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UNIVERSITY | FUNDING

State-tax support slowest growth in five years

Less funding from states means rise in tuition for students

By EMILY ZULZ

Associate News Editor

Back 20 years or more ago, universities in the state of Illinois received about two-thirds of their support from state taxes and just one-third came from students and tuition, said Paul McCann, interim vice president for business affairs and Eastern Treasurer.

Since the latter '80s though, the state has reduced or not increased its contributions to universities.

"Over that period of time, universities have had to increase their tuitions in order to offset the loss of income from the state," McCann said.

For the first time in five years, state aid for higher education institutions grew more slowly than it had the previous year.

State-tax support for higher education increased by less than 1 percent in the 2008-2009 budget year, according to a report released on Jan. 9 by the Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University.

McCann said in 2008 that Eastern reached the point where revenue from tuition and state

appropriation contributed the same amount.

"Since then we've lost additional appropriations and tuition has had to continue to go up in order for us to remain at a level where we could do all the things that we need to do to educate," McCann said.

In fiscal year 2008, general revenue contributed \$49.2 million to Eastern while tuition contributed \$51.5 million. For fiscal year 2009, state taxes are providing \$50.6 million and tuition \$53.1 million.

In fiscal year 2006, state appropriations contributed \$47.6 million and tuition contributed \$44.2 million.

"We try to watch after the dollars we get from the state," McCann said. "We try to be as economical as we can in almost everything we do. We try to pass as little as what we can on to the students and then we use those dollars as economically as we can to try to keep our cost as low as possible."

McCann said decreasing support from the state means that Eastern either has to cut services, provide less in the way of educational possibilities or start charging more for tuition.

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LOCAL | WEATHER



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Andrea Johnson scrapes ice from the windshield of her car on Wednesday morning in front of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Johnson said she drove her friend, who attends Eastern, from Mattoon because of the weather conditions.

Snowfall nears 8 inches

Grounds crew working longer hours

Staff Report

With 7.5 inches of accumulated snowfall, Charleston received more snow than was expected.

"We actually had a little bit more there (in Charleston), than originally predicted," said Ernie Goetsch, a meteorologist of the National Weather Service in Lincoln.

On Monday, Kirk Huettl, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Lincoln, said 3 to 4 inches of snow were expected to accumulate by the end of Tuesday night.

Goetsch said the heaviest snowfall was 11 inches farther south near Clay County.

Gary Reed, director of Facilities Planning and Management, said the grounds crew worked until 6 p.m. Tuesday and were back on the job at 3 a.m. Wednesday.

"They will work (until 6 p.m. Wednesday), and will come back in at 5 a.m. (today)," he said. "This is an unusually heavy snowfall and has triggered these unusual work hours for the crew."

UNIVERSITY | EDUCATION

More men wanted in elementary teaching

10 male teachers in Illinois say more may teach if pay increased

By JESSICA LEGGIN

Campus Editor

The field of early childhood and elementary education usually displays a face of a woman, not of a man.

Men who choose to start a career in teaching sometimes find themselves the only ones in a school who conduct a class.

Daniel Carter, professor of education, said the field of education is dealing with a limited supply of men who have the personality to work with children.

"As a male teacher, our style, mannerisms are different," he said. "Our uniqueness is what motivates children."

Justin Gross, a junior elementary education and special education major, said he has embraced the idea of not having a lot of men in his field of work.

"I don't mind myself, but for the future I'm worried about there not being a lot of male role models in elementary education," he said. "The girls in my class have great potential, but I wish there were just more guys there."

Carter said he wants to see more men in the classroom, but

there might be certain factors why men turn away from the profession.

For his dissertation, Carter studied the factors that led men to choose elementary education, and what can be done to have more men consider the possibility of teaching in early childhood or elementary education.

"I interviewed 10 men in Illinois who had been teaching for less than five years, and I asked them a basic set of questions," he said.

Carter said all of the men had a consistent answer on how to attract more men to the field of education.

"There was a universal consistency amongst their ideas," he said. "Every single man, jokingly and others dead-serious said if you paid them more, others might consider being a teacher."

Carter said some men still feel as if they need to be the breadwinner in the household.

"They ask if a career in teaching can do that for them," he said.

Carter said the reason why most of the men chose to move onward in the field of education was because of the support they received from their fathers and other male role models in their lives.

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UNIVERSITY | ENERGY PLANT

Lower height promised for energy center

Perry presents status on design, appearance aspects

By EMILY ZULZ

Associate News Editor

The height of the Renewable Energy Center's fuel storage and feeders operation will be no greater than the height of the plant building.

This was one of the promises President Bill Perry presented on design and appearance aspects of the energy center at Wednesday night's meeting with Charleston residents.

The plant is currently configured at 40 feet.

Perry said the storage and feeders would not stick above the building.

He said the chute stacks are a different story and may be higher.

Gary Reed, director of Facilities, Planning and Management, said the height of the stacks is not yet determined.

He said the stacks could be between a total height of 50 to 80 feet.

He said that would be an additional 10 to 30 feet above the envisioned 40-foot height of the plant.

For comparison, Perry said, Blair

Hall with the gables on top is 60 feet.

The current design for the plant's length is 30 feet longer than Blair, he said. Perry said this length is deeper because of the fuel storage.

Perry also promised the university would do some berming and landscaping around the plant.

"The exact configuration will depend on what berming will do to the drainage," he said.

An engineering analysis will determine this, he said.

Perry said the landscaping would be as mature as possible with any money constraints.

He said he did not have all the answers but was sure of these three aspects – height, berming and landscaping.

Perry also commented on the status of all the suggestions made by residents at the Jan. 13 meeting and those submitted to him through e-mail.

Perry said the suggestion to turn the building so it faces south would expose the backend operations to a residential area.

"That's probably an unlikely rotation, but we'll look at that," he said.

He said the university would have to look at what the plant would look like from that direction and what the residents who would

see the back would think about that.

Perry said with regard to the suggestion to make the entrance at Edgar Drive, the university has made contact with the city.

He said some consultations needs to be done with the city on the strength of the road.

Perry said the university has already made an inquiry with the city.

"That's not been ruled out," Perry said. "We're looking at it."

Perry said the university will also consider moving the plant as close to existing campus structures.

He said everything is connected and the university will have to do more analysis.

In answer to the question on sound made at the previous meeting, Perry said all noise emissions will meet or exceed Environmental Protection Agency requirements or any residential requirements.

Residents asked for the university to minimize light pollution.

Perry said by bringing the height of the building down, this will also certainly bring the light down.

He said the university is sensitive to the light pollution especially in a night sky.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>THURSDAY</p>  <p>29° 17° Mostly Cloudy W 10-15</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p>  <p>21° 13°</p>
	<p>SATURDAY</p>  <p>33° 28°</p>

WEATHER BRIEF
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of flurries this evening. Partly cloudy skies will dominate the region on Friday and Saturday with a slight warm-up for the weekend.

CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Clearing the way



KATELYN DEALMEIDA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A campus grounds worker plows the sidewalk in front of Booth Library on Wednesday. Workers ran their plows from the morning into the afternoon to clear sidewalks and parking lots for students and staff.

DENNEWS.COM | EXTENDED COVERAGE



• Photo gallery - Eastern Illinois University students and staff awoke Wednesday morning to a 7.5 inch snowfall. While digging out their cars and traveling through the snow to class, *Daily Eastern News* photographers Erin Matheny and Karolina Strack photographed the morning's activities.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Celebrity parties going head-to-head at Super Bowl

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Kevin Costner signed on to host a glitzy Super Bowl party this year, but the truth is he does not really like parties all that much.

The 54-year-old Hollywood star would much rather be up on stage with his band, Modern West, grinding out original tunes in a dark club somewhere, showing people how serious he really is about the music.

"It's clearly not the need for attention. I've had enough of that for a lifetime," Costner chuckles during a telephone interview. "It's no fun being a celebrity. I'd rather be

a performer. I'd rather sing for my supper."

But attention is clearly the point for many of the celebrities who stage one of the glitzy, see-and-been happenings that have become as much a part of Super Bowl week as the game itself.

Ashton Kutcher and Lindsay Lohan are scheduled to be here. So is Snoop Dogg. Mike Ditka says he is bringing 100 former NFL stars with him.

Kelly Rowland splits from Beyonce's manager dad

NEW YORK — Kelly Rowland says she will always be a part of Beyonce's family, but she no longer will

be managed by the superstar's father.

Rowland and Matthew Knowles announced Wednesday that he is bowing out as her manager. He has guided her career since she was a kid, when he put her in Destiny's Child along with Beyonce. He even helped raise her.

Both Rowland and Knowles — who still manages daughter Beyonce — called the split amicable. Both say they will always be family.

Rowland has sold millions of records as part of Destiny's Child, but her solo career hasn't matched that success.

Rowland — who turns 27 next month — did not say who her new manager would be.

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CAMPUS | ACTIVITIES

Students spew out spoken words



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

One of the eight participants in the spoken word night, Lauren Phillips, a junior corporate communications major, performs one of her songs as a poem Wednesday night in 7th Street Underground. The show offered all students a chance to showcase their work in a spoken word style.

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Students spoke their mind last night.

"Speak or Be Spoken To" featured performers with poems, short

stories or anything that came to mind Wednesday night in 7th Street Underground.

Stephen Tyler, a junior communications major, performed a poem called "Tick Tock," which has been published in a book, along with two other poems.

poem and I had a crush on this girl in one of my other classes," Maloney said.

So, he wrote about her.

He was not the only one who read a poem about a girl, though.

A sophomore political science major who went by the stage name

"We were starting from the ground up, so I think the turnout was surprisingly good. I was surprised so many people volunteered to get up there on stage."

— **Lauren Phillips, University Board Main**

Andy Luttrell, a junior psychology major, read a short story he wrote about a guy's first experience with pornography.

"I wrote it for a creative writing class and, sadly, it is based on a true story," Luttrell said.

Brian Andries, a senior communications major, read a song that he wrote when he was a freshman called "This Party's Lame" with lines like "If she hits on me again, I'll tell her I'm gay" and "I know that guy's drunk because I'm not a girl."

It was a spoof off of the song "Swing Life Away" by Rise Against.

Frank Maloney, part of the University Board Productions crew, read a poem he wrote for a creative writing class called "A letter to the pretty girl in my 8 a.m. class."

"We had to write a letter poem and I had a crush on this girl in one of my other classes," Maloney said.

So, he wrote about her.

He was not the only one who read a poem about a girl, though.

A sophomore political science major who went by the stage name

Myke Myke, read a particular nameless piece for a girl that he said he wrote about a year or two ago.

"I was inspired by her," he said.

Antonio Burton, a sophomore art with teacher certification major, asked the crowd for a topic and then ran with it.

The topic he was given was Open Mic nights.

"I just went up there and did an improv spoken word," Burton said. "I did it for fun."

One person who is competing at "So You Think You Can Rap?" tonight read aloud what he will be performing at the competition.

Lauren Phillips, University Board Main stage coordinator, performed two of her original songs called "Come on, Come on" and "Days."

No music was allowed to be accompanied with these songs, however and they were only said, not sung, the same with Andries' song.

"We are starting from the ground up, so I think the turnout was surprisingly good," Phillips said. "I was surprised so many people volunteered to get up there (on stage). I think these will continue to grow and grow."

Phillips said she thinks the next spoken word event will be in about a month.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Safety presentation addresses concerns

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, will be giving a "Safety in the Classroom" lecture at 12 p.m. today in the Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Nadler's lecture will explain strategies applicable in the classroom during safety issues that occur on campus to students and faculty. After violent incidents on campuses across the country, Nadler hopes to address concerns, explain ways to prevent and protect students and faculty from violence and help those profoundly affected by past violent events.

Heritage banquet tickets on sale

Tickets can be purchased at the Gateway Office, 2170 Blair Hall, until noon on Feb. 4. Adult tickets are \$15 and student tickets are \$8. The African-American Heritage Banquet will begin with a 5 p.m. social Friday, Feb. 6, in the Grand Ballroom, of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Housing and Dining to award prizes

University Housing and Dining Services will sponsor its annual EIU Housing and Dining Night at tonight's Eastern vs. Tennessee Tech men's and women's basketball games. Prizes will be awarded for on-campus residents and will include a 2009-2010 residence hall or Greek Court single room upgrade, a high-definition LCD flat screen color TV and other prizes.

American meal for international students

Eastern's international programs need volunteers for their Family Friends program. The program partners international students with local area families to enjoy a meal in an American home. The minimum commitment is one meal a month. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue Songer at 581-7487 or at sesonger@eiu.edu.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz and Administration Editor Krystal Moya

BLOTTER

A bank account may have been accessed without authorization after the subject provided his account information through e-mail transactions with another party, said the University Police Department.

Damage was reported to a wall in the Student Recreation Center on Tuesday, police said.

Two residence hall room doors were reported damaged and entry to the rooms may have been gained on Friday, police said. No property was reported missing at

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CAMPUS | ACTIVITIES

Students showcase their rap skills tonight

Grand Ballroom venue for 'So you think you can rap?'

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Bands had "Battle of the Bands" and comedians had "Last Comic Standing."

Students who think they can rap will have the chance to prove themselves tonight.

Participants of "So You Think You Can Rap?" will hit the stage to show off their rap skills tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The contest starts at 7:30 p.m. and there will be an after party with DJ Ruff Ryd from 9 to 10 p.m.

Fourteen contestants will perform and each person has a limit of only two songs within an eight-minute time slot.

This contest is a free-style rap battle like the end of the movie "8 Mile."

Each student will be paired up to battle against another contestant and there will be three rounds.

The winner of the contest gets a portfolio, a recording session, a photo shoot and will also be fea-

tured as the main coffeehouse act at an Open Mic Night in 7th Street Underground.

The winner will get the chance to record his or her songs at producer Jim Thompson's studio in Charleston.

Thompson has worked with participants that have tried out for "American Idol" and produced music that has played at radio stations in Springfield.

"The photo shoot is just to have a portfolio for their own personal use," said Lauren Phillips, University Board Mainstage coordinator.

Phillips said that audience participation is important is determining the winner.

There will also be three judges that have no relation to any of the contestants.

Judges include Student Body President Levi Bulgar and Thompson.

Also, the first 50 people to walk in get a free tee shirt that says, "So you think you can rap?" on it.

"So You Think You Can Rap?" will be the first rap competition University Board has put on.

"This is the first time we've ever done this," Phillips said. "The majority of Open Mic competitors have been rappers this year."

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— **Lauren Phillips, University Board Mainstage coordinator**

Phillips said the name was a spoof of "So You Think You Can Dance?"

Phillips said her and University Board President Mike Usher thought up the idea for the competition.

"It was just a suggestion," Usher said. "Last year, I was the comedy coordinator and started 'Last Comic Standing' for comedians."

Since so many more rappers were at Open Mic nights this year, University Board wanted them to have a separate venue.

Usher said University Board is always looking for new and cheap ways for students to showcase their talents.

Phillips and Usher both hope to have more rap competitions in the future.

"We are hoping it will be like Pantherstock," Phillips said. "Pan-

therstock was a huge success and will be here again this year with a Sublime cover band called Wrong Way." Phillips hopes this event is just as big and hopes to do the competition again next year.

Usher is sure that the competition will continue in the future.

"Since there are already 14 people, and Last Comic Standing only had about half of that, it will probably be a big event every year," he said.

People who wanted to participate in the competition had to fill out an application and send in a CD to the Student Activity Center by Jan 22.

The Black Student Union also helped get participants and spread the word for the contest.

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My governor, my Huckabee

With controversy surrounding the governor of Illinois, you can't help but think about how the country is looking at us. Our governor looks bad for betraying our trust and Illinois citizens look bad for electing him – twice!

When you step up to your polling place on election day in 2010, think about what you're doing. Consider the issues that are important to you as an individual.

What do you care about?

Then, before you pick a governor, make sure you are voting for someone who you're proud to say, "That's my guy/girl. I chose him/her."

Go through and see who has beliefs closest to yours, then vote confidently for that person.

Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, wrote a book called, "Do the Right Thing."

In this book he discussed some of his many accomplishments. After reading through this list, it dawned on me how much a governor can get done if their head is in the right place.

Huckabee did things in Arkansas that I wish could get done here in Illinois.

We have similar beliefs and reading this list really made me jealous.

Just to give you an idea, during his tenure as governor, Huckabee accomplished the following:

- Doubled the Child Care Tax Credit (1997).
- Signed the ban on partial-birth abortion (1997).
- Signed a broad-based tax cut (1997).
- Eliminated the marriage penalty from the tax code.
- Increased penalties for church arson.
- Passed a law requiring Internet filters in public schools.
- Signed legislation banning physician-assisted suicide.
- Signed legislation banning human cloning.
- Signed the Safe Haven Act, protecting newborns from being abandoned and killed.

This is just a small part of the list. I feel strongly about most of those points, so I would feel comfortable calling Huckabee my governor. He's the type of person I would feel confident voting for and supporting.

Now, the choice is yours.

With all eyes on Illinois, who will we choose next?

Do you disagree with everything on that list of accomplishments?

Great!

Vote for someone who isn't like that. Pick someone you really believe in.

A heavy majority has turned their back on the governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich, but is that fair?

We picked him!

Now is our opportunity to try again, to pick someone who will proudly represent this state and humbly remember that they work for the people and not the other way around.

Who is your Mike Huckabee?

Michelle Murphy is a sophomore communications major. She can be reached at 581-7942 or at DENopinions@gmail.com.

Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



Blago: Just like Ghandi.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Even when buried in snow, Eastern doesn't back down

We don't mean to alarm you, but it snowed a little bit. Students tromped through inches of snow to get to class. Some students on Garfield Avenue were forced to walk in the road because of impassable sidewalks and crosswalks at Ninth Street.

Fuming over Eastern's decision to hold classes as scheduled, some may have even contemplated hooking some dogs to a sled and getting to class Iditarod-style.

It got the editorial board at *The Daily Eastern News* thinking: Under what conditions do university officials decide whether or not to cancel classes?

Eastern's Web site provides a list of conditions under which President Bill Perry or a "designee who is authorized to decide whether to cancel classes" may cancel classes.

President Perry or the "designee" are contacted by the watch commander, who assesses conditions based on current weather conditions, predicted conditions and advisories by the Illinois Department of Transportation and State Police.

The list of protocols says conditions such as closure of Route 16 and "hazardous icing conditions or approximately four inches of snow."

They must mean exactly four inches. A 7.5-inch snowfall just won't cut it.

But with conditions so terrible that students are forced to walk in roads, we wonder what other possible scenarios must take place for the university to give students a break.

What follows is a list of the most likely scenarios.

- Polar bears must be spotted within a 50-mile radius.
- Carman Hall and Greek Court residents must be airlifted to campus.
- "Batman" villain Mr. Freeze must have no part in the inclement weather; we don't bow down to terrorists!

"Some students on Garfield Avenue were forced to walk in the road because of impassable sidewalks and crosswalks at Ninth Street."

- Crosswalks must be covered in enough snow to build a 1:4 scale model of Old Main.
- Charleston residents must be forced adopt nomadic lifestyles and hunt for caribou.

With only one of these conditions met, it seems logical the university wouldn't cancel classes and would give students the ol' "man up and get to class."

Just think: It could be worse. Right now, we could be in a situation only Dennis Quaid could save us from, but thankfully that movie was riddled with scientific impossibilities (though many of us kept hope alive Tuesday night).

Anyway, we are paying thousands upon thousands of dollars to be here. The least we could do is humor the university and trek through frigid, single digit temperatures with snow up to our shins to get our money's worth.

In the future, however, students would appreciate it if the sidewalks adjacent to the Ninth Street parking lots were cleared; traffic dodging isn't as much fun as it looks.

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

LIFE WITHOUT FACEBOOK

UCLA — Look for me on Facebook (like you haven't already). No luck? That's because I don't have one. I did for a hot second when I graduated high school, but by the time I had started college I had already deleted it. Now as a junior I don't feel like I've missed anything by not having one. This annoys people. If I had a dollar for every time someone told me to make one or that they would make one for me, I could buy some serious state-of-the-art noise-canceling headphones.

First off, I don't want pictures of myself floating around on the Internet. Everyone Facebook-stalks everyone else, and I'd really like to not be a part of that. It's weird and creepy to see people go through other people's pictures.

When people are on Facebook in class, I like to watch how long people look at certain pictures and what kinds of people they're looking at. How awkward would it be to be there when some person you don't really know is going through all your pictures? Or worse, while they're sitting in the front row of a crowded class-

room where everyone behind them can see?

Then there's the matter of revealing your interests, hobbies, musical and cinematic tastes, major and other personal information. I'd rather people get to know me by spending time with me rather than skimming some Web site for information. I don't want someone to ask me if I like bands they already know I like or if I've seen movies I've listed as favorites. That's cheating.

Nikki Jagerman
Daily Bruin

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» Energy

FROM PAGE 1

Perry said the light would be down at the building height, but also said there are some lighting solutions that force the light down.

Perry said the suggestion to make the storage sight underground is not feasible.

Perry said the university is looking at glass, brick, earth tones and other suggested ways to make the plant look the most pleasing.

"We will make it look good," he said. "That's a promise."

Exact aspects are still in design stages.

Questions arose at the last meeting about environmental hazards and comparisons with other similar operations.

Perry said this information is to be provided after more analysis.

Perry then opened the floor for comments or questions.

Steve Young, a stay-at-home dad of the Lakewood subdivision, asked if there would be continuous consultation with residents.

Perry said he would come back within a couple months with more information.

He said design work takes a while.



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Paul Wieck, Lakewood neighborhood resident, asks President Bill Perry a follow up question after Perry went over the topics covered during a meeting with Charleston residents in the Charleston Carnegie Public Library on Wednesday night.

"We will make it look good. That's a promise."

— President Bill Perry

He said the project is still currently on hold and the university is still watching the credit markets.

Perry said all that were contacted for the previous meetings would be contacted again.

He said a meeting would most

likely be held before or after spring break after more analysis can be done.

"It's not going to happen overnight," he said.

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» Teaching

FROM PAGE 1

"The biggest supporters for choosing their career was their fathers who were in manual labor," he said. "My father was a construction worker and was glad to hear that I was going to be a teacher."

When Carter began his college education, he declared science as a major.

"I was a science major and in my junior year in college I took an educational course," he said. "I don't know why I took it, but it intrigued me."

Carter transferred to Eastern to major in elementary education.

"I acknowledged that I was good at it and it was a rewarding experience," he said.

Carter said he has had single mothers who were happy that he was their child's teacher.

"We are seen as positive role models," he said.

Still, Carter understands why some men do not choose education as a career to expound upon.

"Some feel it is a woman's job, because a woman is considered to be more of a natural care-giving woman," he said.

Gross said he feels society instills a stigma in men when it comes to teaching in elementary education.

"For some reason many guys think

"The biggest supporters for choosing their career was their fathers who were in manual labor."

— Daniel Carter, professor of education

the level is best for girls," he said. "Obviously, I disagree."

Carter said others might feel the status of the respect they receive.

"Some men admitted when going to a party or out with friends that they wouldn't hide the fact of what they were doing, but wouldn't brag about," he said. "It still kind of holds a stigma."

Carter said he wants to go to the local high schools and talk to young men about the possibility of teaching in elementary education.

He said he worries districts would start to hire men for the sake of hiring men.

"Just because you are a male in the classroom does not mean you are going to solve the problems," he said.

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» State Aid

FROM PAGE 1

Tuition for incoming students rose 12 percent for this school year.

"We just struggle over that because

every year we try to go back to Springfield and say give us some money," McCann said.

He said a problem is that costs continue to rise.

Buying a pad of paper, even if the price raises a penny or two adds up when buying a thousand of them.

Utility costs also continue to increase.

"Pretty soon that turns into some money you have to come up with some place," McCann said. "That means we have to do things more efficiently. We have to skimp by on less."

McCann said an example of this is

the Microsoft agreement passed in the Board of Trustees meeting on Jan. 19.

"We think we're going to be able to save about \$60,000," McCann said.

According to Illinois State's report, 14 states reported declines in tax dollars provided to higher education.

State appropriations for high-

er education have nationally declined only three times since 1992.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

Senate to 'redress' business attire resolution

Meeting attire ignites arguments over professionalism, freedom of expression

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

Student Senate resembled the Illinois General Assembly Wednesday night, though a state budget was not being debated on.

The Meeting Attire resolution tore the Student Senate at the seams and did not pass in a 7-13 vote.

New Student Senate members Ron Jordan and Brittany Wells, as well as Chris Kromphardt and Tiffany Turner, student vice president of business affairs, authored the resolution.

Jordan told the Student Senate he was surprised and taken aback with the lack of business or casual business attire members wore on his first senate meeting Jan. 14.

He believes that professional attire shows the public that members are serious.

"I'm an athlete and I have to dress up in suits traveling on hot buses for hours," Jordan said. "There is no excuse for us to not dress up for two to three hours while discussing issues."

Student Senate member Mark Olendzki told the senate he was

against the resolution.

He said he believed in freedom of expression in dress and that should not affect the members' professionalism.

Student Senate members Michelle Murphy and Isaac Sandidge also said they did not think dress attire for meetings needed to be written down.

They pointed to the first meeting, where Speaker of the Senate Drew Griffin asked the senate to dress more appropriately.

Jordan countered that the business world expects its employees to "dress to impress." If it is not written out, members would still dress down, he said.

Omar Solomon, Student Senate member, told his peers that Jan. 14, he was dressed in the Billy the Panther costume for the meeting.

He then reflected after the meeting that it was a mistake because if a picture of him were taken for *The Daily Eastern News*, it would give students the wrong impression of the organization.

During the meeting, a handful of Student Senate members wore casual clothing.

In other business, Student Senate passed an injunction 19-0-2 against interference in the Student Supreme Court.

Kromphardt, the resolution's author, said it was not directed against Student Body Levi Bulgar,



KAROLINA STRACK | DAILY EASTERN NEWS

During his report Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, reacts to a comment on Gov. Rod Blagojevich that a fellow student senate member made during Wednesday night's meeting. Amongst the scheduled agenda the senate heard from RHA and Indian Student Association representatives.

but just redefining the separation of powers. Bulgar was questioned last meeting for his involvement with the court.

Griffin announced at the commencement of the meeting that Student Senate member Paul Reid

was taking a leave of absence from the organization this semester. Reid won his seat in the December election. He will return in the fall, Griffin said.

Griffin also made known that the final committee chairs were

chosen. Student Senate member Andy McLaughlin is the External Relations chair, while Solomon is the Diversity Affairs leader.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Year of Astronomy opens with new media expert

By **EUN-YOUNG PARK**
Staff Reporter

In commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first look through a telescope and Kepler's partake in the 17th century scientific revolution, 2009 was crowned the International Year of Astronomy.

As part of Eastern's International Year of Astronomy celebration kickoff, six speakers will visit the univer-

sity starting with Pamela Gay, the United Nation's "new media expert" for the year and assistant research professor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Gay will present her lecture, "The Once and Future Role of Citizen Science: The Great Discoveries of Public Astronomers Across History," at 7 p.m. today in the Phipps Lecture Hall in the Physical Science Building.

With her Internet radio show

"Astronomy Cast," Gay consistently ranks in the top 25 of the science and medicine podcasts section on iTunes with a download rate of more than 200,000, according to a press release.

With her visit to Eastern, Gay's lecture acknowledges the contributions of individual amateurs and encourages and teaches students that professional works can depend more than ever on individual research and participation.

Jim Conwell, a professor in the physics department and organizer for Eastern's International Year of Astronomy events, said in the press release that Gay's talk should appeal to anyone interested in new media such as podcasts and communications and is not limited to astronomy.

"Ninety percent of all observations on variable stars are through individual amateur astronomer contributions," Conwell said.

Further information about Gay can be found on her blog at starstryder.com.

In addition to Gay, Conwell anticipates five guest speakers, an astromurals exhibit in the Physical Science Building and the department's regular monthly open houses at the observatory, according to the release.

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STATE | TRIAL

Governor asks to speak at trial

Defiant Blagojevich resists answering Senate's questions

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich will leave Chicago as a governor Thursday morning. He may come home just an average citizen.

Blagojevich plans to fly to Springfield and address his Senate impeachment trial before the final vote. Even Blagojevich predicts he'll be convicted, costing him his job and all the perks of being governor.

"I hope he has a ride home, because I don't think he'll have the state police to take him," joked Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, R-Lemont.

A buzz swept through the Senate chambers Wednesday when Senate President John Cullerton announced that Blagojevich wanted to speak at the trial, which he has boycotted so far.

"It's my understanding that the governor wishes to file an appearance to give a closing argument, not to testify or to submit himself to cross-

examination," Cullerton, D-Chicago, announced. "Just to give a closing argument."

A conviction is all but certain. Blagojevich presented no defense, and virtually the entire Illinois political establishment has turned against him. The House voted 117-1 to impeach him, and the lone "no" vote came from his sister-in-law.

Despite the slim odds Blagojevich faces, one of his few friends in the Senate scoffed at the idea of the governor using the statement to announce his resignation. It's just as likely senators will see the Easter Bunny hopping through the Capitol, said Sen. James DeLeo, D-Chicago.

"I think he wants to be heard," DeLeo said.

A Blagojevich spokesman agreed. "I don't think he's going down there to resign, I think he's going down to make his appeal to the senators," Lucio Guerrero said.

Blagojevich repeatedly has said he won't resign. But he also said he wouldn't take part in the trial.

While the Senate has considered accusations Blagojevich is corrupt, the governor appeared on one news show after another to proclaim

"If he wants to come down here instead of hiding out in New York and having Larry King asking questions instead of the senators, I think he's making a mistake."

— State Senate President John Cullerton

his innocence and declare the trial rigged against him.

"It's a kangaroo court," Blagojevich said Tuesday on Fox News Channel. "My lawyers and I believe that to be part of a process like that is to dignify a fraudulent impeachment process that sets a dangerous precedent for governors in Illinois and governors across America."

But Wednesday afternoon, Blagojevich's acting chief of staff contacted Cullerton's chief of staff to ask that the governor be allowed to make a statement before the trial concludes.

The impeachment prosecutor is scheduled to make his closing arguments Thursday morning. Blagojevich could be ousted from office by afternoon.

By making his own closing statement instead of testifying under oath, Blagojevich avoids taking ques-

tions from senators and the impeachment prosecutor.

Cullerton recommended Blagojevich's unusual request be granted. He said the governor would be given 90 minutes to make a closing statement — in effect, acting as his own attorney.

Ironically, Blagojevich often has talked about how badly he did in law school, joking that he barely knew where the law library was.

Earlier Wednesday, Cullerton challenged Blagojevich to show up and explain himself and objected to the governor's tour of national media.

"If he wants to come down here instead of hiding out in New York and having Larry King asking questions instead of the senators, I think he's making a mistake," Cullerton said.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Acrobat falls 20 feet to death during stunt

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — An aerial acrobat has died after falling 15 to 20 feet and landing headfirst during a performance in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Authorities were investigating the cause of the incident Tuesday at the FBR Open golf tournament event that killed 33-year-old Jose Angel Vera of San Diego.

Scottsdale police Sgt. Mark Clark says Vera fell during a Cirque du Soleil-type performance in which the man unravels his body from a sash while suspended in the air. There was no safety net.

Vera died about 35 minutes after falling on his head.

Clark says witnesses are "absolutely stunned" by the fatal fall during the Aerial Artistry performance.

He says investigators do not suspect foul play or criminal or mechanical issues.

Hudson crash co-pilot hopes to fly in weeks

MADISON, Wis. — A co-pilot who helped to safely crash-land a passenger plane into the Hudson River hopes to fly again in a few weeks and praised everyone involved in the rescue.

Jeff Skiles, of Oregon, Wis., was in the cockpit of the US Airways plane assisting pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger when it landed in the river Jan. 15. All 155 passengers and crew were rescued.

Skiles, 49, said he and the rest of the plane's crew were lucky things turned out as well as they did.

"I'd just like to say we were all very fortunate that things went our way and there were a lot more people involved than just me," Skiles said. "Flight attendants in back who evacuated the airplane, all the first responders who were there with the boats, the New York Fire Department, the New York Police Department, all had a role in the successful outcome."

NATION | ECONOMY

Huge stimulus bill passes House as Obama prods

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a swift victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House approved a historically huge \$819 billion stimulus bill Wednesday night with spending increases and tax cuts at the heart of the young administration's plan to revive a badly ailing economy.

The vote was 244-188, with Republicans unanimous in opposition despite Obama's frequent pleas for bipartisan support.

"This recovery plan will save or create more than three million new

jobs over the next few years," the president said in a written statement released moments after the House voted. Still later, he welcomed congressional leaders of both parties to the White House for drinks as he continued to lobby for the legislation.

Earlier, Obama declared, "We don't have a moment to spare" as congressional allies hastened to do his bidding in the face of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The vote sent the bill to the Senate, where debate could begin as early as Monday on a companion

measure already taking shape. Democratic leaders have pledged to have legislation ready for Obama's signature by mid-February.

A mere eight days after Inauguration Day, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the events heralded a new era. "The ship of state is difficult to turn," said the California Democrat. "But that is what we must do. That is what President Obama called us to do in his inaugural address."

With unemployment at its highest level in a quarter-century, the banking industry wobbling despite the infusion of staggering sums of bailout money and states strug-

gling with budget crises, Democrats said the legislation was desperately needed.

"Another week that we delay is another 100,000 or more people unemployed. I don't think we want that on our consciences," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and one of the leading architects of the legislation.

Republicans said the bill was short on tax cuts and contained too much spending, much of it wasteful, and would fall far short of administration's predictions of job creation.

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The Panthers were picked to finish toward the bottom of the OVC, but finished 6-3 in conference play.

Milicevic and Rutherford combined to finished 8-6 at No. 3 doubles, but posted a 5-2 record in league action.

Milicevic and Nestrud both

said they see the youthfulness of the tennis team as a positive.

"I think we have a nice amount of experience to mix with the youth of our team," Milicevic said. "I think that our mental toughness and endurance will be strengths of ours. As seniors, (Nestrud) and I can give the younger guys a good idea of the competition that they will be facing."

Nestrud said he can remember

when he was a freshman and he got advice from the upperclassmen.

"I certainly will give them any advice they need," Nestrud said. "I'll be available anytime they need to talk. I can remember the upperclassmen that listened to me and that really helped me develop."

Nestrud went 16-4 (7-1 OVC) in singles play last season, and lost a three-set match at the

Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional this past season.

The success of the fall season has head coach John Blackburn optimistic that the team can improve on its success.

Hilgert finished 1-2 at Flight B Singles at the Ball State Invitational in October.

Grimaldi finished 1-2 at Flight C Singles at the same invite, and Davis went 1-2 at Flight D Singles at Ball State.

Grimaldi and Milicevic combined to finished 1-1 at Flight C Singles at Ball State.

"Last season, we had a lot of players show continual improvement throughout the fall season," Blackburn said. "Our team had a bit more experience last season, but people graduate and we continue to move forward."

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» Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

Because of injuries, the Panthers missed many games last season.

Former Eastern forward Justin Brock injured his foot early in season and did not play that much.

He only played three games last season and transferred to Quincy University after a stress fracture in his left foot.

Brock was projected to be a solid post player at Eastern, and is averaging 12.4 points and 6.2 rebounds this season for the 11-7 Hawks.

Last season former guard Julio Anthony missed the last two games of the season and was the primary point guard for the Panthers.

He injured his shoulder against Evansville and sat out the entire second half.

Anthony spent those 20 minutes on the bench with his arm in a sling and missed the final two games.

Last season, former guard Bobby Catchings missed a game and a half with an ankle injury.

Tyler Laser missed the first two games last season because of a shoulder injury and also dealt with some torn ligaments in a hand.

One of the biggest injuries though was to No. 1 scorer Eastern forward junior guard Romain Martin.

Martin's sophomore year was marred by plantar fasciitis.

He only played 17 games and scored in 15 of them.

That's not the kind of production the Panthers expected from the 2007 OVC Freshman of the Year.

Martin being out really hurt the team last season, forcing every player into a different role last season.

Add to the fact that the team also lost former junior guard Mike Robinson (removed from team and transferred to Lewis), former sophomore forward Bobby Jolliff

(left school) and former red-shirt freshman guard Brandon D'Amico (transferred to Cardinal Stritch) on Dec. 17 did not help to the Panthers' roster problems last season.

Staying healthy is something every team needs to be good, but Southeast Missouri has run into injuries as well.

Southeast Missouri (3-18, 0-10 OVC) has only eight players available for use, and sometimes they only have seven players.

The Panthers are on the right end of the healthy scale this season.

It has helped them play consistent basketball and establish an offense with the same rotation of personnel on the court.

The Panthers (8-12, 5-4) have only one injured player this season.

And that's Eastern freshman forward James Hollowell.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said they plan on red-shirting Hollowell this season.

He was rated the No. 15 player in the state of Indiana as a senior.

Hollowell only played four games, but averaged 3.8 points and 3.8 rebounds in 11.8 minutes per game.

He also has two steals and two assists in only 47 minutes of action this season.

"We are doing all the things we need to do to give him a career here," Miller said.

Hollowell does not wear a boot anymore, but Miller said Hollowell is not cleared yet.

Miller said the team would like for him, though, to have a full extra season if Hollowell gets the medical red-shirt season applied.

Even with only 10 remaining games this season with the Panthers worried about one injured player, it's a vast improvement from last season.

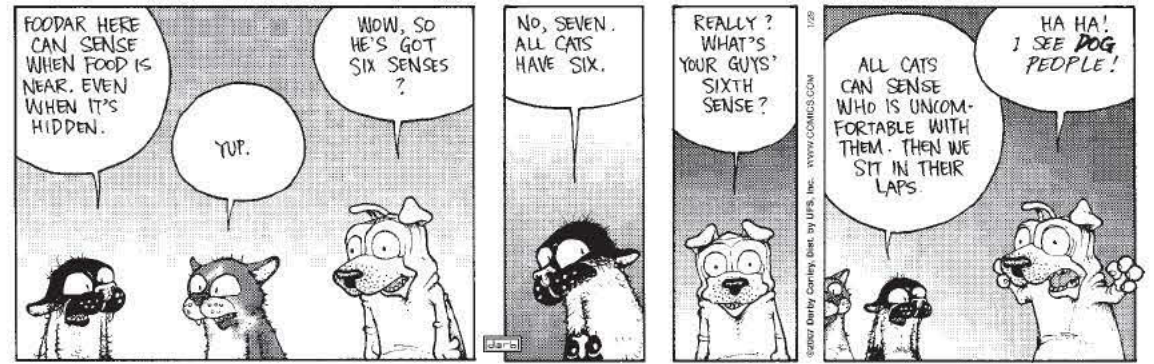
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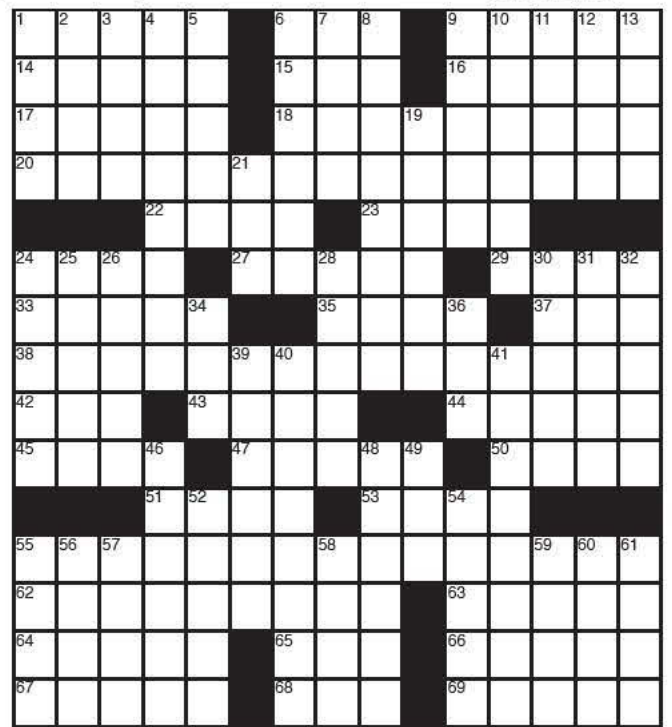


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 - 9 ___ secretary
 - 14 Rummage
 - 15 Suffer
 - 16 Bygone Olds
 - 17 Sorkin who created "The West Wing"
 - 18 Section in a record store
 - 20 Chestnut-colored mustang offspring?
 - 22 Its coat of arms includes a vicuña
 - 23 "Rule, Britannia" composer Thomas
 - 24 Nuts
 - 27 Like the space around a first-class seat, say
 - 29 Con
 - 33 Pitcher Hideo Nomo's birthplace
 - 35 "No ___" ("Beats me")
 - 37 Ripen
 - 38 Main dedicatee of an Austin cathedral?
 - 42 "Talk to ___," Pedro Almodóvar film
 - 43 Time-honored name?
 - 44 Food processor setting
 - 45 Torpedoed
 - 47 David ___, founder of the Libertarian Party
 - 50 A.A.A. jobs
 - 51 ___ were
 - 53 Brick maker
 - 55 Hefty invoice for boots and spurs?
 - 62 On the fence
 - 63 Dashboard item
 - 64 Emasculate
 - 65 Embarrassed, perhaps
 - 66 Last name of Kipling's Kim
 - 67 Fresh
 - 68 ___ Balls (snack cakes)
 - 69 Masters champ of 1949, 1952 and 1954
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- 1 Grouch
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 - 4 Snail
 - 5 Pasta salad ingredient
 - 6 Pelvic bone
 - 7 Overseas shipping unit
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 - 9 Brick placer
 - 10 Walker, Cooper and others
 - 11 Art ___
 - 12 Asia's ___ Sea
 - 13 Shed
 - 19 Present for viewing ... or prevent from being viewed
 - 21 Bust holder
 - 24 Ness and Tay
 - 25 Dublin-born film star Milo
 - 26 ___ terrier
 - 28 Dot
 - 30 The City of a Thousand Minarets
 - 31 Predecessor of Ford
 - 32 Doles (out)
 - 34 Org. founded by Samuel Gompers
 - 36 Saharan viper
 - 39 Garb for Robin Hood and his band
 - 40 Trips through rain forests, maybe
 - 41 Famously fast route
 - 46 Home of Fort Scott National Historic Site
 - 48 Light ratio in astronomy
 - 49 Prefix with romantic
 - 52 Like some silences
 - 54 Spinners
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. TENNESSEE TECH

Panthers look to limit turnovers in rematch

Team wants to improve on offense, defense after last game

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Losing the turnover battle is often the difference in a win or loss in whatever sport is played.

While the Eastern men's basketball team is near the top of the Ohio Valley Conference in nearly every statistic category in defense, they are near the bottom in turnover margin.

The Panthers are -1.44 in conference play in turnover margin, and are ninth in the league with a 0.9 assist-to-turnover ratio.

The Panthers (8-11, 5-4 OVC) committed 20 turnovers in a 65-51 loss Saturday to Tennessee Martin.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the team would focus on reducing turnovers in today's 8 p.m. game against Tennessee Tech (10-9, 4-5 OVC) at Lantz Arena.

Miller said in the loss to UT Martin he was happy with the effort of his team, and they missed shots that had been going in all season long.

"Going into it I thought we were competing," Miller said. "We were sloppy with the ball at times, and the turnovers were a factor."

Miller said the key to a win against Tech would be to tighten up the offense, take care of the ball and knock down shots.

A way the Panthers work on taking care of the ball in practice is high pressure drills where players are limited in the amount of dribbles they can take or they have restrictions on shots they can take.

"It really puts a focus on one thing and if the defense takes it



KARLA BROWNING | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior center Ousmane Cisse shoots a free throw during Eastern's game against Morehead State on Jan. 17 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers will play Tennessee Tech at 8 p.m. today in Lantz Arena.

away, they have to find a way to make it work," Miller said.

Junior guard T.J. Marion said Miller has emphasized taking care of the ball all week.

"That has been our main focus," Marion said. "Mainly our turnovers come from what we don't do. When we are not in the right position, so we have to focus more on the offensive end."

This will be the second game between the Panthers and the Golden Eagles this season. Eastern lost to Tech 67-60 on Jan. 5 in

Cookville, Tenn.

Eastern led by as many as five in the second half before it was held scoreless for nearly seven minutes and was handed its fifth loss of the season.

"We did a lot of things we usually don't do during that game, especially in our two coverage," Marion said. "I think we know now we could have won. We are back on our home court, so I think we can get those things together and not do what we did last time."

Miller said Tech has moved for-

ward as a program.

"They're so balanced," Miller said. "They're using a lot of people. They can run so many guys at you, and they've got so much balance and guys have performed well for them. That's a real strong suit of their team right now."

Senior center Daniel Northern tops the Golden Eagles with 11.7 points per game, while junior guard Will Barnes is just behind with 11.2.

Northern scored only 10 points against Eastern on Jan. 5, but Mill-

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Where: Charleston
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Series History: TTU leads 19-9.
Last Meeting: Tennessee Tech won 70-67 on Jan. 5.

Eastern (8-11, 5-4 OVC)
Head Coach: Mike Miller (31-74 in fourth season)

Probable Starters

Pos.	Name	Yr.
C	O. Cisse	Jr.
F	B. Parrish	Sr.
G	T. Marion	Jr.
G	R. Martin	Jr.
G	T. Laser	So.

TTU (10-9, 4-5 OVC)
Head Coach: Mike Sutton (112-95 in sixth season)

Probable Starters

Pos.	Name	Yr.
C	D. Northern	Sr.
G	W. Barnes	Jr.
F	A. Davis	So.
F	K. Murphy	Fr.
G	F. Davis	Sr.

er compared him to Morehead State's Kenneth Faried.

"Daniel Northern has had an outstanding year, Miller said. "When you take something to the basket, you got to be strong."

Tech coach Mike Sutton said Eastern will be tough because they are one of the best defensive teams in the conference.

"They're very cohesive," Sutton said. "They're very efficient on offense. I think (junior center) Ousmane Cisse is one of the more underrated players in the league. They're also very balanced."

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He said the Golden Eagles came out in their last game and pressured the ball and his team will have to focus on handling the ball because of that.

The Golden Eagles forced 38 turnovers in their last two games, and forced 20 against the Panthers earlier this season.

"Clearly the big key is how we handle the ball, especially with our propensity to turnover the ball of late," Sallee said. "We've spent a lot of time in practice shooting the basketball and also on taking care

of the basketball in a lot of situations. Those have been areas of emphasis more so than in the past."

Bowens scored a game-high 19 points in the team's Jan. 5 meeting, including 4-of-10 from 3-point range. Sallee said there will not be a specific player assigned to guarding Bowens because Tech's offense runs so fast-paced that everyone

will have to step up and take their turn trying to prevent her from getting a shot off.

Eastern senior forward Rachel Galligan led the Panthers with 16 points, as she was the only Panther to score in double-figures in the Jan. 5 meeting.

In that game, the Panthers rallied from a five-point halftime def-

icit and trailed by as many as seven points in the second half.

Today's game is the first of a four-game home stand for the Panthers. They welcome Jacksonville State at 3 p.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena.

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CHANDRA GOLDEN

Top Cat is a weekly feature that showcases one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the top player and moments from the sporting event.

Junior focuses on assisting to win conference title

By **ROSS MEISTER**
Staff Reporter

Junior hurdler Chandra Golden is on a mission: Trying to help the team win the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

In the EIU Mega Meet on Saturday, she won the 60-meter hurdles at 8.76 seconds and the 60-meter dash at 7.75 seconds. By being focused, Golden is able to be a huge competitor in her events and a leader on the track.

"She's a leader in a couple different ways," head coach Tom Akers said. "She's very focused on being successful in her events, and is a leader with attitude. As an upper-classman, she will lead with wisdom, and will be an intense competitor."

Golden's leadership and veteran presence will help guide the new faces on the team who need to make a change to get to the conference title.

"There are highs and lows. There's good spots and bad spots (on the team)," Akers said. "I'm really happy with where we're at since we've got a lot of young kids on the team. They are trying to find their niche



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior sprinter Chandra Golden finds herself going from one activity to the next, such as class, being the women's team captain in indoor track, or planning this year's Miss Black EIU, which she won last year.

and make their mark, so I think that each week we're getting a little bit better."

Golden said she sees her role as a leader because she's a team captain.

"I will help the team by serving

as a motivator," Golden said. "As a captain, it is my job to encourage others whether they're high or low. I encourage and instill belief in oneself and in the team that anything is achievable"

By Golden being the veteran to guide the underclassman, the team will be able to take it to the next level, which is something that they couldn't do in previous years.

"Any time that you have a team

that doesn't have a leader, it tends to flounder (because) it doesn't have focus or direction," Akers said. "We have had teams that haven't had leaders, (since) some kids don't have that personality. That's something that you can't implant in a person. (Golden) has obviously been one over the past few years."

There was no team meeting after last season to assess the season and set goals for this season.

The motivation from the second and third-place team finishes along with new individuals is what is motivating the team to perform better this year.

"It's hard to say (what happened from this year's team to last year's team). You bring in some new faces, and that obviously helps out a little bit," Akers said. "You have some seniors that have tasted it being conference champions. We're not satisfied with where we're at yet."

Golden said that finding motivation was easy.

"Placing second and third in conference was enough motivation," she said. "Having tasted victory the prior year, and then coming back with (that) place in conference did not leave many people happy. That in itself is motivating us."

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ATHLETICS | SPOTLIGHT

Color commentator is modest despite distinctions

Ashmore quiet about Hall of Fame selection

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Sports Editor

Jack Ashmore is modest about it. Friends say they are not surprised when Ashmore says he is modest.

Ashmore, a former Eastern professor and current play-by-play announcer for WEIU-FM for Eastern men's basketball games and football games, didn't talk much about his honor.

Ashmore was selected for induction into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame

as a media member last month and will be inducted on April 25 at Illinois State's Bone Student Center Ballroom.

"He's kind of embarrassed about all the attention because he's a very modest person," said Rob Calhoun, WEIU-FM's production manager. "He doesn't like being in the limelight. Getting this honor, I think, has been kind of humbling to him."

For now, Ashmore handles his duties with those two Eastern sports and does play-by-play for Charleston High School's boy's basketball and football.

"It was a real surprise," Ashmore said. "I was not expecting it all. It

was a great honor." Calhoun was not surprised though.

"That just is such an amazing accomplishment for him. I couldn't be happier for him," he said. "He's worked hard over the years, and he really deserves this honor."

Ashmore retired from teaching at the end of last year, and now enjoys his free time.

"I thought I was in a position where I could (retire) financially," he said. "Sometimes, you just know the time is right. I certainly enjoyed teaching at the time."

Ashmore started in 1971 working for WITT of Tuscola in 1971, 1974-

75 and 1980-83; Charleston's WEIC in 1977-79 and '93-2003; Paris' WACF in 1979; Mattoon's WLBH in 1998-87 and WEIU in 2003 to the present.

"I thought Jack was very professional," Calhoun said. "He always works hard at his craft. He always made sure he knew something about the (other) team to make him sound very knowledgeable, of course, which he is."

Ashmore began listening to the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals while growing up, and radio broadcasting was something he always enjoyed.

"It was something I was always

fascinated with," Ashmore said. "I always listened. It was something I was always interested in doing."

But that was in the 1960s and 1970s. Ashmore still has the same enthusiasm for the job, and is not thinking about retirement from announcing at all.

Ashmore said he has always enjoyed broadcasting, and when he first looked into broadcasting he thought it was a great thing to do.

He said as long as he continues to enjoy it, there are no retirement plans in the future.

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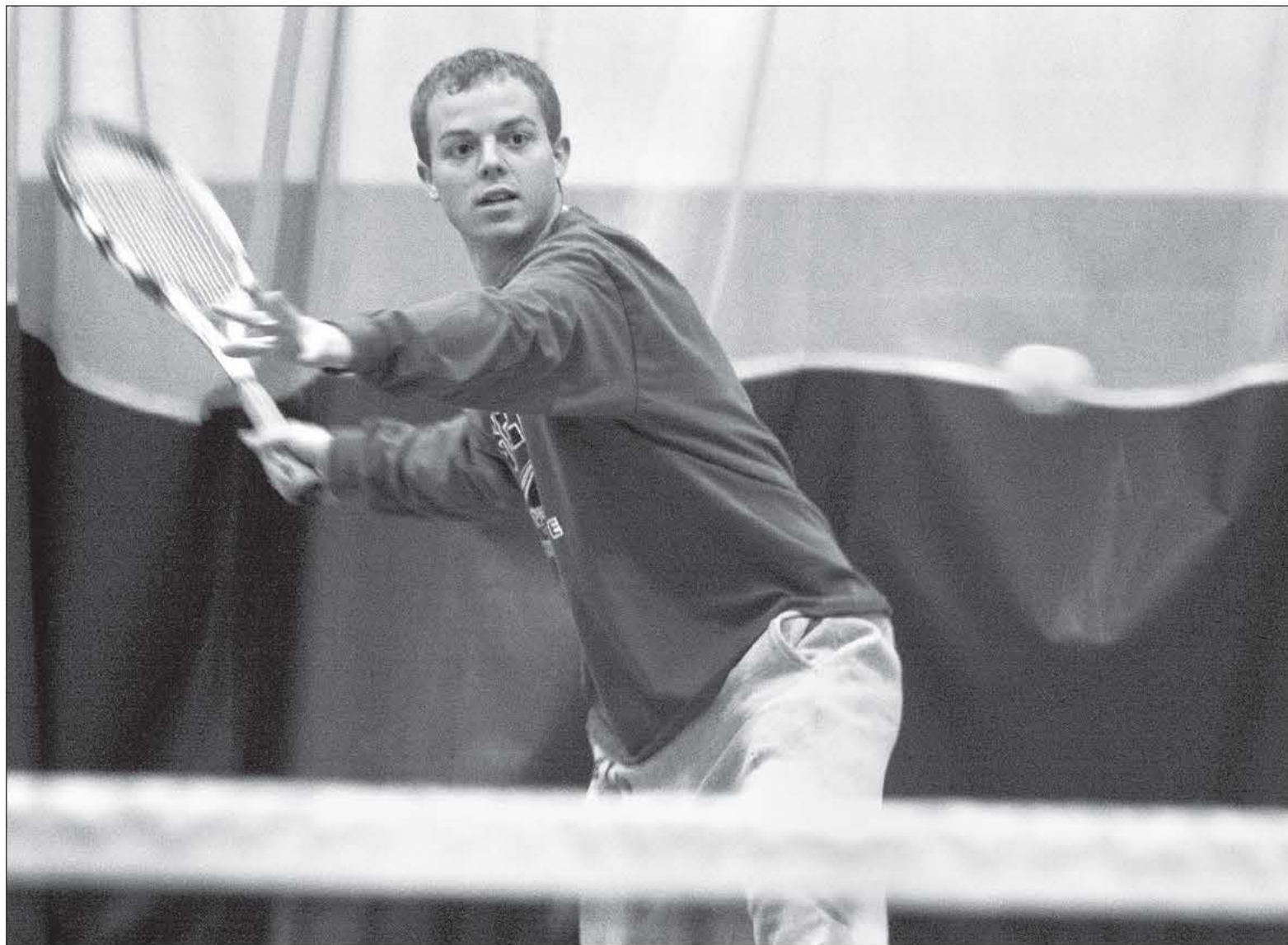
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MEN'S TENNIS | SEASON PREVIEW



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Jordan Nestrud prepares for a forehand hit during practice on Jan. 15 in Lantz Fieldhouse. The men's tennis team will open its spring season on the road with a match at Illinois State at noon today. Nestrud is one of three returning players for the Panthers this season.

Inexperience not a worry

Four newcomers, key returning players will guide Panthers

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

Eastern men's tennis head coach John Blackburn is going to rely on two aspects for the Eastern men's tennis team this season.

The team is returning two seniors Vuk Milicevic and Jordan Nestrud

and junior Jeff Rutherford. Rutherford earned First Team Ohio Valley Conference honors last season, and Nestrud earned Second Team All-OVC honors as well.

But the Panthers will debut sophomore Vance Davis (a Southeastern Oklahoma State transfer) and freshmen Jamie Firth, Drew Grimaldi and Matyas Hilgert.

These Panthers will get thrust into the lineup as they start the spring season against Illinois State at noon today in Normal.

While the Panthers do not show a lot of experience on paper, Blackburn believes the team will be just fine.

"(Experience) is something that we will gain with each match, and we will get better from there," Blackburn said.

Blackburn said he expects new assistant coach Andres Weisskopf as well as Milicevic and Nestrud, to help show the younger players what is expected.

"(Weisskopf) brings with him

a lot of experience in international play," Blackburn said. "He also brings a lot of experience when it comes to winning and playing at a high level. The older players on the team have a good work ethic at practice. They also bring a professional attitude with them, which is good for younger players to see."

Last season the Panthers finished 13-9 and finished third in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. TENNESSEE TECH

Second half starts with Golden Eagles

Panthers defeat TTU earlier in January

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Blair Bowens loves to shoot the 3-pointer.

The Tennessee Tech senior guard is second in the Ohio Valley Conference in both 3-point percentage and 3-point field goals made.

However, Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee is not concerned with his team's perimeter defense.

"As good of a 3-point shooter as (Bowens) is, she can get to the rim quick so we have to keep her from doing that," Sallee said as his team prepares to take on the Golden Eagles

at 5:30 p.m. today in Lantz Arena. "As well as they shoot, it's all predicated on them penetrating and getting kicks."

Today's game will be the first of the second-half of the OVC season for the Panthers (13-7, 7-2 OVC). They went 7-2 against OVC foes during the first-half of the season, including a 50-46 victory against Tennessee Tech (4-16, 2-7 OVC) on Jan. 5 in Cookeville, Tenn., one of Eastern's three road victories this season.

Sallee said the Panthers have focused on controlling the ball this week after committing 19 turnovers in a 60-51 loss to Murray State last Thursday and 24 turnovers in a 55-46 victory against Tennessee Martin last Saturday.

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GAME 21: EASTERN VS TENNESSEE TECH			
When: 5:30 p.m.		Key Reserves	
Where: Charleston		Pos.	Name
Location: Lantz Arena (5,300)		F	M. Kloak
		G	A. Thomas
Series History: Tennessee Tech leads 20-8.			
Last Meeting: Eastern won 50-46 on Jan. 5 in Cookeville, Tenn.			
Tennessee Tech (4-16, 2-7)			
Head Coach: Amy Brown (24-55 in third season)			
Eastern (13-7, 7-2 OVC)		Probable Starters	
Head Coach: Brady Sallee (62-75 in fifth season)		Pos.	Name
Probable Starters		F	J. White
Pos.	Name	G	T. Hayes
F	R. Galligan	G	M. Lyons
F	L. Kluempers	G	B. Bowens
G	D. Sims	G	A. Price
G	E. Canale	Key Reserves	
G	M. Edwards	Pos.	Name
		G	J. Lewin
		G	S. Hoston
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
No. 9 Michigan State at Iowa | 6 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
No. 11 Clemson at Virginia Tech | 6 p.m. on ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Northwestern at Illinois | 6 p.m. on Big Ten

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Alabama at Arkansas | 8 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Rutgers at Seton Hall | 8 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
No. 18 St. Mary's at No. 20 Gonzaga | 10 p.m. on ESPN2

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KEVIN MURPHY

Health is key part of season

Among the many things that have actually gone right for the Eastern men's basketball team this season is that the team's ability to stay healthy has put them in a tie for fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

While the team has four players in double figures this season in conference games, junior center Ousmane Cisse is finding the offensive end of the glass and the Panthers have flow on the offensive end – the team has healthy players this season.

And that's something that was not a case last season.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S TENNIS
Today at Illinois State | Noon – Bloomington

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
Today vs Tennessee Tech | 8 p.m. – Lantz Arena

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Saturday vs Jacksonville State | 3 p.m. – Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday vs Jacksonville State | 7 p.m. – Lantz Arena