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CAMPUS | EMERGENCY DRILL

Eastern plans ahead for shooter

Sirens, text alerts on reserve for drill

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

Students should be made aware that emergency sirens, text-alert systems and web-based e-mail alerts are reserved for real emergencies while the active shooter-drill is taking place from 7 a.m. to noon Friday in Buzzard Hall.

"It is important that there be no confusion in case a real emergency occurs," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs. "We want to keep these methods of communication open for the use with which they are intended."

Nadler said if sirens, e-mail and text message alerts are employed then a "real threat is imminent" and students, faculty and staff should act accordingly.

President Bill Perry said students should be reminded about the emergency response booklets on every entrance.

The drill, which is designated to take place in the Buzzard auditorium area, second-floor balcony and parts of the hallways adjacent to the auditorium area, will utilize the University Police Department, Health Service and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as well.

Doors around the auditorium will be closed and locked to any access and other doors will be specified by posted signs for entrance to Buzzard.

Classes in Buzzard and overall campus security should not be dramatically affected by the drill.

"Classrooms and offices on the north side of the building will be minimally affected; occupants could expect to hear some unusu-



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

In order to protect students and staff from a campus attack, campus and city police, along with staff, will be participating in a campus shooter drill in Buzzard Hall on Feb. 20 beginning at 7 a.m.

al noises," said Vicki Shaw-Woodard, coordinator of public information.

There are 12 classes scheduled in Buzzard on the morning of the drill.

Friday was chosen because it is traditionally the day the least number of classes are scheduled, Shaw-Woodard said.

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LOCAL | FUNERAL

Soldier's services held today

Local residents are encouraged to attend, support funeral procession

Staff Report

Services were announced for Eastern graduate 1st Lt. Jared Southworth, 26, who was killed in Afghanistan Feb. 8 while serving with the Illinois National Guard.

Southworth's body is scheduled to arrive at the Coles County Memorial Airport in Mattoon between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. today.

A military ceremony with the family will take place at the airport. Those who wish to attend are asked to be in place by 9 a.m.

A procession of Illinois State Police, local police squad cars and Patriot Guard volunteers will travel past campus on Lincoln Avenue, and turn north on 18th Street en route to Hindsboro and his hometown Oakland.

The public is encouraged to show support for Southworth and his family by lining the procession route.

The Eastern ROTC plans to be in formation in front of Old Main during the procession.

The visitation is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Standard Funeral Home, 215 E. Main St. in Oakland.

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SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY TEXT ALERTS

Less than one-third of Eastern's total student and faculty population have signed up to receive Alert EIU, a text messaging alert system implemented in March 2008.

Currently, only 4,465 individuals have registered.

Alert EIU is available to all students with text-messaging plans at standard rates. The system is designed to alert subscribers, via their cell phones, to emergency situations on campus.

The administration urges students to sign up for the service for easier access to emergency messages.

Here is how to sign up:

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Students can stop text alerts through direct text-messaging instructions that are defined on every text or by returning to the sign-up page and clicking "Stop Messages."

Number errors can also be reported on the same page.

CAMPUS | DAMAGES

Greek house residents responsible for damages

Fire sprinkler activated by playing catch with football

By **MATT HOPF**
News Editor

The residents that activated a fire sprinkler in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house by playing catch with a football will be responsible for damages to the building caused by the sprinkler, said Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services.

Hudson said all residents would be responsible for any damage to their personal property.

He did not know the cost of the damage to the building.

Eight building service workers were called in to extract water

from the building as well as a plumber and electrician.

The residents playing catch were in the second floor hallway when they hit the fire sprinkler, Hudson said.

Twelve rooms within the building were damaged, including six on the first floor.

Hudson said all residents found their own accommodations after the building was closed. They moved back in on Wednesday.

"The fire system could not be reactivated," Hudson said.

This is the second incident Hudson recalled a similar event when a ball activated a fire sprinkler two or three years ago.

He said housing residents would be reminded not to play catch indoors.

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CAMPUS | PROFILE

Relationships key for BSWs in halls

Communication between students, BSWs can make situations easier

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

Robert Black, weekend sub foreman, has worked for Eastern for more than 25 years with the building service worker team, and said he feels as if he is a grandfather to some of the students.

"You seem to be more like a father or mother to them, or as for me, a grandpa," he said. "We get a special deal because everyone can't do what we do."

Black said as a whole, he appreciates the interaction he has with students on a daily basis.

"Ninety percent of reaction from students are positive," he said.

BSWs are an important part of Eastern's campus community when it comes to providing a safe and clean living environment.



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Building service worker Tom Goddard takes garbage out of a room in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Aug. 26. The BSWs agree that relationships with the students are important to make their job easier.

Because of their daily interaction with students, some BSWs believe it is important to develop a relationship with them in order to

make their job easier and to better focus on students' needs.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>THURSDAY</p>  <p>27° 18° Mostly Cloudy NW 15-20</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p>  <p>35° 22°</p>
<p>SATURDAY</p>  <p>30° 19°</p>	

WEATHER BRIEF

Winter continues throughout the region the rest of the week and into the weekend. Expect a chance of snow Friday night into Saturday. Daytime temperatures will return to the low to mid 40s next week.

For a more detailed forecast, visit www.dailyeasternnews.com.

CAMPUS | MEETING



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Senior Rachel Galligan, right, and other members of the Eastern women's basketball team speak to Student Senate about a possible fan bus to be approved on, at Wednesday night's Student Government meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Galligan said having a fan bus accompany them on their road trip to Nashville, pending their entrance into the Ohio Valley Conference Championships, would mean a lot to the team and bring an extra level of excitement to the game.

Fee increase discussed

By **KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI**
Staff Reporter

While there were no bylaw changes during Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting, the senate discussed legislation introduced at the General Assembly and a possible technology fee increase.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, brought the Renewable Energy Center bill to the members' attention.

This bill was introduced Wednesday to the General Assembly floor, with the support of State Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, and State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mattoon.

A capital request of \$20 million has been asked from the state to help subsidize the cost, Wilber said.

"The entire project's scope, which includes the steam plant, the windmills and wind farm, along with all the other improvements, is a total of \$80 million," Wilber said. "Without the windmills, it becomes \$60

million."

No estimated date is available for when the bill will pass through legislation, Wilber said. This is because of the overall slowdown of the General Assembly's agenda from budget problems.

In other business, Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs, said a new technology fee was discussed that may go into effect during the fall of 2010.

The recommended additional fee is \$31.25.

The possible increase would be added to the \$57.44 already paid each semester by every student.

Of this new fee, \$25 will go toward extending the Microsoft license agreement to every student, and \$6.25 will fund the transition of making every classroom on campus "laptop friendly."

Additional electrical outlets and wireless Internet in every classroom would be included with this transition.

The laptop room conversion will improve 10 rooms each year.

Jarrod Scherle, Student Senate member, proposed an electronic sign to advertise Eastern events.

This sign would be produced by Daktronics and would cost between \$20,000 to \$24,000, excluding framing. The sign is hoped to be placed by the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and would include advertising from local businesses.

In other business, the bill for Student Government banners was passed, costing \$116.

Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin said the banners would help with Student Government's on-campus visibility when members start tabling.

The five allocations on the agenda were tabled for further discussion next week.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Poet Harrington next in Series

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Janice Harrington is a poet whose works are "rich, detailed and evocative," Tim Engles said.

The English professor was responsible for bringing writer Janice Harrington to share her works with the campus at 5:30 p.m. today in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"I read her wonderful book of poems called 'Even the Hollow My Body Made is Gone,'" Engles said. "She's both a poet and a storyteller, and I found the book's overarching story of a Southern black family finding its way north very engrossing."

Engles said Harrington is a young, up-and-coming artist people are sure to hear more about in the future.

"It is great that we can bring her here right as her career is taking off," he said.

Harrington is a full-time creative writing instructor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"She also wrote poetry and children's books," said Dan Crews, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Harrington has performed at festivals around the country, including the National Storytelling Festival.

She is coming as part of Doudna's "New and Emerging Artists Series."

"Her work is getting great notice out there, so that is why she received the invitation to come to Eastern,"

Crews said.

Harrington agreed to meet with some English classes today along with a Children's Literature class where she will share her children's books.

"Any time I can come to share my work, I think that is rewarding," Harrington said.

The English department and Doudna's "New and Emerging Artists Series" funded the program.

Crews said visual and musical artists will be featured in the "New and Emerging Artists Series" this semester along with up-and-coming writers.

Crews said the series was started in conjunction with the Doudna Fine Arts Center opening.

This semester, the series has already brought the Yellowjackets' performance and the "Lions in Winter" presentations featuring Midwestern writers.

Several writers will be coming later this year, including poet Luisa Igloria in April.

"The 'New and Emerging Artists Series' has been in the works several years," Crews said. "The university has gone six years without a fine arts center, and now that we are open again and not in an old Charleston grocery store, we wanted to provide a lot of programming. It's a way for performers to spend time and share their knowledge with faculty and students."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN CREWS

Poet Janice Harrington will share some of her works in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center today at 5:30 p.m.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Conference discusses diversity awareness

EUnity will host its first diversity conference Saturday and Sunday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The keynote speaker will be Steve Birdine, a nationally acclaimed speaker, educator and motivator, at the conference, "Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone." The conference is designed to raise diversity awareness and advocacy across campus. Games and tournaments will be held throughout the conference.

The conference is free, but registration is required. To register, visit http://www.eiu.edu/~minoraff/CONFER~1/conference_site/index.htm.

Pianist performs benefit concert

Pianist James Litzelman will perform a scholarship benefit concert in memory of Professor Alan Aulabaugh at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Aulabaugh taught at Eastern from 1957 until his retirement in 1985, and during which he was awarded both the Outstanding Faculty Member Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

Aulabaugh was also a piano soloist, chamber musician and accompanist.

All proceeds from the concert will go to the Alan R. Aulabaugh Music Scholarship. Admission is \$5 and \$3 for students. Contact the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office at (217) 581-3110 or doudnatix@eiu.edu.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

Alexandria Genta, 22, of Mattoon, was arrested for driving under the influence near the intersection of Seventh and Johnson streets at approximately 1:55 a.m. Saturday, said the University Police Department.

CORRECTION

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, was misquoted in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

LOCAL | HOUSING

City of Charleston toughens its standards

Chareston plans to tear down housing structures not up to city code

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

In an ongoing crackdown on unsafe and dilapidated properties, the city of Charleston ordered 25 houses or apartment buildings torn down during 2008.

"That's something we've taken a tougher stand on," said Mayor John Inyart.

The city's tougher stand has led many property owners to clean up their properties or have problem buildings destroyed, he said.

"Showing that we're serious about that has brought some property owners around," Inyart said. "In all cases, the neighborhood has ended up safer for it."

Inyart said many owners chose to either clean-up their properties or

have the problem buildings destroyed themselves, adding that, of all the buildings demolished during his time as mayor, the city has only paid to remove 15.

He said that many of those homeowners eventually reimbursed the city.

State law allows city governments to condemn unsafe buildings and order them demolished, Inyart said.

"This is a tool the state has available for us," he said. "It's not 'Can we tear your property down?' it's 'We

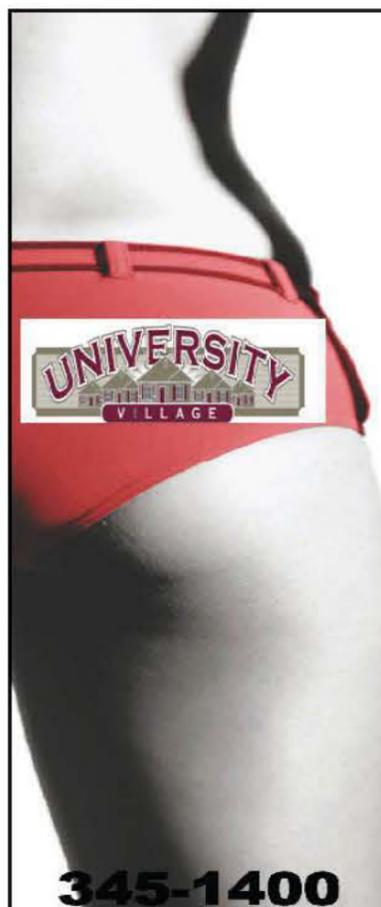
will tear your property down.'"

But Inyart said many dilapidated properties are being replaced without prodding from the city.

Inyart said the new Melrose Place apartments on Fourth Street replaced four houses in "terrible shape."

"They were replaced with safe, attractive student housing," he said. "That's a perfect example of 'out with the old, in with the new.'"

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SAM SLAVEN

EWP: 'Don't know ... just do it'

I told my friend I was going to write about religion and she said, "You'd better get ready for the hate mail." I told her she was wrong, because anyone reading this piece is most likely well-informed, well-educated and open to the viewpoints of others.

Then I thought about it for nearly a full minute and decided that I really didn't want to start an argument between the believers and freethinkers that would inevitably create a heated debate with the freethinkers making their point and leaving the discussion and then spiral downward even further with the believers accusing each other of gross misinterpretations of the scriptures.

I needed a new idea so I scrolled through my e-mail to search for a topic, and to my surprise, the IRS had sent me a message to let me know that I was going to receive a \$10,000 refund.

Unfortunately, to claim it I would be required to purchase a six-month supply of Viagra. As the depression set in, I continued to scroll down and saw an RSS feed from *The DEN*. Apparently the Electronic Writing Portfolio had been explained and clarified in a forum on Tuesday.

Depression cured!

What exciting news this was, because I've been trying to understand the purpose of this program since I first enrolled here.

I asked my friends at other universities around the country if they knew anything about the EWP. Most of them laughed and said they'd never heard of such a program. I asked my professors what the EWP was and the best answer I got beyond, "I don't know," was, "I don't know; just do it so you can check the block and graduate."

No problem.

From the beginning, the EWP has somehow reminded me of the young lieutenants in the Army that would come up with a clever acronym or slogan to implement a program to improve safety.

The Army had been promoting the slogan "Safety First" since World War II. The new lieutenant comes up with "Put Safety First." There's no change in the intent of the message; the only thing it served was to justify giving the lieutenant a high mark on his annual evaluation report.

That's exactly what this EWP program seems like — a program set up to justify someone's evaluation, position or paycheck. We already have a program in place to evaluate student's writing — class grades.

Maybe it's set up for its exact intended purposes; that would be a surprise.

Maybe it's set up to evaluate the professor's ability to evaluate good writing; that would be a slap in the face and not a surprise.

Maybe it's for some other reason completely.

I don't know. I don't care.

What I do know is I've submitted mine so I can, "Check the block and graduate."

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Drawn from the News | Chris Lee

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Appreciation for BSWs' work is long overdue

We see them everyday.

It's impossible to miss them; everywhere you go, from resident halls to classrooms, they are there every day working hard to give Eastern the image of the clean, pristine institution it should be.

They are the building service workers and they deserve students' respect.

To some students in resident halls and the academic buildings across campus, BSWs are just nameless faces that come along daily to clean up the messes left by students and faculty.

It could be shyness, or a student could tell one's self, "I don't want to interrupt their work," but cheap excuses don't stop the fact that there is someone there everyday who cleans up the filth left behind and works hard to maintain properly functioning utilities.

And let's face it: The state of some floors of resident halls can be atrocious, sometimes stomach-turning.

From clogged, overflowing toilets to showers covered in a thick layer of what was probably once shampoo, soap or a mixture of both, BSWs take care of it all.

Classrooms, as well, are not always in the best condition when BSWs arrive.

We've all seen the water bottles and papers left behind from someone in an early class, and yet those items stay on the floor.

Despite this, some students won't even give the BSWs a simple hello in the morning.

It's disgusting how self-absorbed some students appear to be. Are students afraid acknowledging a BSW is social suicide?

"From clogged, overflowing toilets to showers covered in a thick layer of what was probably once shampoo, soap or a mixture of both, BSWs take care of it all."

Or is it the BSW never makes an effort to tell you "good morning" or "have a nice day"?

Why should they make the effort?

Don't they do enough for students by showing up five days a week to clean up after them?

Isn't it enough for them to provide a clean floor?

BSWs make the first effort toward connection with a student by providing a sort of welfare for them.

The least students could do is offer a simple "hello" just to show their appreciation.

Or even better, pick up after themselves.

Don't make excuses and come down from your pedestals.

Make sure BSWs know you appreciate their work.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BUYING LOCAL IS GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY

I am responding to the column about buying local.

I agree that it has gone by the wayside for several years now.

I will admit, I do shop at Wal-Mart. I do, however, prefer to do business with the "locals."

There is something to be said by doing so.

These people, in many cases, have been born, raised or settled down here and they pay taxes to support the local community.

That is not to say the employees at Wal-Mart and other big box stores do

not do the same.

I just think we sometimes, if not too much, let down those that have been loyal to the community for so many years.

I am glad to see someone from the younger generation sees this and voices an opinion.

In my short 41 years of life here in Coles County I have seen many "mom and pop" shops go under.

I do not care what anybody tells me, you cannot get the same "local" treatment, commitment and overall customer relationship as you do in the smaller stores that have provided this for us.

It is a nice feeling to do business with

someone you may have known all your life and who may actually care about you and are willing to help.

I am willing to pay a little more for that service.

I want to say again, I do believe we have good people working in the bigger stores and they can provide a good service as well.

I just think it is past time we start taking a little more into consideration for the locals.

They deserve a chance.

Paul D. Weber Sr.
Foreman, Eastern Building Services Department

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» **Drill**

FROM PAGE 1

"The University Police Department will have officers assigned to participate in the drill, (but) additional officers will continue to patrol the campus as usual," she said.

The Charleston Fire and Police Departments, Eastern's Emergency Management Team and representatives from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency will also participate in the drill.

More details about the drill are being kept confidential by administration to "make the drill as real as possible," Nadler said. He explained that knowing every detail of how safety experts handle an active shooter could be detrimental to the effectiveness of the plan. Non-participants will not be allowed to observe the drill, he said.

The drill is a training exercise that is mandated by state law that was integrated Jan. 1, which requires Illinois colleges and universities to stage one emergency drill a year.

The overall cost of the drill is unspecified at this time, but will be divided between manpower, in relation to overtime pay, and material costs.

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» **Funeral**

FROM PAGE 1

The family will be present from 3 to 8 p.m.

The funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Oakland High School gymnasium, with burial following in the Oakland Cemetery.

Southworth is survived by his wife, Chrissy, and their four children; his parents, Robert and Kimberly Southworth; and his two siblings, Michael and Nikki.

Southworth, a 2006 graduate of Eastern, was commissioned through the ROTC program in May 2006.

Memorials can be made to the Southworth family at the Citizens National Bank or to the Lt. Jared Southworth ROTC Fund within the EIU Foundation.

» **BSW**

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Valerie Leonard, night supervisor for BSWs, has worked at Eastern for 23 years and has also felt as if she has become a parent to some of the students.

"It is a rewarding experience because it makes me feel good to be around the students," she said. "We listen to their problems. We wear many hats."

Leonard still stays in contact with students she has met in the past.

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Quinn calls for Burris to answer under oath

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Sen. Roland Burris needs to answer questions from law enforcement under oath about his testimony at former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment hearings, Gov. Pat Quinn said Wednesday.

"Obviously there's a cloud over Sen. Burris until he fully, completely, under oath answers anything and everything that the law enforcement authorities want to know about his testimony and affidavits," Quinn said after an event at the University of Illinois.

Burris was wrong to agree to be Blagojevich's appointment to the sen-

ate seat vacated by President Barack Obama, Quinn said.

"It was a gigantic mistake for Roland Burris to even accept an appointment from Rod Blagojevich. He's having to deal with that now," Quinn said.

Burris released an affidavit over the weekend in which he admitted Blagojevich's brother asked him for campaign fundraising help before Blagojevich appointed him to the Senate.

The disclosure is at odds with Burris' testimony in January, when the Illinois House impeachment committee specifically asked whether he had ever spoken to Robert Blagojevich or other aides to the now-deposed gov-

ernor about the Obama's Senate seat. Rod Blagojevich was later impeached and removed from office.

The discrepancy could mean Burris perjured himself. The Sangamon County state's attorney is reviewing the testimony.

Burris has been adamant that the Feb. 4 affidavit was merely a promised supplement, not a contradiction, to his testimony before the committee and was not requested as part of the federal corruption investigation of Blagojevich's administration.

Quinn, Blagojevich's successor, said Burris is entitled to due process and called questions about a possible replacement for Burris if he is removed from office "hypothetical."

"I met some girls in Lawson and I still keep in contact with them all of these years," she said.

Leonard said she also feels as if BSWs are the eyes of the student community.

"They are aware of what's going on," she said. "If something is out of place, they can pretty much take care of it."

Steven Gilbert, custodial supervisor, said when there is not a relationship established between BSWs and students, it can make situations more difficult for both parties.

"If students would just talk to their BSWs on their floor, then the

BSW can take care of it," he said. "We are not going to solve all the problems. There are always going to be problems out there all of the time."

Richard Smyser, overnight sub foreman, has worked at Eastern for 28 years, said if it were not for the students he would not be here.

"We are here for them," he said. "Only a few make it rough for us."

When it comes to the trash chutes, some BSWs have had to unclog them because of large items such as pizza boxes, furniture, carpets and cement blocks.

Leonard said sometimes it could

take three to four hours to clean out the chutes.

"It does not take rocket science to know that those large items won't go down and it'll get stuck," she said.

Kevin Larkin, supervisor for BSWs, said if students do not think something is up to their standards then they should talk to their BSW.

"You all are our job," he said. "You all are our customers and we try to make things better for your living."

Jessica Leggin can be reached at 581-7942 or at jmleggin@eiu.edu.

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- Also:**
- Check out a blog by Canale, and "Top Cat of the Week," featuring sophomore softball player Amber May.

» Schneider
FROM PAGE 8

This means only three other male swimmers in the entire conference have a better time in a single event than those of Oakland, who just happens to be hosting the Summit League Championship at OU Athletic Center in Rochester, Mich.

It gets even worse on the women's swimming side as Oakland boasts 19 of the 21 best times for an event this season. Oakland's female swimmers sophomore Alyssa Vela and senior Sophia Gustafsson each hold five of the top individual swim times this season.

Oakland men's and women's swim teams also have had at least one member of its squad finish no lower than second in every single swim meet this season.

With daunting statistics such as these, it has begun to bring about the question of whether or not Oakland should be moved to another conference, one that would be more suited to give better competition to them.

As with most situations like this, money is the root of the issue. Simply put, Oakland has a lot of capital and the rest of the schools in the division simply don't have as much.

To put this in perspective, you

can look no further than the amount of full scholarships Oakland gave to their swimmers.

Oakland gave out exactly 14 full scholarships between their men's and women's swim team, while other schools in the conference typically gave out two or three.

Eastern head swimming coach Matt Bos explained that it is no secret why Oakland is as successful as they are.

"In our conference, as far as funding and facilities goes, Oakland is far and away more advanced than any other team in the conference," Bos said. "The fact of it is that Oakland is funded to be that good, so we try to focus more on competing with teams like Western and IUPUI."

Bos said that for the Eastern swimming squads it is more about competing with the teams that are similar in funding and facilities, than trying to compete with Oakland.

Bos' statement makes one wonder why the Summit League has not begun to take a further look into moving Oakland into a more competitive conference.

If one team is completely dominating a conference, and it is because of financial availabilities, someone should step in and at least examine the situation.

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» Dashed

FROM PAGE 8

The Skyhawks shot 52 percent from 3-point range for the game (12-23). 10 of their 12 total 3-pointers came from Weddle and Hudson as they each hit five. Sophomore guard Reuben Clayton hit the other two.

With the loss, Eastern remains in sixth place in the conference

with an 8-8 conference record. The Panthers are still behind Eastern Kentucky (10-6), who defeated first place Morehead State 74-40 Wednesday night.

Eastern's next game will be for the ESPNU BrackBuster when they take on Western Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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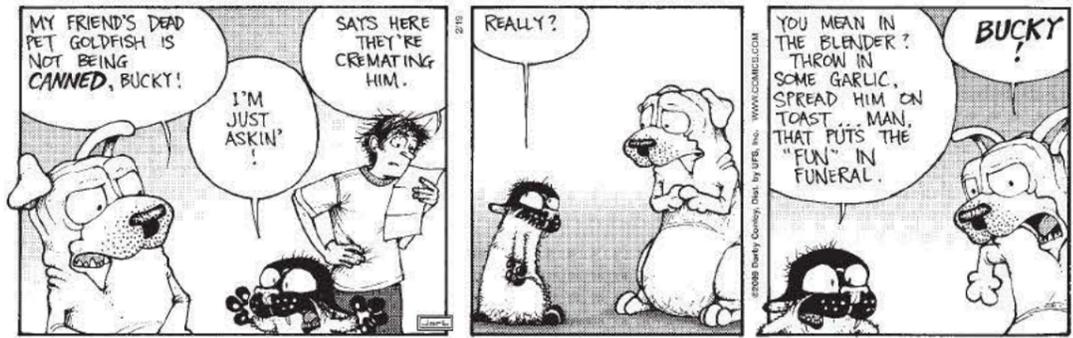
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Team	OVC	Overall
Tennessee-Martin	12-3	19-6
Morehead State	12-4	16-12
Austin Peay	11-5	15-11
Murray State	10-5	15-10
E. Kentucky	10-6	17-10
E. Illinois	8-8	11-15
Tennessee State	6-9	8-17
Tennessee Tech	5-11	11-15
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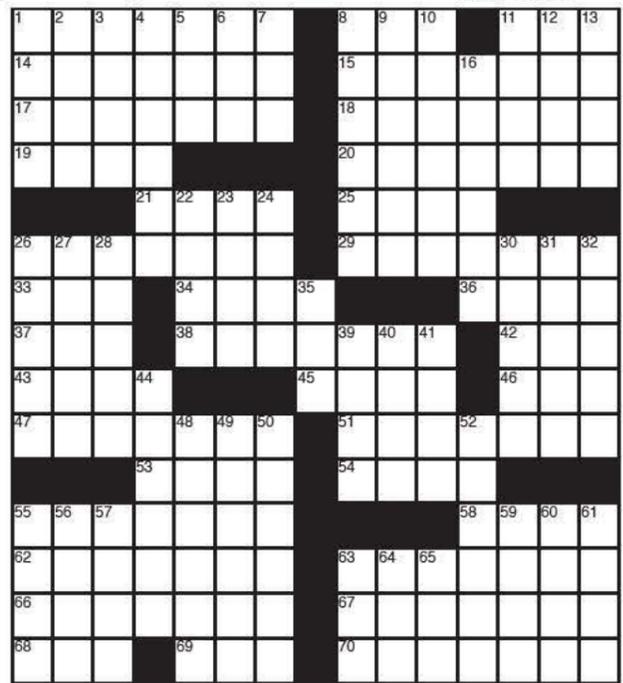


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Irish interjection
 - 8 Part of some resort names: Abbr.
 - 11 One way to get something down
 - 14 The Black Stallion, e.g.
 - 15 Paul Anka hit that made it to #19
 - 17 & 18 "J'ai Deux Amours" singer
 - 19 Whitish
 - 20 Extended vacationers may take them
 - 21 Goes back
 - 25 Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon
 - 26 & 29 Tangerine
 - 33 Nickname preceder
 - 34 "One Song Glory" musical
 - 36 Rice pad
 - 37 U.S.N. clerk: Abbr.
 - 38 Burglary ... or a hint to 17/18-, 26/29-, 47/51- and 62/63-Across
 - 42 Viral inflammation, informally
 - 43 Sailor's saint
 - 45 Paradoxical fellow
 - 46 12-time baseball All-Star
 - 47 & 51 Wet-day wish
 - 53 Crush
 - 54 Literary pen name
 - 55 Chinese chicken flavors
 - 58 Gracile
 - 62 & 63 Temporary setback
 - 66 Baby shower attendees, often
 - 67 Can't-miss proposition
 - 68 "Shame on you!"
 - 69 Lush
 - 70 Gets together
- DOWN**
- 1 Mexican peninsula
 - 2 One taking a bow?
 - 3 Nasty wound
 - 4 Minded
 - 5 It may be written in stone
 - 6 Rallying cry?
 - 7 What causes Fred to be fired?
 - 8 Longtime breath freshener
 - 9 Fake
 - 10 Person holding things up?
 - 11 Chow alternative
 - 12 Play ___ (do some tennis)
 - 13 Rocky peaks
 - 16 "The ___ of Reading Gaol" (Wilde poem)



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- 24 Trig ratio
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- 28 She renamed herself Mara, in Scripture
- 30 Slangy negative
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- 32 Drain
- 35 Looney Tunes nickname
- 39 Grasps
- 40 Actress Swenson of "Benson"
- 41 Hiding place
- 44 Cloverleaf component
- 48 Relatives of cha-cha-chas
- 49 Danny of "Ruby"
- 50 Be emphatic
- 52 Where shopping carts are pushed
- 55 Mil. rank
- 56 Some guesses, for short
- 57 Be ill-humored
- 59 High balls?
- 60 Summer cooler
- 61 Trading places: Abbr.
- 63 Code crackers' org.
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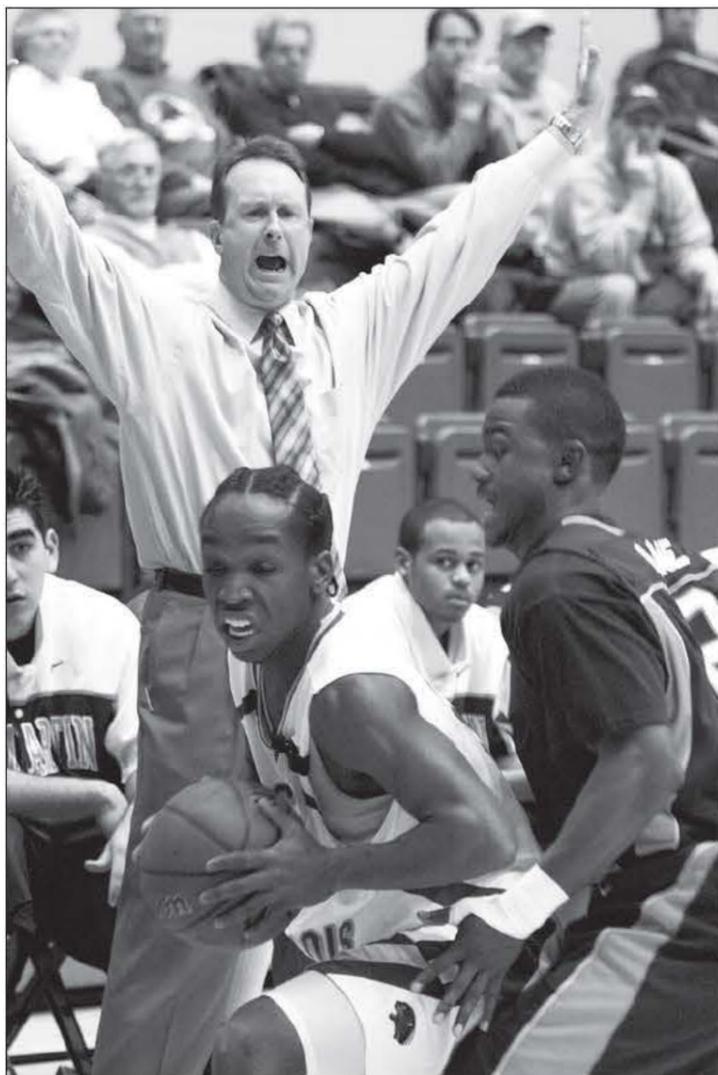
In the Summit League Championship this weekend, the Eastern men's and women's swimming teams will be competing against Oakland University.

Currently, Oakland has 18 of the 21 overall top male times in the Summit League this season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | TENNESSEE MARTIN 76, EASTERN 60

Hopes dashed in home finale



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Eastern junior guard Dewayne Wright, Jr. tries to move around a Tennessee Martin defender during the men's Senior Night game in Lantz Arena Wednesday night. The Panthers lost the game 76-60.

Unlikely hero leads Skyhawks; Hudson held in check

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's basketball team lost its third straight game Wednesday night in Lantz Arena, falling to Tennessee Martin 76-60.

The Panthers were able to limit the nation's second leading scorer, Tennessee Martin senior guard Lester Hudson, to only 22 points — seven below his season average — but sophomore guard Marquis Weddle scorched Eastern for 25 as the Skyhawks won their 11th game in a row.

"(Eastern head coach Mike Miller) told us, and we knew, we were not going to hold Hudson under 20, he's been doing it all season," junior guard Romain Martin said. "We tried to play him hard and physical, but they had other guys step up and play pretty well."

The Panthers (11-15, 8-8 OVC) trailed 29-24 at half in a seesaw battle that saw the lead change five times. Eastern started the second half on a 5-0 run tying the score up at 29-29, but the Skyhawks' offense was too much for the Panthers for the remainder of the game.

Tennessee Martin (19-6, 12-3 OVC) was able to stretch the lead to six after a pair of free throws by sophomore guard Benzor Simmons with 14:01 remaining in the half after a six-point run.

"We tried to play (Hudson) hard and physical, but they had other guys step up and play pretty well."

— Romain Martin, Eastern junior guard

The Skyhawks extended the lead to 13 with a 21-8 run with 4:40 remaining after Weddle hit a 3-pointer for his 25th point of the game.

Miller said the Skyhawks did a good job executing and taking advantage of mistakes Eastern made.

"They came out in the second half and brought it to another gear," Miller said. "We came out early and went on a little run, but we made too many mistakes. We had no threat on offense though, we couldn't get anything going."

The Skyhawks shot 68 percent (15-22) from the field in the second half.

Martin said the Panthers' inability to execute on offense was the reason they did not win. He said they hesitated on shots and cuts.

Martin led the Panthers with 27 points and four rebounds.

In addition to 22 points, Hudson had nine rebounds and six assists.

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SWIMMING | WEEKEND PREVIEW

Summit League Championship awaits

Team ends season with tournament in Rochester, Mich.

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's swim teams departed for Michigan Tuesday night. They will participate in the Summit League Championship today, Friday and Saturday.

Oakland is hosting the event at the OU Athletic Center in Rochester, Mich., where they are heavily favored to finish first in a majority of the competitions.

However, Eastern swimming head coach Matt Bos believes the focus for the teams should not be on competing against Oakland, but actually competing with the other teams in the conference.

"Oakland is just really miles ahead of everyone in the conference," Bos said. "We don't really worry about what Oakland is going to do, we try to compete more with South Dakota State and Western Illinois, because they are a little more similar to the type of team we are."

Bos said besides Oakland, the teams are extremely close. It is a matter of performing well that will decide whether Eastern finishes second or further down in the standings. The Eastern men's squad was predicted to

finish in fourth according to the pre-season poll. The women's squad was predicted to finished fifth according to the pre-season poll.

Last season the men's and women's teams finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Bos said he feels that both the men's and women's teams are confident and are looking forward to competing in the league championship.

The women's squad defeated Summit League opponent, Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis twice this season, but lost to conference foe Western Illinois. The men finished this season with the same results.

He said for the squads to be successful in the Summit League Championship, they must focus on their strengths in the pool.

"On the women's side, we definitely are strong in our sprint relay events and a lot of our points should come from those races," he said. "On the men's side, the breast stroke is by far our event, and we are anticipating about three guys to place high in those events."

Leading up to the league meet, Bos has had both teams going through a tapering period, where both squads spend more time resting and letting their bodies recover from the season.

Bos said in the past few days he has noticed that the time off has allowed the team to gain their ener-



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An Eastern women's swimmer competes at a meet against Saint Louis in the Ray Padovan Pool on Feb. 7. The Panthers lost the meet 130-113. The team will compete in the Summit League Championships this weekend.

gy back.

"I think their bodies are feeling better, and their energy levels are up," he said. "They're not sore anymore and they're looking good in the water, so I think the time off did exactly what it was intended to do."

Both squads have been focusing mainly on individual races, because there is flexibility in the team relay events. Bos explained that they do not really have to put their relay teams together until they see what they're up against, because a majority of the races are individual relays.

Individual relays are going to be

important in the Summit League Championship, because if the squads place well in the individual morning relays, they will have a good opportunity to place high in the evening relays.

"It's really important for us to come in and swim well in the morning," Bos said. "If we can place well in the morning relays, then we will have a good shot at the evening events. In the evening events anything can really happen."

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Today vs Tennessee Martin |
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All Day - Rochester, Mich.

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Noon - Columbia, S.C.

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