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High sticking

Eastern's hockey club fights a slippery slope this season.

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Liz Norris, a sophomore elementary education major, looks at the tombstone of Matthew Shepard as part of the Museum of Oppression Wednesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

UPI supports authorization for strike

◆ More than 200 faculty back vote, two steps still needed before any action

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern is now one step closer to a strike.

The University Professionals of Illinois voted Wednesday in favor of a strike authorization vote, as faculty contract negotiations stretch into the 11th month.

Of the 252 union members present Wednesday, 212 voted in support of an authorization vote, said UPI president David Radavich.

"There was overwhelming support. It exceeded our expectations," he said.

Now, the UPI executive board will meet to vote on whether to file a strike notice with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, according to Eastern's chapter Web site.

"If that happened, after the legally required 10-day waiting period, the contract could no longer be extended. At that point, union leaders could return to the faculty and academic support staff for a final vote to strike," the Web site said.

Strike discussion began Wednesday on setting up a planning committee, which will start strike preparations and select an off-campus strike headquarters location, Radavich said.

There has never been a strike at an Illinois state university, but Radavich said there was a strike authorization vote at Eastern in 1993.

"I hope to God it will not be a strike," said journalism professor Mary Wohlrahe. "We have got to come to an agreement. This is not the way to run business."

In the occurrence of a strike, classes will not be held, weekday pickets will be held and faculty will not be paid, even though there is a possibility they could receive

Steps toward faculty strike

- ◆ 1. First strike authorization vote — held Wednesday.
- ◆ 2. UPI executive committee files notice of intent to strike with the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board.
- ◆ 3. After the 10-day waiting period, the union leaders will ask members for a vote to strike.
- ◆ 4. A strike date is set.

union-paid benefits, according to the UPI Web site.

Both sides said no agreement was made on the major issues of compensation, workload and distance learning as negotiations progressed the past two weeks, with another session scheduled with federal mediator Jerry Carmichael next Wednesday.

Faculty have not been offered a raise in salary.

Radavich said students will likely be nervous in the event of a strike.

However, the union Web site said, "it is also likely that a large majority of students would support our efforts to maintain academic quality."

Political science professor Jeff Ashley said the faculty turnout Wednesday shows the range of faculty concern. He said students could be understanding of a faculty strike.

"I think if they understand all of the issues they would be more sympathetic," Ashley said.

The strike authorization does not change any part of negotiations, said Bob Wayland, director of employee and labor relations.

"I'm disappointed to see them do that, especially in the mediation process," he said. "We still feel that won't change our position. It doesn't change anything."

Wayland said the almost-near

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Exhibits 'beyond words'

◆ Museum displays artwork portraying minority struggles

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Students will gain tolerance and understanding at Eastern's second annual "Beyond Words - A Museum of Oppression" exhibit with 15 experiences among a maze of curtained displays.

Beyond Words will be open to students, staff and members of the community, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Guests follow a path leading to different experiences.

"It's good they set this up because I don't think that college

students are always aware what minority groups have to endure," said Tim Buhnerkempe, a freshman environmental biology major.

The Jewish experience contains photographs, quotes and posters of information pertaining to the Holocaust. Piles of shoes, eye glasses and clothes are on display along with a Nazi flag and picture of Hitler while music plays to a slide show of Holocaust victims' names.

A display provides an explanation of crematoriums, which were used during the Holocaust to murder millions of men, women and children. According to a poster, the bodies were placed into these crematoriums, which were run 24 hours a day, and burned. The display contains a small pile of ashes to represent the over 6 million

lives lost.

Other experiences include the Middle East and Latin experience, which contain books, posters with facts and a mural done by Eastern students Joaquin Ocha and Ryan Vila.

The African American experience offers a slide show of Martin Luther King Jr. that displays various products specialized for African Americans, posters containing facts, an array of magazines and a movie about racism.

Body image, women, Asians, Fair Trade, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transsexual, immigrants, homeless, religious, white privilege, Native Americans, AIDS and ableism also are on display.

At the end of the maze, a banner

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Juror, alternate selection complete for Mertz trial

Mertz trial jury chosen

- ◆ 12 jurors and 4 alternates were selected as of Wednesday.
- ◆ The trial begins at 9 a.m. Monday.
- ◆ A final hearing will be at 1 p.m. Thursday. Here is a breakdown of the jury.

Jury

- ◆ 7 men
- ◆ 5 women

Alternates

- ◆ 1 man
- ◆ 3 women

By Amber Williams and Shauna Gustafson
SENIOR WRITERS

Jury selection in the murder trial of former Eastern student Anthony B. Mertz ended Wednesday after a total of about 90 potential jurors were dismissed.

The final four jurors and four alternates were chosen from a fresh pool of 26 potential jurors, one of whom was a holdover from Tuesday. It had been expected that as many as 150 people might be called as potential jurors.

Mertz, 26, is on trial for alleged first-degree murder, home invasion and aggravated criminal sexual assault in relation to the death of Eastern student Shannon McNamara June 12, 2001.

The final jury of 12 consists of

seven men and five women, including one Eastern student. The four alternates include one man and three women.

A majority of jurors are over age 30, the oldest being 83 years old.

The defense used all of its preemptive exemptions before the final panel of four jurors had been chosen, and used all four additional challenges they were given during selection of alternates.

The prosecution did not use all of its challenges.

Reasons for dismissal ranged



Anthony Mertz

from overexposure to publicity surrounding the case, to previous contact with the defendant, to their position on the death penalty.

The question of feeling on the death penalty remained a divisive one Wednesday. One potential juror, who eventually was selected as an alternate, said "I struggle with the death penalty," and followed by saying they could only decide on a case by case basis.

Jurors who were selected were told not to speak about the case, and to stay away from any new information other than what they hear in the courtroom.

Coles County Circuit Court Judge Dale Cini reiterated Wednesday he would not sequester the jury, unless he finds it necessary once the trial has begun. Jurors were told to

expect the trial to last anywhere from two to four weeks.

Following the selection of jurors, attorneys and Cini discussed last minute issues to be addressed before the trial. Cini will meet with States Attorney Steve Ferguson and defense attorney Paula Phillips at 1 p.m. Thursday to hear final motions before the trial begins Monday.

"I will not hear so-called last minute motions Monday morning," Cini said.

Ferguson said he will motion to use pictures of the deceased body of McNamara during opening statements Monday.

The trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday in Courtroom 1 of the Coles County Courthouse.

The trial is open to the public.



CAA will discuss new English class

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

A new class, English 4801, Integrating the English Language Arts, could be added to Eastern's curriculum following the Council on Academic Affairs meeting Thursday.

English professor Jerie Weasmer said the class was originally designed to meet the Illinois Board of Higher Education standards. The English program has been changed by the state to the English/language arts program in secondary education, and the end degree will have more to do with speech, technology, media and theater.

"We want quite a spectrum of language art exposure," Weasmer said. "And in 2004, language arts will be included on the competency exam for teacher certification."

He said having language arts be more of a part of everything is the way the English program has wanted it to be.

Also, Karla Sanders, director of the Center for Academic Support and Achievement, will make a presentation. She will discuss the results of the TASKS Critical Thinking Exam.

The Critical Thinking Exam

was given to over 800 Eastern students to assess their critical thinking skills in the form of a short answer and essay test.

The test assessed three areas: humanities, social science and natural science. Results indicated most students' critical thinking skills were average or below average.

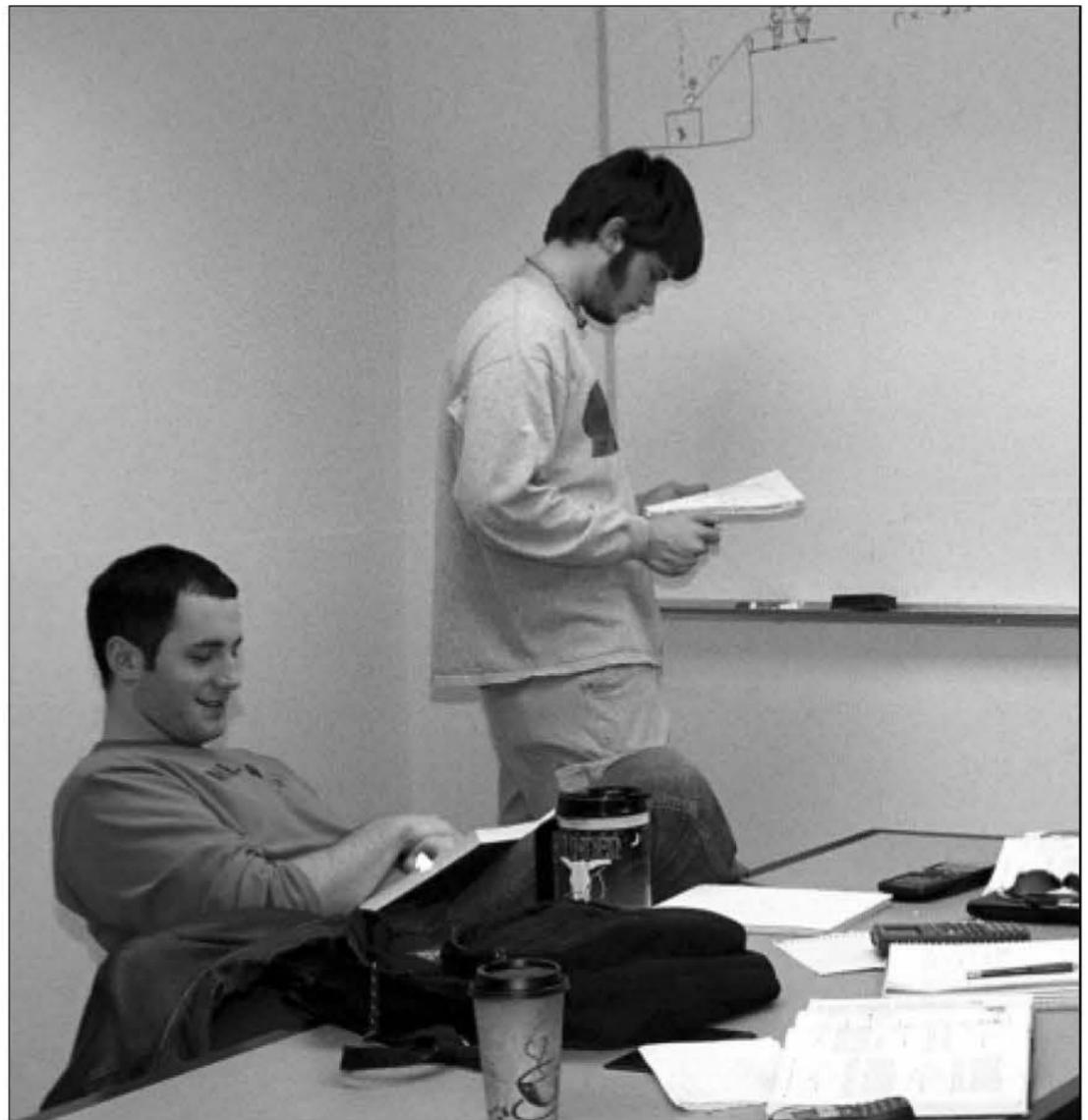
Students were tested on whether they could understand a problem or issue and work through that problem.

The exam also determined students at Eastern had trouble following directions and focusing on the issue at hand, suggesting students were not taking the exam seriously.

Several journalism classes will be introduced Thursday to be added or revised.

Last week, Journalism Department chair Les Hyder said the reason for the proposed changes in the journalism curriculum is because the department had no significant revisions in the last 10 years.

The changes, such as making most journalism classes three credit hours, instead of two, will help the journalism department comply with North Central Association accreditation standards.



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Working a problem

Luke Wedmore, a junior pre-engineering major, and Kyle Birch, a sophomore pre-engineering major, discuss an equation for their engineering class in a study room of the Booth Library.

Event turns to Page

◆ Former NFL player, will speak at conference

By Layne Utsinger
STAFF WRITER

Alan Page, Minnesota's first African American Supreme Court Justice, will present the keynote luncheon address "Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century Community" during the Opening Doors conference sponsored by the Office of civil rights.

Page is the former defensive star of the Minnesota Vikings and inductee to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"He is highly regarded and a well-known speaker who will discuss access to education, race and

the building of individual character," said Cynthia Nichols, director of the Office of Civil Rights.

In addition to lecturing on a wide range of legal and judicial issues, Page remains a strong proponent for the creation of educational opportunities and mentoring for underprivileged children. Page has established a foundation to provide college tuition for underprivileged students and has co-sponsored a national essay contest to promote literacy, a press release said.

"We are expecting a large turnout for this event, between 150-200 people, not only because he is well known, but also because of the interest in the topics being discussed," Nichols said.

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Teen Reach seeks volunteers

By Erica Courtright
STAFF WRITER

Teen Reach of Charleston is looking for volunteers to help with its after school programs.

The organization's goal is to "expand the range of choices and opportunities that enable, empower and encourage our youth to achieve positive growth and development, improve expectations and capacities for future success, and avoid or reduce risky behavior."

Five areas Teen Reach focuses on are academic assistance recreations, sports, cultural and artistic activities; positive adult mentors; life skills and parental involvement.

Programs are available to children ages 10 to 17 who attend Charleston Community School District No. 1.

Teen Reach sponsors special events as well. On Friday a Family Night will be held at the bowling alley in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union for the families involved with Teen Reach. A dance for middle and high school students will be held Feb. 7. A Valentine's Day dance will be held at Teen Reach for members ages 10-12.

Volunteers are desired for future events such as the Community Flower Pot Project held in the spring, and the annual Kite Day event at

the end of April.

Mary Gienko, project and program director, said the academic area is where the most assistance is needed.

Volunteers would assist teens with their homework and provide more one-on-one support.

The mentoring and life skills programs, which are curriculum based, also need volunteers. Mentoring teaches team-building skills and the life skills programs teach a variety of topics such as cooking, using a checkbook, changing a car tire and alcohol, drug and tobacco awareness.

Jennifer Rodriguez, who volunteered for Teen Reach and now is the Teen Reach program assistant, said, "It gives you a sense of how much one life can affect many kids lives, a sense that you can make a difference."

Many college students are intimidated by kids. Here, you get to be a kid again. It's not a stressful volunteer program and you get to forget about your college worries for a little while."

Those interested in volunteering can contact Mary Gienko or Melissa Sons, assistant director, at the Teen Reach office, located at 513 Seventh St. or call 345-8005.

Volunteers are needed from 2:45-6:30 p.m. weekdays for programs and until 8 p.m. for transportation assistance. Groups and organizations are welcome to become involved.

POLICE BLOTTER

Theft

It was reported Jan. 16 that a Murray bicycle was stolen from the second floor of Weller Hall, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

Criminal Damage to Property

It was reported Jan. 16 that electronic equipment was damaged by water balloons being thrown against an open window in Thomas Hall, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

It was reported Jan. 18 that the driver side rear view mirror of a Buick was broken off while it was parked in S Lot, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

Criminal Damage to Vehicle

It was reported Jan. 18 that the tire of a Honda was slashed while it was parked in the Coleman North Staff parking lot, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

Criminal Damage to Government Supported Property

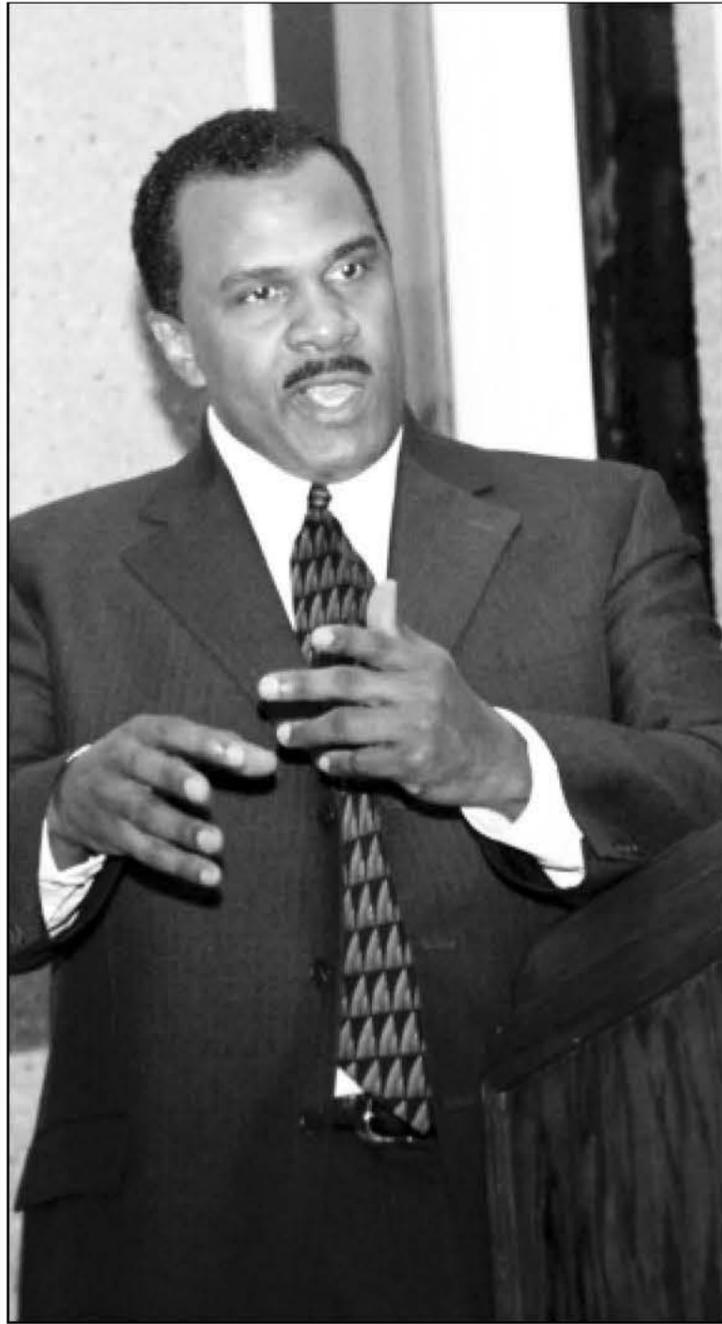
It was reported Jan. 19 that two windows were broken in the Carman Hall food service by rocks, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

Driving Under the Influence

Caleb James Palmbos, 18, of Palos Heights, was arrested at 2:11 a.m. Jan. 18 at the 400 block of Lincoln, on the charge of driving under the influence, police reports stated.

Theft

It was reported Jan. 20 that a soda vending machine in Carman Hall had products stolen from it, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.



Barry Scott tells students about when he was younger he used to impersonate Martin Luther King Jr., Wednesday night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Speaker breathes life into memory of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Matthew Kent
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Barry Scott, an authority on the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., spoke to a crowd of nearly 25 students Wednesday. Scott has been interested in the works of King since King's assassination and has traveled to nearly all 50 states to convey his message.

"It captured me, and I got upset," referring to King's death. "Martin Luther King Jr. exposed the American dream ... in fact it exploded," Scott said. "This is something that is personal and reminds me as a person where we were, where we have come, and where we're going. Natural progression is where we are today."

He stressed the importance of college students being aware.

"The issue we face now is going to war, listening to our leader and having confidence in our leader," Scott said. "You have to be incredibly patient right now."

He began his lecture by mentioning his role as a father and referred to himself as an actor, writer, director and a speaker. He recreated some of King's most famous speeches and spoke of experiences affecting his life.

He remembered the first time his father brought home a 16-mm film projector and recalled watching King's "I Have a Dream" speech in his underwear as a little boy as the audience followed with laughter.

"I remember watching it over and over and over," Scott said.

Scott spoke of being awake one Sunday morning in February by his father who presented him with a typed copy of the "I Have a Dream" speech.

"I presented it at the Kay Missionary Baptist Church in Tennessee and as I remember, I was quite horrible," Scott said. "I remember sweat coming down and dripping onto the sheet, so I just decided to skip that part."

Despite his nervousness, he said he was "amazed the whole congregation stood up clapping." He said he continued the same exact speech at schools and hospitals.

"That's how I have come before you tonight," he said.

Scott spoke of driving for the first time when a police officer came up beside him and said "Get out of the car" while flashing a badge at the glass window of his vehicle.

"I was so afraid ... I froze," Scott said. Scott vividly remembers the police officer saying "I will kill you." Scott ran and the police officer proceeded to let him go.

"You have to be afraid to be brave," Scott said. He spoke how his family arrived at the police station and told two police officers what had happened. The police officers told his family, "You get out of here."

"I remember leaving the police station hearing the sound of the police officers laughing," Scott said.

Scott emphasized to the audience how King felt. "Imagine you had to sit in the back of the bus ... what would you think and feel and believe?" he said. "Imagine you could march with Martin Luther King Jr. in city after city after city ... just imagine."

He presented a speech King presented at a funeral of four girls killed by a bomb in Birmingham, Ala. in 1963.

"I remember hearing about those girls," Scott said. "I was 7-years-old, and I was afraid."

"I've Been to the Mountaintop" was another speech Scott presented. He shouted "keep moving, keep moving, keep moving, keep moving!" reemphasizing the importance of King's message in the speech.

"Be the best at whatever you can be," Scott said. Scott emphasized the importance of King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

"Imagine if that bullet hadn't taken his life, what would he say today?" Scott said. "We must meet violence with non-violence."

He concluded his presentation with: "I have three questions ... What do you think? What do you feel? What do you believe?"

Jeremy Jalivay, a graduate speech communication major, was asked by Scott, "what do you think?"

He replied "We as black people must live up to what he (Martin Luther King Jr.) was talking about."

Megan Worby, a graduate student community counseling major, said she was touched by Scott's speech.

"I was moved by what you had to say and that a lot of people deny such issues," Worby said. "Being educated helps me get in touch with what you said."

Scott said that people must conform so they don't lose jobs and friends.

"Isn't freedom what we want, particularly in light of 9/11?" Scott said.

He also said right will always be right. "You can't oppress someone and not be hurt by it."

Education remains most popular major at Eastern

By Allegra Hoopingarner
STAFF WRITER

When making the decision to attend a particular university, most students focus on finding a school that provides the specific area of study that interests them.

At Eastern, an overwhelming majority of students choose education as their main area of study, while business administration, psychology and family and consumer sciences are not far behind.

Future salary may not always be a factor in deciding on a major, but some students choose majors directly linked to success and money.

"Business is a strong major here because of greed ... seriously," Michael Borrom, acting chair of the department of business, said. "People want to earn as much money as possible to take

care of their kids, have a nice home and have a comfortable retirement."

Elementary education is the most popular declared major at Eastern, accounting for 10.9 percent of undergraduate students. Physical education, psychology and speech communications are the next largest majors at 4.44 percent, 4.25 percent and 4.00 percent of undergraduate students.

"I'm an undeclared major at the moment, but I'm thinking about becoming an elementary education major," freshman Katie Plant said. "I really like working with kids, and I think that working with them on a daily basis and teaching them things would be rewarding to me."

For graduate students, education administration holds the highest percentage at 24.59 percent. Business administration is next at

8.56 percent, while elementary education and family consumer sciences follow with 7.71 percent and 4.71 percent.

"Part of the reason we're so successful is because we have a strong tradition here of teacher education, we have an excellent faculty, we are very conscientious of the preparation of our students, and we have a wonderful partnership with our area schools," said Merribeth Bruning, acting chair for early childhood, elementary education and middle level education department.

Students, for any number of reasons, enjoy their areas of study for a certain level of self-fulfillment, which in many cases includes benefiting others.

"I think most students say they want to make a positive difference in the world and think that education is a good way to do so,"

A major decision:

- ◆ Education is the most popular graduate major
- ◆ Business administration follows second.
- ◆ Third is psychology.
- ◆ Family and consumer sciences is fourth.

Bruning said. "I think they also enjoy the freshness that children bring to life and to education."

Education administration, a graduate program, holds students interested in leadership.

"I think most of our students focus on being leaders in their schools," said Linda Morford, acting chair for education administration. "Some don't become

administrators, but our program makes them better leaders.

"Our program is very practitioner-oriented in that we focus on administration and what students need to know and be able to do."

Although education in general is the most popular area of study at Eastern, other departments have students devoted to their interests.

"I'm a biology major because I'm in the pre-dentistry program, but I think the most popular major here is probably education," said freshman biology major Amber Logsdon.

Katie Maasen, a sophomore psychology major, finds her major to be interesting for the human element.

"I'm interested in the field of psychology because there's a potential to help people," she said.

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EDITORIAL

Satisfy faculty demands

In the past several years, the people of Illinois have taken a shine to Eastern.

The university has been ranked high in its category in the *U.S. News and World Report* college rankings.

It has seen a dramatic increase in enrollment this year, and next year's applications are at an all-time high.

Again, credit has to be given to the faculty. They are a huge part of what gives a university its reputation, for better or for worse.

Athletic teams can dominate or disappoint, landscaping can blossom or wilt, residence halls can sparkle or reek — the true measure of a university's quality is how much its students are learning. That's what earns high rankings and attracts star students, and Eastern's faculty deserves recognition.

So how does the administration thank the faculty? By wanting to cut their salaries.

The University Professionals of Illinois, Eastern's faculty union, has been negotiating for a new three-year contract since summer with no luck.

The university isn't offering them any raise. Anyone who has studied economics knows no raise equals a pay cut as the cost of living rises.

The UPI has fought to raise awareness of its cause through pickets, advertising and setting up Web sites and hotlines.

Members handed out pamphlets to students detailing the importance of building and retaining a stellar faculty. They stood for 10 minutes at Eastern's Board of Trustees meeting Monday morning.

Wednesday night, a group of faculty voted 212-40 in favor of authorizing a strike.

This represents a majority of the faculty, and while it doesn't necessarily mean a strike will happen, it means the administration needs to wake up. The fact of the matter is, faculty are not going to stand for it anymore.

As all of this was going on, the administration cited a lack of money while raising salaries for Athletic Director Rich McDuffie and interim President Lou Hencken.

Eastern wanted to keep Hencken and McDuffie around, so they gave them raises.

It's time to do the same for the faculty.

Eastern needs to keep them around, too.

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

At issue
Faculty members receiving a pay increase

Our stance
Administrators need to reward the faculty with the pay raise they so rightfully deserve.

OPINION

Embrace conservative chic



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If you're a conservative Republican, especially on a college campus, you've heard all of the jokes. Persecution is nothing new.

How many conservatives does it take to screw in a lightbulb? Why did they cross the road? How does a Republican count to 10? They don't — they only count to seven because Republicans cut everything by 30 percent.

But fear not fellow Republicans; jumping on the sturdy grand old elephant's back is nothing to joke about.

At long last, it's chic to be a conservative Republican.

Young conservatives wear pocket protectors and push Bibles to those who don't have them. We hold the fictional Alex P. Keaton and the all too disturbingly real Charlton Heston and Tom Selleck as our heroes.

We back the National Rifle Association and the religious right. Liberals keep Hollywood and hippies in their corner. Liberals' hearts bleed — conservatives have bleeding gums. Liberals sport the latest fashions — conservatives don flannel, pocket protectors and suspenders.

So it's easy to say why conservatives can't stake a claim on the

"Conservatives don't exactly drip suave unless you're talking about the brand of cheap shampoo."

coolness factor. Conservatives don't exactly drip suave unless you're talking about the brand of cheap shampoo.

But surveys tell us all that has changed now.

Conservatives can come out of the closet and walk with a swagger. Conservatives hold a mojo all their own and no Dr. Evil or Florida voter can steal it.

People are compassionate about being conservative, and those people are the conservatives.

Surveys have shown more people in the country would classify themselves as conservatives. Finally those who are accused of oppressing minorities aren't in a minority themselves.

Look around, the trend began some time ago and is sweeping our college community.

"It's uncool to be liberal,"

Jeffrey Ashley, an Eastern political science professor who teaches American politics, said. "I've seen it in Arizona, Michigan and here."

So the word liberal works as an insult these days?

"There are closet liberals out there," Ashley said. "But it really used to be the other way around. It's only been about the past six or seven years."

But Ashley said when asked ideological questions the liberal in most comes out. In other words, old bad habits die hard.

The reason for the conservative acceptance movement is unknown. Often major world events can change the political landscape of the country. These events cause a political realignment and can change the way Americans think.

Whether Sept. 11 was such an event remains to be seen. Ashley said he didn't know the reason behind conservative chic and didn't want to venture a guess.

But for my fellow conservatives, the answer is simple — we're right — literally and politically.

So now everyone can laugh it up with fellow Reganites and compassionate conservatives without fear.

It's the chic American way.



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some legislators haven't sent directives

In the article "Athletics funds center of debate," published in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was stated, "members of the CUPB voiced concern over whether or not appropriated funds should be distributed to athletics. The Illinois Board of Higher Education and some legislators have expressed opposition to the usage of such funds for athletics."

Although the IBHE and some legislators may have expressed some opposition to usage of appropriated funds for athletics, according to guest Kathleen Moreno, director for Internal Auditing, and later supported by Julia Abell, director for Planning and Institutional Studies, no such memo or directive has been received by Eastern.

Maybe there is a reason the IBHE and some legisla-

tors have not sent out directives to the states' universities and colleges.

Assumptions of the desired actions can be detrimental and expensive to the university. An expense this university can ill-afford at this time.

Daniel Carpenter
CUPB counselor

The Lighthouse is a good bar alternative

I have heard a nasty rumor floating around campus that no place exists for students who don't drink to go on a Friday night. Let me introduce you to the Wesley Foundation and a bar alternative called The Lighthouse.

For many years the Wesley Foundation has provided a place to have a

good time for any and all students who do not participate in the bar scene.

The Wesley Foundation is a Christian organization on campus whose mission is to reach all people in order to bring them closer to God.

The Lighthouse is a bar alternative where students can go to hang out with friends, dance to the latest music and even win a few door prizes. It is a place where a person can have good clean fun, without the alcohol and without the smoke.

A lot of students think the only way to have a good time on campus is to go to

parties or go to bars, when most of the time all they want to do is hang out with their friends.

The Lighthouse can provide this for students. Everyone is welcome; no one will be left out.

The Lighthouse is located catty-corner from Lawson Hall on Fourth Street.

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Andrea Boldt
Junior
Elementary education major

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Claudia Lane talks with Dale Wolf, the director of admissions, and Maxine Lane, her daughter and alumnus, during Claudia's lunch banquet Wednesday afternoon in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Parting is sweet sorrow for Eastern academic advisor

By Tim Martin
Campus editor

The diverse crowd that attended Claudia Lane's farewell reception may have been the best gauge of her impact from nearly 30 years of employment at Eastern.

Among the 60 people present in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union were college students, senior citizens and representatives from different ethnic groups.

"There were more people (at the reception) than I ever expected," said Lane, who has been at Eastern since 1974. "I didn't realize how many lives I have touched and how many contacts I have made."

Lane, an academic adviser in the Gateway Program for Minority Student Affairs, accepted an academic advising position in the college of education at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis that will begin Feb. 3.

"It's really a bittersweet feeling. I am going to really miss the people," Lane said. "But I look forward to the challenge of learning a new system of requirements."

A picture album of Lane's adult life, with pictures from college to the present, was on display at the front of the room.

Johnetta Jones, director of minority affairs and Lane's boss for nine years, similar to the pic-

ture album, used the reception to look back at Lane's past.

"We're coming together to wish an old friend goodbye," she said. "One thing you learn in university life is that people tend to come and go ... Claudia always seemed to be there."

One group of people Lane was always there for were Gateway program students, who made up half the reception crowd.

"It seemed like she always had time for her students," Jones said. "She is one of those people that work with students and don't stop at 4:30 p.m."

Tron Young, a junior elementary education major and a member of the Minority Teachers Education Association, said Lane has been an active member in the organization for the last seven years. For her efforts, Young and the MTEA presented Lane with a plaque commemorating her dedicated service and contributions.

"Claudia always had an open door and it will be sad to see her go," Young said.

Another student Lane touched was Willie Griggs, a freshman business marketing major, who woke up at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday to write a poem for the reception.

"I know the Most High smiled on me / The day I saw your face / Though you depart, yet in my heart / You'll always have a place," Griggs's poem stated.

Lane's decision to switch jobs to Indiana-Purdue was heavily based on the fact that her husband, Johnny Lee, a former music professor at Eastern, works there.

"My husband accepted his position last semester, and I'm following him there," Lane said. "(Indiana-Purdue) is a beautiful campus, and it is a well-respected university."

The Lane family has a deep involvement with Eastern aside from employment—daughters Latoya and Maxine both earned undergraduate degrees at Eastern, and son Johnny is a senior African-American studies major.

"I'm still pinching myself, I can't believe it's almost over," said Lane, who's last day at Eastern is Friday.

Jones said she will especially miss one talent Lane has with students.

"I have seen her work with so many students that go in with a frown or tears on their face," she said. "But I don't know what magic she does, but they always seem to come out with a smile. Maybe she didn't solve their problem, but she at least made them felt better."

Lane, when looking back on her career, said she lived by life's golden rule.

"I've always treated people like I want to be treated—with compassion, love and concern," she said. "I just love life and love being around people and working with them."

AB considering allocations

◆ Senate, UB waiting for decision on funding

By Barry Hickey
STAFF WRITER

The Apportionment Board Thursday will decide on allocations requested by the University Board and Student Government, and the upcoming budgeting processes for the five fee-funded boards.

The UB is asking for \$28,000 to fix the lighting in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The lighting in there is horrible," said AB chair Amy Leonard. The \$28,000 is half of the \$56,000 required for the project.

"The Martin Luther King Jr. Union will supply the other half to pay for the rest, the Union could only afford half so they teamed up," Leonard said.

The UB also is seeking \$11,000 for special events, such as novelty and entertainment-themed events.

Leonard said examples of events are stress-free nights, or cheap entertainment.

The UB is seeking around \$40,000 in total from the AB, and there is currently \$70,000 left for allocation in reserve student fees.

"The Student Government is also asking for money to cover travel expenses to the Conference On Student Government Association, a student government conference in late February," Leonard said.

The AB will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Tuscola/Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, and is open to all students because the allocations concern student fees.

The first step in the budgeting process is a tutorial on creating budget proposals.

In the coming weeks, the AB will hear budget proposals from the five boards it funds—the UB, Student Government, Dramatic Players, Campus Recreation and the AB.

Following proposals, the AB will decide how much money to allocate the boards for the coming year. Boards will then have to revise their proposals to match the given amount.

Senate wants First Amendment upheld

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate Wednesday passed a resolution to uphold the First Amendment in student publications and approved committee chairs and four new senate members.

The senate took input from senate members before passing the resolution, recommending to the university president and vice president for student affairs that regardless of the court's decision in the student publication censorship case at Governors State University, the spirit of the First Amendment be upheld and continued in Eastern's student publications and throughout the entire campus environment.

"It's important to look at a resolution like this. We need to keep an outlet for ideas that the newspaper provides," said senate member Allison West.

Student Senate heard resignation letters from Jenn Anderson, Leesa Peters and Jim Markunas

before approving new members, committee chairs and members to two other committees.

The new Student Senate members include junior speech communication major Jason Garner, at-large; freshman pre-law major Adam Howell, at-large; sophomore industrial technology major Rachel Daschler, on-campus and political science major Krissy Peters, off-campus.

Student Government also approved Jenn Lampley as the chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee, Lauren Kluge as chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, Jessica Jarrett as chair of the Diversity Affairs Committee and Nancy Zegler as chair of the Housing Committee.

The Student Action Team approved new members Jonathan Campbell, Jessica Horwitz, Brice Donnelly and Josh Jewett.

The Apportionment Board added member Jennie Geu and Brice Donnelly as a representative liaison.

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City lawsuit to be decided at next council meeting

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Charleston's City Council has been divided by a lawsuit, but attempts have been made to resolve the issues between two council members and a city resident.

Council members Marge Knoop and Lorelei Sims and resident Susan McMillan filed a lawsuit against the city regarding the shortening of council member terms.

"I'm very pleased with the resolution," McMillan said. "It's pretty much exactly what we asked for 14 months ago."

During an executive session Tuesday morning, both sides of the case said progress was made in resolving the issue. Definite con-

clusions can only be made during an open session, so no concrete decision will be announced until next Tuesday's council meeting.

"We seem to be making positive progress toward achieving our goal," Sims said. "Our goal is an ordinance to reinstate our terms of office."

Sims and Knoop wish to finish their four-year terms and see the staggered terms introduced in the 2005 election.

"We may have a resolution," Mayor Dan Cougill said.

Approval or denial of the possible resolution is scheduled to take place Tuesday.

Sims, Knoop and McMillan filed a lawsuit against the city of Charleston, seeking a declaratory judgment in defense of Sims's and Knoop's four-year terms as council

members.

A statute in the city manager government form required the two council members elected with the lowest votes to serve only two-year terms in order to create staggered terms.

The city manager form of government went into effect beginning with the April 3, 2001 election, but the staggering term clause was overlooked until after Sims and Knoop were elected.

Sims and Knoop would be forfeiting their position in April to allow for the term staggering, but the two women are fighting to remain council members since they were elected under the understanding that they would be serving a full term.

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— council member Marge Knoop

A motion to pay the original \$180 bill did not pass at the previous meeting. The bill is only for one hour of the several hours of consultation.

The executive-session paperwork listed dropping the Chicago firm and having Bower represent the city as part of the resolution, said McMillan who is "very pleased" with the terms of the resolution.

Sims said progress is being made in both sides of the issue.

"I think we're in really good shape," Knoop added.

Ultimately, the final action in the matter will be revealed through Judge Cini's decision, McMillan said.

The council would prefer a decision before the scheduled Feb. 19 court date, but Judge Cini is occupied with the Mertz trial, she said.

RHA to hold fund raising activities continuing all semester

RHA starts raising funds for housing scholarships.

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association will mainly focus on fund raising for the semester.

Vice President of Finance Nachel Glynn is starting a fund raiser called Assassins.

The RHA President Stina Heldmann said the fund raiser will start Thursday and is a lot of fun.

Everyone who wants to participate will pay a dollar and write down their name on a piece of paper. They will then pull a name and that is the person that they are supposed to tag.

Heldmann said the tagging process will require the person to introduce them self to the person they selected.

"I am glad we are doing this fund raiser so early in the year, it helps people get to know others, and we will have stronger bonds in the RHA," Heldmann said.

Heldmann said the RHA will be doing a lot of fund raising to raise funds for housing scholarships.

The RHA will be encouraging residence halls and hall councils to get involved in Recognition Week, a week that recognizes employees and volunteers who help in the residence halls.

Recognition week will be held from Feb. 17-21.

The RHA will meet at 5 p.m. in the Andrews Hall lobby.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

David Radavich, president of the Eastern chapter of University Professionals of Illinois, holds the ballot box that 252 faculty members voted on whether to strike or not, while talking to other faculty members Wednesday evening in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium. The final vote had 212 faculty members voted for the first vote of strike authorization.

Authorization:

Faculty negotiations continue into the 11th month. Out of 252 UPI faculty who voted, 212 voted to approve a strike authorization vote.

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settlement of a contract negotiation with building and food service employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees is an example of settlements made with other university employees.

Wayland said the administration negotiating team is "looking at how we can cover classes of the faculty who choose to participate in the strike," and administration could be the temporary instructors.

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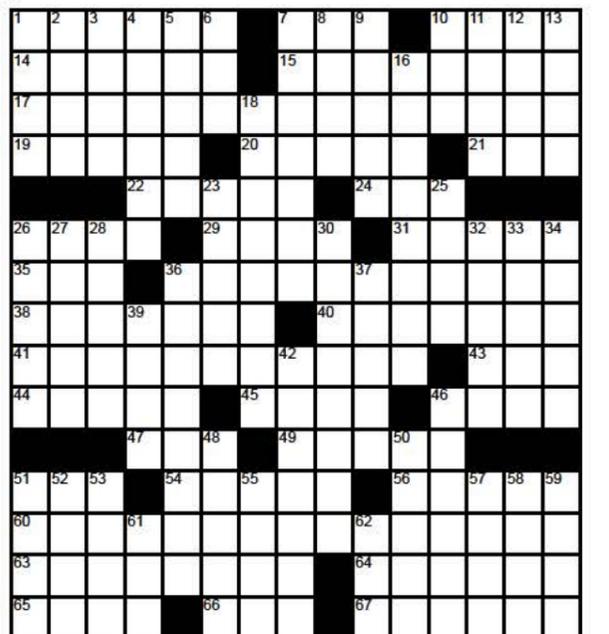
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Stepdaughter: Woman aimed her vehicle husband

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who had just caught her husband with his mistress aimed her Mercedes-Benz at him and ran him over as he pleaded for her to stop, the man's daughter, a passenger in the car, testified Wednesday.

"She stepped on the accelerator and went straight for him," Lindsey Harris, 17, said at her stepmother's murder trial. "He was really scared. He was trying to get away and he couldn't."

Clara Harris, 44, is accused of intentional-

ly running over her husband, David Harris, in a hotel parking lot July 24.

She has said her husband's death was an accident.

Lindsey Harris testified that her father confessed to his wife days before his death that he was having an affair with one of his office workers, Gail Bridges.

The teenager said she and her stepmother starting searching for David Harris on July 24 because Clara Harris believed her husband was still sneaking off to meet Bridges.

Exhibits:

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reading "The Light will never burn out" hangs across the stage.

On the stage are a row of headstones to represent the victims of hate crimes against the homeless, gays, Asian Americans, Latin

women, civil rights, African Americans and Jewish people.

As guests exit the exhibit, they can write a message on the "Wall of Reflection."

"It's interesting and really puts a perspective on the ignorance of racial discrimination," said Angie Roethemeyer, a senior health studies major.

Explosion at factory kills at least three

KINSTON, N.C. (AP) — An explosion followed by a raging fire demolished a plastics factory Wednesday, killing at least three people and injuring at least 37.

The cause of the thunderous blast that sent a black, acrid smoke billowing over the countryside was not immediately known. The West Pharmaceutical Services plant made syringe plungers and IV supplies, and had been cited for numerous safety violations last fall.

Three bodies had been found amid the twisted debris by late Wednesday, according to Chief Deral Raynor of the North Lenoir Fire Department, the scene commander.

Raynor said he believed everyone at the plant at the time of the explosion had been accounted for, but a safety department official on the scene cautioned it was too early to say.

Workers who escaped the fireball and the

choking smoke said they thought the factory was under terrorist attack. Sampson Heath said the explosion sent a plume of fire toward his work station and knocked him off his feet.

When he stood up, he saw wires and tiles hanging from the ceiling and could hear trapped co-workers screaming for help.

"Your life did flash before your eyes," Heath said as he stood in the yard of a church, getting hugs and kisses from relatives.

The first emergency crews on the scene said they repeatedly rescued workers who were dangling from steel beams. Many had third-degree burns.

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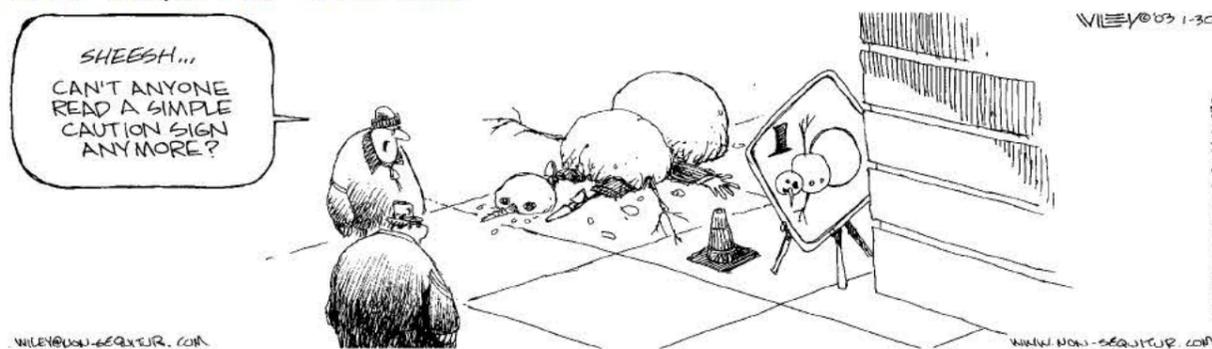
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers look for revenge against SEMO

By Michael Gilbert
STAFF WRITER

Three weeks may not seem like a long time but, for Eastern women's basketball team it has been an eternity, and at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena the Panthers will be out for revenge in a rematch with Southeast Missouri State.

On Jan. 4, the Panthers dropped their Ohio Valley Conference opener to the Otahkians. Eastern played SEMO close, but a late first half run by the Otahkians erased the Panther lead and SEMO coasted to a 74-59 victory.

This time the Panthers (3-14, 2-4 OVC) believe they can win and head coach Linda Wunder thinks the Panthers are more prepared to face the Otahkians.

"We have been watching game tape and definitely have a better idea of how they play," Wunder said. "They are a fast team that likes to run up and down the court, but we don't want them to dictate the game."

The Panthers enter the contest trying to erase a two-game losing streak. After defeating Murray State Jan. 20, Eastern was back in the OVC race. A loss to conference leader Austin Peay Monday, has put the Panthers in a tie for sixth place with Tennessee Tech.

Thankfully for the Panthers, their next five games will be in Lantz Arena and Wunder knows the upcoming homestand will be very crucial for her team.

"(The next five home games) are very important," Wunder said. "Most of the teams in the OVC

"We have been watching game tape and definitely have a better idea of how they play."

—Linda Wunder

play well at home, and we need to do the same thing."

SEMO is one of those OVC teams that plays well at home. The Otahkians are 6-0 at the Show Me Center, but have a sub-par 2-5 record away from Cape Girardeau, Mo. Regardless of record, the Panthers know a talented team will be coming to Charleston.

"They are a team that is very athletic," Wunder said. "SEMO has a guard-oriented team so we will have to make some adjustments."

Wunder was referring to junior guard Kenja White, who is the Otahkians' leading scorer, averaging just over 14 points per contest. She is also at the top in steals with 2.2 a game.

The Panthers have their own star guard in junior Lauren Dailey, who will be guarding White. Dailey is averaging 12.8 points per game, but was held scoreless in the second half of the Panthers loss to Austin Peay.

Wunder is not concerned of this being a recurring trend.

"Lauren's shots just weren't falling," Wunder said. "She had good looks, but they just didn't go in. It happens to everybody."

Hopefully for the Panthers, Dailey's shots will fall. If they don't, look for Eastern to turn to freshman Megan Sparks.

Sparks is the team's third leading scorer and has made a 3-pointer in seven straight games. While Sparks may be a surprise to Panther fans, Wunder knew she had talent the first time she took the court.

"No, I'm not surprised by Megan's success," Wunder said. "She is doing pretty much what we thought she would do when we recruited her."

Besides Dailey and Sparks, a big key to the game could be how the Panthers bench performs.

"Everybody needs to step up for us," Wunder said. "Our five starters have to stay focused and our bench needs to come up big."

SWIMMING

Eastern swimmers ride wave of success

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern men's swim team has been a powerful force with seven wins, one tie and only two losses this season.

One member of this powerful team is Rich Wahlgren. Wahlgren is a junior who swims 50 M and 100 M freestyle.

Wahlgren said many people on the team have been sick this year, including himself. Wahlgren contracted mononucleosis last year and was unable to swim during winter break when the swim team competed in Florida. He said because of mono, he was not able to practice and could not compete as

hard as he had wanted to.

This year he is healthy. Despite his sickness last year, he was able to break the 50 M freestyle conference record (21.33).

This year, he hopes to break his own record again. He also is hoping to break the 100 M freestyle sprint. Wahlgren is confident he will break both of the records at the conference meet in three weeks.

Fellow team members have great respect for him and confidence in his return.

"Rich's determination is an inspiration for all of us," sophomore freestylist Tom Watson said.

Wahlgren does not help his team with his outstanding times alone,

he also pushes his teammates to perform better.

"Rich pushes the rest of the team to do their best, and he is a good leader," sophomore butterfly swimmer Paul Luttinen said.

Wahlgren has earned the admiration of some of his teammates for his performances as well.

"Rich is my idol because I want to swim the events he does, but I can't and he swims them very well. And since I live with him, he is always pushing me even outside the pool," senior freestylist and co-captain Nic Cheviron said.

The men's team is not the only squad making a splash, however. The women's team is heading into the conference meet with an 8-2

record. One of the team's key swimmers in these wins is junior Jordan Sherbrooke.

Sherbrooke is a mid-distance freestyle swimmer. Her main events are the 200 M and 500 M freestyle.

As a freshman, Sherbrooke set four school records. In her sophomore year, she broke her own 500 M and 1,650 M freestyle records.

"I did not break my 200 freestyle record yet," Sherbrooke said. "My goal for this year is to better that time from my freshman year."

Sherbrooke said she doesn't know what she will be swimming in their upcoming conference meet because she has also been swimming the 100 M and the 200 M

breaststroke.

Sherbrooke said she will be swimming in two relays at conference, the 400 M and the 800 M freestyle relays.

"The 800 free relay has a chance to break the record again at the conference meet, and the 400 free relay will be a strong relay," Sherbrooke said.

Sherbrooke's teammates also support her and they believe she is headed for big things.

"Jordan is a strong swimmer who makes a big contribution to the team, and she is going to be one of the top swimmers next year," Senior freestylist Allison Kenney said. "She will have a big role to fill."

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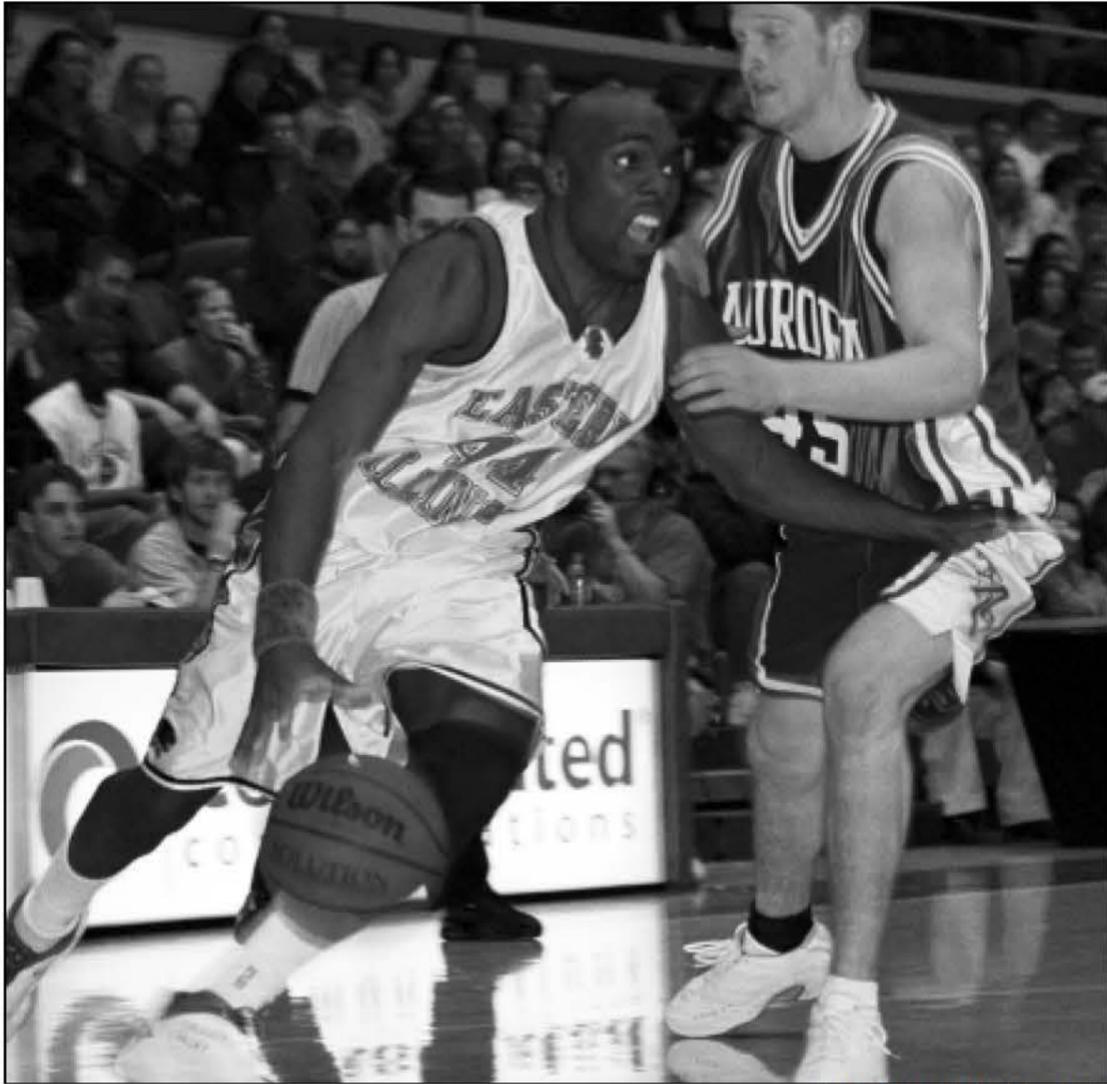
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Golden Eagles flying high into Lantz Arena



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Senior guard Henry Domercant drives past Aurora center Drew Gronau in Saturday's 80-72 victory at Lantz Arena. The Panthers host OVC foe Tennessee Tech Thursday in an important battle for conference positioning.

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Lantz Arena will host the biggest matchup of the Ohio Valley Conference Thursday at 7:10 p.m. at Lantz Arena when Eastern (7-11, 2-4) hosts Tennessee Tech (11-8, 4-2).

Panthers' guard and the nation's second leading scorer Henry Domercant and Golden Eagles' center Damien Kinloch will showcase their abilities in a crucial conference game for both teams.

Domercant is averaging 26.6 points per game and is third on the OVC all-time scoring list with 2270 points. However, the OVC preseason player of the year has only shot 35 percent from the field in the last six games.

"We need some players beside Henry to step up and provide an offensive lift," Panthers head coach Rick Samuels said.

On the other hand, Golden Eagles center Damien Kinloch is coming to Charleston on a hot streak after averaging 22 points, shooting 76 percent from the floor and grabbing nearly 10 rebounds per game last week.

Kinloch can also be a force in the middle, blocking 22 shots in 19 games this season.

"Damien Kinloch is obviously a premier player in this conference," Samuels said.

The Golden Eagles are currently riding a four-game winning streak, which has lifted them to second place in the conference. However, Tech is only 2-6 away from Cookeville, Tenn.

Tech is 9-4 when they out-rebound its opponents this season

and they have taken advantage of the smaller lineups in the OVC.

"Rebounding is a big concern for us," Samuels said. "This may be the game at which our back-court players may get six to eight rebounds."

Golden Eagles guard Brent Jolly is shooting better from beyond the three-point arc (41 percent) than regular field goals (39 percent). Jolly is also shooting 83 percent from the charity stripe.

"Brent Jolly is an excellent perimeter shooter who's smart, but doesn't do much off the dribble," Samuels said.

Samuels has hinted that his bench needs to provide more production because of the slow starts that Eastern consistently has.

"Players like Josh Gomes and Jason Wright will be forced to get significant minutes in the near future," he said.

A good start for the Panthers may be the most important aspect against a Tech team that is 9-0 when leading at the half and 10-1 when leading with five minutes left in the game.

This is the first of Eastern's five straight home conference contests that will culminate with the anticipated rematch with Morehead State Feb. 8. If the Panthers can put together a winning streak in Lantz Arena, they will be in good position to receive a home game in the first round of the OVC tournament.

"We've got everybody coming to us at least once, and in some cases twice," Samuels said. "That's something we talk about everyday."

Vegas:

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the character of its massive viewing audience.

In that case, the league must desperately be trying to revive the lost art of the cat fight with Budweiser ads, and be eager to encourage public lewdness and indecent exposure with recent Nike ads displaying an English soccer fan nudely rushing the field only to elude the helpless police.

Rather than pointing a righteous and indignant finger, Tagliabue needs to simply

acknowledge the fact that the NFL wouldn't be where it is today without television revenue and gambling. By not airing the ads, the NFL merely served to give Las Vegas more publicity than any ad could have hoped to garner and showed the NFL's commissioner as a hypocrite.

Sure, Tagliabue could genuinely be worried about the moral state of his league, but it could be he's fighting the only revenue source related to the league he doesn't receive a cut from.

You decide.

Sunshine:

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punter. Spoo regrets the only response to special teams criticism was having no backups to turn to.

"I want to make very clear this is a competitive game, I don't want people getting complacent because nobody can replace them," Spoo said.

With the loss of 2003 Walter Payton award winner Tony Romo and first-team all OVC tailback J.R. Taylor, Spoo intends

to reload at the offensive skill positions also.

"We'll definitely take a quarterback, running back or receiver, but it's not high on our priority list," Spoo said.

Overall, Eastern could have the top recruiting class in I-AA college football.

"Our class will not only be one of the top in I-AA but certain Mid-American Conference schools in I-A will be wondering how we got certain players," Bellantoni said.

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	M basketball vs. Tenn. Tech	7:10 p.m. Lantz Arena
SATURDAY	W basketball vs. Tenn. State	5:15 p.m. Lantz Arena
	M basketball vs. Tenn. State	7:10 p.m. Lantz Arena
SUNDAY	Wrestling vs. Missouri	2 p.m. Lantz Arena

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Ben Erwin
ONLINE EDITOR

Vegas rolls snake eyes on NFL

Apparently the NFL has taken the moniker of Sin City a bit too seriously in its refusal to air commercials sponsored by Las Vegas during this year's Super Bowl. Fearing the effect such ads could have on the "credibility" and "moral character" of the league, the NFL rejected the ads claiming the league did not associate itself with such criminal and immoral elements associated with the city.

But as Las Vegas mayor Oscar Goodman said, "It's not as though the league has clean hands here." Within the NFL, almost 21 percent of athletes have been subject to some legal trouble ranging from unpaid speeding and parking tickets to charges of spousal abuse, assault and even murder. That's not to mention the starting offense of the Dallas Cowboys who hold one of the most notorious reputations this side of Allen Iverson.

Former Carolina Panther Rae Carruth was even charged with planning the drive-by shooting death of his former girlfriend Cherica Adams, and was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder. And St. Louis Rams linebacker Leonard Little pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter after an incident of drunken driving in which he ran a red light and struck a woman picking up her children.

But really, what's a little murder where integrity is concerned? I mean, it's certainly not as atrocious as ponying up at a table in Vegas and legally betting on your favorite team.

So, if the NFL is so vehemently and morally opposed to gambling and the damage it will surely do to its image, the league certainly couldn't have any association to such a crime, could it?

The NFL's public ties to gambling go back to the 1980s when well known gambler, handicapper and prognosticator Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was prominently featured during CBS' weekly pregame show. In 1963, a pair of NFL stars were caught betting on their sport. Detroit Lions defensive tackle Alex Karras (better known as the affable dad from "Webster" than he ever was for any manner of gridiron glory) and Green Bay Packers running back Paul Hornung were both suspended "indefinitely" for the transgression.

Sadly, "indefinitely" equated to a single year and Hornung was even inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame (I wonder if Pete Rose knows about that one) a few years after his retirement.

If the strong moral fiber and morals make players impervious to transgressions in the eyes of commissioner Paul Tagliabue, maybe professional football is worried such ads could have a negative effect on

HOCKEY

Panthers skating on thin ice

◆ *One of Eastern's self-funded club teams*

By Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Paying for all your equipment, facility use and providing your own transportation to get to games and practices is a norm for most club teams.

For the Eastern hockey club, it is no different.

The club has a yearly budget of about \$10,000, including \$115 per hour of practice time, equipment and driving to and from practices and games.

Other than a few sponsorships from parents or family members, the team is completely self funded.

Club president and team goaltender Travis Graff said the team sent out letters to local businesses, but received no responses.

"We have a few sponsors, but otherwise we pay it all ourselves," Graff said. "It definitely isn't cheap."

Despite the costs, the club garners a decent turnout each year ranging from 20-25 players. Players range from playing high school, club teams and even some with little experience.

Because of money and travel distances, the team only practices once or twice a week at the Danville Civic Center.

Players are forced to use the student recreation center for the rest of the week so they can prepare for games. The team plays its home games at the David S. Palmer Civic Center in Decatur.

This puts them at a disadvantage with other teams that can practice on the ice several times a week.

The Panthers are in their second year of play in the Mid-American College Hockey Association. MACHA is broken down into two tiers, with Eastern being in the silver tier made up of smaller, less experienced teams.

Eastern is one of eight teams in the silver tier including SIU-Edwardsville, University of Iowa, Northwestern, Robert Morris College, University of Missouri-



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Senior goaltender Travis Graff stops a shot against a Northern Illinois player in a 10-3 defeat Nov. 8.

Columbia, Wheaton College and Washington University.

The team is manned by many young underclassmen Graf expects to lead when he and his fellow seniors depart after this season.

Freshman center Steve Dorich leads the team in points with 27 by scoring 14 goals and assisting on 13 others.

"(Dorich) has been an all around good player whether it has been scoring or just leading out on the ice," Graff said. "It's great to see a freshman do that."

Sophomore winger Chris Coles is right behind Dorich with 24 points on a team leading 15 goals and nine assists while freshman winger Alec Reisberg has notched 16 points this season.

Graff along with Chris Hurtig

and Greg Garofalo, have split time in goal this season for the Panthers.

Robert Morris is tops in the standings with a 12-0 conference record up this point. The Panthers are currently sixth at 3-7, but have had some close losses.

Eastern next faces off against Northwestern (6-3-1) at 9:20 p.m. Friday at the American Heartland Ice Arena in Lincolnwood. Northwestern is participating in its first year of MACHA play, but have been able to keep up with other teams in the division.

"We played them last year in non-conference," Graff said. "They have surprised a lot of people this year and it should be a good game."

For more information on the club, call Graff at 348-0299 or e-mail him at hockeyman40@yahoo.com.

Eastern Point Leaders

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C. Doles	15	9	24
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FOOTBALL

Panthers seek speed in Sunshine state

◆ *Eastern hopes to boast one of best recruiting classes in Division I-AA*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Super Bowl XXXVII reaffirmed the theory Panthers head coach Bob Spoo went into the off-season recruiting season with - defense is all about speed.

"Everybody saw the Tampa Bay Buccaneers dominate with so much speed, and I know we need that on our defense," Spoo said.

Spoo and his entire defensive staff has concentrated almost entirely on obtaining speed.

"Speed is what we need badly, because we suffered for an entire year without lateral quickness," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said.

Spoo has been fully concentrated on stopping the ball after Eastern ranked 107th in total defense, 109th in scoring defense and 121st in passing defense in 2002.

"We are obviously looking primarily on the defensive side of the



Roc Bellantoni

"When you have 15 to 20 guys from Florida, the main sell of the program is when you leave home, you will have some hometown brothers in Charleston."

ball, specifically linebackers, lineman and secondary personnel," Spoo said.

Eastern lost starting outside linebacker Lance Thompson and currently has only three cornerbacks on scholarship.

"Linebacker is a huge issue for us, but we also have a serious problem with depth at secondary," Bellantoni said.

However, Spoo seemed very confident the players his staff has contacted and visited will produce immediately after they arrive in Charleston. Bellantoni believes as long as the expected recruits sign on the dotted line, Eastern's 2003 recruiting class could rival certain I-A schools.

"We have had good conversations with the top guys we ranked back in December and we are confident a safety out of Florida chose us over Kent State," Bellantoni said. "It's looking really good right now."

Spoo echoed Bellantoni's sentiments.

"We are confident that defensively, this could be one of the best classes we've ever had," Spoo said.

Eastern has targeted the Sunshine State for defensive recruits with the ability to make an immediate impact.

Offensive line coach Steve Farmer has explored the Tampa-area and Bellantoni has taken the Miami to Fort Lauderdale region.

Before he took the position at the University of Pittsburgh, defensive line coach Charlie Partridge recruited in the Orlando-area.

Branching off to Florida is not an entirely new trend for Eastern, the Panthers have 16 players from Florida on their current roster.

"When you have 15 to 20 guys from Florida, the main sell of the program is when you leave home, you will have some hometown brothers in Charleston," Bellantoni said.

The Panther coaches usually point to Ohio Valley Conference defensive player of the year Nick Ricks from Deerfield Beach as an example for Florida recruits.

"There's no question that we use Nick as a guy that we can point to and say he's tall like you, runs like you and could be successful like you," Bellantoni said.

The most exciting recruit the Panthers are pursuing may play four different positions next year. Spoo is currently close to signing a high school prospect who plays linebacker and fullback, but is also an effective place kicker and