper Laura Morris of Mahomet High School sits on the track after missing her last attempt at 5'5" at the 2007 Illinois High School Association Track and Field meet. On April 8, the ongoing legal dispute between the IHSA and Illinois Press Association concerning a newspaper's right to re-sell photos taken at IHSA-sanctioned events was settled. There will not be a limit to the access of newspaper photographers.

finals in February.

"We were restricted to be on the floor because we refused to sign the agreement that said we wouldn't sell pictures online," Saal said. "It's a courtesy to the press because an individual member of the press is representing thousands of readers."

Saal said it costs \$25 for readers to purchase a color reprint of an 8x10 photo from a sporting event the *SJ-R* shoots. Saal said he thinks this is fair and that newspapers are not into selling reprints of photo-

graphs to make money.

Darrell Hoemann, photo editor at the *Champaign News-Gazette*, said his photographers were prepared for the wrestling finals and bought seats with good vantage points to take photographs.

They weren't allowed access on the floor either because they refused to sign the same agreement.

"Our photo reprint income might pay for the batteries we use," Hoemann said. "It's not about huge amounts of money. It was just about

getting the kids covered."

Daniel McCaleb, managing editor at the *Northwest Herald*, said his newspaper was limited to taking photographs from the stands at the state wrestling finals also.

"I think my initial reaction when I heard what the IHSA was trying to do was disbelief; frustration and anger, to a limited extent," McCaleb said. "Essentially, the IHSA was trying to tell us what we could do with our property."

Saal said he's glad that when he

sends photographers to Charleston to cover the state track and field meet next month, he won't have to worry about access problems his photographers might encounter.

"It would have been difficult if we were limited to photographing that event from the stands," he said. "There's a lot of interest in that from our area. I'm just happy it's all behind us."

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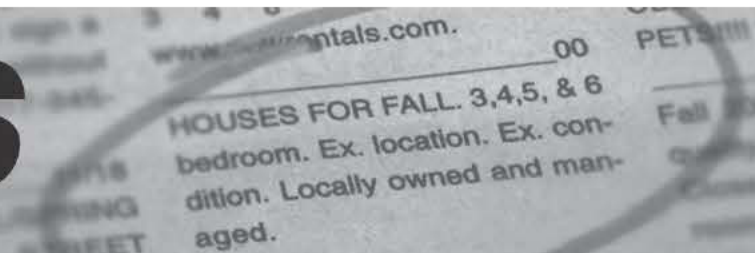
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4/17

The New York Times Crossword Edited by Will Shortz No. 0305

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PUZZLE BY STEVEN GINZBURG

ACROSS

- Humble home
- Software rerelease, e.g.
- Plane with a machmeter: Abbr.
- Protagonist
- Meteor in a meteor shower
- Spray-paint, maybe
- Fly off the handle
- Common computer feature
- Chemical compound suffix
- Hatcher of "Desperate Housewives"
- Bulldog
- German auto debut of 1974
- Departed
- Big name in stationery
- Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"
- Long, long _____
- City near Saint-Exupéry International Airport
- Frankie with the 1959 #1 hit "Why"
- It's more than a pinch: Abbr.

DOWN

- First person to win a Smarties Prize, for children's books, three years in a row
- "_____ the season _____"
- Ohio city named for a mathematician
- Lends a hand
- 1969 "bed-in" participant
- Hoops org.
- "Eat!"
- Does in
- Universal recipient type
- Some game endings
- Govt. org.
- Neckline shape
- Cause of some burns
- Munich mister
- Sting
- Cropped up
- Melpomene, e.g.
- Units in a coll. curriculum
- Least prominent
- Hightailed it

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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4 One eye in ;-)

5 Peptic disorder

6 Los Angeles's San _____ Bay

7 Kind of column

8 "It's _____-brainer"

9 Curry of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"

10 Drainage indicator

11 Show friendliness

12 Cash cache

13 "Rock-a-bye, baby" spot

19 Undeveloped

21 Shack roof material

24 If, and or but: Abbr.

25 They're part of the string section

26 Egg-shaped

30 "Raggedy" one

33 Dutch-speaking part of the West Indies

34 Words, informally

35 Spiked punch?

38 Novelist Kesey

39 Manner of going

40 An overdose of

41 Pro

42 Starts to melt

45 "You win"

46 Varied

47 Showed contempt

50 Like many a home improvement project, for short

52 Driver's license datum

54 Remote control button

55 Fairy tale baddies

56 Bloodhound's guide

58 It may be caught in a filter

62 Ida, neighbor

63 Round Table honorific

64 _____ Pinafore

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MEN'S TENNIS | EASTERN VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Darling Courts used sparingly this season

Inclement weather has forced relocation of several tennis matches

By JC Clark
Staff Reporter

This spring's weather has influenced the fate of Eastern's tennis home schedule.

The men's tennis team has only completed two of the eight scheduled matches at Darling Courts, with one remaining on the schedule against Southern Illinois at 3 p.m. today.

Eight home matches were origi-

nally scheduled for the Panthers. The first two matches scheduled at Darling Courts were moved to Atkins Tennis Center in Urbana because of cracks in the courts' surfaces caused by damaging weather conditions.

Eastern's match against Tennessee State on March 30 was moved indoors to Lantz Fieldhouse because of inclement weather. When the men's team finally got an opportunity to play at Darling Courts against Chicago State on April 2, the match was suspended because of darkness.

The following weekend, Eastern played two matches at Darling Courts against Samford and Jack-

sonville State. Eastern (12-8) was supposed to close out its conference schedule at home against Austin Peay on Saturday, but the match was moved to Belleville, two hours southwest of Charleston, because of forecasted cold weather. But today's forecast calls for temperatures in the 70s with sunny skies and strong winds at 20-30 mph. If the forecasts hold true, the men's match against the Salukis (8-11) will proceed as scheduled.

Eastern junior Jordan Nestrud said the two factors that influence outdoor play are precipitation and temperature.

Tennis cannot be played in wet conditions or if the temperature drops too low. If temperatures drop much below 50 degrees, a match will be moved indoors.

Eastern head coach John Blackburn said if there are sustained winds above 20 mph for two hours before the match begins, then it should be moved indoors. Blackburn also said it depends on how lenient the school is on calling wind conditions.

Nestrud said players simply have to adjust their game for windy weather.

"You pretty much just have to have more margin for error on your

shots," Nestrud said. "It's more mental than anything else."

Today's match against SIU could serve as valuable practice for the men's team headed into the Ohio Valley Conference Championships on Friday in Nashville, Tenn.

The matches at the OVC Championships are scheduled to be played outdoors, and the Panthers have seldom practiced outside this season.

"It's not a conference match, but it's still a match we want to win," said senior Chris Thomas.

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» Patience

FROM PAGE 12

Wikoff redeemed himself when he made the final out of the inning on a ground ball by Eastern junior center fielder Brett Nommensen's second at bat of the inning.

Eastern sophomore Curt Restko said the win against Illinois was big because it proved the Panthers could compete with big teams.

He said jumping out to an early lead was also important.

"Definitely with a team like U of I, you have to get on top," Restko said. "We are the underdogs. Once you get on top it gets them on their heels. Once you get them on their heels, you can capitalize on their mistakes."

The Panthers' four-run first inning chased Haig, but Haig's replacement, Nick Chmielewski, didn't fare much

better in the second inning.

Skidmore added to his RBIs for the night with a single to right-centerfield to score Restko who was hit by a pitch and stole second base. Illinois scored three runs in the third inning off three hits of Eastern freshman starter Mike Recchia.

The Panthers lit up the Fighting Illini's third and fourth pitchers of the game in the bottom of the third inning with six runs on three

hits, four walks and another error by Wikoff to take an 11-3 lead.

"Their pitchers really couldn't find the zone, so we were still looking for good pitches to hit," Kreke said. "They were walking us, so we took advantage of the opportunities. Every time they score we try to put up some runs the next inning too."

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Tuesday's Game

Eastern 13, Illinois 3

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
UI (10-13)	0	3	0
UI (17-15)	4	1	6
WP: Recchia, M. (1-1) LP: Haig, P. (1-4)	0	0	0
	3	3	4
	13	9	1

E: Wikoff, B. 2 (6); Hastings, K. (1); Haig, P. (1) -UI; Strang, C. (3) -EUI. LOB: UI 6; EUI 11. 2B: Wikoff (3) -UI; Kreke, J. (8) -EUI. 3B: Lutes, C. (2) -UI. HR: Lindquist, R. (2) -EUI. HBP: Restko, C. (4) -EUI. SF: Skidmore, Z. (2) -EUI. SB: Hudson, K. (27) -UI; Restko (5); Skidmore (4) -EUI. Note: 1,777 in attendance at Key Inning: Bottom of the first Eastern scored four runs to take control early, thanks in part to a two-RBI single to right field by junior designated hitter Zach Skidmore.

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SOFTBALL | INDIANA STATE 9, EASTERN 1 (5 INNINGS)

Panthers make lots of mistakes

Errors, focus contribute to loss on the road

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

KIM SCHUETTE | EASTERN HEAD COACH ON LOSS

"Things kind of spiraled. It was a rough day for Eastern. I think we'll be all right. Sometimes you got to get your butt kicked."

Almost a week after a high-offensive output, the Eastern softball team did a 360-degree turnaround on Tuesday.

The Panthers, who tied their season high with 11 hits against Butler on Thursday, only managed three singles in their 9-1 loss in five innings at Indiana State.

Indiana State sophomore pitcher Meagan McCurdy kept the Panthers off-balance, and Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said her team made too many mistakes against McCurdy.

"We were trying to hit everything she threw, whether it was a strike or not," Schuette said. "We didn't make the adjustments we needed to make."

McCurdy struck out seven and relied on her drop ball to confuse



Sarah Coppert
Junior second baseman had one of Eastern's three hits in the loss. Coppert also had a stolen base.

Eastern hitters. "It was out of the strike zone, and we were swinging at them," Schuette said.

Eastern sophomore shortstop Megan Nelson said the team wasn't focused at the plate.

"We really couldn't lay off of the drop ball," Nelson said. "We had been getting good looks at the plate

(until today)."

McCurdy (8-9) kept the Panthers scoreless until the fifth inning. Eastern senior right field-



Karyn Mackie
Senior pitcher only pitched in one inning. Mackie gave up five hits, six runs, walked three and struck out one.

fielder Denee' Menzione grounded out to the pitcher.

"We didn't do much right today," Schuette said.

Schuette also said the Panthers

er Robyn Mackie singled to left field to score Eastern sophomore left fielder Lauren Brackett for Eastern's only run.

Nelson and Eastern junior second baseman Sarah Coppert had Eastern's other hits.

Coppert was also walked in the fifth inning to load the bases, but Eastern sophomore center



Robyn Mackie
Senior right fielder had one of Eastern's three hits in the loss. Mackie also singled in Eastern's lone run.

defense, which committed two errors, and pitching, which allowed seven earned runs on nine hits, weren't all there on Tuesday.

"We lost some balls in the sun," Schuette said. "Things kind of spiraled. It was a rough day for Eastern. I think we'll be all right. Sometimes you got to get your butt kicked."

Indiana State (14-20-1) jumped on the Panthers early with five runs in the first inning.

Eastern senior pitcher Karyn

Mackie (7-8) started the game, but lasted only one inning. The Wildwood, Mo., native gave up five hits, six runs, walked three and struck out one.

Eastern junior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby pitched the final 3 2/3 innings. She gave up four hits, three runs, walked one and struck out one.

Eastern (13-17) doesn't have much time to think about Tuesday's loss as the Panthers take on Saint Louis (15-25-1) in a doubleheader today. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m. at SLU.

Tuesday's Game

Indiana State 9, Eastern 1 (5 inn.)

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
EU (13-17)	0	0	0
ISU (14-20-1)	5	1	0
WP: McCurdy, M. (8-9) LP: Mackie, K. (7-8)	1	3	2
	9	9	1

E Nelson, M., (13); Menzione, D., (1); -EJU. Childress, A., (4); -ISU. LOB: EJU 6; ISU 4. 2B: Simpson, M., (5); Fakas, L., (4); Childress (2); Markowski, S., (3); Armour, K., (3); -ISU. 3B: Simpson (1); -ISU. HR: Markowski (2); -ISU. SB: Coppert, S., (12); -EJU.

Key Inning: Top of the first
The Sycamores scored five runs, and never looked back en route to an easy 9-1 win.

» Cusack

FROM PAGE 12

Despite knowing the team's entire depth chart and every one of their strengths and weaknesses, there is one thing I will never do as a fan of these teams.

I will never refer to my favorite team with the words "we" or "us."

"Man, we really sucked today."
"I can't believe we couldn't hit."

"Play us again, and see what happens" will never be uttered from my mouth.

Sure, I am a fan of the team — but I am not an actual paid member of the White Sox payroll and, to my knowledge, I am not on Ohio State's football roster. In fact, I probably never will be.

It drives me crazy when someone who has not been through any of the experiences of the players label

themselves as someone who is a part of the team just to sound cool to one of their friends or important to someone who roots for a rival team.

It is OK to bask in the delight of a victory, but remember — you are just a fan and nothing more.

I am a fan, and I accept that. When I talk glowingly of one of my favorite teams, I mention the team's accomplishments, not my own. I have not done anything to affect the

outcome of anything on the field. All I did was sit on my couch, eat chips and drink a Coke.

Feel free to use the words "we" and "us" when describing a fan base because that is something you are a part of.

If I was batting cleanup for the White Sox when they won the 2005 World Series, that would be a different story. But instead I am just like any other person, except I happened

to be wearing the correct colors on that day.

You personally are not the best team in the Big Ten, and you did not sweep the Cubs in the season series, so stop sounding like an idiot and remember to give credit where credit is due.

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TRIPLE THREAT



Ross Jeske

Tuesday's baseball game between Eastern and Illinois featured seven players from the Mattoon-Charleston area, with three suiting up for the Panthers and four playing for the Fighting Illini. Eastern junior pitcher Ross Jeske (above), Illinois senior first baseman Ryan Hastings and Illinois junior center fielder Kyle Hudson all played for Mattoon High School and were members of the 2003 American Legion state championship team. Here are three other athletes from the surrounding area who have succeeded at Eastern.

1. Matt Imburgia — Matt Imburgia is tied with his twin brother Mike, both Effingham natives, for Eastern's top scoring average (75.2) on Eastern's men's golf team. Matt was the top Eastern performer at the Illini Spring Classic last weekend in Urbana with a fourth-place finish after shooting a team-low 151 (+7).

2. Chip Keys — The Paris native led Eastern in touchdowns during the 2007 football season before he injured his ankle against Southeast Missouri. Keys scored six touchdowns on 22 rushing attempts in five games while averaging 5.5 yards per carry.

3. Emma Cannoy — Cannoy played in every Eastern women's rugby game except the first game during the 2007 season. The freshman from Mattoon scored her first career try and had her first run for more than 20 yards in the Panthers' 108-3 win against Ohio State on Oct. 6.

-Scott Richey



DAN CUSACK

Fans need to learn their place

Each year I spend 52 weeks obsessed with something I cannot control. When they win, I am ecstatic. When they lose, I hear about it.

I am passionate about my favorite sports teams — the Chicago White Sox and my absolute favorite, the Ohio State football team.

I read everything there is to know about these teams, scour several message boards to discuss every nuance of every aspect of every player, watch every single game and talk smack to all of my friends who cheer for rival teams when my favorites come away with a big victory.

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WOMEN'S GOLF | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team moves into fifth place

Majority of Panthers improve score

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

The Eastern women's golf team made a major improvement in the second round of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

The Panthers shot a 313 (+25) on Tuesday after shooting a 337 (+49) in the first round on Monday at The Shoals on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

They are currently at 650 (+74) and moved to fifth place after finishing seventh after the first round.

The Panthers are six strokes behind fourth-place Samford (644) and 23 strokes behind first-place Jacksonville State (627).

Eastern senior Amy Simons had the lowest score for the Panthers on Tuesday, as she cut 16 strokes off her

TEAM LEADERBOARD
(Day Two of Three)

School	Score
1. Jacksonville State	627 (+51)
2. Murray State	631 (+55)
3. E. Kentucky	643 (+67)
4. Samford	644 (+68)
5. E. Illinois	650 (+74)
6. Tennessee Tech	651 (+75)
7. Austin Peay	665 (+89)
8. Tennessee State	816 (+240)

EASTERN LEADERBOARD
(Day Two of Three)

Standing	Name	Score
T15.	M. Anderson	79 (+7)
T19.	C. Riordan	78 (+6)
26.	K. Imburgia	80 (+8)
T27.	A. Simons	76 (+4)
T27.	J. Voorhees	86 (+24)

first-round total to finish the second round with an impressive 76 (+4). Her performance moved her up on the individual chart, as she is tied for 27th place.

Simons said not hitting into hazards improved her score in the sec-

ond round.

"(Monday) I hit into a lot of hazards, and (Tuesday) I had no penalties," Simons said.

Simons said despite dropping 16 strokes she had mixed emotions about her performance.

"I played the ball well with my driver today," Simons said. "Still, there were a couple of shots I wish I could have gotten."

Junior Michelle Anderson shot another good round with a 79, which leaves her with the Panthers' best two-day total of 162 (+18) and puts her in a tie for 15th place.

"I was happy with how I played," Anderson said. "I had some three-putts near the end of the round, but other than that I think I played well."

Anderson said she wants to cut down on three putts in today's third round.

Junior Carrie Riordan sits only a shot back of Anderson as she fin-

ished the day with a 78 for a two-day total of 163, putting her in a tie for 19th place.

Sophomore Jaymie Voorhees was the only Panther not to improve her day one score, as she finished with an 86 (+14).

Anderson said she was pleased by her team's performance in Tuesday's round.

"We played a lot better and moved up the leaderboard," Anderson said. "Hopefully we can continue that tomorrow and move up even further."

Jacksonville State freshman Laura Cutler and Murray State sophomore Megan McKinney are tied for first after 36 rounds with a score of 154.

The final round of the tournament begins at 8 a.m. Live scoring of the event can be viewed through the OVC Web site.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 13, ILLINOIS 3



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior third baseman Jordan Kreke hits the ball during Tuesday night's game against Illinois at Grimes Field at Peterson Park in Mattoon. Kreke went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and scored two runs. The Panthers won 13-3. The Panthers play Saint Louis at 3 p.m. today in St. Louis.

Panthers show patience at plate

Almost 1,800 fans see blowout victory against in-state rival

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

MATTOON — Eastern junior third baseman Jordan Kreke pulled through again.

Kreke ignited a two-out rally in the first inning with after junior second baseman Jordan Tokarz and sophomore catcher Richie Derbak drew back-to-back walks, which provided all the runs Eastern needed in its 13-3 win against Illinois on Tuesday night at Grimes Field in

Mattoon's Peterson Park.

Kreke lined a two-strike pitch over Illinois junior second baseman Joe Bonadonna's head to drive in Tokarz. Derbak advanced to third on the play, and Kreke moved to second on the throw to third to try to get Derbak.

"(Illinois starting pitcher Phil Haig) was pretty wild early so we were just trying to get some pitches to hit," Kreke said. "We got some guys on, and I hit a soft changeup to right field. It was good to see the rest of the guys get it going with two outs. Four runs was a huge start to the day."

The Panthers (17-15) played in front of 1,777 fans against the

Fighting Illini (18-13).

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said he talked to his team about being more patient at the plate after two quick outs to start the first inning.

"I don't think (Haig) was making good pitches," Schmitz said. "We were swinging at his pitch. We want to be aggressive at times and other times we don't want to be aggressive. Definitely it worked this time to get a good pitch right there."

Eastern junior Zach Skidmore continued the two-out rally with a single through the infield to Bonadonna's left to score Derbak and Kreke.

The rally continued with a walk

to senior first baseman Tristan Facer, and the bases were loaded again when freshman shortstop Cameron Strang reached on an error by Illinois sophomore shortstop Brandon Wikoff.

Wikoff's throw to first base was high and pulled the Fighting Illini senior first baseman Ryan Hastings off the bag.

The Panthers scored their fourth run of the inning when Eastern junior right fielder Ryan Lindquist reached on another error by Wikoff. Lindquist hit a routine ground ball to Wikoff, but Wikoff bobbled the ball and Facer scored on the play.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S TENNIS
Today vs. Southern Illinois |
3 p.m. — Darling Courts

BASEBALL
Today at Saint Louis |
3 p.m. — St. Louis

SOFTBALL
Today at Saint Louis (DH) |
4 p.m. — St. Louis

WOMEN'S GOLF
Today at OVC Championships |
All Day — Muscle Shoals, Ala.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK
Friday at Vanderbilt Invite |
All Day — Nashville, Tenn.