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CAMPUS | PAGEANT WINNER

## Here comes Miss Illinois

2007 winner Ashley Hatfield will speak about breast cancer

By Sara Cuadrado  
Campus Reporter

Ashley Hatfield, Miss Illinois 2007, was amazed when she found out that another Miss America contestant looked exactly like her.

She and Hannah Kiefer, Miss Virginia 2007, knew they looked alike when they met, but Hatfield was glad to find they had different personalities, she said.

"It's never good to show up at a national pageant and have someone look exactly like you," Hatfield said.

Hatfield will speak about breast cancer awareness and her pageant experience at 5 tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Hatfield, who is 24 years old, was crowned Miss Illinois on June 30 in the Norris Cultural Arts Center in St. Charles.

She competed against 21 women who all held local titles.

Hatfield was shocked and apprehensive when she won, and many people didn't think she could win, she said.

She prepared for the pageant as much as she could, said Hatfield, who graduated with her masters in communicative disorders a little more than a month before the competition.

"People don't realize the preparation (for the pageant)," Hatfield said.

She worked out as much as she could, worked on interview skills, kept up on current events and had a pageant coach, which is not uncommon for contestants.

Since winning the title, Hatfield has been touring the state, speaking at different events about Miss Illinois' official platform, "Character Counts!" and "Right Decisions, Right Now."

She also speaks about her own personal platform, "Breast Cancer: Action, Awareness, and Advocacy."

Hatfield chose to make breast cancer her platform when she was nine years old and her grandmother died from breast cancer after doctors discovered the cancer in Stage 4.

It has been her platform since she first competed in a Miss Illinois preliminary pageant when she was 18, Hatfield said.

She began competing in pageants because she is a singer and experienced stage fright during voice competitions.

Her voice coach suggested she compete in pageants to become more com-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MISS ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

Ashley Hatfield began competing in pageants because she is a singer and experienced stage fright during voice competitions. Her voice coach suggested she compete in pageants to become more comfortable on stage.

### MORE ONLINE

Listen to a podcast of Miss Illinois Ashley Hatfield further discuss her platform of breast cancer and why she focuses on young women with breast cancer.

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fortable on stage, Hatfield said.

Amalia Schwerdtmann, executive director for the Miss Illinois pageant, said Hatfield has grown not only as their titleholder, but also as a business person and young woman.

"She has become even more articulate regarding issues that are of great concern to her," Schwerdtmann said.

Hatfield has a "great sense of self" and

has learned time management, organizational skills and communication that are important for her position, Schwerdtmann said.

As Miss Illinois, Hatfield has learned etiquette, public speaking and the importance of staying informed about public events, she said.

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UNIVERSITY | BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

## Concerns rise about GTAP revisions

Tenure, tenure-track faculty approve recommendations to program by 14-11 vote

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
Associate News Editor

Faculty members in the biological sciences department have spoken.

Tenure and tenure-track biological sciences faculty approved the graduate teaching assistant program committee's revisions to the biology graduate teaching program by a vote of 14 to 11.

But some faculty members in the department still have concerns about the vote and the future state of the GTAP recommendations.

"I am pleased that the vote turned out the way it did," said Tom Nelson, biological sciences professor and a member of the GTAP committee. "Eastern has a long, excellent tradition in teaching and in 'teaching students to teach.'"

Nelson said he believes the recommendations will go into effect as soon as possible, starting in Fall 2008.

The vote on the recommendations took place during the week before spring break and concluded March 6.

Since the implementation of the biology graduate teaching program in April 2007 that allows for graduate students to be used for supervised instruction for 1000-level biology courses, some biology faculty members have voiced their discontent with the program and how it was implemented.

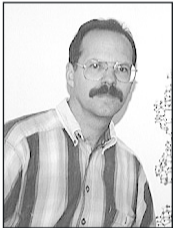
The list of about 40 recommendations include the program not being obligated to fill all four graduate student slots to teach lab sections of 1000-level courses for a semester.

### Concerns about GTAP recommendations

Biological sciences professor Henry Owen was one faculty member who voted "no" on the GTAP recommendations.

"What bothered me was (faculty members) never had a vote to accept the program," Owen said. "That was one of my reasons for voting 'no,' because I can't vote on revising something that we never got to vote on in the first place."

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GARY FRITZ



HENRY OWEN

CITY | POST OFFICE

## Renovations to start in April

Project follows rest of Illinois upgrades

By Jordan Crook  
Senior City Reporter

A leaking roof and rising energy prices have prompted the need for renovations and repairs to the Charleston Post Office.

The leak problem has existed since Postmaster Butch Hackett first started working at the post office.

"When I got here in February 2005, I reported the leak, and it's taken three

years for it to get fixed," he said.

The leak in the roof was caused by its age, Hackett said. But the roof replacement will not be the only part of the project, which will begin in April.

Several windows at the post office will also be replaced alongside the roof repair project, Hackett said.

The high cost of energy has prompted the idea of replacing several of the post office windows with more energy-efficient windows. Though the repairs and replacements are taking place at the Charleston Post Office, the city will not actually be involved with any of the construction or funding for the project.

Because the United States Postal Service is a federal agency, the project will be financed by federal funding, Hackett said.

The post office has not requested any permits for any repairs or renovations, but these permits may not be necessary for the project, said Charleston City Planner Jeff Finley.

Because the repairs are taking place inside a federal building and do not have any effect on the area outside the building, the project is exempt from the need for city construction permits, he said.

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BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston's postal services are split between two facilities, The Post Office and the Annex.

EIU WEATHER

<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p>  <p><b>52° 43°</b> Partly Cloudy NE 10 mph</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p>  <p><b>44° 56°</b></p>
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WEATHER BRIEF

Today will be partly cloudy with a daytime high in the low 50s. Overnight clouds will move into the area bringing rain. Tonight's low will be in the low to mid 40s. Rain may continue the next couple days.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Smashing Pumpkins sue Virgin Records

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Smashing Pumpkins are suing Virgin Records, saying the record label has illegally used their name and music in promotional deals that hurt the band's credibility with fans.

In a breach-of-contract lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday, the rockers said they have "worked hard for over two decades to accumulate a considerable amount of goodwill in the eyes of the public," and that Virgin's use of the band in a "Pepsi Stuff" promotion with Amazon.com and Pepsi Co. threatens their reputation for "artistic integrity."

Virgin released the Smashing Pumpkins' music for more than 17 years, but the only active agreement between the two parties, the lawsuit claims, is a deal granting Virgin permission to sell digital downloads of the band's songs. The agreement does not give Virgin the right to use

the band in promotional campaigns to sell outside products, the lawsuit said.

Country star Evans engaged to former quarterback

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sara Evans, who finalized a bitter divorce last year, is engaged to former University of Alabama quarterback Jay Barker.

"The couple are enjoying their engagement and look forward to their upcoming nuptials," Lori Genes, the singer's publicist at Sony BMG Nashville, said Tuesday.

The 37-year-old country singer filed for divorce from husband Craig Schelske in October 2006 after 13 years of marriage. The divorce was completed last September. Barker, who's also divorced, has four children, while Evans has three.

Barker, 35, led Alabama to a national championship in 1992 and hosts a morning radio show in Birmingham.

VH1 Rock Honors to pay tribute to The Who

NEW YORK — VH1 holds The Who in such high regard that the rock group is the only act being honored at its upcoming Rock Honors.

Now in its third year, the Rock Honors typically celebrate a handful of rock groups and artists: previous honorees have included ZZ Top, Genesis, Kiss and Queen.

But this year, only The Who will be celebrated during the two-hour broadcast, to be aired on the network July 17. The group, which now comprises surviving members Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend, is due to perform along with other acts who will pay tribute to the band.

"The Who defined the rock era. Their music truly pushed boundaries, connected with millions of rock fans and inspired countless bands to fulfill their own musical destinies," said Tom Calderone, VH1's executive vice president and general manager.

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

Stowed-away rattlesnake in luggage bites school coach

The Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — A high school coach emptying his luggage after a team trip to South Carolina was bitten by a small rattlesnake that had somehow gotten into his bag, authorities said.

Andy Bacas was released Tuesday after an overnight hospital stay.

Bacas, a rowing coach at Yorktown High School in Arlington, told authorities he felt a sharp pain on his hand Monday when he reached into his luggage after returning from the road trip.

He then saw the nearly foot-long snake and slammed the suitcase shut.

Fire and rescue workers took the suitcase outside, opened it and blasted the snake, a juvenile canebrake rattler, with a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher.

The chemical froze the animal to death.

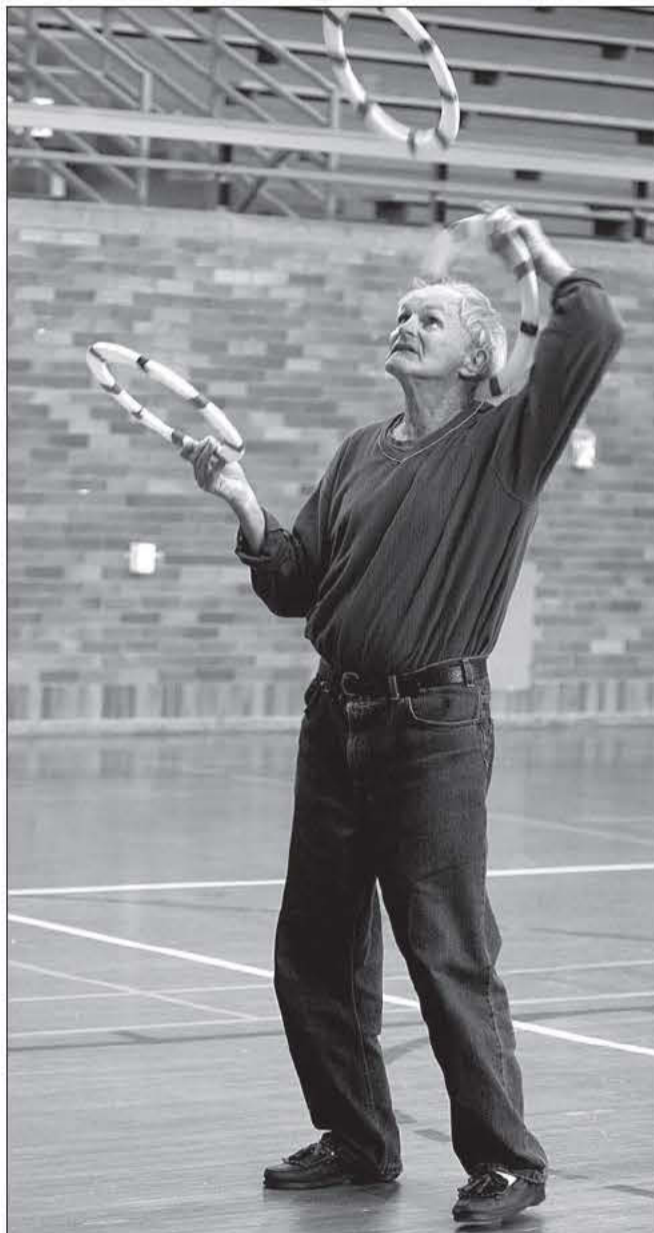
"The guy who responded had seen (the fire extinguisher technique) done on TV," said Arlington County Fire Department spokesman Ben Barksdale.

Bacas' son, Peter, said the luggage had been left open on a porch during the trip.

Barksdale said he had no information that the snake was deliberately put into the luggage.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Ring toss



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Charleston resident Marco Dzanto practices his juggling inside the McAfee Gymnasium Monday afternoon.

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IN CONCERT

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Wednesday, March 26 - 7:00p



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GOT ADS?

LOCATION | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# To pay or not to pay

Today's meeting to debate marketing director's wages

By Rick Kambic  
Student Government Reporter

Reimbursing Scott Murray for his work prior to the March 19 decision to hire him as marketing director was not in the resolution approved by the Student Senate, 19-6.

The language suggested hiring him and defined his position. But the senate had a lengthy debate regarding the issue without realizing the difference between the written and orally suggested actions.

Murray is intended to be paid \$10 an hour for up to \$500 per semester to design fliers and posters.

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick was unsure of how to proceed after the payroll information had already been submitted. She said Murray would be reimbursed unless the senate decided otherwise.

"I don't pretend to know what happens around here," Murray said about the mistake. "I'm just a wage slave. I was told I would get paid from day one."

As of Tuesday, Murray would be reimbursed for 16 hours of work, Ogulnick said. He would accumulate 31 total hours if he continues to work three hours every Tuesday until the end of the semester.

"We could rewrite (the resolution), but I'm worried about the time left in the semester to vote on it," Ogulnick said. "I suppose senators can approach me if they want it rewritten, but senators could have brought it up in the actual (senate) meeting if they wanted it rewritten."

Though numerous Student Senate members declined to comment after rereading the approved resolution, senate member Bobbie Mitch-



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick asks a question during a Student Government meeting in February. Tonight's meeting will focus on the hiring and pay of marketing director Scott Murray.

ell is in favor of rewriting the document.

"I wouldn't mind seeing it rewritten and re-voted on so that our ducks are in row when we go to pay Scott," Mitchell said. "The last thing we need is for us to cut the check and not be able to pay him because of (procedures)."

Student Senate member Isaac Sandidge wants to let the issue rest.

"It's just an honest mistake," Sandidge said. "I think going back and rewriting the bill provides the opportunity for people to talk about the situation over again and sway more votes."

Sandidge and Student Senate member Ryan Kerch said the discussion reflected the desire to reimburse Murray enough to avoid another

vote.

"If enough senators felt they were duped, and didn't understand what they were voting on, then yeah, we should re-vote," Kerch said. "However, I think everybody had a pretty clear understanding of the (intention) to reimburse him."

The lopsided vote provides an assumption that a re-vote wouldn't change the outcome, Ogulnick said.

"If they don't pay me, I don't work. I don't think that's an issue though because the people in here seem pretty reasonable," Murray said.

Student Senate member Sean Wyrobek told the senate last week that not paying Murray would reflect poorly on the organization. He said Murray is not a student work-

er being compensated, but a professional graphic designer.

While Murray does freelance work on his own, he said he doesn't see a difference in the terms. The agreement to pay him \$10 was a mutual decision, he said.

"For my graphic work, I get paid \$30 to \$50 an hour," Murray said. "Of course Student Government can't afford to pay it, and I understand."

Student Senate member Ryan Oliver asked the senate last week why a resolution to hire Murray was not presented sooner.

"I think it should be known that I met with the executive board earlier in the semester to show them my work," Murray said. "So the chief decision-makers knew this was happening."

Ogulnick said the delay in presenting a resolution to the senate occurred because a wage and policy had to be developed and presented to the Apportionment Board.

Murray said he would consider returning next year to design advertisements if his class and work schedules permit. But if the senate decides to lower the hourly wage, he said he will not return.

The question of Ogulnick's hiring Murray because of their personal relationship was downplayed by both. The two have been classmates and are friends outside of their financial agreement, Ogulnick said.

She said she can understand the argument.

"Parliamentary procedure is just big red tape," Murray said. "There was no time when I thought we were doing anything wrong or conspiratory. I was in here doing work, and people started calling me their graphics guy and gave me projects to do."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Get your cap and gowns by next Monday

Graduating seniors have less than a week to order cap and gowns for spring commencement exercises.

The deadline to order cap and gowns for the May 3 ceremonies is Monday, March 31.

To order cap and gowns, go to <http://www.eiu.edu/~commence>.

All orders need to be made by 11:59 p.m. Monday.

### 'Freakonomics' book discussion today

William Weber, associate vice president for academic affairs, and Linda Ghent, associate professor of economics provost, will moderate a book discussion group at 4 p.m. today about the book "Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything," by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner.

The event is free to the public.

It will be held in Conference Room 4400 of Mary J. Booth Library.

### Kenyan anthropologist/artist to speak

Wangechi Mutu, a Kenyan-born artist, trained as a sculpturist and an anthropologist.

Mutu will speak at 7 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Mutu's works focus on the contradictions of females and cultural identity.

"Females carry the marks, language and nuances of their culture more than the male. Anything that is desired or despised is always placed on the female body," she said.

Mutu uses magazine images, painted surfaces to make collages mimicking amputation, transplant operations and bionic prosthetics.

—Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry

## CAMPUS | PARTY PLANNING

# Student Union features frequent festivities

Events range from conferences to banquets

By Heather Holm  
RHA Reporter

Students and faculty planning a wedding for their future may not have considered a less-obvious choice than a chapel.

"Weddings, conferences and Christmas parties are all held here," said Cathy Engelkes, Deputy Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Union is used for more than just student functions.

The Charleston Chamber of Commerce holds Christmas parties in the Union during winter months.

Dinners and auctions are also common functions hosted in the building.

"We have lots of big events coming up - Athletics' 'Spring Fling,' 'Mattoon May Merriment,' dinners and auctions, lots of conferences, lots of 'End of the Year' banquets for chemistry, physics, psychology, etc.," Engelkes said.

Groups wanting to hold an event at the Union must arrange for a res-



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union holds numerous events per semester, including the blood drive advertised Tuesday in the University Ballroom. Students, faculty and community members can reserve rooms for events.

ervation for their choice of room at least five working days in advance.

Different rooms have certain room rental charges.

The Grand Ballroom and the University Ballroom are the most

### HOW DO I RESERVE A ROOM FOR MY EVENT AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNIVERSITY UNION?

Special setup requests must be received at least five working days in advance. These include arrangements for the Grand Ballroom, University Ballroom and any other special requests. Also, alcoholic beverages cannot be served at events unless approval is received from the director of the Union.

common rooms used because of their size, Engelkes said.

The Grand Ballroom costs \$50 for on-campus events and \$400 for off-campus.

The University Ballroom is \$20 for on-campus and \$300 for off-campus.

"We find out what setup they want, when they want their event to end and whether or not they want liquor service at the event," Engelkes said. "After that, we send them down to catering. We charge them for which room they have and how long they are in the room."

Union Night Manager Donnie Davis helps set up events in the evening. Student managers set up events on weekends.

Freddie Hall, assistant director to the Union, is in charge of room arrangement, setup and liquor service.

"She gets the drawing of the room for the person who wants it and gives it to the building service workers so they can set up the room," Engelkes said.

For a wedding, Hall said she does a schematic of requested table arrangements for the couple.

She and Engelkes work with catering on where to place food tables.

They also find out where to put the head tables, cake and gifts.

In addition to weddings, the Union holds multiple proms each year.

"We have Mattoon, Charleston and Oakland proms coming up in the spring," Hall said.

The Union also holds University Board events, Greek Week Activities and Award banquets. The third-floor rooms are used to house student or community groups' events.

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## ON CAMPUS

### TODAY

#### "Sex and Sandwiches"

Time | Noon  
Location | Room 3732, Coleman Hall

#### "Dance and Relaxation Movements to Relieve Stress"

Time | Noon  
Location | University Ballroom  
More info | 581-8415

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Letter to the editor

No coverage for scholar athlete banquet

Last Wednesday, I had the opportunity to attend a ceremony honoring Eastern's scholar athletes.

I had the pleasure of joining one of my students in the special education department as she was honored for her 4.0 GPA and five other track athletes for a truly enjoyable evening of conversation, laughter and honoring their accomplishments.

The fine quality of these individuals made this one of the most memorable evenings of my career.

I waited six days before writing this letter, hoping *The Daily Eastern News* would cover this wonderful event, but not a word was mentioned.

Surely, when an athlete gets a DUI or is arrested for some occasion of poor judgment, it makes front-page news.

But something good and honorable that represents the true students and mission of Eastern is ignored.

The Eastern community should be outraged.

People wonder why all news has become like the tabloids; it seems that maybe that is how student newspaper people are being trained.

It is time to reconsider what is called "newsworthy."

Good things, honorable things, take a backseat to controversy, negative events and tragedies.

It is time that *The DEN* and other news organizations begin to focus on what is truly of value.

Wake up, editors, writers and advisers at *The DEN*.

Do not be lazy – it is easy to pick out the negative and run with it.

News people need to begin to honor themselves by honoring the people and stories that demonstrate what is good and valued at this university and in the world.

Thomas Sinclair  
Assistant professor for the department of special education

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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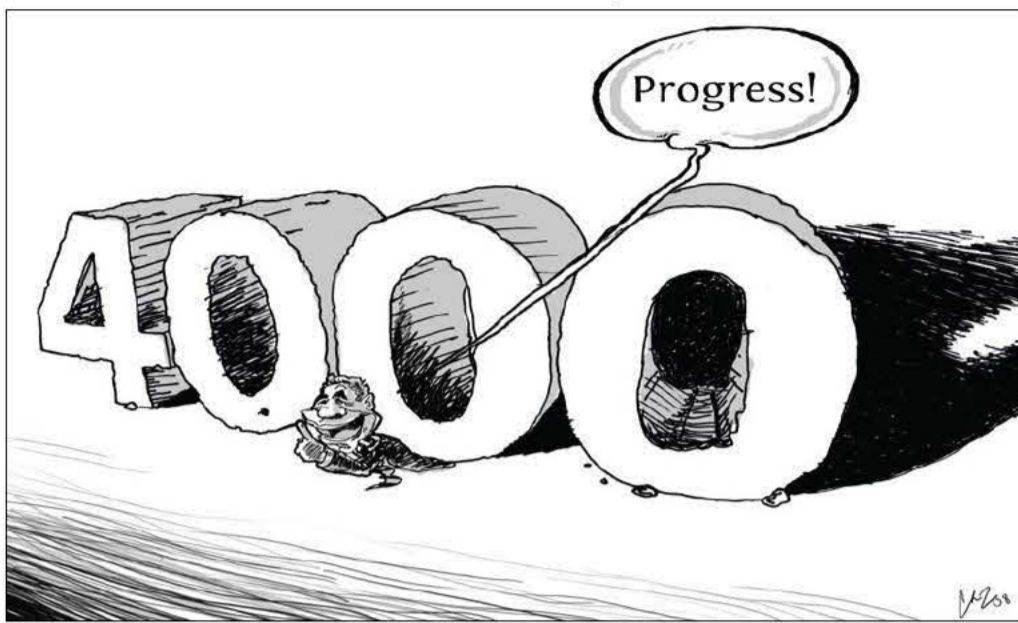
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Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

Mark your calendars early

Student Government may have to start thinking "fundraising" for next semester. Because the organization's representatives were not present at last Thursday's meeting – the little meeting that would allocate Student Government's money for next year – Apportionment Board members declared its budget request fair game.

It's unfortunate that Student Government won't be seeing \$8,226 of its budget request. Someone put a lot of time into preparing that budget request.

Student Government requested more money for areas such as increasing student payroll from last year's \$600 to next year's \$1,000 for a new marketing director.

Student Government will also not see the extra \$200 it needed for a housing fair and student interaction program.

Members also needed \$2,519.40 more for their student-teacher interaction program. Last year, Student Government requested only approximately \$800 for the program. It wants \$3,330 for next year.

Student Government also requested \$220 extra for printing costs for its fall and spring elections. So it might be time to start thinking of ways to make up for that \$8,200 or so that AB called fair game.

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick, one representative who should have been present at the meeting, was on her way home while the meeting was taking place.

Student Body President Cole Rogers said he just plain forgot about the meeting.

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Student Government representatives missed the Apportionment Board budget request meeting.

• **Stance:** As a result, Student Government will have to start getting creative with how to spend its now-depleted money.

"To be honest, it slipped my mind, and I'm not going to come up with any grave excuses," he said in an article last Friday in *The Daily Eastern News*.

At least he admits his mistakes.

Too bad the Student Government representatives forgot about a meeting of importance.

Next year's Student Government members will be testing their creativity skills when it comes to fund raising a few bucks – at least if they want to continue traditions like the murder-mystery dinner.

It probably won't happen next year. Nor will Student Government be able to afford a marketing director, unless it cuts out some other unnecessary legs, such as spending \$3,800 on T-shirts.

We've criticized how Student Government has spent its money this semester, but nothing quite compares with the irresponsibility the representatives displayed last week by missing the AB budget request meeting.

Maybe members of next semester's Student Government will think twice before frivolously spending its now-precious dollars.

Or at least they'll be sure to tie a string around their fingers, write the date on their hands and set alarms for next year's AB budget request meeting.

Going green is Eastern's thing

Eastern has proven year after year that this institution makes a conscious effort to reduce, reuse and recycle.

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OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Eastern has "gone green" once again by using new environmentally friendly cars on campus.

• **Stance:** We applaud the campus community for continuing its "green" reputation. We're saving money and the environment.

electricity, along with two Prius hybrid-electric cars. And women's basketball has been using a Prius for years for recruiting duties.

The energy-saving technology is here, and we're glad Eastern has been paying attention to it.

Even small changes, such as changing the vehicles we use around campus, can make a real impact and are simple to do.

We commend Facilities and Planning Management for being aware of new energy-saving technology and for implementing it on this campus.

As the technology becomes more affordable and reusable, maybe one day we won't have to worry about paying high electric bills, and we won't have to depend as heavily on the state to apportion us money.



JOHN STROMSKI

My country vs. My country

Do you remember four years ago when the biggest issue on the campaign trail was what to do with the Iraq conflict? I do. But casually glancing through the news today, I was reminded of something very important.

The "war" in Iraq is still going on.

I already know that most of you are saying, "No duh, you idiot, where the heck have you been the past million years? Of course it's still going on."

All right, I'll give you that one, based on the fact that I don't watch every portion of the news daily.

But the Iraq headlines start to pile up and contort into one big constant blur – I can't recall how many times I've seen a headline similar to "Eight Die in Iraqi Car Bombing" and didn't read the article because I had read something very similar several months ago.

But what about the major topics for this upcoming election? It seems that I am not alone in forgetting about just how big of an issue the Iraq conflict is, for the predominant issues in this upcoming election happen to be race, gender and the American economy.

I'm not even going to try to address the first two issues, but would like to focus on the latter.

It seems the main issue Americans are most concerned about in the upcoming election relates only to self-interest – What will be better for my money and me? – as opposed to the best interests of our nation.

Maybe it's just me, but I think America has some other major problems that need to be addressed before we try to fix the economy, such as our presence in Iraq. I'm not trying to say that our economic problem should be completely ignored because I do indeed acknowledge that there is a problem.

I think the economy should definitely and seriously be addressed, but I am kind of uncomfortable, and even a little ashamed, of the fact that this issue is taking precedence over our involvement in the war in Iraq.

Now, I know that the major candidates do have a stance on Iraq and have stated their stances. I know Iraq is sometimes debated and is still somewhat of a major issue, but I don't think the candidates or the people are putting as much emphasis on this issue as needed.

During the last election, the predominant question seemed to be: "Should we stay or should we leave Iraq? Because if we stay there it will mean trouble, but if we go, there will still be trouble." But now this issue has taken a complete backseat.

While we still have thousands of troops in Iraq fighting and dying, over here, we citizens are trying to figure out which candidate will make our money worth more than it currently is.

I think a lot of us have forgotten about the former reality.

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ONLINE

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"It is good a war movie is being made with perspective on how stressful and unpredictable a soldier's life can be."

-Dylan Divit

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## » GTAP

FROM PAGE 1

Owen said he takes issue with many circumstances surrounding the GTAP recommendations.

He said many of the recommendations rely on the involvement of the biology chair, associate chair, graduate coordinator and GTAP coordinator.

The future of those people holding those four positions is uncertain, Owen said.

Biology chair Andy Methven has said he will step down as chair. Associate chair Robert "Bud" Fischer, who is also the GTAP coordinator, is leaving Eastern in May.

Chuck Costa, biological sciences professor and biology graduate coordinator, is in his last year as graduate coordinator and will not return to the position.

"Even if I was for this program, I don't think anybody right now knows what is going to happen," Owen said.

He said many of the recommendations have not been developed yet and would require planning in order to implement them for Fall 2008.

With four key positions to the GTAP recommendations in limbo, Owen said he has his doubts as to when the recommendations will be implemented or who is going to be in charge of implementing them.

"Most of us are not on contract during the summer, and we would have to do it between now and the next five weeks," Owen said.

The approved recommendations state a guidebook should be developed and distributed to graduate students that contain reference materials that can be used while teaching.

Owen said the guidebook is one example of a GTAP recommendation that has not been developed in the past and is uncertain who will develop the guidebook and when the guidebook will be developed.

"Without that proper planning, I think we are going to recreate the same mistake all over again," he said.

Costa said he believes other

faculty members in the department feel that the GTAP is a good program and believes those members will step up and administer the program.

"There's always a certain turnover amongst the faculty, and sometimes it impacts the programs and sometimes it doesn't," Costa said.

Owen said another example of a recommendation that has not been developed yet is the suggestion of a 2-day workshop during the summer in which graduate teaching assistants gain additional knowledge of teaching techniques and other priorities.

"It's kind of hard to say, 'Yes, this is what we want,' when they don't even exist yet," Owen said. "We don't even know who is supposed to be working on (the recommendations)."

Costa said Fischer ran a similar workshop last summer and is assured Fischer has notes and materials he would give to other faculty members.

"There's enough history so far to build on, so whoever takes over that job will be able to run the workshop and the program," Costa said.

Biological sciences professor Gary Fritz agrees with Owen.

He said he does not know how the GTAP recommendations, which did not exist before, would be implemented, when the state of the four key positions vital to the development of those recommendations is uncertain.

"We're not sure of what our future is, and we have four people that need to be replaced or reinstated," Fritz said. "But those decisions haven't been made."

Costa said many of the recommendations that were approved were already going on this past year.

"In fact, almost everything we say that we are going to do in this document, we are already doing," Costa said.

### Issue with who voted

Owen said another issue he had with the vote was it was meant to be advisory to the chair and associate chair, but Methven and Fischer were permitted to vote.

He added Methven has

the final decision whether to endorse or not to endorse the GTAP recommendations after an advisory vote is taken.

"That doesn't make any sense to me why they would be advising themselves," Owen said.

Owen added that Methven has not made an announcement to the biological sciences faculty whether he endorses the GTAP recommendations or not, Owen said.

Costa said he did not find it odd that Methven and Fischer were allowed to vote.

He said the biological sciences department allows every tenure and tenure-track faculty member to vote.

Costa said he was there when the bylaws were composed, and the issue was brought up that department chairs in certain departments were not allowed to vote in faculty votes.

He said the biology department then decided to give chairs a voice with faculty votes.

Nelson said Methven and Fischer are eligible to vote because they are either tenure or tenure-track faculty as well.

He added Methven and Fischer use graduate assistants, and both are clearly affected by either the absence or presence of the graduate teaching assistant program.

Fritz said he does not think Methven and Fischer should have voted on a program they initiated and implemented illegitimately.

"He voted to advise himself, which is a little odd," he said.

As for Methven's assumed announcement to the faculty about the recommendations, Owen said he would like Methven to say there is not enough support for the recommendations.

"If you include (Methven's and Fischer's) votes, 56 percent supported it," Owen said. "If you don't include their votes, 52 percent supported it. Either way, 50 percent of the faculty, in my mind, is a failing grade."

Costa, on the other hand, said he does not think it is necessary for Methven to make an announcement.

"It's my assumption he is

behind this the whole way," Costa said.

### Reaction to outcome

Nelson said he hopes both opponents and proponents of the graduate teaching assistant program will give the program a few years to mature.

"Like any program, I expect that we will make adjustments to improve GTAP as the program develops," he said.

He added he hopes that the GTAP will serve as a model for how graduate teaching assistants can be effective teachers.

Fritz said he has long held the position that the program should be canceled, and thought having a vote was, in a way, trying to legitimize a program that was illegitimately originated.

"It's against principle," Fritz said. "For me, that was what the vote was partly about. It was about principle."

Owen said decisions need to be made on who is going to fill key positions in charge of administering the recommendations.

Great ideas can be suggested, but if some of those ideas do not exist, the job is not finished, he added.

He said he does not think the department has enough time to implement the recommendations for Fall 2008.

Costa said he hopes the vote will put an end to the controversy within the department.

He added the graduate teaching program is a good program that will benefit graduate students.

He said the uncertain state of the four positions in charge of many of the recommendations would not affect the implementation or the status of the GTAP recommendations.

"In every level of governance, you got to have continuity that goes beyond the people who are there," Costa said. "I think there are plenty of people who still are going to be in the department and will move into positions of responsibility that affect us."

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## » Hatfield

FROM PAGE 1

The show changed what judges were looking for this year when they tried to make the show more young and modern, Hatfield said.

The new Miss America, Kirsten Haglund, matched what they were looking for, Hatfield said.

Hatfield is still friends with many of the contestants, including Haglund and Kiefer.

Hatfield also participated in the Miss America reality television show, "Reality Check."

During the show, Hatfield turned down a hair and make-up "make under," which was given to all other contestants to make them look more natural and modern.

After turning it down, she received many letters from people thanking her for making a stand, Hatfield said.

Calinda Rask, a senior early childhood education major, said she was glad Hatfield stayed true to herself.

Rask, who competed in the Miss East Central Illi-

nois pageant this year and met Hatfield, said Hatfield is a great role model.

Hatfield will give up her title in June.

"It is amazing how quickly a year can pass," Hatfield said.

After giving up her title, she will probably work in speech pathology in a hospital or school, she said.

Hatfield may also record a demo and try to make it in country music. The Miss America reality show helped her to get a foot in the door, she said.

Schwerdtmann said she believes Hatfield can make it in whatever career she chooses.

"She is persistent and rarely takes no for an answer," Schwerdtmann said.

As for past Miss Illinois titleholders, Schwerdtmann said they have moved on to do great things such as become attorneys, models, Broadway performers in "Legally Blonde" and vocal instructors in Chicago and New York.

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## » Post Office

FROM PAGE 1

Renaissance Architects, of Springfield, will be in charge of the project.

Larry Quenette, a licensed architect for Renaissance, said the firm is working on several similar renovations throughout the state.

Most of the post office buildings around the state are like the Charleston office — old and in need of repair, Quenette said.

The project will also include several purely cosmetic painting jobs on the interior of the building, along with the replacement of a few lights in the post office workroom, he said.

The windows that will be replaced are old and almost inoperable.

Their poor condition results in leaked heat, driv-

ing up energy costs for the building. The new windows will be more energy-efficient and will be able to be opened and closed.

The project is estimated to cost \$305,000, though Quenette said this is only an estimate made by the architectural firm.

The contracting firm in charge of the project will also submit an estimate.

The actual cost of the project usually ends up being in between the two estimates, he said.

While Quenette could not give a definitive date when the project will be completed because of interruptions in work schedules, it is expected to be complete by the end of summer, he said.

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## STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

**Jury considers trial of Decatur bank robber**

DECATUR — A jury is weighing evidence against a Decatur man charged with first-degree murder and armed robbery of a bank last year.

Steven Johnson's trial began Monday in Macon County Circuit Court in Decatur. The 49-year-old is accused of robbing Soy Capital Bank and Trust Company in Decatur in April with his son, Jerrell Chism, and another man, Cortez Gray. Prosecutors say the three men left the bank in a getaway car with more than \$24,000.

**NIU shooting lawsuits unlikely, attorney says**

CHICAGO — Amid threatened lawsuits and proposed settlements in the Virginia Tech shootings, attorneys said Tuesday that such legal battles don't seem to be brewing over last month's on-campus killings at Northern Illinois University.

Circumstances surrounding the NIU rampage that left five students dead differ starkly from those at Virginia Tech, noted Kathleen Zellner, a Chicago attorney. She said there's no indication of glaring shortcomings in NIU's security response.

**Man accused of setting girlfriend on fire**

CHICAGO — A 21-year-old Chicago man has been charged after allegedly dousing his girlfriend with lighter fluid and setting her on fire.

The girlfriend had extensive burns on her face and body after the January 15th incident and was in a coma until earlier this week. That's when the 18-year-old told authorities Damienique Traylor set her ablaze.

## NATION | AIRPORTS

# No aid for stranded

**Law requiring food, water for stuck passengers struck down by court**

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court Tuesday struck down a state law requiring airlines to give food, water, clean toilets and fresh air to passengers stuck in delayed planes, saying the measure was well-intentioned, but stepped on federal authority.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said New York's law — the first of its kind in the country —

interferes with federal law governing the price, route or service of an air carrier.

The law was passed after thousands of passengers were stranded aboard airplanes for up to 10 hours on several JetBlue Airways flights at Kennedy International Airport on Valentine's Day last year.

They complained they were deprived of food and water and that toilets overflowed.

A month later, hundreds more passengers of other airlines were stranded aboard planes at JFK after a daylong ice storm.

The law was challenged by the Air Transport Association of America,

the industry trade group representing leading U.S. airlines.

The court said that while the goals of the law were "laudable" and the circumstances prompting its adoption "deplorable," only the federal government has the authority to pass such regulations.

"If New York's view regarding the scope of its regulatory authority carried the day, another state could be free to enact a law prohibiting the service of soda on flights departing from its airports, while another could require allergen-free food options on its outbound flights, unraveling the centralized federal framework for air travel," the court wrote.

## NATION | ELECTION 2008

# Reagan endorses McCain for presidency

**Former first lady said Arizona senator is 'a good friend'**

The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Former first lady Nancy Reagan planned to endorse John McCain for president on Tuesday, as the Arizona senator continued to collect the backing of leading Republicans who might help him win over critical conservative voters.

Now certain to win the GOP nomination, McCain is on the West coast this week to raise money.

He was to stop by the Southern California home of former President Ronald Reagan's widow to accept her endorsement.

In a statement before the event, Reagan said she typically waits until after the GOP convention to announce her support but decided to now because it is clear the Republican Party has chosen its nominee.

"John McCain has been a good friend for over thirty years," Reagan said. "My husband and I first came to know him as a returning Vietnam War POW, and were impressed by the courage he had shown through his terrible ordeal. I believe John's record and experience have prepared him well to be our next president."

Reagan's eventual support was expected, and she will become the latest top Republican to fall in line behind McCain.

She and McCain have long been close, and it was only a matter of time before she spoke up for her friend.

Her endorsement could help McCain shore up the backing of conservatives who long have viewed him skeptically for his record of breaking with the party on some issues they hold dear.

At the same time, Reagan's nod also could help further align him with the former president who attracted Democratic as well as Republican voters.

The former first lady has nurtured her husband's legacy and has generally stayed out of the political spotlight in recent years, with a few exceptions.

She remained quiet during the multi-candidate fight for the GOP nod but did attend debates held at her husband's presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif.

In 2006, she lobbied in favor of legislation to expand federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, a position McCain shares, but President Bush vetoed the bill. President Reagan suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

She also waded into the Virginia Senate race that year when Democratic candidate James Webb, who once served as Navy secretary in the Reagan administration, ran an ad featuring 1985 video footage of President Reagan praising his gallantry as a Marine.

Reagan's office sent a letter to the Webb campaign objecting to the use of the Reagan footage.

## WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

**Sarkozy considers boycotting Olympics**

PARIS — French President Nicolas Sarkozy suggested Tuesday that a boycott of the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics was a possibility — the first world leader to raise the prospect of punishing China over its ongoing crackdown in Tibet.

The United States, Britain and Germany all condemned China for using force against Tibetan protesters, but they stopped short of threatening to boycott the games or the Aug. 8 opening ceremony.

**German political leader accused of incitement**

BERLIN — Prosecutors accused the head of Germany's top far-right party Tuesday of publishing a pamphlet before the 2006 World Cup that questioned whether nonwhite players should be on the national soccer team.

Prosecutor Simone Herbeth said in a statement that Udo Voigt, head of the National Democratic Party, or NPD, was charged with incitement and defamation over the pamphlets. NPD spokesman Klaus Beier and Frank Schwerdt, a leading member, also were charged, Herbeth said.

**70-car accident in Austria injures 37**

VIENNA, Austria — About 70 vehicles slammed into each other Tuesday in heavy snowfall on a highway in northwestern Austria, killing one person and injuring at least 37 others, police said.

Police in the province of Upper Austria said six of the injured people were seriously hurt. A Spanish woman who lived in Switzerland was killed, they said. Her car slid out of control and was run over by a truck, authorities said.

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**MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | FORMER ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT**

# Eastern alumnus on fast track to Beijing

**Strackeljahn trains with Panthers, prepares for Summer Olympics**

By Will Lyons  
Staff Reporter

Eastern alumnus and former track athlete Dan Strackeljahn is training to make the qualifications for this year's Summer Olympics in Beijing, held Aug. 8-24.

Strackeljahn, a Highland native, teaches industrial technology at Minooka High School, which is about three hours north of Charleston.

However, Strackeljahn's Olympic goals keep him from being your average teacher. When not teaching, he trains at Lewis University to qualify for the 1,500-meter run at the Olympics.

The U.S. Olympic Trials for track take place June 27 through July 6 in Eugene, Ore.

When a member of the Eastern men's track team, Strackeljahn's goals were to compete in the regional, then national levels.

"I just wanted to compete post-collegiately," Strackeljahn, a 2007 graduate, said. "The Olympics are the next step."

Some of Strackeljahn's achievements while at Eastern include: 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Athlete of the Year, a five-time OVC Champion, a two-time NCAA Regional Qualifier, and 2005 Kansas Relays 1,500-meter champion.

The 25-year-old claims that his internal drive is what keeps him pushing further.

"I'm still pretty young," he said. "It's my time just to keep running fast and keep my goals."

One of which is to qualify in the 1,500-meter run.

Strackeljahn's best time for the



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern alumnus Dan Strackeljahn runs at Lantz Fieldhouse last season. Strackeljahn is training to run at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Strackeljahn is running at Lewis University and also training with Eastern.

1,500-meters is 3 minutes, 43.94 second, and in order to be automati-

cally included on the Olympic Team, he must run 3:39 or less.

**GEOFF MASANET | EASTERN CROSS COUNTRY COACH**

**"Dan was everything to everybody. Everyone loves to watch him race. You couldn't find a better person."**

However, if Strackeljahn runs less than 3:43 he qualifies for the "B Standard," in which case he will be included on the team if not enough people qualify for the "A Standard" time.

But, he said he won't settle for a "B Standard" any time soon.

Running in the higher echelons of the sport may be more attainable than one might expect, and while this is offset by the relative lack of funding for runners, Strackeljahn said he doesn't plan on slowing down any time soon.

In the event that he does make it past the qualifications, he said it is likely sponsors will keep his costs to a minimum.

Strackeljahn said he has continued to compete with Eastern to strengthen himself and decrease his times.

Strackeljahn competed unattached at both the EIU Mega Meet on Jan. 19 and the Illinois Invitational on Jan. 26.

He placed first in the 5,000-meter run at the Mega Meet (15:06.03) and sixth in the one-mile run at the Illinois Invitational (4:19.78).

"One of the nice things with track is you get to have the team around you," Strackeljahn said. "It's nice to have the support of the team around you."

He said the facilities and coaching at Eastern have helped him to understand the sport more.

Competing at Eastern's events not only allows Strackeljahn to compete in a familiar, supportive environ-

- STRACKELJAHN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
- 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Athlete of the Year
  - 2002 & 2005 OVC All-Conference Cross Country
  - Five-Time OVC Champion
  - 2005 Kansas Relays Champion (1,500-meter run)
  - Two-Time NCAA Regional Qualifier

ment. But it also lets him serve as an example for the current team to reach beyond their collegiate running career.

"Dan was everything to everybody," said Eastern cross country head coach Geoff Masanet. "Everyone loves to watch him race."

Head track and field coach Tom Akers said having Strackeljahn around motivates and gives confidence to the team.

Strackeljahn's commitment to running has set the tone to excel for athletes throughout Eastern.

"He was close enough to an angel off the track," Masanet, "You couldn't find a better person."

Strackeljahn also runs with the Minooka High School team, and he said once he stops running competitively, he would like to get into a coaching role allowing him to continue with the sport.

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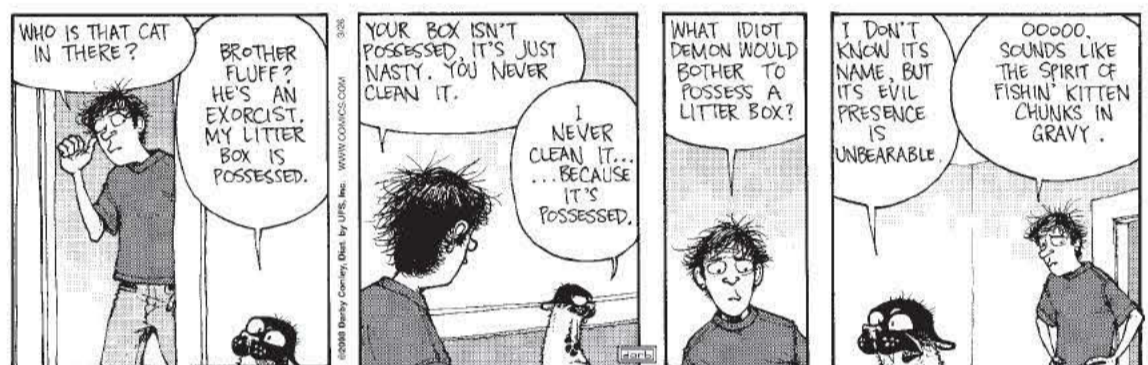
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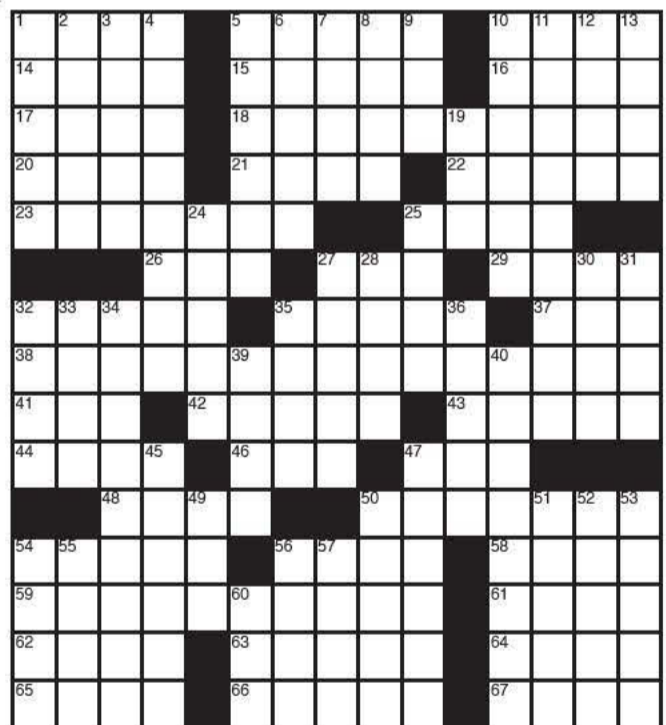


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  - 5 Velvety bloomer
  - 10 Dreaded prom night sight
  - 14 River of Tuscany
  - 15 Graff of stage and screen
  - 16 \*Takeover
  - 17 Cat's gripper
  - 18 Violin, viola and cello
  - 20 Hitchcock thriller
  - 21 \*Pen
  - 22 Half-and-half quantities
  - 23 Mail at contest central
  - 25 \*Cote calls
  - 26 Sound from a frying pan
  - 27 Monastery title
  - 29 Place brushed by a barber
  - 32 Sprites in bottles?
  - 35 Bad marks
  - 37 Knickers wearer
  - 38 From 1- to 67-Across
  - 41 Some A.L. sluggers
  - 42 Jong who wrote "Sappho's Leap"
  - 43 Woodcutter's tool
  - 44 Many a turban wearer
  - 46 Toll rd.
- DOWN**
- 1 Paris's \_\_\_ Coeur Basilica
  - 2 Sock material
  - 3 Not suitable
  - 4 Buzzer on "This Old House"
  - 5 Last sign
  - 6 Some saxophones
  - 7 Charles Laughton's role in "The Sign of the Cross"
  - 8 Sassy one
  - 9 It's issued by the Nippon Ginko
  - 10 Director's order
  - 11 Summer side dish
  - 12 When the stars come out in Paris
  - 13 Long narrative poem
  - 19 Mail ctr.
  - 24 Joe Jackson's "\_\_\_ Really Going Out With Him?"
  - 25 Like J.F.K.: Abbr.
  - 27 Dandruff bit
  - 28 Monte \_\_\_, highest point in the Pennine Alps
  - 30 Twinge
  - 31 Beat (out)
  - 32 Norms: Abbr.
  - 33 "I didn't think you'd be here ..."
  - 34 Hotel front person
  - 35 It might be on one's radar
  - 36 Storm drain, e.g.
  - 39 Scraps for Spike
  - 40 Particle accelerator
  - 45 Collectors' collections
  - 47 James and Jackson
  - 49 Airport org.
  - 50 Event in 1940s-'50s headlines
  - 51 Conclusion of "Happy Birthday"
  - 52 Eye-popping canvases
  - 53 They're high in Manhattan
  - 54 "Oh, \_\_\_ Love Jesus" (hymn)
  - 55 Apprised of
  - 56 Curriculum part
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SOFTBALL | WEEKDAY RECAP



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern sophomore shortstop Megan Nelson makes a throw from her knees during practice last week at Williams Field. The Panthers lost both Ohio Valley Conference games on Tuesday at Southeast Missouri. Eastern lost 7-2 and 7-6 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The Panthers will play Southern Illinois at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Williams Field.

# Panthers drop both games

**Eastern makes mistakes, fails to execute against SEMO pitcher in both games**

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern failed to jump on Southeast Missouri senior pitcher Elaine Fisher and made costly errors on Tuesday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

That led to a doubleheader loss against Southeast Missouri, with the Panthers losing 7-2 in the first game and 7-6 in the second game.

Eastern led 6-5 in the second game heading into the bottom of the sixth, but a home run by SEMO senior shortstop Michelle Summers in the sixth and a walk-off sacrifice fly in the seventh by Summers sealed the second game for the Redhawks (13-16, 3-5 Ohio Valley Conference).

Eastern made five errors in the second game and seven in the two games combined.

**Tuesday's First Game**

Southeast Missouri 7, Eastern 2

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
EIU (8-12)	0	0	1
SEMO (12-16)	1	3	0

WP: Fisher, E. (7-11) LP: Mackie, R. (4-5)

E. Brackett, L.; Holtz, K. (4) -EIU. McDonald, M. (2) (6); Bradley, L. (7) -SEMO LOB: EIU 9; SEMO 9. 2B: Summers, M. -SEMO HR: Summers (8) -SEMO HBP: Coppert, S. -EIU. SF: McDonald -SEMO. SB: Coppert (8); Jackson, M. -EIU. Borowiak, A. -SEMO.

**Key Inning: Bottom of the fifth**  
Southeast Missouri scored two runs in the inning to put the game out of reach for the Panthers who trailed 7-1 at that point.

"We should have gotten business taken care of earlier in the game," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette about the second game. "Some of those things happen. That's just a part of the game."

Fisher kept the Panthers (8-13, 4-3) off-balance in the first game. Fisher pitched a complete game, giving up five hits and striking out nine.

"She was throwing a weird drop changeup," Mackie said. "It would drop right out of the strike zone. We need to lay off that changeup."

**Tuesday's Second Game**

Southeast Missouri 7, Eastern 6

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
EIU (8-13)	2	4	0
SEMO (13-16)	0	4	0

WP: Fisher, E. (8-11) LP: Robison, A. (3-4)

E. Nelson, M. (2) (10); Coppert, S.; Jackson, M.; Nolte, A. -EIU. Ramirez, A.; Borowiak, A. -SEMO LOB: EIU 9; SEMO 10. 2B: Mackie, R.; Holtz, K. -EIU. Bradley, L.; Ramirez 2 -SEMO HR: Manzione, D.; Holtz; -EIU. Summers, M. 2 -SEMO HBP: Mackie, R. -EIU. SF: Summers; Borowiak -SEMO. SB: Nelson; Brackett, L.;

**Key Inning: Bottom of the seventh**  
Southeast Missouri senior shortstop hit a sacrifice fly in the inning to give the Redhawks a 7-6 victory.

Freshman third baseman Kiley Holtz and sophomore center fielder Denee' Menzione hit back-to-back home runs in the top of the third inning. Eastern senior pitcher Karyn Mackie and senior pitcher Ashlye Robison combined to give up 14 runs and 20 hits in two games. Eastern will resume play with a doubleheader against Southern Illinois at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Williams Field.

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## Baseball

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"You've got to be smart in that situation," he said. "I've been seeing the ball pretty well lately, and I could trust myself on 3-2 counts like that."

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz pulled Brandon after the walk to Mauerer and replaced him with sophomore right-hander Scott Foley.

Southern sophomore right fielder Aaron Roberts singled to left field on Foley's first pitch and drove in Adam Hills to increase the Salukis lead to 3-1. Foley retired the next batter to get out of the inning, but Eastern's hitters didn't pose much of a threat in the bottom half of the ninth. All three hitters were retired in order by Salukis' relief pitcher, junior Daniel Wells.

Brandon threw 68 pitches through 3 2/3 innings of relief work after he replaced starter Tyler Kehrer after the start of the sixth inning.

"(Brandon) pitched great, but I guess he just ran out of gas," Schmitz said. "We thought he was doing well, but it's a very easy second guess."

The ninth inning started off poorly for Eastern when the right-handed hitting Johanns, Southern's No. 9 hitter, singled to right field.

Saluki leadoff hitter Chris Murphy then sacrificed Johanns to second base and second baseman Scott Elmendorf flew out to right field.

Schmitz then chose to intentionally walk Hills to try for a force out at any base.

The move backfired when clean-up hitter Mark Kelly hit a ground ball to Eastern third baseman Sean Estand.

The freshman appeared to back up on the ball and his throw to first baseman Tristan Facer went up the right field line and pulled Facer off the bag for an error.

The error allowed Kelly to reach first and brought Mauerer up to bat.

Estand had the option to throw to any base for a force out, but said he was focused on throwing it to first.

**Tuesday's Game**  
Southern Illinois 3, Eastern 1

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
SIU (11-8)	0	0	1
EIU (8-10)	0	0	0

WP: Wells, D. (2-0) LP: Brandon, T. (2-2)

E. Roberts, A. -SIU. Estand, S. -EIU LOB: SIU 13; EIU 2. HBP: Johanns, L. -SIU. SF: Murphy, C.; Elmendorf, S.; Roberts; Mackadon, O. -SIU. SB: Restko, C. -EIU.

**Key Inning: Top of the ninth**  
Southern capitalized on a two-out throwing error by Eastern freshman third baseman Sean Estand to score two runs in the inning and snap Eastern's five-game winning streak.

"It was just a routine play," Estand said. "I just hurried myself up and should have just took my time and just made a nice, solid throw instead of rushing it. It didn't cross my mind to throw it to second."

Schmitz said he didn't understand why Estand didn't throw to second for the force out.

"Nine hundred ninety-nine out of 1,000 people will catch the ball and throw to second base," Schmitz said. "That's a routine out at second base. A big defensive lapse on Estand's part, and that was a very costly error right there."

Eastern's hitting didn't help out their cause either.

The Panthers (8-10) only managed three hits the entire game and pushed across their lone run in the fifth inning when sophomore designated hitter Alex Gee singled to right field to score sophomore left fielder Curt Restko.

Southern starter Nick Rice, who came into Tuesday's game with an 8.10 ERA, befuddled Eastern hitters all afternoon, locating his fastball and breaking balls on the outer half of both sides of the plate.

"Overall, really disappointed in hitters," Schmitz said. "They're all giddy about 18 hits against Morehead (on Saturday), and we could be here until tomorrow and we probably wouldn't have got more than two runs off (Rice). They're all trying to go back to pulling the ball."

Eastern gets back into action today with a 3 p.m. game at Illinois State.

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## Cusack

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This is how NFL scouts evaluate talent.

Sure, they look at tapes from games and a player's stats from the season, but if you do not have the proper numbers in the 40-yard dash or you do not put up enough reps in

the bench press, your draft stock will fall or you will not get drafted at all.

Athletes have taken notice of these new ways of evaluating talent and are looking for professional help in order to better themselves in the eyes of scouts.

Both senior linebacker Donald Thomas and senior wide receiver Micah Rucker went to institutions to train for events like the shuttle-run and 40-yard dash. They went,

not to improve their performance on the gridiron, but to improve the techniques needed to perform well enough in the drills so the scouts would notice, and they would get a chance to play football on Sundays.

These institutions teach techniques on how to improve times by fractions of a second and propel names up NFL draft boards.

These institutions Rucker and Thomas attended both seemed to

work as they each had impressive workouts and produced good times in the various events.

I understand NFL teams are making huge investments in these young players and are trying to do everything possible to evaluate the talent in the best way possible. But there has to be a point where they have to stop and look at these players' abilities on the football field.

Teams should not just look at

numbers. If they only do that, they will miss potential intangibles such as heart, playmaking ability and general football IQ. Even though a player may not run a 4.4-second 40-yard dash, it does not mean he should not be looked at or given an opportunity. Some things in football cannot be measured with a stopwatch.

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**MEN'S SOCCER | COACH SPOTLIGHT**

# Former Eastern assistant hired by Illinois-Springfield

## Jones will assist in recruiting for new women's program

By Ross Meister  
Staff Reporter

Former Eastern men's soccer volunteer assistant Chad Jones now finds himself staying in Springfield — but with a new job.

Jones, the director of the Springfield Area Soccer Association, was hired as the assistant women's soccer coach at Illinois-Springfield on Feb. 23.

A 1994 Millikin graduate, Jones was a volunteer assistant for Eastern head men's soccer coach Adam Howarth's staff for four years.

"Chad Jones came in at a time when I was short on assistant coaches and was in transition before (Eastern men's soccer assistant coach) Dino Raso started," Howarth said. "He helped considerably in his high energy approach to the game of soccer. Last year, with his own responsibilities, he was only to help a handful of times but did a good job when he was here."

Howarth complimented his former assistant by giving him his vote

of confidence in his new opportunity at UIS. Howarth said Jones will have the ability to recruit and will use his connections in Springfield to his advantage to field a decent team.

"Chad is the type of person you need around a program, as he is positive and is knowledgeable about the game," Howarth said. "(He) will be fine at UIS, as he had a good connection with all the best players in Springfield."

Jones had nothing but good things to say about his experiences with Howarth at Eastern.

"I think Adam's trained me well, and I've worked well with him," Jones said. "He's filled me in with a lot of things and has helped me with this position. I appreciate all of the things he's helped me with. I was fortunate at Eastern. Adam showed me how a Division



**Chad Jones**

Former Eastern assistant men's soccer coach will now be an assistant coach with the Illinois-Springfield women's soccer program.

**ADAM HOWARTH | EASTERN MEN'S SOCCER COACH**

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I program works. I'll have the same kind of stuff that I did at Eastern; a lot of the stuff will be the same. There's a little bit of differences but a lot of similarities, too."

Jones is part of UIS's plan to bring the school up to Division II status. The Prairie Stars currently compete at the NAIA level.

UIS's soccer team has yet to play a game, but with the addition of the program, the Prairie Stars have the 10 sports necessary for the transition to Division II.

UIS women's soccer coach Pete Kowall said Jones knowledge of the game, as well as the central Illinois area, would help get the best recruits.

"He has a wealth of knowledge of this area, and he has a better idea of this area than I do," Kowall said. "His background of soccer helps, and he knows the ins and outs of NCAA soccer. He's passed the test

since he's got that soccer background already, and he knows what he's doing. He will also make me think in a different way in recruiting and that will help me out immediately."

Jones said he could evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of players during the recruiting process to find the players who would fit well in the program.

"I envision our team to be competitive, especially since you've got to be competitive right away," Jones said. "The last few weeks we have been on the phone recruiting night and day, and you have to have a solid base with some good recruits. We're bringing in all of the people that we can. We're hoping to be successful so we're excited about getting our new program going."

Kowall's philosophy is similar to Jones' in the sense that players need to grow and get better as time goes

on, and he said that was a factor in hiring Jones.

"He's a good teacher of the game," Kowall said. "He can identify what players, at any level, what that player needs to do to get better. My philosophy (is the players need to do) what they need to do to get better, and, again, he has that experience that would separate him from somebody else."

Jones will have other responsibilities with his job, so his coaching responsibilities are only part-time.

"He's a part-time coach for us," Kowall said. "He'll have game-day opportunities and will help in practice when he can. His responsibility is to make training sessions, and he'll help with recruiting, but he'll be a pretty busy guy with a full-time job."

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## » Brock

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Cisse said he and Martin were experiencing the same situation. Catchings and Byrne went through at the end of the 2006 season.

"When we came in here, guys left the team," Cisse said. "Going through this right now is kind of crazy, but we just have to move on. It's not going to be the same team we had this year."

Cisse said Eastern would need the most help in the post with Brock's transfer.

Seven players left the Eastern men's basketball team during, or after, the 2006 season.

"A lot of guys have left," Catchings said about his time at Eastern. "Since I've been here, I can't even guess how many."

Byrne said the decision to stay with a basketball program or not

PLAYERS THAT HAVE LEFT EASTERN SINCE MIKE MILLER BECAME HEAD COACH IN 2005		
Name	Season Left	Still Playing?
Justin Brock	2008 (Transferred to Quincy at end of season)	Yes
Brandon D'Amico	2008 (Transferred to Cardinal Stritch at semester break)	Yes
Mike Robinson	2008 (Transferred to Lewis at semester break)	Yes
Bobby Jolliff	2008 (Left team, school at semester break)	Unsure
Freddie Perry	2008 (Left team at start of season)	No
Austin Hogue	2006 (Left team in middle of season)	No
George Tandy	2006 (Transferred to Cleveland State at end of season)	Yes
Kyree Brown	2006 (Transferred to Edinboro (Pa.) at end of season)	Yes
Bil Duany	2006 (Transferred to Indiana at end of season)	No
Ross Laux	2006 (Left team before season started)	No
Wes Wilkin	2006 (Left team at end of season)	No
Tom Burke	2006 (Left team at end of season)	No

comes down to priorities. He said he weighed his decision following the 2006 season.

"I liked other things about the school, too, where I didn't want to leave that," Byrne said. "If you're unhappy with your basketball situation, and there's not enough other things to make you want to stay, then you've got to do what's best for you. Nobody wants to be in a situation

where they're unhappy. That's what came down to most everybody I talked to. They were just unhappy here, and the other things don't outweigh it. I wanted to stay here, I guess, because I enjoy this place. Other people don't feel the same way."

Catchings said players leaving teams happens across the country because the players are either unhap-

py or think they would have a better situation somewhere else.

"Nobody expected us to have the type of season we did," Catchings said about the Panthers' 7-22 record during the 2007-2008 season. "It was kind of disappointing for everybody."

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**ON PLAYERS LEAVING THE PROGRAM**

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TRIPLE THREAT



Dan Strackeljahn

Dan Strackeljahn (above) is perhaps one of the best Eastern runners of all time. The Highland native was the Ohio Valley Conference 2007 Male Indoor Track Athlete of the Year. He was a five-time OVC individual Champion. Strackeljahn is currently training for the Olympic Trials.

Here are three other famous runners throughout history.

**1. Steve Prefontaine** — Prefontaine is one of the most famous distance runners in history. The Oregon standout held eight collegiate records, and his three-mile and six-mile records are still standing today after 35 years. He was the first athlete to win four consecutive NCAA track titles in the same event (three-mile run).

**2. Roger Bannister** — This British runner, and 25-year-old medical school student at the time, is most well known for running the first sub-four-minute mile. Bannister set the record, at the time, at 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds, at Oxford College.

**3. Bernard Lagat** — The Kenyan native turned American citizen has made strides for the American men's distance program. Lagat won the 1,500- and 5,000-meter championships at the 2007 World Championships. He set an American record with his 3:49.89 indoor mile at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. on Feb. 11, 2005, after he became a U.S. citizen.

-Kevin Murphy



DAN CUSACK

More than numbers

This Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse, Eastern football players auditioned for pro scouts for a possible NFL contract at Eastern's Pro Day.

Scouts from the Indianapolis Colts worked out with players as they auditioned without pads, did not run any plays and hardly even used a football.

Defensive players did not showcase their tackling ability or technique in covering a receiver. Instead, they ran around cones and in short sprints.

The athletes tried to jump as high as possible, ran the 40-yard dash in the shortest amount of time and ran bizarre drills instead of showing off their individual talents and techniques at their respective positions.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | PLAYER TRANSFER

Brock headed home to Quincy

Sophomore forward is 12th Eastern team member to leave in the past three years

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Justin Brock will not be in an Eastern uniform next season.

The sophomore forward played in 27 games during his freshman season, but that number dipped to three in his sophomore campaign. Brock played his last game in an Eastern uniform Nov. 20.

He missed the Panthers' next 26 games with a stress fracture in his foot.

Brock is transferring to Quincy at the end of this school year and will play for the Hawks, a Division II team, next season.

"My main reason for leaving is I just want to be closer to home," Brock said. "I really wanted to be closer to my family and friends. It hit me at the end (of the season)."

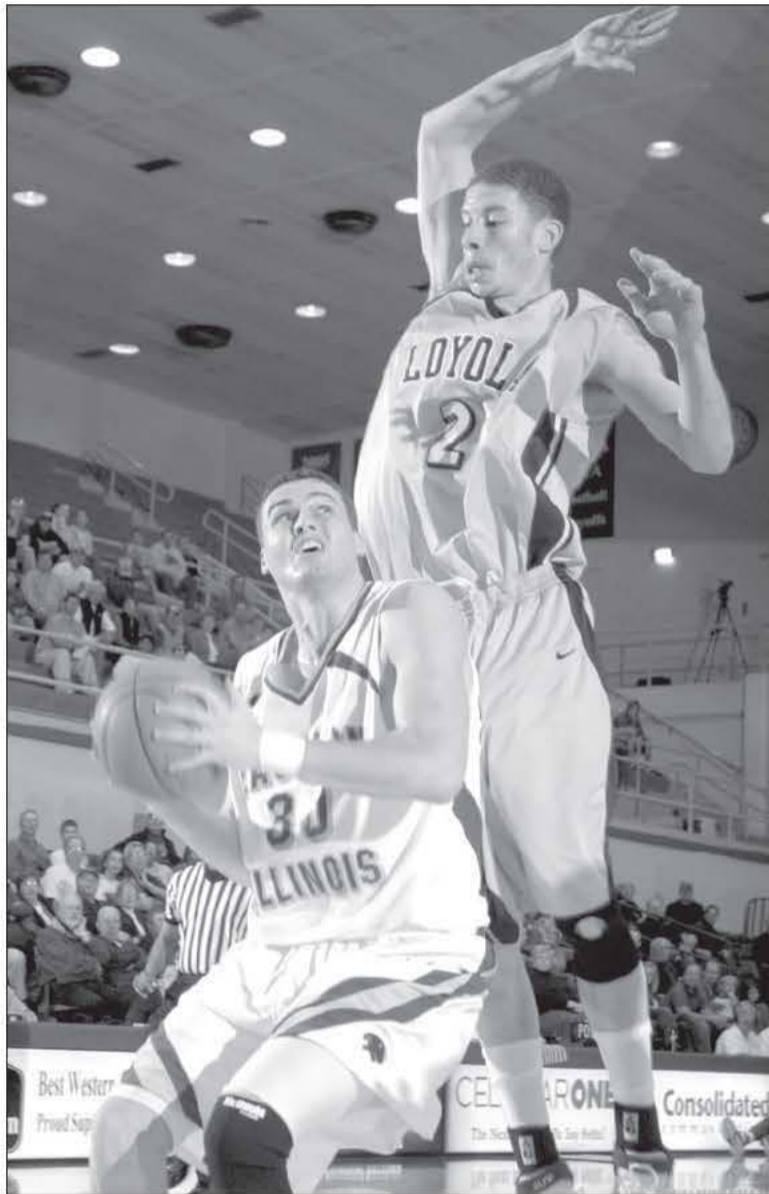
Brock said he told the Eastern coaching staff and his teammates of his decision to transfer a few days after Eastern beat Samford 64-61 on March 1 to end its season.

Eastern head men's basketball coach Mike Miller declined to comment on Brock's transfer to Quincy.

"They just knew it was my decision," Brock said of his teammates' response to his announcement. "They supported me in my decision."

Eastern senior forward Bobby Catchings said the news of Brock's decision to transfer was a surprise.

"I didn't have any expectations he



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Eastern sophomore forward Justin Brock is transferring to Quincy because he said he wanted to be closer to home.

would transfer at all," Catchings said. "I just wish him the best."

Eastern senior forward Jake Byrne

said Brock did what he had to do, but Brock would be missed.

"I'm friends with him, so I have

to respect his decision," Byrne said. "Since he wasn't playing, there was a difference where he could be a little bit more lighthearted when everyone else is nervous getting ready for the game. Those guys kind of help you relax, not worry about it so much."

Ousmane Cisse said he was surprised, like all of the other Eastern players, that Brock was going to transfer.

"We will miss him around here," said Cisse, a sophomore center. "Even if he wasn't healthy and went through a lot of situations where he didn't play a lot, having him here would be a good thing for us. He left. That's his choice and there's nothing we can do about it. We just have to move on."

Brock said he has continued to spend time with his former teammates and that they remain friends.

Brock, a Fowler native, said he grew up watching Quincy play. Fowler is about 12 miles from Quincy.

Brock said he spoke with the Quincy coaches during Spring Break, and he said he is excited to work with the team this coming summer.

"It's going to be a little different with a new bunch of guys," Brock said.

Brock is the 12th Eastern player to leave or be removed from the program in the past three years, and he is the fifth this season.

"We came in with five freshmen," sophomore guard Romain Martin said. "Me, (Cisse), Bobby Joliff, (Brandon D'Amico) and Justin, and out of that, it's just me and Ous left."

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BASEBALL | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 3, EASTERN 1

Bases-loaded walk gives Salukis road win

Mistakes mount in ninth-inning as Panthers lose non-conference game

By Matt Daniels  
Editor in Chief

Southern Illinois' Bret Maugeri didn't fare well the first time he faced Eastern senior pitcher Tyler Brandon on Tuesday afternoon.

The Salukis' left fielder struck out swinging on a slider by Brandon with the score tied at one in the top of the seventh inning.

But Maugeri's second plate appearance against Brandon proved more beneficial for the Salukis in their 3-1 win at Coaches Stadium.

Maugeri drew a bases-loaded walk on a full count with two outs to push across Lou Johanns for the winning run.

Brandon said he threw three sliders to start Maugeri's at-bat but all were out of the strike zone. Brandon ran the count to 3-1 before throwing a fastball down the middle that Maugeri took for a strike.

"Maugeri had a good (at bat)," said Southern Illinois head coach Dan Callahan, whose team improved to 11-8 with the win. "We felt like



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Eastern senior pitcher Tyler Brandon would walk in the game-winning run after he battled back from a 3-1 count in the top of the ninth inning Tuesday at Coaches Stadium. Eastern lost 3-1 to Southern Illinois. The Panthers will play at Illinois State at 3 p.m. today.

he could hit with two strikes and that gives us a chance to start the runner. That's how well he's swinging it. He takes a cock shot on 3-1 so we can start the runners on 3-2."

Brandon came back on his next pitch with a fastball on the inside part of the plate, but Maugeri fouled

it straight back.

Brandon again threw a fastball on the ensuing pitch, but this time, the pitch ended up low and outside to the right-handed hitting Maugeri for ball four.

"I was just overthrowing on that last batter," Brandon said. "I went

outside myself and just ended up making a mistake by walking him."

Maugeri said it was tough to lay off Brandon's pitch, but he could tell Brandon, who finished with four walks, including one intentional, was struggling with his control.

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Thursday at Morehead State |  
9 a.m. — Morehead, Ky.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS  
Thursday at Eastern Kentucky |  
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