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TUITION AND FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Fees set for senate discussion

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

After more than two hours of discussion, the Tuition and Fee Review Committee Tuesday decided to approve the original fee increase motions to be moved on to the Student Senate.

The motions in question were for the Grant-in-Aid and Health Service fees the senate voted down on March 10.

The original proposal for the Grant-in-Aid fee was to give athletics \$2.40 more a year for each student for the next five years.

Both Nikki Kull, committee chair, and

Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs, encouraged the senate to vote the motion down so the committee could go back and add 60 cents for a total of \$3 to keep the 80 percent to athletics and 20 percent to academics intact.

"Larry and I encouraged it to fail, so athletics would still get the \$2.40, but academics will not suffer," Kull said.

The \$3 will have each full-time undergraduate student paying \$80.50 for Grant-in-Aid fee for Fiscal Year 2005, as opposed to this year's amount of \$77.50.

Rich McDuffie, director of athletics, asked the senate to consider a \$4 increase to athletics and a \$1 increase to academics.

"From an athletics point of view, we wouldn't have to come back here for five years," McDuffie said. "We'd be out of your hair."

Committee members decided it was safer to give them the original \$3 to stick with the original plan.

Committee member Matt Taggart said the proposal would be too much at once.

"I feel like a moderate amount is good," Taggart said. "But, I think it's better to do it over a long period of time."

Committee member Marty Ruhaak said he thinks senate members need to understand that many athletes rely on scholarships, which the Grant-in-Aid fee supplies, in order to get an education.

"Some people don't want to support athletes because they weren't athletes," Ruhaak said. "You're giving 500 students an education here."

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FACULTY SENATE Administrator evaluations in the works

By Jennifer Peryam
STAFF WRITER

Faculty Senate members discussed creating a new way for faculty to evaluate administrators at Eastern Tuesday.

Eastern already has a process in place that evaluates its administrators, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Blair Lord. Lord said internal governing policy 31, which evaluates administrators, has been used sporadically by some departments and consistently by others.

"Our college would ask all faculty members to be involved when reviewing deans and ask other groups who interact with these higher-up officials to provide feedback instead of just departmental superiors," Lord said.

"I think this evaluation of administrators is a positive and constructive way to gain feedback and grow when evaluated by a larger part of the campus," said Bud Fischer, a senate member.

Senate members were concerned someone could hand select the people who would evaluate them and were also concerned about signatures on evaluations.

"A larger sample should be used and pursued beyond Academic Affairs. All departmental chairs should have the evaluation process mobilized," said Senate member Steve Scher. A question of whether evaluations should be signed by the evaluators or remain anonymous was also discussed.

"When evaluators list strengths and weaknesses about someone they should sign their name to show the evaluation was taken seriously with deep thought," Fischer said.

Fischer said he believed a middle person would be necessary if the choice was to remain anonymous, to avoid names of evaluators being revealed to the evaluated.

When students evaluate teachers presently, there is not a requirement to provide a signature on the evaluation. Some faculty members said they believed there would be an effect on students if they were told to provide a signature when evaluating teachers.

"There is always a fear. When I was doing dean evaluations, a signature was optional," Lord said. "This signature for administrators would be less of a fear because there would not be a student-teacher power relationship present."

"Faculty are supposed to speak their mind if they feel strongly that they are not getting the best out of their department," said Senate member Wilson Ogbomo. Ogbomo said the university practices freedom of academics, but when an evaluator signs his or her name, the truth within the evaluation may not be as present.

Senate members Reed Benedict and Assege Haile Mariam will help Fischer work on a proposal for the administration evaluation for a future agenda.

"We hope to come up with an evaluation process that can be used effectively at all upper administrative levels," Fischer said.

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Brittany Shick, a junior history major, shows Haitian children the movie she filmed of them outside of their church in Baras. A group of students through the Newman Center went to Haiti over Winter Break.

PHOTO COURTESY OF EMILY DETTRO

Humanitarian Haiti trips in question

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

Several campus organizations are deciding whether or not to take groups of students to Haiti on humanitarian missions this year in light of the ongoing violent political turmoil taking place in the Caribbean nation.

The Haiti Connection is a program run by the Newman Catholic Center and was designed to bring humanitarian aid to Haiti.

Roy Lanham, the Newman Catholic Center's campus minister, has traveled to Haiti for 15 years and now makes the trip twice a year — once in January and also in May.

But Lanham has not yet decided whether he will bring Eastern students to Haiti again this May.

"We're leaning towards not going, but we will make that decision April 1," Lanham said. "I'm not going to endanger students' lives. However, I have a number of American friends in Haiti and they're fine."

The Christian Campus House, a Recognized Student Organization, is another group planning a trip to Haiti. Danah Horner, one of the organization's campus ministers, is still undecided on whether she will be taking

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—Roy Lanham, campus minister

ing a small group of students this summer.

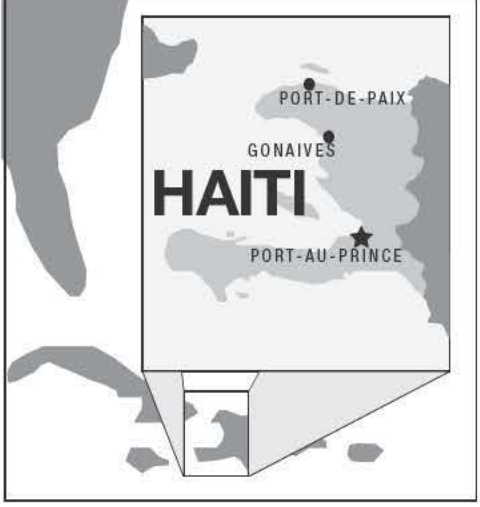
"I'm waiting until the end of the month," Horner said. "Since the rebel forces pretty much took over, it's not been as stable."

Horner said she has been receiving conflicting information about how safe Haiti is for Americans at the moment.

She said she also has been in contact with missionary friends currently in the country who say it is safe for Americans.

But at the same time, the U.S. government has been issuing warnings about traveling to Haiti. According to the Secretary of State's travel advisory Web site, the Department of State "ordered the departure of all family members and non-emergency personnel of the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince."

In addition, the Web site advised that while



commercial travel has resumed to the capital city of Port-au-Prince, people should "defer travel to Haiti until the situation stabilizes."

However, both the Christian Campus House and the Haiti Connection are not scheduled to travel to Haiti until after commencement in May.

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Girls fight back: Self-defense pro to demonstrate

By Matt Wills
STAFF WRITER

The University Board, the Women's Resource Center and the Panhellenic Council are hosting a self-defense lecture and demonstration at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The speaker will be Eastern alumna Erin Weed who has trained with many well-known professional self-defense instructors in the country.

Weed formed the organization called Girls Fight Back! The organization is designed to provide knowledge to the average girl or woman who wants to feel safe and be able to protect herself from an attacker or any other event that could pose a threat.

"I founded the program after Shannon McNamara was murdered and that was my initial motivation," Weed said.

Weed will be doing a 90-minute seminar to teach the basics of self-defense and hope to encourage people to keep learning more.

Her training includes car jacking situations, multiple assailant attacks, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Krav Maga, knife and firearm training and criminal psychology. Weed also is certified by the American Women's Self Defense Association and is a certified Personal Trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. She is also a trained Confined Area Survival Tactics instructor through the Modern Warrior Academy.

"I am constantly training with people who are very knowledgeable," Weed said. "I train with the New York Police Department."

Weed speaks to colleges, high schools, churches, women's groups and other groups all over the country about protecting themselves.

"Last year I did 65 programs for Girls Fight Back," Weed said.

Since graduating from Eastern, Weed found herself in the area of New York City trying to pursue the dream of a job in the entertainment business. She has since turned her focus to Girls Fight Back! and her writing on similar topics.

For more information, visit www.girlsfightback.com.

POLICE BLOTTER

Joshua L. Craig, 21, 5329 N County Road 2200 E, was arrested Saturday for driving while under the influence of alcohol, having an alcohol blood concentration of .08 percent or more and improper parking on the roadway on N E Street.

Jared K. Hughes, 23, Mattoon, was arrested March 17 for the purchase/acceptance of alcohol.

Jared K. Hughes, 23, Mattoon, was arrested March 18 for driving while under the influence of alcohol, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation on W State Street at the intersection of B Street.

Ryan M. Galloway, 21, 106 W Lincoln Ave., was arrested Thursday for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving without lights when required on the 100 block of W Lincoln Avenue.

Larry Brandon Parke, 18, 420 N Division St., was arrested March 16 for minor consumption.

Robert D. Jr. Carpenter, 18, 761 11th St., was arrested March 16 for minor consumption.

Nicholas M. Dundee, 18, 15372 E County 420N Road, was arrested March 16 for minor consumption.

Matthew D. Murfee, 21, 823 Fourth St., was arrested March 13 for driving while under the influence of alcohol, having an alcohol blood concentration of .08 percent or more, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at the intersection of Fourth Street and Harrison Avenue.



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Scott Clements, a junior music major, plays the trombone as part of the EIU Combo III group Tuesday night at the EIU Jazz combos concert.

Jazz combos play with Jim Snidero

By Katherine Roche
STAFF WRITER

Having played with greats such as Frank Sinatra and Jack McDuff, The Jim Snidero Quartet performed Tuesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union with the EIU Jazz Combos.

The concert began with the three Eastern Jazz Combos. All members of the combos were Eastern students, and each combo played three songs. The groups, with directors Simon Rowe, Mike Jones and Travis Wesley, all contained at least five musicians playing instruments from trumpet to bass.

The concert started at 6:30 p.m. with each combo playing their own 20 minute to half hour set, and ended at 7:45 p.m. Combo 1, the last combo to perform, will play at the National Jazz Festival in

Dallas next month. They have also received the Most Outstanding Group Award at a performance at Elmhurst College earlier this year. Snidero, EIU Jazz Combo's special guest, also gave the group recognition before his performance.

"It's refreshing to hear a young group such as themselves playing swing jazz. Their music was authentic, convincing jazz," Snidero said.

Tony Wong, a freshman music education and jazz studies major, said the EIU Jazz Combo usually has one concert a month at Eastern.

"Combo I is always very good; you know what to expect, but tonight they performed the best. You know it's good when you get goosebumps listening to the music," Wong said.

Snidero has been playing the alto saxophone for 20-25 years, mainly in New

York City, but also across the globe. He has traveled worldwide not only as a soloist, but as an educator as well. Snidero made his name with Japanese pianist and composer Toshiko Akyoshi, who is a prime alto saxophone player.

Simon Rowe, instructor of jazz studies and piano, as well as the director of EIU Combo 1, said Snidero has been here three or four times, and lets Eastern know when he will be in the area.

The Jim Snidero Quartet took stage after a brief intermission, playing for more than an hour, with each member giving an impressive solo. The Quartet played six or seven songs, giving the audience a variety of material from Snidero's released CDs. With Peter Zack on piano, Paul Gill on bass, and Joe Troser on drums, the Quartet played an outstanding performance.

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Keeping, cleaning up Coleman



By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

Because of age and normal wear, the trim paneling in the hallways of Coleman Hall is undergoing renovation.

These panels were originally constructed in the mid 1960s and haven't been updated since installation, Gary Reed, interim director of physical planning and management, said.

"These panels are now being replaced by the EIU Renovations crew to improve the appearance and ease of upkeep of the Coleman corridors," he said.

The renovations crew began work on the selected corridors during spring break and they have future plans to renovate all hallways.

"The eventual goal is to do all the hallways," said Deborah Black, construction project coordinator for Facilities, Planning and Management. "We're doing as many as we can at this time with this funding."

The hallways currently being renovated are located on the first and second floors.

Though the hallways are receiving major work, political science professor Lilian Barria said the work is not disrupting classes and she is happy to see upgrades being made.

"I'm here everyday, and I have not noticed people working or any scaffolding and materials in the hallways, so it really isn't disruptive," Barria said. "I think it's great that they are going ahead on this project because I believe it will benefit all of us in the building."

Some of the ceiling tiles in Coleman have been temporarily removed as well.

According to Reed, the removal of ceiling tiles is to allow wire-way access during the installation of the horizontal wiring phase of the campus network upgrade project.

Reed said these network upgrades are planned for each of the academic classroom and administrative buildings on campus.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY

Rich Hook from MSI adds wires to the ceiling in Coleman Hall Tuesday evening. Ceiling tiles were removed to allow wire-way access during the installation of the horizontal wiring phase on the campus network upgrade project.

STUDENT SENATE

Senate to vote on two fee increase motions

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate Wednesday will need to suspend the bylaws to vote on two fee increase motions, which are rewrites from two previously defeated motions.

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said the Tuition and Fee Review Committee will put together new motions to make any changes the senate might see fit.

"I think that the committee will come back with an appropriate compromise for all the fees in question," Lesica said.

The two motions are for increases to the Health Service and Grant-in-Aid fees, which were voted down by the senate March 10.

Committee member Beckie Diehl said she agrees with the original proposal for a 6 percent increase to the Health Service fee.

"A lot of people thought you couldn't ask for more than 4 percent," Diehl said.

"We wanted to give them a 6 percent increase so they don't get deeper into the red."

On March 10, the motion was defeated 17-9, which would usually approve a motion, but because of a veto executed by Student Body President Caleb Judy, a two-thirds vote was needed to approve the motion to President Lou Hencken.

Diehl said she thinks most of the senate members will vote the same way, approving the motion this time around.

"You've got to find a compromise," she said. "People who don't like it will probably not change their minds."

The senate will also discuss a motion, which was proposed by administrators at Eastern, to increase the tuition for students. The proposal, if approved, will have each returning student pay 7.75 percent more, which would increase the current amount per credit hour from \$118.75 to \$127.65.

Lesica said student input is not required to approve tuition increases, but the senate has had input for many

years.

"We have input," Lesica said. "The administration thinks it's important to maintain the shared governance with input from across campus."

Lesica said the proposal also includes a 16 percent increase for incoming freshman, which would have each freshman paying \$137.35 for Fiscal Year 2005.

The senate will also discuss a motion requesting \$200 to send three students to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee on April 4 at Western Illinois University.

Lesica said a new student representative for the board will be elected on that date.

"Having a student on the Board of Higher Education allows students from the state of Illinois to be heard directly," he said. "It's an extremely important part of shared governance."

The Student Senate will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Finance group beneficial to students

By April McLaren
STAFF WRITER

College students are focused on one thing— that simple piece of paper known as a degree.

Along the way, there are numerous ways to be involved including Recognized Student Organizations, like the Financial Management Association, that help students get information on their degree that they would not get in the classroom.

"(FMA) helps students make a decision on what they want to do after graduation," said Sean Cusack, a senior finance major and president of FMA.



After much studying, spending and stress, students earn a degree and sometimes worry about what comes next. Cusack said FMA helps students figure out just what kind of direction they want to take in their career.

Cusack said FMA has approximately 30 members who are primarily business majors, but the organization is open to anyone interested in business.

While FMA is focused on helping students decide their career directions, various speakers such as local entrepreneurs and representatives from investment firms and insurance companies talk to the members about different business opportunities.

Senior finance major Emily Kenney said she finds the speakers helpful. Kenney joined FMA last fall to build her resume. She first heard about the RSO from business professor Steve Larson, adviser of FMA.

"It's a way to get involved," she said.

Cusack said FMA has workshops to help students with writing their resumes.

To see the business life first hand, FMA will be traveling to Chicago Thursday to talk to the chief executive officer of an investment firm. Then on Friday the group will take a trip to the Chicago Board of Trade to observe the action of trade, take a tour and walk on the floor.

Cusack said throughout the year, the group also gets involved in volunteer work such as food drives, soup kitchens and fund raising for charities.

He said FMA will participate in Relay for Life, a walk for cancer, April 16 and 17.

FMA is not all work and no play. Cusack said members of FMA are currently trying to organize an ultimate frisbee tournament or a beanbags tournament open to all students on campus to step away from the books and have a little fun.

Cusack joined FMA the first semester of his junior year looking to improve his resume. He continued into his senior year to take the presidential position.

"I became president to help myself improve my leadership skills and to build my resume," he said.

The cost to be a member of FMA is \$20 per semester or \$30 for the year. The RSO uses the money for a free pizza recruitment party at the beginning of the year to attract new members. It also pays for an end of the semester party at a local restaurant for dinner and drinks, Cusack said.

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—Sean Cusack, president



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EDITORIAL

Week should include all Greek groups

Greek Week will begin Friday without participation from five National Pan-Hellenic Council chapters, or those recognized as historically African-American fraternities and sororities on campus, because of low membership numbers compared to other competing organizations.

Greek Week is an annual weeklong competition in events between campus fraternities and sororities.

The idea behind the week is a strong and powerful one of uniting the Greeks and promoting school spirit, but the competition should fairly judge the organizations.

Judges of the competition award organizations points for each event, rating various performance elements, including member attendance.

The average size of a fraternity is 65, while sororities average 90 members. The average Pan-Hellenic organization has 11.2 members, and combined, the five fraternities and sororities equal 56, according to Greek Life Office numbers.

Though the smaller groups are not restricted from participating in the events with the larger groups, there have not been any adjustments to awarding and calculating points to provide fairly judged competition.

Currently, many of the small groups choose to only partake in events which do not require large numbers of group members such as the community service competition.

Adjustments should be made so not only are other Greek organizations permitted to compete, but the competition is equally worthwhile.

A solution to improving the point system could be to factor scores in compliance with the number of members or to combine organizations with low members together as a team for balanced participation.

Diversity among Greek organizations on campus have been an issue the Greek community has strived to improve upon and defend for some time.

A simple way to help expand diversity among the organizations would be to take advantage of every opportunity to diversify.

A slight adjustment to the Greek Week point system would make a significant difference in the diversity of involvement as well as the experience of the week as a whole shared by all participating members.

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

OPINION

Liberal meaning misunderstood



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Liberals always portray themselves as the saviors of those who are oppressed in any form. They have had an influence in most of the world, like here in the USA. However, I do not think that this is a liberal nation or that its population even understands the meaning of being a liberal.

The only examples of liberal countries may be some of the Western European countries, particularly France and Germany. Eastern European countries also tried to become liberals but eventually become quite the opposite: dictatorships, and many of those in the east are still in such a situation.

While conservatives talk about personal responsibility, liberals usually talk about the societies' responsibility. For many liberals, one is poor because of the bad government, the greedy riches, incompetent parents. And yes, Western Europeans have done a lot of work in order that their governments protect the people. They don't need to worry so terribly for their health care and job security as here. During the '90s (during the fake economic boom), much of the American media used to criticize a lot these models, claiming that they're responsible for their typical high unemployment rates and economic stagnation until these times when the same happens here.

Therefore, the liberal European systems still deserve credit, but it doesn't seem that this is where American liberals are pointing. The French, as a whole, still take personal responsibility into account. Their public schools

"Many American liberals are not liberals, especially feminists, and are leading the USA in the Eastern Europe direction rather than the Western one."

(from elementary school to college) are not places to have fun, but of hard work. Parents do apply pressure on their kids to make them study and respect them. I won't go in detail about this. If you want more information but don't want to go to France or get French friends, you can read *French or Foe?* by Polly Platt who has lived almost three decades over there. You'll really get shocked. Or just look at the news about the French ban on religious expressions in most public (not all) schools. Frenchmen agree that cultural diversity is good, but they also believe that foreign children must integrate into their adoptive country, and they do respect religion.

Then, the personal responsibility is my point. It's almost forgotten in America. People are putting too many responsibilities on the government. For example, Jamie Fetty complained in one of her columns about the situation of women in bad marriages and taking away all possible responsibility from them. So, who's going to solve anything? Is the govern-

ment supposed to control whom is dating and marrying whom? Like in the worst socialist countries like Cambodia under Pol Pot? She also portrayed men as the only sources of family violence while women as the eternal innocent victims. This is wrong.

Instead of solving the problems of women and minorities, what (socialists' leaders) have promoted is the current discrimination of minorities and women against men that I have seen during my job search. They really don't want to change the society (because they hate it), but who the rulers are. Affirmative Action is just a bunch of useless papers. Relations between men and women are really hurt. Today, for many women a man is suspect to be a rapist, drunk or whatever else unless he proves the opposite. If you think that I exaggerate, how is it possible that the big hate promoter Avril Lavigne is selling so many CDs? The same things happen in colleges where there can't be scholarships for white men. If it's good to be black or Hispanic (as myself), it must be good to be white.

Many American liberals are not liberals, especially feminists, and are leading the USA in the Eastern Europe direction rather than the Western one.

It's funny when a fat man sues restaurants for making him fat, but the eventual result is that the government will have too much power in the hands of haters. Do you think that France and Germany are tough? Look yourself what happened in the failed side.

Cartoon by Gia Hyos



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marriage rights should be for all

There's been a lot of good discussion lately over whether gay marriage should be legal or illegal, but I think both sides miss the point.

Gay marriage proponents, while championing the rights of one minority, seem all too willing to tolerate the trampling on the rights of another.

If men can marry other men, and women other women, then why can't a man or woman marry many partners?

The proponents of gay marriage should be fighting

for everyone's marriage rights, instead of just focusing on one particular group.

I'm afraid some, if not many, backers of gay marriage would draw the line at their rights and not think about others. This is extremely hypocritical, and one of the things the Religious Right uses to attack their position. If you grant marriage rights to one sexual minority, then why not all of them?

There are a growing number of people in this country who come from cultures

that practice polygamy. Why should they be denied their rights too? If there's going to be a constitutional amendment dealing with marriage rights, it should recognize the sanctity of all forms of marriage between consenting adults and not discriminate against all or one of them.

You can't argue that one form of marriage outside of the norm is OK, but then say that another kind is not. The argument for gay marriage will be weak until its supporters back complete marriage rights for everyone.

Michael Kleen,
junior philosophy major

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STUDENT SENATE

Learning from the pros



Maurice Tracy, a junior political science major, listens to his bill to legalize same-sex marriages being arranged March 7 on the House floor of Capitol Building in Springfield .

Class mimics Illinois General Assembly

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A one credit hour class, open to any student interested in politics, allows students to join approximately 23 other Illinois schools in an event displaying the ways of Illinois government.

Jeff Ashley, Model Illinois Government Adviser, said the event is an annual simulation to give students an idea of how a state government functions.

Students from schools all over the state are permitted to sit in the senate seats at the Capitol Building and discuss real motions the state senate is currently discussing.

"They do legislative research and debate actual bills," Ashley said. "They learn a lot and they enjoy doing it."

The event, which took place from March 3-7, had 24 Eastern student representatives. Ashley said student participation benefits not only each student in attendance, but the student body as well.

"Students that participate learn how the government works and how they can get involved in making a difference," Ashley said. "It puts our students out there. They represent our school."

Ashley said the students take part in role-playing as lobbyists and lawmakers.

Jeff Collier, chair for the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, took the class and said he would recommend it to any interested student.

"If you're interested in politics, it's a simulation that prepares you for just that," Collier said. "The politics, the compromise, the frustration; it's so real. It shows how people actually view society."

Collier said he thinks the class and the event in Springfield can help students find contacts for internship and job opportunities.

"You can actually make some contacts up there," he said. "We were real politicians for a week-end."

Ashley said Eastern won four awards, which was more than any other school at the event.

Eric McAdamis and Deanna Cappetto won the outstanding moot court team, McAdamis won the outstanding attorney award, Carly Schmidt won outstanding budget analyst and Dennis Malak won the outstanding division chair for the bureau of the budget.

All four winners are political science majors.

The event has been held for 26



Deanna Cappetto, a junior political science major, argues a point March 6 during a mock Supreme Court event in the Old Supreme Court building in Springfield. Cappetto and her teammate Eric McAdamis, a junior political science major, were named the best team against all schools in Illinois.

years, and Ashley said he has been the group's adviser for three years.

Ashley said the Model Illinois Government is held every spring semester, but preparations are started in the fall.

"We have a couple of fall meetings," he said. "It's a really good experience."

Bill Davidson, student executive vice president, said this year was his third year in attendance.

Bars get new fire safety guidelines

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

The firefighters of Charleston delivered new occupancy rating signs Friday to 24 local liquor-licensed establishments.

This move is a result of the city's investigation of the occupancy ratings and its concerns after the deadly night club disasters in Chicago and New Jersey last year.

An occupancy rating is the maximum number of people allowed in a building while meeting safety standards.

According to City Planner Jeff Finley, the new ratings are similar to the old ones, administered at all liquor-licensed bars, private clubs and restaurants.

These signs will be accompanied by letters detailing any safety violations that must be fixed and indicating the maximum occupancy for the establishment, Finley said.

The ratings are based on examinations made by Charleston Fire Department.

The current ratings were established years ago, Finley said.

"We were pleasantly surprised with the results," he said. "There were no major violations."

According to Paul Mejdrich, the owner of E.L. Kracker's and Stu's Surfside and the president of the Charleston Licensed Beverage Association, a number of factors are considered when forming the ratings.

These include the size of the facility, the number of exits and the presence of sprinkler systems and fire alarms.

Mejdrich said the inspections also allow firefighters to become acquainted with the establishment in case of an emergency.

"(The ratings) were probably overdue," Mejdrich said.

He added that no changes were necessary in the rating of his businesses; however, he sees the need for this action.

"It was a good opportunity for this to be done," Mejdrich said.



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FACULTY SENATE

Bylaw changed, subcommittee created

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate Tuesday approved a change to its bylaws and created a standing subcommittee that will generate ideas for an annual faculty forum.

Members of the senate voted unanimously to create the committee, which will recommend topics of discussion to the senate for the senate's annual faculty forum. The senate will then give final approval to the recommendations made by the committee, said Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter.

The senate then voted unanimously to change its bylaws, allowing the newly formed committee to be recognized by the senate as a standing subcommittee.

During the senate's most recent annual faculty forum, topics such as improving relations between Eastern and the community and campus events were discussed.

The senate also unanimously approved a final draft of its self study Tuesday. Approval of the self study was postponed when it was first introduced several weeks ago. Faculty Senate Vice Chair Barbara Lawrence was then asked to add more detail. The two page study outlines the function and purpose of the Faculty Senate and will now be sent to the North Central Association steering committee, chaired by Bob Augustine, dean of the graduate school and

research.

A motion proposed by Senate member Ann Brownson was postponed until next week's meeting in order to get more information.

According to Brownson, the motion would have given support to journal publishers who offer journals at reasonable prices.

"We're selling ourselves short as a university if we say we don't have any power here," Brownson said about journals she believes are overpriced. "We're the ones that are most affected. It's not the Yales and Harvards. It's really the Easterns that are being hurt by these incredible price increases."

Several senate members voiced concerns about the motion not being addressed to anyone and said the problem was not being dealt with in the proper way.

"Passing this resolution isn't going to get us where we want to go," Lawrence said.

"We should speak out. They may listen, they may not but we should be able to voice our concerns," Senate member Wilson Ogbomo said.

Carpenter said the senate will ask for more input on the issue from groups on campus and change some of the motion's wording before it is voted on next week.

The Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.



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Jennifer Price, an Eastern alumna from the art department, looks at an English-Creole book with a Haitian student. The two were trying to teach each other English and Creole.

Haiti:

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Despite the trouble brewing, Roy Lanham traveled to Haiti in January with the Haiti Connection.

"My concern is for the Haitian people," Lanham said. "There is random violence, and if it continues we will not be going, but this random violence is happening to Haitians, not Americans."

Lanham said the Haitian population is in

need of adequate health care, potable water and better transportation and education systems.

While the Haiti Connection assists a health clinic in Port-au-Prince, Lanham said the connection has participated in projects across the country including a town called Basara where the Haiti Connection has participated in reforestation projects, served as teacher's aides, helped build a store, funded the construction of a corn mill and are in the process of installing a water purification system using cisterns to trap potable water.

Student artists display work

By Kristen Larsen
STAFF WRITER

Students will be able to see their peers' artwork tonight at the Alternative Art Show.

All students, including those who had works rejected from the All Student Show, were eligible to enter.

"We put on this show to offer students another chance to show their works," Ashley Buehnerkemper said.

The show will have a variety of media from paintings, drawings and sculptures. Between 35-40 pieces are expected to be entered.

"This is the first time the show has been held so it will be a surprise to see how many entries we see and what type of art work comes up," Rose Vickery, a junior art education major, said.

Art professor Steven Eskilson will judge the contest. He will look at the artist's technique and fundamental skills such as color, arrangement and composition. He also will look for original invention.

"I will look for something that is done in a clever way," Eskilson said. "I try to find something that is different, something that strikes my attention."

The art will be judged at the end of the show and there will be one honorable mention. The art work will only be shown from 6-9 p.m. and will be held at the Burl Ives Studio in the Podesta Gallery on Ninth Street. Admission is free.

Art Show

- ◆ Where: Burl Ives Studio
- ◆ When: 6-9 p.m.

Fees:

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Ruhaak served as student executive vice president for Student Government from fall 2002 to spring 2003.

McDuffie said he understands some people don't want to spend money on something they never use.

"Nobody feels comfortable paying fees you don't use," he said. "When I was in school, I only used health services once, but I really needed it that time."

President Lou Hencken said the Grant-in-Aid fee has been around since he came to Eastern in 1967 and he thinks the original idea was to focus it on athletics.

"It's been here as long as I can remember," Hencken said. "I'm guessing, but I think it was to go primarily to athletics."

On March 10 the senate voted 17-9 on the 6 percent increase to the Health Service fee, which would have each student paying \$71.60, instead of \$67.55, for Fiscal Year 2005. The 17-9 vote did not meet a required two-thirds decision to override Student Body President Caleb Judy's veto.

"The majority of senate voted for it, but it failed because of the veto," Kull said.

Lynette Drake, director of health services, said the proposed 6 percent would keep health services from going into debt.

"I will be in the red next year if we don't change anything," Drake said. "Two years ago, we came out of the red. That's the last time we were in the red."

Judy said both fees will do good for the campus, no matter what the increases.

"In the grand scheme of things, it's not all that much money when you consider the good it'll cause," Judy said.


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Evidence from Nichols' home introduced in bombing trial

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — An FBI lawyer testified Tuesday that barrels and fuses like those used to build the bomb that destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building were found at Terry Nichols' home just days after the deadly blast.

Nichols smiled as prosecutor Lou Keel dragged the empty 55-gallon barrels, white with blue rims, to an area in front of jurors hearing the first-degree murder case.

The 48-year-old defendant then took notes as Keel balanced one of the barrels on the witness stand while FBI lawyer Mary Jasnowski testified she found it and three pieces of Primadet detonation cords at Nichols' home in Kansas three days after the April

19, 1995, bombing.

Jasnowski also said FBI agents recovered 30 firearms, as many as 60 gold and silver coins, and \$10,000 in cash stored under a mattress and in a bag in a bedroom closet.

In his opening statement to the jury Monday, defense attorney Brian Hermanson said Nichols attended gun shows and was trying to establish a gun show business.

Jasnowski also testified agents found a videotape in Nichols' home, titled "Waco — The Big Lie," chronicling the government siege at the Branch Davidian compound in Texas. Authorities maintain the Oklahoma City bombing was a plot to avenge the siege exactly two years earlier.

Rumsfeld, Powell: Killing bin Laden might not have stopped Sept. 11 acts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton and Bush administration officials engaged in lengthy, ultimately fruitless diplomatic efforts instead of military action to try to get Osama bin Laden before the Sept. 11 attacks, a federal panel said Tuesday. Top Bush officials countered that the terror attacks would have occurred even if the United States had killed the al-Qaida leader.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell, in a strong defense of pre-Sept. 11 actions that have become a major presidential campaign issue, told the federal commission reviewing the attacks that the Sept. 11 plot was well under way when the Bush administration took office in January 2001.

"Killing bin Laden would not have removed al-Qaida's sanctuary in Afghanistan," Rumsfeld said. "Moreover, the sleeper cells that flew the aircraft into the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon

were already in the United States months before the attack."

Powell said that even if U.S. forces had invaded Afghanistan, killed bin Laden and neutralized al-Qaida, "I have no reason to believe that would have caused them to abort their plans."

Separately, President Bush said Monday that he would have acted before Sept. 11 "had my administration had any information that terrorists were going to attack New York City on Sept. 11."

Rally distances civil rights, gay marriages

ATLANTA (AP) — More than two dozen black pastors added their voice to the critics of same-sex marriage, attempting to distance the civil rights struggle from the gay rights movement and defending marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

"When the homosexual compares himself to the black community, he doesn't know what suffering is," said the Rev. Clarence James, an African-American studies professor at Temple University.

James and 29 pastors rallied late Monday with their supporters at an Atlanta-area church where they signed a declaration outlining their beliefs on marriage and religion.

The declaration is meant to pressure state representatives to approve

a constitutional ban on gay marriages, which will be considered again by the Georgia House as soon as this week.

The declaration, to be presented to state leaders Wednesday or Thursday, says same-sex marriage is not a civil right, and marriage between a man and a woman is important because it's necessary for the upbringing of children.

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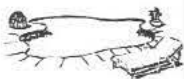
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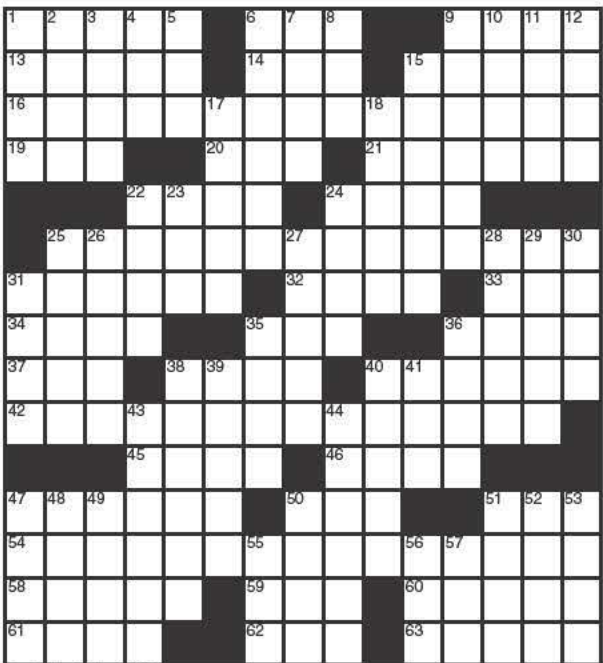
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Puzzle by Ethan Friedman

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



U of I expects drop in foreign students in '04

Promising breakthrough psychotherapy treatment found for hypochondria

URBANA (AP) — About 25 percent fewer international students will apply to University of Illinois graduate school programs compared with last year, officials said.

New and strict visa procedures, along with increased competition from foreign schools have led to a decline in fall applications, said Cecilio Barrera, associate dean of the Graduate College.

"As a result of the Patriot Act, this has delayed the process and led to frustration," Barrera said. "At the same time ... other countries have stepped up their efforts to recruit international students."

The University of Illinois has 4,755 international students, or about 12 percent of total enrollment, according to the Division of Management Information.

CHICAGO (AP) — A breakthrough study found that psychotherapy can help hypochondriacs deal with their fears. But the treatment has its limits: A quarter of the patients quit after being told the problem was in their heads.

Hypochondria is a mental, not physical, illness. Getting sufferers to believe that is part of the challenge in treating them.

"Most hypochondriac people never will go to a psychiatrist," said study author Dr. Arthur Barsky of Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital. "They'll say, 'I don't need to talk about this, I need somebody to stick a biopsy needle in my liver, I need that CAT scan repeated.'"

The study involved 102 patients assigned to receive psychotherapy and 85 who got routine medical care. Among

What is hypochondria?

Hypochondria is a psychiatric ailment featuring persistent unwarranted fears about having a serious disease. It affects about 5 percent of patients who seek help from primary-care doctors.

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those who completed the six therapy sessions, almost 57 percent showed significant improvement in symptoms and quality of life after a year, compared with 32 percent of the comparison group.

"It's actually a landmark study. This is an understudied and underappreciated

problem," said Dr. Joshua Straus, medical director for consultation psychiatry at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Hypochondria involves persistent, unfounded fears about having a serious disease and affects about 5 percent of patients who seek help from primary-care doctors. Medication can help treat hypochondriacs' anxiety, but until now there has been little evidence of an effective treatment for the underlying disorder.

"Having some demonstrated way to intervene and help them is a terrific advance," said Straus, who was not involved in the research.

The study, by Barsky and colleague David Ahern, appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who has raised questions about the Illinois Gaming Board's decision to put a casino in Rosemont, says an outside review is needed so the public can trust the decision.

Blagojevich made the comments Monday in response to a complaint by one board member that he was interfering in the regulatory process.

The board last week went against the recommendation of its own staff and decided to award the idle 10th gambling license now held by the bankrupt Emerald Casino to Isle of Capri Casinos Inc., a company that also wants to build in suburban Rosemont.

"When you consider the fact that we've had problems with the Emerald license, the fact that this

license that was granted by the Legislature over 13 years ago has been held up, not serving the people of Illinois like it ought to, the fact that you have all of these allegations of nefarious people involved and possibly in a position to benefit from this license, that to simply trust the Gaming Board, I think, is asking the taxpayers and all of us, too much," Blagojevich said.

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Saving the best for last

◆ *Senior Kyle Maxwell is turning in some of the best scores of his career*

By **Matthew Stevens**
SPORTS EDITOR

The lone Eastern senior golfer is on his way to going out in style.

Kyle Maxwell is using his final spring season of his Eastern career to post his best scores of his collegiate career.

The Windsor native used spring break to warm up his game before he plays in his final Ohio Valley Conference Championship coming up this April.

As Maxwell went further south, his game began to take a turn for the better starting with an event before classes were dismissed at Eastern.

Maxwell carted a two-under-par, 70 to lead Eastern to a fifth place finish at the rain-shortened, 18-hole Tri-State Classic. The event was hosted by OVC rival Tennessee-Martin at the Winfield Dunn Golf Course at Pickwick Landing State Park.

He took that momentum toward the spring break finale at the 16-team Bearkat Classic hosted by Sam Houston State. Maxwell ran out of the gate shooting an opening round 72 and was looking to follow up that

round but rain postponed play during the weekend forcing a 36-hole Sunday completion. His final rounds of 71 and 73 put the senior at even-par 216 which placed him tied him for 10th place on the leaderboard and eight strokes back of the individual medalist.

Maxwell ended the fall season with the fourth best scoring average of just over 76 per round. However, Maxwell has improved his play by nearly two strokes in the spring session.

Another consistent performer during the spring season has been local product Dustin Sloat. The Charleston native has finished each meet as the second best Panther and has broken 80 in every round he's teed up. Sloat has placed in the Top 30 individually in each of the three events in 2004 including a 15th place finish at the Bearkat Classic shooting 75-74-71 for a 4-over 220 total.

A trio of juniors including Matt Kockler (230), Ryan Lambert (232) and Kyle Awerkamp (238) rounded out Eastern's scoring at the Bearkat Classic.

Kockler opened up 2004 with his best performance of the season leading the Panthers with a 16-over 229, tying him for 16th individually.

As a team, Eastern has five players at 80 or below in the spring session and will look for continued improvement as it travels to St. Louis, Mo., for the Billiken Invitational in early April. That meet will be the final tune up before the OVC Championship to culminate the season.

Illini say matchup against Duke doesn't intimidate

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — The stakes are high and the opponent has a legendary history, yet Illinois players say Friday's matchup against Duke is just another game.

"We look forward to advancing, going deep in the tournament," Dee Brown said Tuesday. "We know we're one of the best teams out there."

The Illini moved to the Atlanta Regional semifinals at the Georgia Dome after vanquishing Murray State and Cincinnati on the tournament's opening weekend by a combined 43 points.

"This is what you dream of," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "This is why you play on the playground, to get to this point and be in this situation."

The Illini have played only one poor game since January, their 72-53 loss to Wisconsin in the Big Ten Tournament championship game. They've won 14 of their last 15 games and advanced with a 64 percent shooting performance against Cincinnati.

Weber said defeating Duke, the region's No. 1 seed, will require the kind of effort his team displayed in beating the Bearcats.

"Maybe not quite as perfect. Obviously you're not going to shoot like that, that just happens in rare instances during the season," Weber said. "But the intensity level, the ball movement, finding the open man, all of those things have got to happen if we're going to have a chance against (Duke)."

The Blue Devils are on their own roll as they try to advance to a regional championship game for the 16th time, beating Alabama State and Seton Hall by a combined 63 points. Illinois has played in three regional championships.

Teams benefiting from upsets must now avoid them

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — First, Illinois-Chicago. Then, Pacific. Next up, Alabama-Birmingham.

Lucky Kansas might just make it all the way to the Final Four without playing a team seeded higher than ninth — unless, of course, the Jayhawks become an upset victim themselves.

Go ahead and ask fourth-seeded Kansas or any other team that plays a lower-regarded squad if it feels like a favorite heading into the round of 16 at the NCAA tournament.

"I say 'Boo' to anyone who says that," Kansas guard J.R. Giddens said Tuesday.

The Jayhawks — who already beat a No. 13 and a No. 12 — are trying to make it to a third straight Final Four. If Kansas beats No. 9 UAB in the St. Louis Regional on Friday, it will face No. 3 Georgia Tech or No. 10 Nevada.

"We're going to come out like we're the underdogs," Georgia Tech center Luke Schenscher said. "We can't be complacent in any way if we're going to compete with teams like Nevada."

Okafor, Nelson unanimous All-American team picks

By The Associated Press — There's no debate when it comes to Emeka Okafor and Jameer Nelson. They're unanimous All-Americans.

The stars at Connecticut and Saint Joseph's led The Associated Press men's college basketball All-America team Tuesday, the first time since 1985 more than one player was chosen by every voter.

"It is hard to express just what it means to be recognized as one of the best players in the country," Okafor said. "Individual recognition like this is really a reflection of the great teammates and coaches that I am fortunate to work with every day."

Okafor, a 6-foot-10 junior center, and Nelson, a 5-11 senior guard,

earned a perfect 360 points by being picked on all 72 first-team ballots by the same media panel that votes on the weekly poll.

Each member selected three All-America teams, with players receiving points on a 5-3-1 basis.

Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State was third with 308 points, while Josh Childress of Stanford had 235, and Ryan Gomes of Providence completed the first team with 208.

In 1985, four players were unanimous choices: Patrick Ewing of Georgetown, Chris Mullin of St. John's, Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma, and Keith Lee of Memphis State. But only 10 people voted then.

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“ ... when I took that class with coach Searle it made me realize that I did miss playing softball.” - Rachel Karos

CHANGING FIELDS

After two seasons with the basketball team, Rachel Karos traded in her high tops for a pair of spikes

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

The basketball team's loss has become the softball team's gain for Eastern this season. Sophomore Rachel Karos now has been a mainstay for the Panthers at third base rather than on the roundball court.

The arrival of Karos to the team has created a good problem for Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle. A problem she didn't expect but was happy to deal with.

With Karos on the roster, the depth chart for the infield got a whole lot deeper and it became a problem in the sense that somebody was going to have to be a utility player.

"It's a nice problem to have for a coach," Searle said. "But the tough part was telling somebody they would have to move their position."

So as the team has dealt with the situation smoothly, Karos has felt completely at home on the softball field instead of the basketball court.

As her basketball career was ending, Karos felt softball was the sport she wished to spend her time with.

A softball course she took with Searle helped her decision. After that she started to realize what she missed most was getting out and playing softball competitively. She was also having second thoughts about her basketball career, which she thought had peaked out.

"It wasn't exactly a situation where I quit basketball just to get back to softball," Karos said. "It was more because I felt that I had peaked at basketball and when I took that class with Coach Searle it made me realize that I did miss playing softball."

At the same time that Karos was understanding a move to softball would be beneficial for her own interest, her future coach was getting quite an impression of the young player in her class.

Searle would run the students through different drills that included game-like situations and took note of how well Karos



Rachel Karos works on her fielding during practice at Williams Field. Karos switched sports after two seasons with the women's basketball team.

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was performing in the drills.

"I was told early on last year by a high school coach who said that I had a prime softball player at Eastern, but that she wasn't playing softball," Searle said. "When that person turned out to be Rachel, I had her in my class and understood then that she was



a solid player.

"I thought it was just too bad that we couldn't get her on the team because she was playing basketball at the time." Then Karos made her decision and placed a timely call to Searle, which set up her return to softball.

That led to her making the team and cracking the starting lineup at third base. Her start to the season was red-hot as she gathered five hits in her first 11 at bats in the opening tournament.

In her last few games though, she has slowed down her pace and has actually started to struggle. With only one hit in her last 19 at bats, Karos has cooled down with the rest of her team.

But Searle believes that she, as well as the rest of the Panther offense, will bounce back after some practice.

"She is a prime athlete for softball, and even though she is struggling right now she will come out of it," Searle said. "Timing is so crucial in softball that when it's off by a little, somebody goes into a slump. She'll get back to what works for her though, and then she'll get back on track."

Karos now understands what the grind in college softball is like compared to high school competition.

She also knows that part of the problem is that she has been out of long-term competition since she graduated high school.

"I know now that softball in college is a game of streaks," Karos said. "I want to also bring the stuff to the table that doesn't show up in the stat sheets. Those kind of intangibles are what I can do too, and that is what I hope to bring to this team."

Both Karos and Searle know that the way the team is playing right now (eight straight losses) is not the true identity of the team.

"People need to know that we're so much better than what we are showing right now," Karos said. "We just have to blend the talent we have and then the team will show what we are capable of."

Since they got a taste of that success early in the year, the Panthers are eager to get back to that high level of offensive output.

One would have to believe that Karos will be a major part of that offense once she turns her current slump around.

Prior will start season on DL

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Prior will start the season on the 15-day disabled list because of inflammation in his right Achilles' tendon.

The Chicago Cubs star has been throwing off the mound in spring training, but has not pitched in a Cactus League game because of the injury. He was originally scheduled to start the team's third game of the season on April 8 at Cincinnati.

If Prior doesn't pitch in any

major league exhibition games, he would be eligible to come off the disabled list on April 10. The Cubs hope to have him for their first homestand April 12-19.

"We're happy with the way he's coming along," general manager Jim Hendry said Tuesday. "He's progressing the way we had hoped. We're going to always be cautious."

Prior, 23, was 18-6 with a 2.43 ERA and 245 strikeouts in his first

full big league season last year, finishing third in voting for the NL Cy Young Award.

The hard-throwing right-hander first felt soreness in his Achilles' last September as he helped pitch Chicago to the NL Central title, going 10-1 over the final two months of the season.

Barry Bonds hit a three-run homer in the first inning Tuesday, but the Cubs still breezed past the San Francisco Giants 12-4.

Gilbert:

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At the hot corner, the play of Campbell has allowed Eastern to best utilize the skills of former third sacker Jeff Cammann, currently an outfielder and pitcher. With the departure of Bret Pignatiello, Kirk Walters and Danny Jordan, Campbell helps replace some of the power lacking in the lineup. Before the season started, Schmitz called Campbell one of the best pure hitters he coached as a freshman.

If hope for the future doesn't draw fans to witness Eastern's 100th home opener than the weather certainly should. Temperatures are expected to be in the 60s for the ballgame and hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate and let those scattered storms scatter on by Charleston.

There is little doubt in my mind Eastern will turn around their season in time for Ohio Valley Conference play, and what better way for the Panthers to do so than with a large crowd supporting them as they take the field at home for the first time.



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Don't give up on baseball team just yet

As a fan of Panther athletics, few days bring more excitement than the baseball team's home opener. After four months of winter the wait is finally over for the Panther's faithful fans.

Granted, this event may not be as sacred as the Rose Bowl or the NCAA Frozen Four, but from a sport's purist standpoint, nothing can top the baseball squad hitting the home diamond for the first time.

Jimmy Schmitz and Co. certainly have struggled during the early part of the season with 13 straight losses on the road. This slump started right after one of the biggest Panther wins in recent memory when Eastern upset Southwest Missouri State in extra innings to open the season. Despite the 1-13 record, fans shouldn't stay away from Coaches Stadium today when the Panthers take on Olivet Nazarene because of three positive reasons.

For starters, the Panthers record is very deceiving. I know head coach Jimmy Schmitz wouldn't make any excuses but Eastern has played a plethora of extremely tough teams to start the year. All four of the Panthers' series have been against teams well above the .500 mark, and two of the squads (Mississippi and Southern Mississippi) were ranked in the Collegiate Baseball Top 30. The Panthers didn't schedule any cupcakes early on and their record clearly suffered, but in the long run, Eastern will benefit from the tough competition.

Secondly, fans need to realize Eastern is a young and inexperienced team. With 12 true freshmen, seven sophomores and a handful of junior college transfers on the Panthers 32-man roster, it will take time for this team to gel but the wins will come.

It may sound odd considering the sub par record, but Eastern has already received some solid contributions from its newcomers. None have been more impressive than pitchers Kyle Widegren and Kirk Miller along with third baseman Ryan Campbell.

In his first appearance for the Panthers, Parkland Junior College transfer Widegren kept Southwest Missouri State at bay allowing just two runs in five innings. The Greenwood Ind., native was roughed up against Mississippi and Southern Mississippi, but he won't be facing teams of that caliber come conference time.

With Eastern's ace Jared Marshall sidelined after off-season surgery, Miller was forced into the Panther rotation after just five career starts. However, Miller has been as successful as any pitcher can be on a 1-13 team. Miller limited Kansas State to just two hits over five innings and kept Eastern in the ballgame against Arkansas State and Southern Mississippi.



Tony Dungy, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, shakes hands with Charleston mayor Dan Coughill March 9 outside of O'Brien Stadium at Eastern Illinois University.

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Colts might stay put

Officials at current training camp site optimistic Colts will return

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Charleston residents and Eastern summer school students shouldn't run out and buy their Peyton Manning jersey just yet.

According to the March 20th edition of the *Indianapolis Star*, it appears the Indianapolis Colts will return to the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology for their sixth straight summer.

In the article, Sam Hulbert, president of Rose-Hulman, stated "the details are worked out from Rose-Hulman's point of view...the legal counsel of the Colts and Rose-Hulman's legal are hammering out the lawyers' language."

Pete Gustafson, vice president

for student affairs at Rose-Hulman, seemed slightly less optimistic than Hulbert in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon.

"I don't know if they will come or not," Gustafson said. "I know we've been in negotiations with the Colts for some time, but nothing is final."

Rose-Hulman has made a dramatic comeback in the bid for hosting the NFL team's training camp. In November 2003, Al Morrison, assistant facility director of Rose-Hulman, believed "if training camp were to start today, I don't think they would be here."

Gustafson doesn't know what has made Rose-Hulman the front-runner once again, but he believes if there was a change of opinion it

came from the Colts.

"I know we haven't changed our concept on hosting the Colts," Gustafson said. "We've enjoyed having the Colts here but we haven't changed our stance."

If the Colts do return to Rose-Hulman, the contract would only be for one year. *The Indianapolis Star* reported there is a strong possibility the Colts would move to Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., for the summer of 2005.

"They can't take us this year, but Saint Joseph's has a real good shot at 2005," Colts owner Jim Irsay was quoted in the *Indianapolis Star*.

However, even if Rose-Hulman wanted to lock the Colts up long into the future, the institution

would be unable. At the present time, Rose-Hulman is undergoing a change in presidency and Gustafson said the institution will not be signing any long-term contracts.

"Right now we're in the process of naming a new president so any deal we sign would be for one year," Gustafson said.

What does appear to hamper Eastern's chances of snagging the Colts is the team's desire to stay in Indiana. This was a hot topic of debate when the Colts visited Eastern at the start of the month.

"I know (Colts owner) Jim Irsay says it's very important," Gustafson said. "I'm not sure how important it is, I just know what I read in the papers."

BASEBALL

Losing streak extends to 14 games

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The Panther baseball team traveled to Terre Haute, Ind. Tuesday and came back with another loss to add to their losing streak, which is now at 14.

It wasn't the Panthers' bats that lost them the game as they out hit the Sycamores 11-7. It was Eastern's lack of defense and a big inning that led to their 8-3 loss at Indiana State.

Eastern took a 1-0 lead on solo homerun by Chris Uhle in the top of the third inning, but the Sycamores came roaring back with seven runs in the bottom of the inning.

The inning started off when starting pitcher Andy Kuntz beamed the first two hitters (Barry Warn and Kyle Kolb). The never ending frame would only get worse from there.

The next batter, pitcher Brian Woods, laid down a bunt and a throwing error by third baseman Ryan Campbell allowed Woods to reach third base and Warn and Kolb to score. The next batter, Mike Miller, doubled bringing Woods home.

The inning didn't end there.

The next batter, Marcus Arthur, double down the right field line, driving in Miller from second. Josh Prickett singled driving in Arthur from second. Prickett then advanced to second on yet another error by the Panthers. This mistake coming from center fielder Marcus Jackson.

Kuntz finally recorded an out striking out cleanup hitter Jake Eigsti. The Sycamores added to their big inning with three more runs. In the third inning, Kuntz gave up all seven runs but only five of them were earned. Kuntz was yanked before he was given the chance to finish the third after Jerome Hatler singled to right field. Mike Bouchez came in and faced 12 total batters walking two and striking out one without giving up a run.

Eastern did have its chances on offense but could not come through.

In the second, third and fifth innings, the Panthers had more than one man on base with less than two outs but couldn't come through. It seemed as though the Panthers had trouble putting the bat on the ball in those situations.

Eastern struck out 10 times the entire day.

Two of Eastern's three runs came on solo homeruns by Uhle and Campbell. Their other run came in the seventh when Mark Chagnon singled and advanced to second on an error. Uhle drove Chagnon in with a single up the middle.

Each Panther starter had at least one hit with the exception of designated hitter, Mike Gavin who went 0-4 at the plate.

Kuntz picked up the loss while Woods picked up the win for the Sycamores.

With all the bad in this game, there were some bright spots the Panthers took away from Terre Haute, Ind.

Uhle went two for five homering and driving in two of Eastern's three runs.

Bouchez, Brian Long and Chris Vaculik all pitched and didn't give up any runs. However, the Panthers have much work to do to pick themselves up out of this 14 game skid.

Eastern will attempt to end the streak as they take the field Wednesday against Olivet Nazarene in the home opener at Coaches Stadium.