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CITY | POLICE

Reeder arrested for DUI

Staff Report

Eastern football's starting quarterback last season was arrested almost two weeks ago for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol.

Bodie Reeder, who started the final nine games for the Panthers this season, was arrested at 2:17 a.m. Jan. 11 at Ninth Street and Woodlawn Drive.

Reeder declined to comment about the situation and his attorney, Terese Matthews, was unavailable for comment.

University Police Chief Adam Due confirmed Reeder was under the influence of alcohol, but could not release additional information.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is a class A misdemeanor. Class A misdemeanors can be punishable by serving time in a state prison for less than a year. A fine of \$2,500 or an amount specified in the offense, whichever is greater, can be levied.

Reeder's arraignment is scheduled for Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. at the Coles County Courthouse.

Reeder passed for 1,726 yards and 10 touchdowns this past season as a sophomore. The Ivesdale native led the Panthers to an 8-4 record, a second-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference and a third straight trip to the Football Championship Sub-division playoffs this past year.



BODIE REEDER

CAMPUS | HEALTH

BLOOD PUMPS OUT OF EASTERN

Donors counter seasonal, national shortages

By Emily Zulz
Activities Reporter

Karen Reed heard on the news a request for blood donors to help relieve the blood shortage across the nation.

Reed, who helps with Panther Catering, decided to give blood Tuesday afternoon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Reed had not given blood since 1994.

In the American Red Cross Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region, the current overall blood supply is set at less than two days; however, type O negative has less than a half a day's supply and the supply is at only .32 days.

Tinley Hanks, donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross, said the Red Cross has to make sure the blood that is needed is on hand, but with O negative that is tough to do.

"When you have less than half a day's supply, one major accident can wipe you out," Hanks said.

O negative is the universal blood type that everyone can receive.

Hanks said if the blood type of the patient is unknown, usually in an emergency situation, they can be given O negative.

Because of this, this blood type is in high demand.

"It seems to go out the door pretty fast," Hanks said.

Jim Williams, manager of communication for American Red Cross



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Amanda Lefevers, a senior special education major, donates blood in the American Red Cross blood drive Tuesday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Missouri-Illinois Region, said the Red Cross likes to have a five to seven day overall supply of blood. The Missouri-Illinois region currently stands at 1.81 days of blood.

Williams said while the blood levels are low, they are not yet critically low.

However, if there was icy weather for two days and people were unable to get out and give blood, the Red Cross would be out of blood.

Williams said as a whole, there is a national blood shortage, and

the entire blood supply needs to be increased.

If the blood levels continue to fall, surgeries would eventually be canceled, he said.

Winter weather and holidays are big factors in the shortage, Williams said.

This is why January has been National Volunteer Blood Donor Month since 1970, because the Red Cross typically sees a drop during the holidays and winter months.

Williams said the Red Cross relies

on schools for 22 to 25 percent of their blood supply; however, during holidays, schools are closed and blood drives are canceled.

Hanks said flu season and bad weather often affect donors from getting out to donate.

The only way the Red Cross can receive blood is through donations.

A study at the University of Minnesota showed only 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood.

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CAMPUS | EDUCATION

D.C. INTERNSHIPS OPEN UP

Washington Center gets students to the Capitol

By Barbara Harrington
University Reporter

For Brandon Hensley, it was a first.

But it was also a first for Eastern. Hensley, a senior communications major, was one of the first two Eastern students to participate in a 10-week internship through The Washington Center last summer.

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, said The Washington Center works with different universities from across the country to set up student internships in Washington, D.C.

Hensley attended an informational meeting about the center last spring after Irwin sent out an e-mail to honors students telling them about the program.

After asking faculty members questions and watching a video about The Washington Center, Hensley decided to apply.

"It really appealed to me because The Washington Center took care of

BRANDON HENSLEY | COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT

"It wasn't like I went and got coffee for people. I was completely involved at the agency."

everything," he said. "You don't have to go to housing to figure out where you will stay or get in contact with places for an internship. They kind of ease you into the process."

The program is open to all students who are at least second-semester sophomores with a minimum grade point average of 2.75. Some agencies require a 3.0 GPA for interns.

Irwin said students could participate in an internship offered by The Washington Center during a semester or during the summer.

When students apply for the program, they answer questions about their interests, majors and career goals, Irwin said. The Washington Center then uses this information to place students in appropriate internships, she added.

Upon acceptance into the program, Hensley was given a list of

potential internships. The Washington Center sent Hensley's information to the organizations on the list and the organizations then contacted Hensley for a phone interview.

Hensley chose to intern at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services because the government agency offered him a monthly stipend to help with living expenses.

In addition to the stipend, Hensley said he received a grant from the state, so he had to pay only one-third of the initial program cost.

As an intern, Hensley said he worked about eight or nine hours a day. His primary responsibilities were with public affairs and web communications.

Hensley conducted research and wrote interactive pieces for the agency's Web site.

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CITY | TRADE

Interchange makes life easier for locals

By Jordan Crook
City Reporter

The interchange at Exit 192 on Interstate 57 at County Road 1000N has only been open to traffic for under a month, yet it has already created some enthusiasm among business agencies in Mattoon.

Mary Wetzel, executive director of the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce, said the interchange has the potential to greatly help area businesses.

"We think it will be a big plus for the area," she said.

The interchange, located north of Mattoon on I-57, was created as a result of a petition made by area businesses 13 years ago in the hopes of creating a more direct route to factories for trucking traffic.

Wetzel said the interchange has not seen much traffic so far, but she expects it to become more frequented once the interchange is more clearly marked as a road for trucking traffic. But the road will not just direct truckers to factories.

Wetzel said the interchange will help employees of the various facto-

ries and warehouses located north of Mattoon get to work easier and faster.

"I know (employees) are going to be very excited about that," Wetzel said.

Employees of the Mars Pet Care factory is one of the largest employers of Mattoon residents in the area, according to the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce, and is one business that will have an easier time getting to work as a result of the interchange.

Chris Haas, operations manager for the plant, said the interchange gives employees as well as truckers a more direct route to reach the factory.

"It'll make it that much easier for people to get here," he said.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Housekeeper, masseuse find Heath Ledger dead

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Heath Ledger was found dead Tuesday in a Manhattan apartment, face-down and naked at the foot of his bed with prescription sleeping pills nearby, police said. The Australian-born actor was 28.

There was no obvious indication of suicide, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said.

Ledger had an appointment for a massage at the SoHo apartment that is believed to be the home of the "Brokeback Mountain" actor, Browne said.

The massage therapist and a housekeeper found his naked body

in the bed at about 3:30 p.m. They tried to revive him, but he was already dead.

"We are all deeply saddened and shocked by this accident," Ledger's publicist, Mara Buxbaum, said in a statement Tuesday night. "This is an extremely difficult time for his loved ones and we are asking the media to please respect the family's privacy and avoid speculation until the facts are known."

Outside the building on an upscale street, paparazzi and gawkers gathered, and several police officers put up barricades to control the crowd of about 300.

Onlookers craned their necks as officers brought out a black body bag

on a gurney, took it across the sidewalk and put it into a white medical examiner's office van.

As the door opened, bystanders snapped pictures with camera phones, rolled video, and said, "He's coming out!"

An autopsy was planned for today medical examiner's office spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said.

Ledger was nominated for an Oscar for his performance as a gay cowboy in "Brokeback Mountain," where he met Michelle Williams, who played his wife in the film.

The two had a daughter, now 2-year-old Matilda, and lived together in Brooklyn until they split up last year.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

On the air with Pancake



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Pancake, a Corgi, and sophomore John Twork, sports director for Hit-Mix 88.9 WEIU, discuss Super Bowl predictions during the Hit-Mix Cafe Friday afternoon. The dog belongs to senior Amie Maul, a DJ for Hit-Mix. "(Pancake) sort of has become the Hit-Mix mascot," Twork said.

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

Man steals 93 pounds of women's undergarments, gets 45 days

The Associated Press

COLFAX, Wash. — A man is facing a sentence of one-and-a-half months after admitting he stole 93 pounds of women's undergarments.

Garth Flaherty, 24, was charged with first-degree theft and burglary in the stealing of 1,613 pairs of panties, bras and other women's underwear from laundry rooms.

Under an agreement with prosecutors, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced Friday in Whitman County Superior Court to 45 days in jail. He may serve 30 days of his term in community service, court officials said.

In his bedroom, police said, they found enough women's underwear to fill five garbage bags.

Cash thrown from window during chase

LOS ANGELES — Handfuls of cash were hurled into the streets as police chased suspects in a bank robbery Tuesday.

One person was arrested after a pursuit through two counties at speeds topping 100 mph, Los Angeles police said.

Costa Mesa police Sgt. Bryan Glass said three masked gunmen held up a Downey Savings branch, fled in a getaway car and then switched to another vehicle. The second car led police on a chase along freeways from Orange County into Los Angeles County.

In Los Angeles, the chase moved from freeways onto streets as someone in the car threw at least three wads of money out a car window.

The car eventually crashed into a palm tree at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, and the four men inside ran off. Los Angeles police said one man was arrested there as officers searched for other suspects.

Police did not immediately say whether any money was found in the car, and there was no word on what happened to the currency thrown out during the chase.

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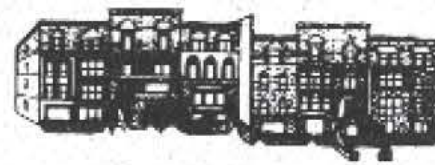
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CAMPUS | ACTIVITIES

GETTING A MOVE ON

Health Education Resource Center starts walking program

By Amanda Padgitt
Staff Reporter

Last summer, Felicia Magee started walking with her sister to fit exercise into her daily routine.

The winter months, however, made it hard for Magee to motivate herself to maintain her schedule.

EIU Moves, a new walking incentive program initiated by the Health Education Resource Center, hopes to become the motivation Magee and other students and faculty need.

"This would force me to walk even though it's cold," said Magee, secretary for the family and consumer sciences department.

The seven-week program, which began Jan. 14, takes a different approach. Participants walk a distance equivalent to the miles from Charleston to Daytona Beach, Fla. — a total of 1,019 miles.

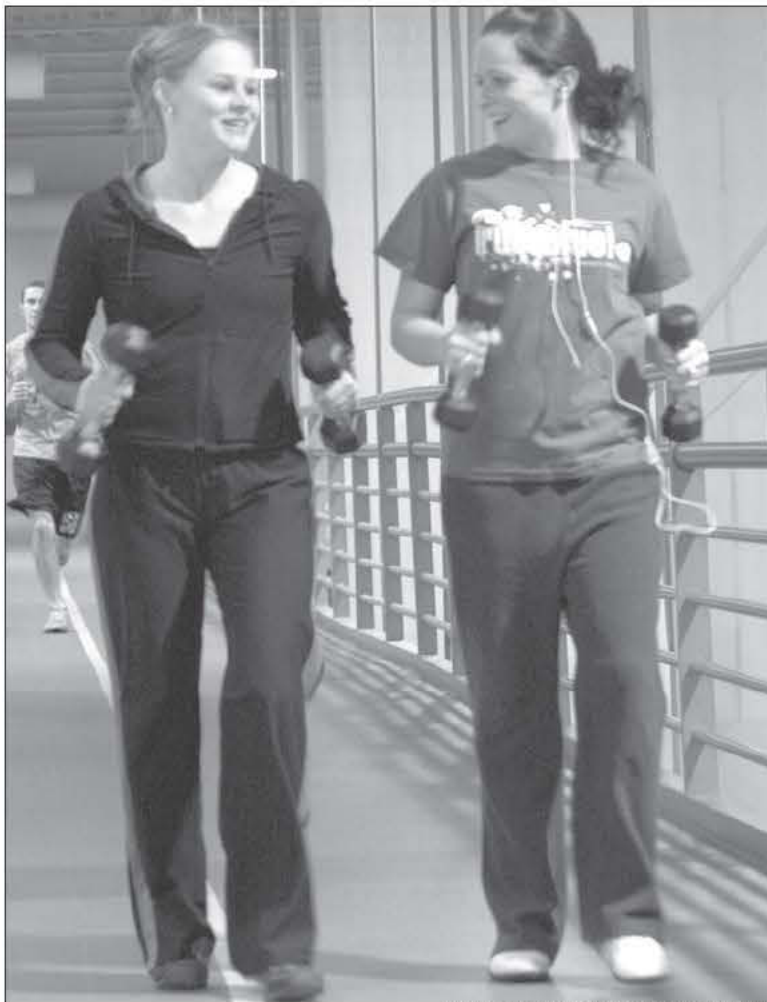
"There's little towns along the way," said Dawn Wilcox, nutrition education coordinator at HERC. "Each week, it increases just a little bit."

EIU Moves comprises two separate competitions for students and faculty. Students compete in teams of six for the ultimate prize of winning a \$50 discount off an air flight of their choice for a spring break location.

The prize is rewarded to every team member.

Although faculty and staff compete individually for no prizes, some of the 50 who signed up still added a competitive aspect.

"Some offices within campus have made it into a competition,"



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Megan Shier, a freshman business education major, and Angela Scully, a freshman business management major, stroll the indoor track at the Student Recreation Center. Walking to health is the premise of the EIU Moves program.

Wilcox said. "But it's their choice if they want to make a competition out of it."

Participants wear pedometers 24 hours a day to keep track of steps they take.

At the end of the week, they compile miles for a weekly goal.

Participants notice the differences in their activity level quickly.

"It's very interesting for some people to actually see how much they walk on a normal basis because most people don't know," Wilcox said. "Most people think 'Well, I walk a lot,' but then you put the pedometer on and you may not walk a lot. So, it helps you determine how much more you need to walk on top of your daily routine."

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EIU MOVES ONLINE



- Listen to online reporter Seth Miller talk with the nutrition education coordinator about the benefits of the program
- Check out the detailed map route at www.dennews.com

Emily Meirink, a dietetics graduate student, joined the program with others in her department in one of three student teams registered.

Meirink said the program has even been beneficial for her dog.

"I hadn't been walking my dog when it was cold," she said.

By the program's finish, Magee hopes her walking will be habitual enough that something like the weather won't stop her again.

"If you do something long enough, it becomes part of your routine, and you incorporate it in no matter what," Magee said.

EIU Moves joins the hundreds of walking programs initiated by states, communities, hospitals, organizations and corporations.

This year is a trail program because it is the first semester of the program; however, Wilcox plans to continue the program.

"Students sometimes want to increase their physical activity but don't know how," Wilcox said.

Meirink said the program is easy and said she would recommend it to anyone wanting to get more active.

"For people who don't work out very often, it's a good starting point," Meirink said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Lilly Conference Panel participants speak

Panelists who participated in the International Lilly Conference will speak about their experience at today from noon to 1 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

January International Forum busts myths

Farhan Aziz, EIU study abroad coordinator, will lead the International Forum on studying abroad along with graduate students. The forum is titled "Study Abroad Mythbusters: Myth or Fact."

The forum will be 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Junior University Union.

-Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto and Senior Campus Reporter Ashley Mefford

BLOTTER

• An unidentified driver hit a car parked in a lot Jan. 15 at 902 Cleveland Ave.

The owner of the damaged vehicle left her 1998 Honda Accord about 7:45 a.m. and returned about 11 a.m.

The hit and run caused extensive damage along the driver's side door and left rear quarter panel, according to reports. White paint transferred to the left mirror.

Police estimated damage would cost more than \$500 to repair.

The car owner told police she parked next to a white truck, but the truck was gone when she returned.

• An unidentified driver hit a car parked on the street in the 1700 block of Woodlawn Drive between Saturday evening and Sunday morning

The owner of the 1996 Ford Taurus was hit on the driver's side rear corner, causing more than \$500 of damage, police said.

The hit and run happened between 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday.

• An unidentified driver hit a car parked in the parking lot at Boxa Pizza, 453 Lincoln Ave., between 12:40 and 1 a.m. Sunday.

The owner of the 2000 Saturn SL2 noticed the driver's side rear quarter panel, bumper and rear driver's side taillight were damaged. The damage will cost more than \$500 to repair, police estimated.

The car's owner said she noticed a large white truck next to her car, which might have been a commercial vehicle.

• An unidentified driver caused more than \$500 worth of damage after hitting a light pole about 12:41 p.m. Friday in the Family Video parking lot by 909 Lincoln. A witness told police he saw a white tractor trailer strike the pole and flee the parking lot.

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CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE

Clearing up Counseling Center confusion

Meeting covers confidentiality issues

By Matt Daniels
Editor in Chief

Sandy Cox knows some misconceptions linger about her job.

As director of Eastern's Counseling Center, Cox regularly deals with students who have mood disorders or other mental health issues.

What can or cannot be released once students visit the center is a source of speculation.

Cox tried to clear up some of the misperceptions at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting. Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Nadler and University Counsel Rob Miller also addressed the topic at the meeting.

"A lot of information transpired in this room," said Lynne Curry, faculty senate chair. "For a lot of us, I think we were aware that, for example, there is an increasing number of students with mental health issues coming to colleges and universities."

Cox said once a student comes to the Counseling Center and fills out required paperwork, the center cannot give away specific information to outside parties unless the threat of imminent danger is present.

"Imminent danger means, at this moment, we are concerned about securing their safety or the safety of



ERICA JONES | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sandy Cox, director of the Counseling Center, speaks at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting. Cox spoke of misconceptions about confidentiality.

others," Cox said.

This rule is in place because of regulations outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the Illinois Mental Health Confidentiality Act.

"Under the Illinois Mental Health Confidentiality Act, (Cox) cannot disclose anything about a student's counseling record," Miller said.

Cox said she would prefer to release information to help students receive more services and treatment.

"We really are a lockdown system," she said.

Cox said she and her staff of six cannot fix all students' problems.

"Sometimes, their problems are just too severe to maintain," Cox said. "We wished we had magic wands, but we don't."

Cox provided the senate with statistics concerning students' mental health compared to 10 years ago.

She said the main reason students came to the center a decade ago was relationship issues. Today, students primarily seek help for mood disorders, Cox said.

ders, Cox said.

Cox also said the center has seen 79 emergency cases since July 1. Ten years ago, the center saw roughly between 60-75 cases.

The criteria for an emergency are classified by one of three areas. Either the students exhibit harm to themselves, have experienced a recent traumatic event or have experienced the death of a significant other, Cox said.

Nadler said he looks at a recent study conducted by the University of California Los Angeles in 2004 to compare Eastern with other schools.

The study concluded in the last 10 years, students are feeling more overwhelmed and stressed.

"The things we're experiencing in Charleston and at EIU is not unique," he said.

In other business, Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs and Provost, said most manual corrections were made to the Banner system involving students with inaccurate grade point averages. Lord also said data for the 10-day enrollment figures will be released soon.

12,179 students were enrolled after the 10-day figures were released last semester. The next faculty senate meeting is at 2 p.m. Feb. 5 in Room 4400 of Booth Library.

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Letter to the editor

PROFESSIONAL LANGUAGE

The Jan. 22 Staff Editorial, "Perry sent out a letter, but did anyone actually read it?" dealt with a severe problem. No, the problem is not President Perry's skill as a communicator, but rather the apparent inability of the student body to comprehend professional language.

Most of us are here at Eastern preparing for professional careers of some sort in business, education, science, or some other field.

Probably the most important skill for all of these career choices is the ability to communicate effectively.

Now, keeping in mind that communication is generally a two-way process, the fact that so many students (apparently) had such trouble understanding Perry's e-mail is extremely troubling.

In the future, will Eastern students request that their employers translate all memos into short sentences using only small words? Does the average CEO or principal communicate in such a way? Doubtful. Do Eastern students really have such poor reading comprehension (or such short attention spans) that they simply cannot wade through a complex professional document?

If so, I would propose a sixth item for President Perry's list of priorities: improve the communication skills of Eastern students, especially reading comprehension. Hopefully this can be accomplished before Eastern becomes "the best in the nation" at producing borderline illiterate graduates.

George Lesica
Graduate Student, EconomicsCONTINUE THE DEBATE
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Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

EIU Moves walks right path

Past studies have shown nearly one-third of all Americans between the ages of 10 and 17 are overweight.

In the society we live in today, with fast food restaurants on every corner and children more inclined to stay inside playing their basketball video game rather than going out and actually playing basketball, those numbers and statistics aren't surprising.

And it's sad that those numbers don't shock more people or leave people more surprised.

But Eastern's new program, EIU Moves, is trying to correct some of the obesity issues facing our nation.

The program, sponsored by the Health Education Resource Center, started Jan. 14 and runs through March 3.

Teams are split up with six members on each team.

Each team is expected to cover 1,019 miles, roughly the distance from Charleston to Daytona Beach, Fla., in the seven-week period.

All told, a person participating in this program will walk 169 miles in the course of nearly two months if every team hits the goal of 1,019 miles.

They are given a pedometer, which records the number of miles each team walks per week. At the end of the program, teams that have met the goal of 1,019 miles, plus their individual goals, will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$50 coupon off air travel to a Spring Break destination in Florida.

The weeks are broken down so teams have a

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** EIU Moves is a program that will help members of the Eastern community stay in shape.

• **Stance:** The program will benefit all those who participate and will challenge them to live healthier lifestyles.

goal every week of how many miles to walk so they'll hit their target.

For instance, the first week, teams were expected to walk 118 miles between the six members. This averages out to nearly 20 miles per person. To chart their miles, about 2,000 steps equal one mile.

Setting goals is a key first step in combating obesity.

Reaching that goal and ultimately fulfilling that goal is the pivotal second point, which is why this particular program by HERC is beneficial.

The miles are slowly increased during the weeks of the program, up to a maximum of 172 miles per week by the final week.

While the final prize of discounted airfare is rewarding, that shouldn't be the reason people participate in this program.

Studies 20 years from now shouldn't have to report that more than one-half of 10-to-17 year olds are overweight.

By starting this program, HERC is at least trying to put the right foot forward – and they should be commended for that.

Do not disappoint the people

Despite the Student Government's rocky start this semester after missing their first meeting of the year, Speaker of the Senate Megan Ogulnick expressed her want to turn the government in a more promising direction.

In a *DEN* article last week, Ogulnick picked apart last semester's actions and commented on the strengths and weaknesses of each committee.

She has a clear vision of what she does and does not want her committees to do. For example, Ogulnick says the Internal Affairs committee had some good ideas last semester, but that "It needed better organization in documenting senator absences and logging their office hours."

She appointed Isaac Sandidge as chair of the Academic Affairs committee, expecting no problems with communication between him and the vice president of Academic Affairs like the committee chair did last year.

Also, minutes from previous committee meetings were never taken and Ogulnick is making sure she has committee minutes following each meeting. There's always room for improvement, as evident by the two unfilled committee chairs from last week's meeting.

Even though most of the committee chairs Ogulnick appointed this semester don't have previous experience as heads of each committee, she is confident in their leadership skills and dedication to student government.

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Speaker of the Senate Megan Ogulnick has a clear vision of what Student Government needs to improve.

• **Stance:** Ogulnick is taking her job seriously and the student body should watch to make sure she fulfills her plans.

She plans on holding committee chairs more accountable for their actions and said that there are other willing senators who are able to step up to make sure progress is being made.

Ogulnick has taken the time to review what each committee did last year and thought about how she could improve them. She has appointed committee chairs who have shown previous dedication and have drummed up a few good ideas.

Her objectives are specific and cover problems like getting a proper recycling program at University Court or resolving the lack of communication between the Housing committee and local landlords.

Since Ogulnick has a clear vision of what needs to be changed, students on this campus can see that she is doing her job and implementing these changes.

Pulitzer Prize winning author W.A. Swanberg sums it up best.

"The government now has a terrible responsibility not to disappoint the hopes of the people."



LAUREN DAVIDSON

A toxin here, a toxin there

Today's society is undeniably based on consumerism. More than 3,000 times a day, you are told by an advertisement that your stuff isn't good enough. You're told you lack value because you don't have enough things, but it can all be solved if you just go out and buy product X.

Besides the sky-rocketing depression rates since consumerism exploded in the 1950s (thanks in no small part to a very intentional and ongoing campaign by the government to make people base their spiritual happiness and fulfillment on the amount of things they have) and depleted resources and rising climates, there is another huge problem with the kind of blind consumerism we're being taught: what is in all this stuff? What are we really paying for?

More than 100,000 untested synthetic chemicals are used in commerce today, but there's been almost no research done on the health effects of these products.

Did you know we use a known neurotoxin in a lot of pillows? Sure, it makes the pillow less flammable, but there's something to be said for not sleeping on something that eats at your brain every night.

What's worse is that there isn't any research being done on the synergistic impact of any of these chemicals.

In other words, we don't know how the chemicals and toxins building up in our bodies are interacting with one another.

It makes you wonder things like why more and more people are facing cancer and why autism rates have inexplicably increased tenfold since the 1970s.

Who cares that all the dioxins and pollutants you store over your lifetime end up concentrated in breast-milk?

I'm not suggesting that breast-milk isn't the healthiest route for feeding an infant (scientists say that despite the risks, it is definitely still the healthiest way); but there is a problem with a picture in which the youngest and most disease-susceptible population in America is the one getting more toxins than the recommended daily intake. Unfortunately, part of the solution still requires the focus on spending money, but it's about making conscious choices in what you buy.

It can be as simple as checking out a product on a site like cosmeticsdatabase.com, a thorough, user-friendly, well-researched site that rates products for their health risks. The United States Department of Agriculture has no set standards for cosmetics, so this is a worthwhile chore.

When buying organic foods, try and balance the extra cost by only buying organic foods that are the most susceptible to pesticide residue.

The USDA advises us to focus organic spending on produce, as it's most likely to have pesticide residue in it.

It's extremely important to wash your produce, but it can also help to trim away skin and fat from meat because that tends to be where the pesticide residues collect. Shopping locally helps decrease the risk because petrochemicals used in transportation can pose a threat.

Of course, even if you don't buy organically, the benefits of a diet high in fruit and vegetables still outweigh the risks of pesticide exposure, so don't get too discouraged if you find yourself slipping.

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NATION | BUSINESS

Emergency Fed rate cut stabilizes stocks; Bush, Congress urge action

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jolted by global recession fears, the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates Tuesday, and President Bush and leaders of Congress joined in a rare show of cooperation in promising urgent action to pump up the economy with upwards of \$150 billion in tax cuts and government spending.

Market meltdowns overnight around the globe and growing anxiety at home stirred lawmakers and the administration toward swift action, possibly within a few weeks. Wall Street plummeted as the day began, following Asian stocks, then warily eased its sell-off after the Fed ordered the biggest cut on record in a key interest rate. The Dow Jones industrials, down 465 points at one point, closed the day off 128.

The Fed, announcing its action after an emergency video conference Monday night, indicated further rate reductions were likely, aimed at encouraging people and companies to start spending again.

"The urgency that we feel at home is now even more urgent as we see the impact of our markets on others," House Speaker Nan-

cy Pelosi said after both Democratic and Republican lawmakers met with Bush at the White House.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the goal was to get a deal through Congress and on Bush's desk within roughly three weeks — lightning speed compared with the usual snail's pace on Capitol Hill. His Republican counterpart, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, agreed the aim was action in the next few weeks and said, "That, by the standards in Congress, is pretty fast."

Bush expressed confidence that he and the Democratic-led Congress could put aside differences that have marked his presidency.

"I believe we can find common ground to get something done that's big enough, effective enough so that an economy that is inherently strong gets a boost — to make sure that this uncertainty doesn't translate into more economic woes for our workers and small business people," Bush said in the Cabinet Room.

Later, announcing the creation of a panel to educate people about their finances, Bush said he thought there would be an agreement "in relatively short order."

The White House meeting was intended to show the world that Bush and his Democratic adversaries recognize the gravity of the economic slowdown and are serious about protecting consumers and investors who have watched their holdings shrink. Wall Street and global markets fear the stimulus package outlined by Bush is not enough to avert a recession. The Dow Jones industrial average is down nearly 10 percent since the beginning of the year — its worst first 14 trading days ever.

Official Washington was accentuating the positive.

"I really feel good that we have an opportunity to do something together," Reid said, standing in the White House driveway with Pelosi after talking with Bush.

Administration officials are focusing on rebates of \$800 to \$1,600 for individuals and couples and so-called bonus depreciation to allow companies to deduct 50 percent of business investments made this year. Democrats say the package also should include boosts in unemployment benefits, food stamp payments and the Medicaid health care program for the poor.

» Road

FROM PAGE 1

Haas said employees who live in Mattoon will not be the only ones given an advantage by the interchange.

He said those employees who live in Charleston will be able to have a faster and less trafficked route to the factory once the rest of the interchange opening a connecting road to Charleston is completed.

Cole County Engineer Rick Johnson said in a previous interview that there is no date set as of yet for when the road to Charleston will be completed.

Haas said he does not think the interchange will necessarily create more business for the factory right away, but said he had heard several comments from vendors on how much easier it is to find the factory with the interchange in place.

He said this ease of direction will be how his, and other businesses on the outskirts of Mattoon, will be positively affected by the interchange.

"The major benefits for us is when we're giving directions to people; (the interchange) makes giving directions a lot easier," Haas said.

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» Blood

FROM PAGE 1

Less than five percent of those eligible actually do donate, Hanks said.

And this percentage continues to decline during the winter.

The American Red Cross, Alpha Tau Omega and the Office of Orientation sponsored the blood drive in the University Ballroom.

Bradley Hill, junior industrial technology major and member of Alpha Tau Omega, gave blood for the first time Tuesday.

He said he has never been a big fan of blood, and that is what stopped him before.

Hill said he was a little nervous — but that was not going to stop him.

"One pint of blood saves three people's lives," Hill said.

Bryan Miller, associate professor in biology and sponsor for the Red Cross drive committee, has been helping for at least 15 years. He said there is always a need.

"It's the easiest way in the world to save a life," Miller said.

There will be blood drives on campus Feb. 5 and 8.

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» Intern

FROM PAGE 1

In addition to interning, students accepted into The Washington Center are required to attend seminars and maintain a portfolio.

Although he was intimidated when the program began, Hensley said being in an unfamiliar place and not knowing anyone pushed him to succeed.

"It was challenging," Hensley said. "I really think I grew a lot because of it because I was out there on my own and you are held accountable for your job and other work."

At the end of the 10 weeks, Hensley said internship supervisors evaluated the students.

Hensley said when his internship ended, he felt more confident about his communication skills.

"It really prepared me for the

BONNIE IRWIN | DEAN OF THE HONORS COLLEGE

"When I think Washington, D.C., I think political science or history. But I found out that they have internships no matter what your field is."

business and professional world," he said. "It wasn't like I went and got coffee for people. I was completely involved in the agency. It really helped me to establish contacts that might be useful in the near future."

When Irwin first heard about the program, she said she was surprised but pleased to learn how many different types of internships The Washington Center offered.

"When I think Washington, D.C., I think political science or history," Irwin said. "But I found out that they have internships, no matter what your field is in."

Eastern does not have a formal partnership with The Washington

Center, but Irwin said the university is pursuing one.

While she had hoped Eastern would be a partner to The Washington Center this year, Irwin said the process involves many offices on campus and said she has set a goal to be partners by next year.

One of the reasons for wanting to form a partnership with The Washington Center is to help reduce the costs of the program for students.

"We need ways to try to help support students who want to participate," Irwin said. "There are some scholarships available from other groups but the program is rather costly."

Like with the National Student Exchange, applying for a partnership with The Washington Center requires much planning and coordination.

Irwin said the university still needs to determine which office on campus will be handling the program and where it will be housed. Until then, Irwin said, students interested in the program should contact her at the Honors College.

"We do have a lot of interest and we know it's a good program for our students," she said. "We're trying to figure out what would be the best way to do it at Eastern."

Irwin said the university is also

working on setting up a formal system allowing students to receive credit for their work with The Washington Center. She said most public schools waive the tuition for the credit hours students earn during the program.

Irwin said The Washington Center allows students to build their resumes and establish contacts that may help them find a job after graduation. The program also exposes students to people from different parts of the country, she added.

"It's one thing to visit Washington, D.C.," Irwin said. "It's a very different thing to work behind the scenes, to really meet people and to realize how our government works. You also have the opportunity to meet people you've heard of."

Irwin said students interested in spending time interning in D.C. should start planning at least one year ahead.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT | MEETING

Decision on Bill Nye's visit tonight

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

Making Bill Nye Eastern's science guy will be one of the four bills voted on during tonight's Student Government meeting at 7 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The University Board requires an additional \$22,870 to cover the lecture's total estimated cost of \$29,756. If approved, the projected date for the lecture will be April 1, and students will be admitted for free.

Community members will have to pay \$3 per child and \$5 per adult, but only after students are given an allotted time to sign up for their ticket with the Student Life office.

The allocation was tabled for the past week and the senate will now vote on a decision. Another bill was tabled and will be voted on tonight regarding whether to allocate about \$780 for Executive Vice President Levi Bulgar and five others to visit Southern Illinois University on Feb. 1 for an Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee conference.

In new business, Student Body President Cole Rogers' Winter Wonderland suggestion will be discussed. The Apportionment Board voted 7-1 with two abstentions last Thursday to approve the allocation of \$9,915 for the Feb. 21 event.

Eric Wilber, AB member, voiced his concern for student government conducting events similar to UB productions. Two bills will be presented on this subject. One will approve the release of the funds from AB, and the other will approve the event's costs.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Alison Kostelich said she will have an extensive report on Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting in which guest speakers discussed students' mental health needs with the faculty representatives.

Director of the Counseling Center Sandy Cox, Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Nadler, and University Counsel Rob Miller gave the presentation at the faculty senate meeting.

Several appointments are also scheduled for tomorrow's Student Government meeting.

Speaker of the Senate Megan Ogulnick confirmed she would appoint the final two committee chairpersons during the meeting. Ogulnick did not appoint chairpersons to the Housing committee and University Development and Recycling committee during last week's meeting because of a lack of experienced candidates. Ogulnick also has the option of appointing nine new senators during the meeting. However, she said there would not be nine appointments.

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CAMPUS | DIET

PORTIONS, WAISTS GROW

Professor: 'We are overeating and we don't even know it.'

By Eun-yong Park
Staff Reporter

James Painter knew the popular movie "Super Size Me" wasn't telling the whole story.

He decided to respond with his own documentary to show how eating fast food could be healthy – when portioned correctly.

The aptly titled "Proportion Size Me" documentary was released in 2005.

"We lose track of how much we eat," said Painter during his presentation for the Wholesome Professor Series.

Painter, chairman for the family and consumer sciences department, spoke Tuesday morning in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Painter said the obesity epidemic in the United States is rooted in the portions that have increased in the last 20 years.

His presentation showed the comparisons of the size of portions from the past and the present in food items, such as bagels or hamburgers.

Bagels and hamburgers have more than doubled in size and calories.

The average amount of calories in a bagel 20 years ago was approximately 150 calories.

Now, a bagel exceeds 300 calories.

"We are overeating, and we don't know it," Painter said.

The presentation also showed how fast-food franchises are competing with their bigger-is-better movements by super-sizing burgers to gigantic proportions.

Hardee's introduced the "Monster Thickburger" in 2004 as part of the "Thickburger" product line.

It has 1,420 calories and 107 grams of fat.

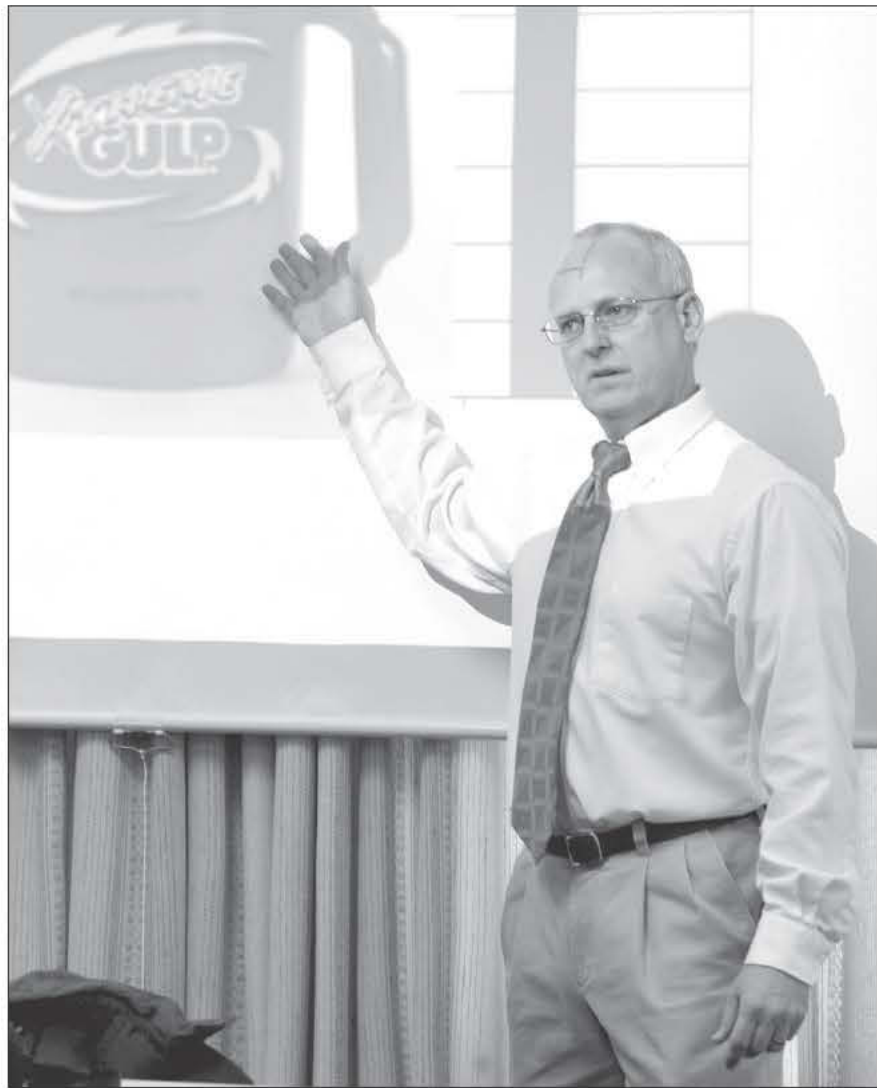
"Bigger portions make you eat more," Painter said while showing his documentary.

He said making healthy choices, as well as distinguishing between good and bad food, is essential.

"Fast food is not bad," Painter said.

He added that the shape and depth of the serving containers affects not only food, but also drinks.

Shorter, wider glasses can be deceiving to people because they might think the



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

James Painter, chairman of the school of family and consumer sciences, shows an example of how the portion size of many items of food and drink have gone up in a lecture in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Tuesday morning.

CHANGES IN SIZE

» 20 years ago:

Bagels: 150 calories

Cheeseburger: 333 calories

» Current day:

Bagels: 300 calories

Cheeseburger: 590 calories

sity problem is simple.

He said listing what foods a person has eaten in a daily journal forces him or her to be more consciously aware of how much they have eaten and what they have been eating.

People who record their food intake, Painter said, have a high success rate of staying slim and even losing a couple of pounds.

"All places have portions, but the question is, 'How we convince ourselves to eat less?'" Painter said.

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volume of the drink is less, which is not necessarily true.

"Visibility of food makes a huge difference," Painter said.

But Painter said the solution to the obe-

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CAMPUS | CAREER

Clothing: You're hired vs. you're fired

By A.J. Watson
Staff Reporter

Flip-flops, denim skirts, torn jeans and gym shoes are exactly the type of apparel not to wear when you are attending a job interview, said Linda Moore, director of Career Services.

This was the message delivered to students last night as the Career Services Center and the Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity hosted "Dress for Success," a fashion show in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"When you go out and network, you want to leave a lasting impression," said Janelle Webb, vice president of professional activities for Delta Sigma Pi. "You

need to dress for where you want to be in life, and it is important for students to know this."

The message came through loud and clear as members of Delta Sigma Pi modeled clothing that would either get an interviewee a foot in the door — or a boot to the curb.

The night began with Delta Sigma Pi members Tyler Leasher and Jenny Will showing the audience what inappropriate interview attire was and continued into what students should wear.

The fashion show, emceed by Moore, showed a progression of proper clothing from business casual to business professional, finally culminating with Leasher and Will returning to the stage in outfits that would be good for

any business meeting.

Having live models perform in the show is something Moore said she believes adds to the show.

"A student can actually envision themselves in the outfit if it is presented on another student, instead of on a model in a picture," she said.

The show was sponsored by Jack and Bill's Men's Clothing in Mattoon and Talbot's in Champaign, and after the models walked the runway, a representative from each company came to the stage and spoke about proper interview attire.

Steve Hardin, owner of Jack and Bill's, talked about the importance of proper fit in men's business attire when he came to the stage and brought out the male

models.

"A suit can be expensive but will not look that way if poorly tailored," Hardin said.

He stressed that students have to invest in themselves so they look the part.

"Fake it 'til you make it," he said.

To wrap up the event, there was a raffle for students to enter in which items such as blouses, earrings and gift certificates were given away. Those who helped put the event together thought the event proceeded smoothly.

"I think it went very well," said Leasher, senior vice president of Delta Sigma Pi.

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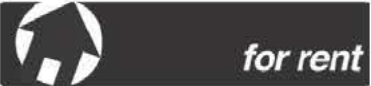
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Cusack

FROM PAGE 12

As fans, we expect athletes to do their best. But we also expect them to think getting a victory is more important than personal stats.

That is why I find track so refreshing.

When interviewing athletes, I often hear about numbers they are gunning for.

They talk about how many seconds they are trying to trim off their times or how high they want

to jump at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship.

The athletes talk about how many feet they want to add to a throw or about being in the best shape possible when OVC championships come around.

However, unlike most sports, these lofty numbers are not for selfish reasons. Sure, each one would like to be an OVC champion, but these numbers are for the benefit of the team.

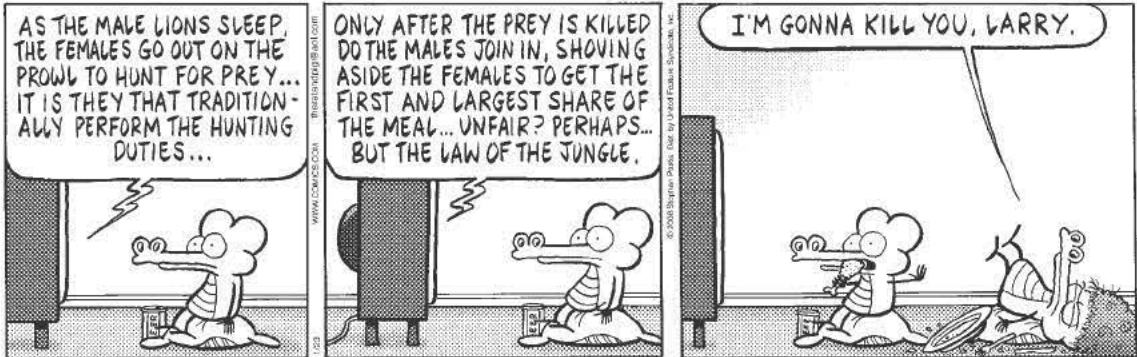
These athletes go into the season with an idea of what time, height or distance is needed to score the

greatest amount of points for the team.

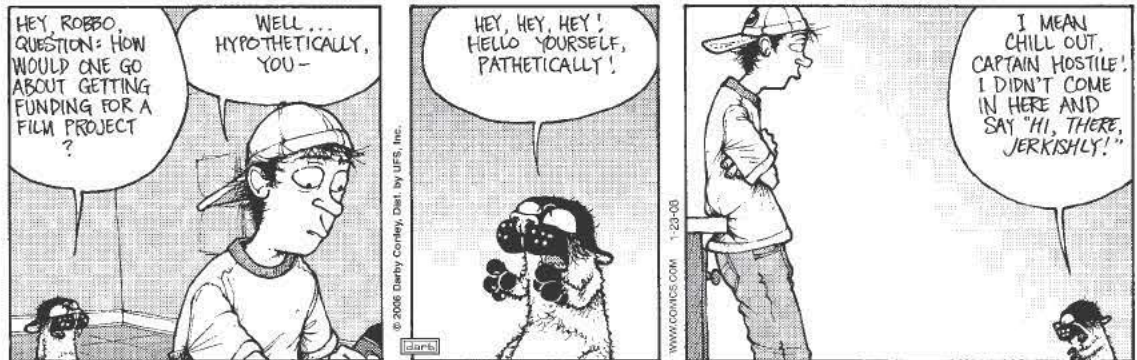
Whenever I have asked an athlete their goal for the season, the first thing he or she always says is "a team championship." This is followed by a second goal – the number that will help make the team championship for the team a reality. In a sport like track, an athlete can shoot for a ridiculous number and it can only benefit – not hurt – the team as a whole.

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14 Butterfly ____ (sash)

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16 Vegas request

17 21 in two cards

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21 Andean tuber

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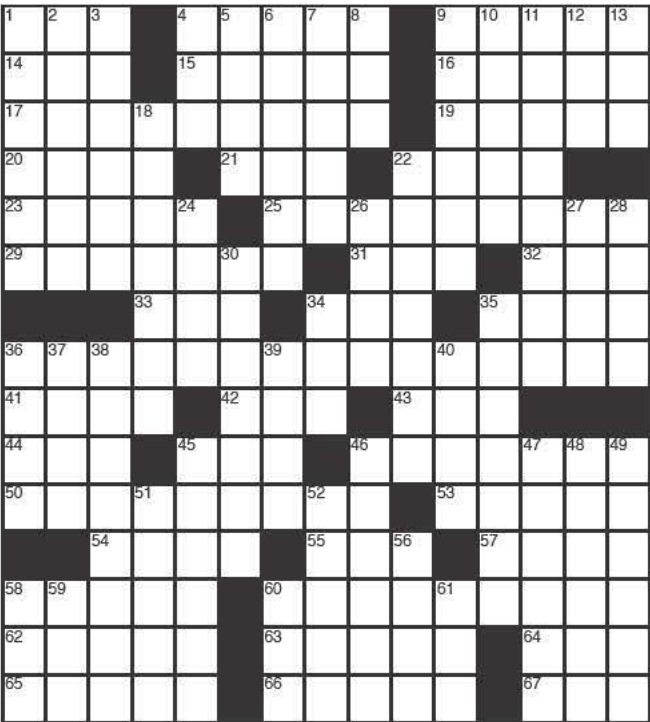
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34 Mel Gibson's "mad" role

35 Airport security request
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37 Concert halls

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Sallee signs three future Panthers

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee signed three high school players to National Letters of Intent on Tuesday.



Brady Sallee
Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee picked up three recruits for the next basketball season.

Naperville Central's Jessica Carter, Sandburg's Madeline Kish and Dubar's (Ky.) Chantelle Pressley signed National Letters of Intent to play with the Panthers next season.

Carter is a 5-foot-11 senior forward.

ward. Her sister, Erica Carter, plays basketball at Binghamton.

According to *The Daily Herald*, Carter did not play her junior year because of an ACL injury.

Kish won last season's "Queen of the Hill" 3-point shooting contest at the IHSA State Tournament. Kish, a 5-foot-10 guard, had looks from other schools, including Indiana State, Illinois-Chicago and Cleveland State.

Pressley is a 6-foot-1 forward from Lexington, Ky.

Oregon State basketball led by former Eastern coach

Former Eastern men's basketball assistant Kevin Mouton was named

the Oregon State men's basketball interim head coach Sunday night.

Mouton was an assistant coach for the Panthers in the 1996 season.

OSU coach Jay John was fired Sunday night. The Beavers are 6-12 and 0-6 in the Pac-10.

Mouton was also an assistant at Butler, St. Mary's (Calif.) and New Hampshire.

Mouton played at Oregon, Jamestown Community College (N.Y.) and San Francisco.

Women's soccer gets Geneva defender

Geneva's Elise Farrelly signed a National Letter of Intent on Thursday to play soccer at Eastern.

Farrelly has primarily played as a defender throughout her high school career. She has also played with a club team, Chicago Magic. Eastern freshman midfielder Angela Ziemba also played with the Chicago Magic at one point.

Geneva won a regional championship last season and won the IHSA Class AA third-place game during Farrelly's freshman year.

According to *The Chicago Sun-Times*, Waubonsie Valley's sisters Hilary Blake and Jessica Blake are expected to sign with the Panthers.

Hilary is defender and Jessica is a forward.

Waubonsie Valley won the Class AA state title last season. Jessica

scored a hat trick in the 3-1 semifinal win against Granite City.

According to *The State Journal-Register*, Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin senior Ashley Eck will sign a National Letter of Intent to play Eastern women's soccer.

Eck, who will sign Feb. 6, chose the Panthers rather than Ohio Valley Conference rival Southeast Missouri.

Eck scored 19 goals and led her team with 16 assists last season.

-Compiled by Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy

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» Throwers

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The women's team is rounded out by a number of talented throwers, including freshman Frisline Saintoiry, freshman Dominique Turner and junior Angela Stoczynski.

"Dominique will be a great all-around thrower for us this season," Wallace said.

"(Frisline)'s favorite event is discus, and she is trying to adjust to indoor events."

Wallace said Stoczynski is a veteran who has been through the struggle before.

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» Search

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At this time, she would not say how many total applications had been received.

Faculty Senate member Bud Fischer updated the Faculty Senate on Tuesday on the ongoing search for Eastern's AD.

Fischer, who is on the AD search committee and represents the Intercollegiate Athletic Board, said the committee has finished all phone interviews with the candidates and is now checking the applicants' references.

Hanner said the committee would consult with Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, and Eastern President Bill Perry.

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Nadler said he anticipates on-campus interviews to begin at the end of February and continue into early March.

He said he is hopeful to have the process completed by April 1.

Hanner said the committee would like finalists to visit in February.

The visit would include open forums for the athletes, coaches and others to talk to the applicants.

Editor in Chief Matt Daniels contributed to this story.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Panthers struggle with perimeter defense

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Eastern is ranked 10th of 11 schools in the Ohio Valley Conference in 3-point field goal defense at 41 percent.

This means of every 10 shots an Eastern opponent takes from beyond the arc, four will go in. Only Morehead State (43 percent) is ranked worse in the league.

The numbers ballooned last week during Eastern’s Tennessee road trip to play Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State.

The Golden Eagles and the Tigers combined to shoot 24-of-48 from three-point range with each team making 12.

TTU got three-point contributions from an unlikely source. Senior forward Amadi McKenzie – who shot eight percent from three-point range before Thursday’s game – shot a perfect 2-for-2 on 3-pointers against Eastern, including one on an attempted alley-oop pass, which turned into a made shot.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said several of the 3-pointers TTU and TSU made were contested shots.

“It wasn’t like we weren’t guarding them,” Miller said. “We’ve just got to keep pressuring harder and getting in there a little bit deeper and make people miss.”

Post players stepping up their game

Jake Byrne has had a roller coaster year offensively.

The senior forward from Elsberry, Mo., missed Eastern’s opener against Harris Stowe on Nov. 10 but had back-to-back eight-point



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Eastern freshman guard Tyler Laser looks to set the offense against Eastern Kentucky at Lantz Arena. Laser averages 5.6 points and 20.6 minutes. Laser scored a career-high 27 points against Murray State in Eastern’s second win this season. The depleted roster has allowed Laser to get some playing time.

performances against Loyola of Chicago and Western Illinois.

Byrne’s shooting percentage and points per game declined including, a zero point, 0-for-3 performance in 26 minutes at Iowa.

Byrne’s up-and-down season continued through December, but he scored 13 points on 6-of-10 shooting and pulled down five rebounds against Eastern Kentucky on Jan. 12.

Five days later, he recorded his first career double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds at TTU. He followed that up with a nine-point, four-rebound game at TSU.

Byrne said he realized TSU’s post players were tall, but Eastern had the advantage in overall size

and strength.

“The zone (the Tigers) were doing had pockets where we could post up hard,” Byrne said.

Sophomore center Ousmane Cisse also had a good performance against Tennessee State, scoring a season-high 12 points all in the first half.

Byrne said Cisse did a good job of catching entry passes into the post and then going up strong to finish – something he said Cisse had struggled with this season.

“Coach (Miller) has talked to me and Matt (Dorlack) about going tough to the rim and challenging everything (on defense) and trying to play aggressive,” Cisse said.

Cisse said he and Byrne were able to work well out of a high-low offense against TSU.

Miller agreed.

“That’s where their points were coming from,” he said. “They were active in there, and they were getting some second-shot opportunities and they created a little bit of offense for us that way. I think they were a little more assertive maybe, a little more aggressive. Certainly, I know with (Cisse), that’s something we’ve been really pushing for.”

Freshmen getting plenty of playing time

Eastern has played with just nine healthy players on its roster for the majority of January.

That means freshman guard Tyler Laser and freshman center Dorlack are getting the opportunity to play more.

Both players have started one game this season.

But Laser is playing 20.6 minutes per game compared to Dorlack’s seven-minute average.

Laser is scoring 5.6 points per game and scored a career-high 27 against Murray State on 8-of-10 shooting from the field and 9-of-9 on free throws.

Laser said he tries to bring energy to practice and bring energy off the bench during games.

But he said he is still trying to adjust to Eastern’s offense.

“I still mess up on plays every once in a while,” Laser said. “I’m halfway through my freshman year. I’m not a freshman anymore; I can’t make mental mistakes, things that you wouldn’t think have any impact really but are big impacts on the game.”

Dorlack averages 1.0 point and 2.1 rebounds and had his best game against Harris Stowe, with four points and six rebounds.

He matched his rebound total Jan. 5 against Southeast Missouri.

Dorlack said the best part of his game so far has been defense and rebounding.

“(He) can rebound with the best of them and block shots and be a defender and be a finisher in that lane,” Miller said. “I think that’s where he’s continuing to develop. Some of the things he’s farther along than others, which is true for a lot of freshmen.”

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MEN’S SWIMMING | NOTEBOOK

Panthers get ready for conference rivals

By Ross Meister
Staff Reporter

After the Eastern men’s swim team defeated former Summit League rival Valparaiso 113-92 Saturday, the Panthers now prepare for a conference rival.

The Panthers will compete against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis at noon Saturday in Lantz Natatorium.

“Practice will be about the same this week,” freshman Matt Scaliatine said. “We’ll be doing some split-200’s, a few dive-sets and some drop-offs in practice. The game plan is having a good practice this week, and we need to take the meet this week at home against IUPUI. We could get above .500.”

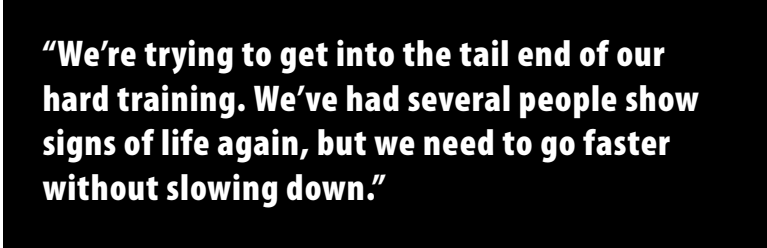
The men’s team is 4-4 in dual meets this season.

“We’ll have a normal practice schedule,” said Eastern head swimming coach Ray Padovan. “It’ll be a little more motivated type because of the competition. We’re trying to get into the tail end of our hard training. We’ve had several people show signs of life again, but we need to go faster without slowing down.”

The Panthers want to solidify themselves before they head to the conference meet Feb. 21.

“The game plan (revolves around) Ray’s hard practices,” senior Matt Latham said. “We need to focus on the events that we’re strong in. We need to focus on distance events because that’s where we don’t have as much depth as IUPUI does.”

RAY PADOVAN | EASTERN HEAD SWIMMING COACH



“We’re trying to get into the tail end of our hard training. We’ve had several people show signs of life again, but we need to go faster without slowing down.”

The IUPUI men’s team is 2-8 this season.

“I haven’t seen anything on IUPUI in so long. They were deeper than us in the women in the past, but one of their real strong points is diving,” Padovan said. “It is because of their separate diving coach that they may not dive this week. I anticipate a very close meet both ways.”

Arthur contributes

Freshman Caleb Arthur has stepped up.

Arthur won the 100-yard freestyle (48.83 seconds) this past weekend at Valparaiso.

“When he swims, he pops his head just like a prairie dog,” Padovan joked. “He has really come along well, and he gets a bit better all of the time, which was something we were hoping from newer people coming in.”



Caleb Arthur
The freshman won the 100-yard freestyle at Valparaiso this past weekend.

Teammate Latham agreed that Arthur has made progress.

“Initially, we believed Caleb to be a 50-to-100-yard freestyler,” Latham said. “He’s helped step up in the 200-yard events. We will be facing teams that have strong strokers, so we’ll be stronger in events.”

Scaliatine said Arthur has worked hard.

“Caleb has worked his butt off at practice,” Scaliatine said. “We can throw him in any event and he does real well in the freestyle events, but I think it comes from how hard that he works in practice.”

Ethington, others improve

In the past few weeks, Arthur was a part of the charge to conference, but there were other unsung heroes, as well.

Junior Joe Ethington won the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.71) against Valparaiso.

If Ethington has the time like he did in the meet against Western Illinois (1:47.03), it would be a great help to the team to win another easy event.

Junior Thomas Showers has, in

the past few weeks, stepped up in the medley relays against Millikin in the 200-yard medley relay (1:44.14) and in the meet against Valparaiso in the 400-yard medley relay (3:40.51). Showers won the 200-yard backstroke (2:02.46), and could be a valuable asset to the team’s progress headed into the conference meet.

“Both (Showers’ and Ethington’s performances) have been exceedingly well,” Latham said. “Ethington has been strong in the freestyle while Showers has been strong in the backstroke. The only place they can go from here is to getting faster.”

Also in the medley relay from last weekend were senior Tim O’Hagan, Scaliatine and Latham.

O’Hagan’s butterfly allows the team to get an advantage over the competition.

“Throughout the year it has been Tim O’Hagan who has stepped up,” Scaliatine said. “He gives us a chance and the lead in butterfly. It gives us a good start to the medley relay.”

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“The only thing from a basketball perspective is how we keep our league games down,” Eastern head men’s basketball coach Mike Miller said. “I think the less conference games that we play, I think you will see non-conference records will improve.”

Because a member school no longer has to sponsor football, the decision also increased the minimum number of other men’s sports being sponsored from four to five.

Other note from the meeting

The presidents also unanimously approved a new Basketball Enhancement Matching Fund to help league men’s and women’s basketball programs. The fund enables member institutions to receive up to \$6,500 for both its men’s and women’s basketball programs if the monies are matched. The one-time fund request can be made in either the 2008-09 or 2009-10 school year. That would provide up to a total of \$13,000 to be used for items like recruiting, home-game guarantees or special projects.

Associate Athletic Director John Smith said the biggest priorities for Eastern basketball are the facilities.

“Someone’s going to have to say one day, ‘We’re going to need an arena,’” Smith said. “Until the financing gets here, or someone comes with a huge gift, I don’t see that happening in the future.”

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Georgia Tech at N.C. State |

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TRIPLE THREAT



Mary Wallace

Eastern throwing coach Mary Wallace (above) lost her best throwers to graduation last year. Jimmy Schultz was the Ohio Valley Conference indoor shot put champion and 35-pound weight throw champion last season.

Austin Hogue was second in the shot put and third in the weight throw. Schultz also won the OVC outdoor shot put, and Hogue won the OVC javelin event.


Here are the top throwers in the Ohio Valley Conference.

1. Brandon Colbert, Southeast Missouri — The sophomore from Troy, Mo., is the conference leader in the 35-pound weight throw and in the shot put. As a freshman, he was fourth in the shot put and second in the weight throw at last year's OVC Indoor Championships.

2. Josh Uchtman, Southeast Missouri — The freshman from Steelville is listed third in the shot put and fourth in the weight throw. Uchtman threw a personal best in the shot put Saturday at the Saluki Booster with a throw of 48 feet, 4.75 inches.

3. Randall Hopkins, Eastern Kentucky — The sophomore from Downers Grove South High School is fifth on the shot put list and second on the 35-pound weight throw list. As a freshman, Hopkins finished sixth in the discus and sixth in the shot put at the 2007 OVC Outdoor Championships.

-Kevin Murphy



DAN CUSACK

Athletes focus on team, not themselves

In sports, we crucify athletes who put their own numbers ahead of their teams' needs.

When a player swings for the fences instead of a sacrifice bunt, we have a right to call him or her selfish.

When a player does not make the extra pass and settles for a tough jump shot, we have a right to yell. When Barry Bonds killed the San Francisco Giants this season with his poor outfield play just to become the Major League Baseball home run champion, he had a right to be criticized.

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INDOOR TRACK | EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Young throwers to lead team

Men's team graduated top two throwers in the conference

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

Youth is the theme this season for the men's and women's throwing teams.

The men's team has to replace Jimmy Schultz, the Ohio Valley Conference indoor champion in both the 35-pound weight throw and the shot put last season.

The women return with a roster of freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

The men will be looking to replace Schultz this season with a combination of newcomers, including freshman Steven Nwokocha, sophomore Tyler Arnholt and sophomore Justin Washington.

Eastern throwing coach Mary Wallace said Arnholt came into this season with a back injury, which limited some what he was able to do this fall.

"(Arnholt) has the ability to score and be competitive in our conference," Wallace said. "Indoors, weight throw is his strength."

Nwokocha, who came in ninth in the 35-pound weight throw and 19th in the shot put in the Eastern Mega Meet on Saturday, is still adjusting to his new coach.

Wallace said she is trying to fix a few habits Nwokocha had in high school to maximize his distance.

"She definitely switched my style a lot," Nwokocha said. "My high school coach taught me things, but



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Sophomore thrower Justin Washington will try and help fill the void that former thrower Austin Hogue left. Washington will not compete this season, but the Panthers will look toward other young throwers.

she's tweaked it so I throw better. I feel I have made a lot of progress. I'm expecting to do good things by the end of the year."

Wallace said the process will take time.

"We are taking a few steps back to take a lot of steps forward," she said. "He is showing a lot of promise and had a great practice yesterday. He just has a lot of learning to do."

Wallace said Washington transferred from Wisconsin-Platteville and, right now, she is trying to find his strengths.

The women have already had two solid meets from sophomore Kandace Arnold and junior Nicole Walcott.

Arnold placed third in the EIU Mega Meet in the 20-pound weight throw and second in the shot put. Arnold also placed first in the Early Bird Invite in the shot put and second place in the weight throw.

"Kandace is a sophomore who had a great freshman year," Wallace said. "Now, the process is to improve on that. It's hard because she is very young as far as athletic ability."

Wallace said she is working with Walcott.

Walcott said she likes having a leadership role and being one of the older members of the team.

"You have to be a teammate, friend and leader all at the same time," Walcott said. "I find great friendship with the younger throwers, and they still teach me different techniques and ways of how to do things."

Wallace said she thinks Arnold's and Walcott's potentials are unlimited.

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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE | NEWS

Football no longer required

New members no longer have to sponsor gridiron sport

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Schools will not be required to have a football team if they want to join the Ohio Valley Conference.

OVC presidents voted unanimously last Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn., to amend the OVC Constitution to no longer require new members to sponsor football to be considered for membership.

"That's been a long time coming," said OVC Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher. "We've been having that conversation in the four-and-a-half years I've been a part of the league. It was a very spirited discussion, and I'm pleased with the direction it went."

Currently, the OVC has 11 schools, nine of which sponsor football in the league. Morehead State plays football in the Pioneer League, which includes: Butler and Valparaiso. Samford, which sponsors football, is leaving at the end of the academic year to join the Southern Conference.

"Certainly, if you have it now, you can't just drop it," Steinbrecher said. "I think the feeling was there may be opportunities out there to expand or there may be institutions out there that perhaps could bring value to the conference, but maybe they don't have football. So let's not stop ourselves from at least looking at those schools."

According to *The Birmingham News*, Belmont, East Tennessee State, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Lipscomb are the schools atop the list.

"I don't have an invitation in my pocket," Steinbrecher said. "Are there (schools) that I'm interested in? Sure there are. I get back to (how) it doesn't really change for me where I've been since I've been on this job. We'll be very deliberate."

In July 2006, the OVC looked at adding Tennessee-Chattanooga. UT-Chattanooga competes in the Southern Conference.

Chattanooga's director of media relations Jeff Romero said in Jan. 2007 the OVC staff pursued UT-Chattanooga and not the other way around.

This was before Austin Peay returned to scholarship football.

Eastern's football team will play

Austin Peay and seven other conference games in addition to four non-conference games in the 2008 season. If UT-Chattanooga did join the OVC, it could complicate schedules because they would be the 11th school.

An even number of schools in the conference could pose problems in terms of scheduling purposes.

"If we did expand, we really don't have room for additional folks in our football schedule," Steinbrecher said. "We're going to play an eight-game conference schedule, whether we have 11 teams, 12 teams, 10 teams — that's what we're going to play."

In terms of basketball, the conference is set to play an 18-game schedule, which allows it to play more non-conference games.

"I was glad to see the vote and the way it turned out," Peay athletic director and head men's basketball coach Dave Loos said. "I don't know what the thinking is in terms of expansion. If we are going to expand I would, personally, think it would make sense to expand by two. I'm fine with 10. I could certainly live with 12, also, if we would go to divisions."

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ATHLETICS | NEWS

Field to be narrowed

Search for athletic director continues

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The process to find Eastern's athletic director is taking a big step.

The athletic director search committee will have a closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Blair Hall to narrow down the applicants.

Illinois-Springfield athletic director Rodger Jehlicka said Tuesday he is not interested in the Eastern athletic director position. He was the Eastern associate athletic director from August 1999 to December 2005. Illinois-Springfield is in the process of moving from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II level.

Marry-Anne Hanner, head of the search committee, said the committee would narrow the number of applicants down to four to five finalists.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE				
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING	MEN'S TENNIS	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday at Illinois Invite	Saturday vs IUPUI	Saturday at IPFW	Saturday vs Morehead State	Saturday vs Morehead State
9 a.m. — Champaign	Noon — Lantz Natatorium	2 p.m. — Fort Wayne, Ind.	5 p.m. — Lantz Arena	7:15 p.m. — Lantz Arena