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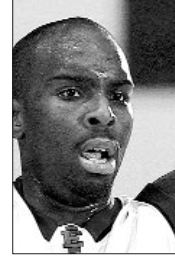
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They're up, they're down

Men's basketball loses at home
after big win against Morehead
State last week.

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Survival of the fittest

Five winners named in Mr. EIU / Ms. Fitness competition

By Nicole Nicolas
FEATURES REPORTER

With the tension building up to the Ms. EIU Fitness competition, Katie Mast and a friend prayed and left it up to the Lord. Everything she had spent three months working on — the low carbohydrate and high-protein diet, weight training, cardiovascular workout and routine practice — had now come down to this competition.

"I was hoping I hit the poses the way I planned on doing it, and the presentation was good," Mast said.

Mast, a senior biology major, said she decided to enter the competition because she wanted to participate for the past three years but could not because of a knee injury. She said she eventually wants to take fitness to a professional level.

Three years and three months later, Katie Mast finally won the Ms. EIU Fitness competition, beating out Ola Mohammad, a junior journalism major, for first place.

As Emcee Thaddieus introduced the bantam group of Mr. EIU competitors, the men stood in relaxed poses, flaunting their muscles while the crowd roared with enthusiasm.

"This competition is very dear to my heart. If there isn't more volume, just leave," Thaddieus said jokingly.

The bantam, 160 lbs. and below, competitors Joe Bison, a freshman political science major, Johnny Sadkauskas, a senior computer information systems major, and the rest of the competitors were judged for symmetry, muscularity definition and personality.

In each round, competitors entered together, and were judged on group symmetry. Next each performed an individual routine. Finally, they were all called back onstage to perform mandatory poses as called by the judges.

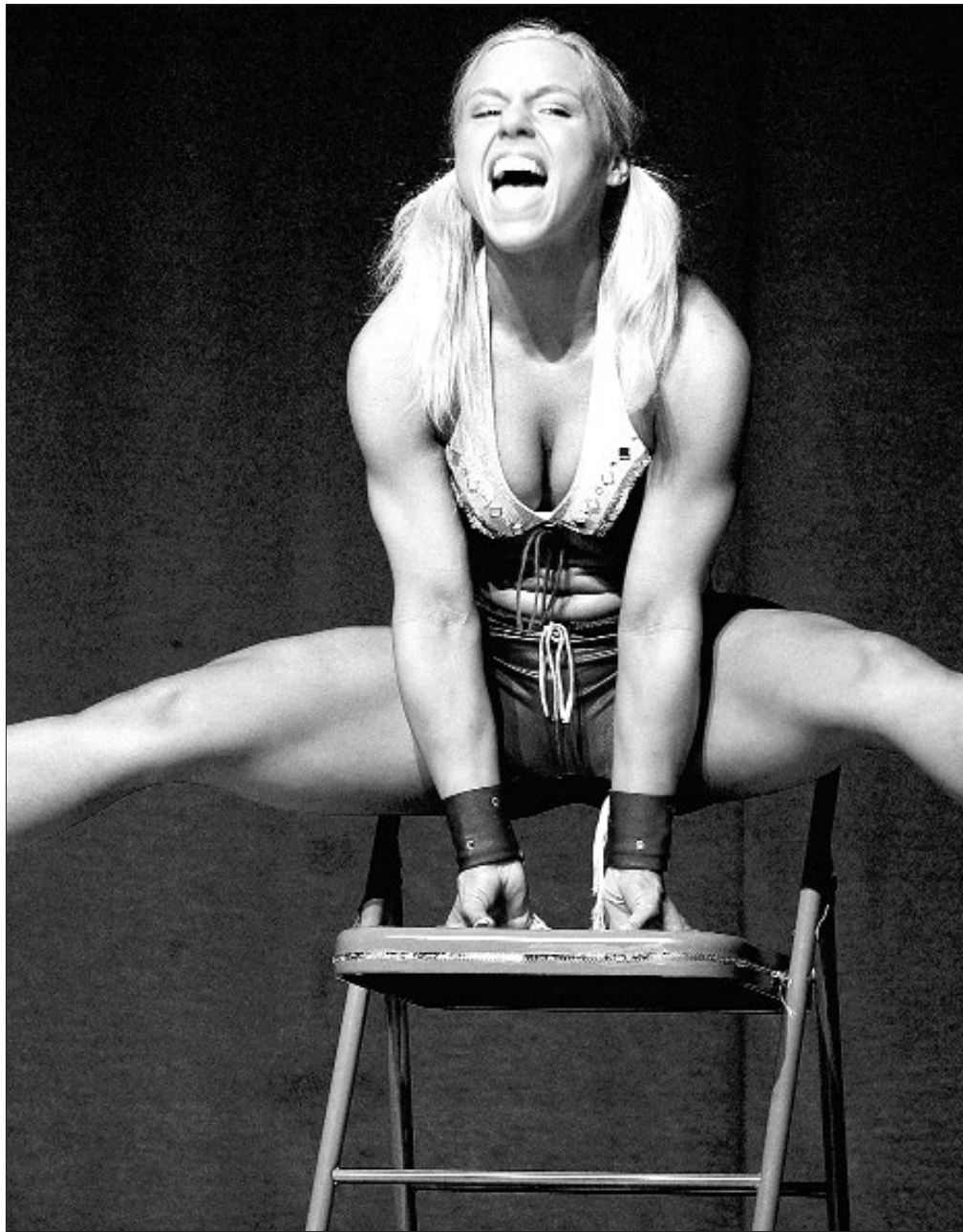
Sadkauskas won the Bantam weight class.

The next weight class, middle, 160-177 lbs., with four men competing, had the most competitors in any category. Dancing with rhythm, each competitor showed off their muscles in a routine.

A final showdown for the class of mandatory poses finalists then took place. Tim Loeffel, a marketing major, was announced as the middle weight class winner.

In both the light heavy, 172-195 lbs., and heavy class, more than 195 lbs., only one person competed for the title. Ryan Hunt, a physical education graduate assistant, won for the light heavy class and Scott Burkoth, a senior marketing major, won the heavy class.

The EIU dancers performed two sets to give the remaining four competitors some rest before they came out for the last judging to compete for the Mr. EIU title. The lights went down with only spotlights on the competitors strutting their respective stuff. The crowd stood cheering and shouting for the competitors. Someone in the crowd shouted, "Go Johnny!" at the top of his lungs as Thaddieus announced Sadkauskas as Mr. EIU for 2004.



Katie Mast performs her fitness routine during the Ms. Fitness competition Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

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"I thought it was great. It's nice to see everyone work their butt off and for them to get a chance to show off what they have done," said senior math computer science major Eric Bonow. "I know a couple of guys have been working at it since before Christmas."

To get in the shape Sadkauskas is in now, he said he did a lot of working out in the weight room and strict dieting with a lot of protein.

"My last year in college I wanted to do something as far as competition; because, I'm a very competitive person," Sadkauskas said.

The event's coordinators, Chad Ingles and Tom Leong, began preparing for the competition in October. Around 500 people attended the event, which is a little more than last year, Leong said.

"Overall from heading to one category to the next, the whole show went well," Ingles said.



Johnny Sadkauskas celebrates after winning the overall event of the Mr. EIU / Ms. Fitness competition Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Sadkauskas also took first place in the Bantam weight class. The event was sponsored by the Campus Recreation Department.

COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND BUDGET

Council will not reduce in size

◆ Members vote down
motion to reduce the
number of participants

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Council on University Planning and Budget Friday voted down a motion to discuss a reduction to its size.

Eastern President Lou Hencken spoke about the size of the committee and preliminary state budget figures for fiscal year 2005.

"I have a feeling about large committees; the more accomplished, the smaller the committee is," Hencken said, and added that he wasn't speaking specifically about the council.

The council voted 18-10 with one abstention against the motion "to consider reducing its membership to a level that provides equitable representation for all campus bodies."



Lou Hencken

Council Member Sandy Bingham-Porter asked what the council had been unable to accomplish at its current size. Her question was met without response. Bingham-Porter said a larger budget committee would allow for better representation and more flow of information to constituents.

Another issue discussed was redundancy. Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the council as a whole no longer had impact on decisions because all the work was now done in subcommittees.

"It's four times the redundancy," Carpenter said. "Four committees doing the same thing."

While the decrease in size was voted down, a discussion of a membership change is not ruled out permanently. The issue was returned to the executive subcommittee for further investigation.

Hencken also spoke to the council about the results of "Eastern Day," and state appropriations for FY05.

Hencken said the preliminary figures given by Gov. Rod Blagojevich mean Eastern would take a \$953,000, or 2 percent, cut in its fiscal year 05 budget if approved.

"I understand the state of Illinois is in a difficult financial situation," Hencken said. "But I also must point out to people the ramifications of continued budget cuts. In my opinion, if we must take cuts year after year we will not be able to continue to provide an affordable education and a quality education."

Homecoming shooting case dismissed

◆ Charges against former Eastern student dropped

By Carly Mullady
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As part of an agreement with prosecutors, the case for a former Eastern student charged for her involvement in a Homecoming weekend shooting was dismissed Friday.

The case dismissal for Crystal P. Lovemore, 19, Chicago, is part of an agreement that Lorna Lovemore, her mother, testify about a conversation she had with Marc D. Griffin, 21, Chicago.

Griffin is charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm in connection with the Oct. 24 off-campus residential shooting into 1514 12th St. where both current and former Eastern students were present.

Reports in police documents show Lovemore and one of the 12th Street residents, Amral L. Johnson, Panther football player and junior sociology major, were romantically involved but quarreled two nights before the shooting. Johnson told police Lovemore said she had a boyfriend in Chicago with a gun.

"I can have you killed," she

reportedly said.

Probable cause was established Dec. 1 for both Griffin and Lovemore.

Lovemore's attorney, David Stevens, then questioned her charges saying there was "no evidence Lovemore aided, agreed or attempted aid," in the incident.

At that time, Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters said her threat, her involvement in an on-campus fight with Johnson prior to the shooting and her presence in Griffin's vehicle at the time of arrest, were enough to determine probable cause.

During the Dec. 1 hearing,

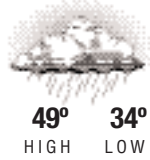
Charleston Police Department Detective Kevin Paddock testified the defendants were arrested Oct. 24 and were positively identified by the occupants of the home.

William G. Bumphus, one occupant of the 12th Street residence, told police he saw Griffin and Lovemore in the alley prior to the shooting.

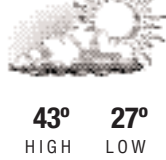
Johnson and former Eastern basketball player Kyle E. Hill, Bolingbrook, told police Griffin tapped on the window and said, "Do you want to gun play?"

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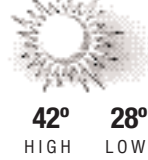
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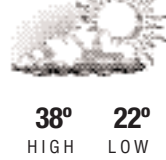
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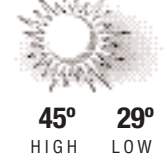
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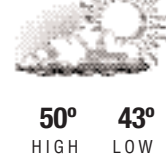
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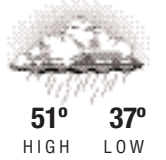
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Sunday
Showers



Lecture teaches how to handle crisis situations

By Angela Delong
STAFF WRITER

North and South America, the Caribbean and Europe cover the regions in which Dan Pyle Millar has trained his clients. His pupils are often bankers, hospital and school personnel, corrections officers, restaurant workers and numbers of other professions likely to run into crisis. Monday, however, his pupils will be Eastern students.

Millar will be presenting a Crisis Communication skills lecture at 6 p.m. Monday in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Millar often acts as a consultant and instructs others on how to act during a crisis.

"My presentation is about the process of communicating in a crisis rather than any one particular crisis; because of the audience, college life will provide most of my examples," Millar said.

Brian Sowa, co-faculty adviser for Eastern's chapter of Public Relation Student Society of America, has seen Dr. Millar speak in Atlanta.

"He is extremely good at what he does," Sowa said. "He presents real-life situations through case-studies and expresses some really simple solutions. It is very big that he is able to come to Eastern."

Sowa also said Millar is known regionally and nationally as an authority on the subject.

"Speaking at such high levels really gives him credibility," Sowa said.

Helping Sowa host the presentation is Terri Johnson, also a co-faculty advisor of PRSSA. Millar said he was selected to speak at this event because of Johnson, whom he has known for more than 20 years.

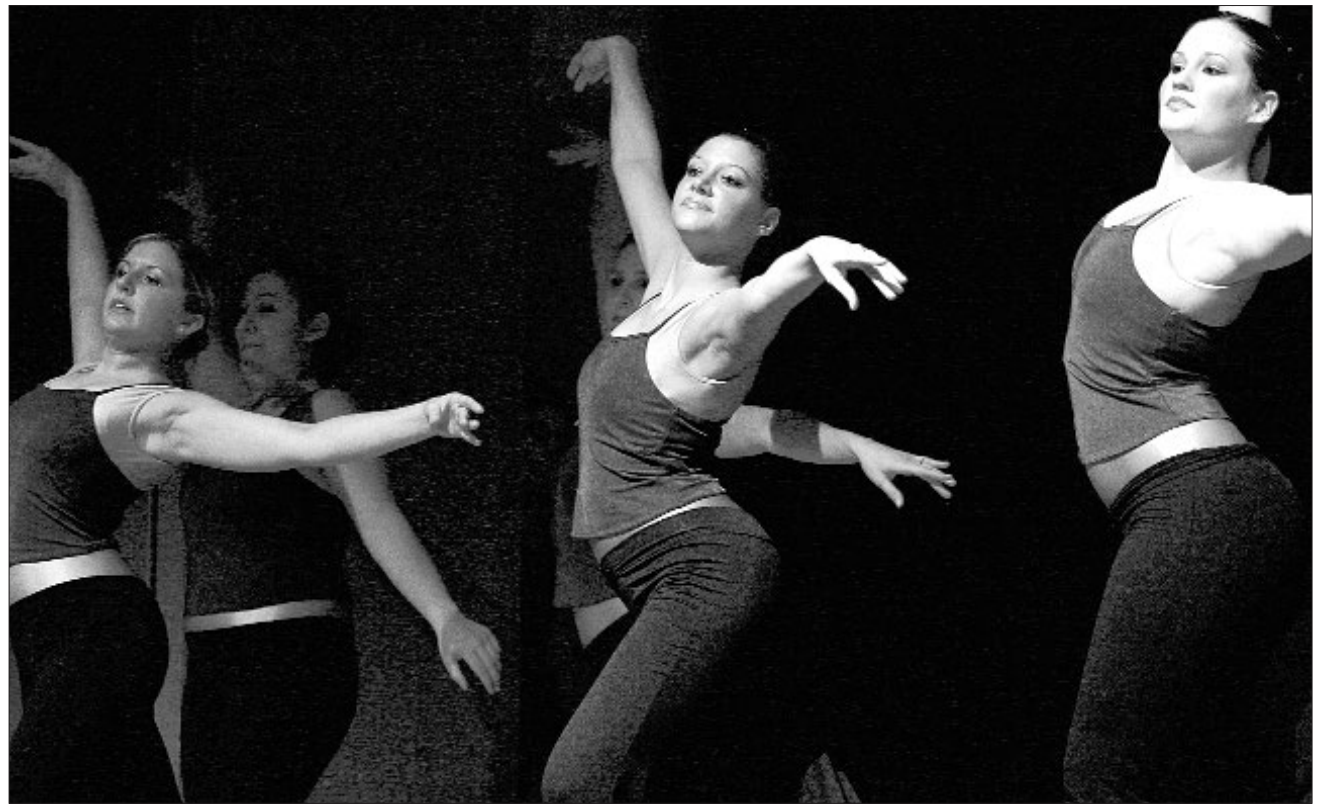
"She knows my work and the work of my wife, Kay, my co-presenter in crisis communication," Millar said.

Millar said he also was looking forward to speaking in Johnson's public relations design course before his main presentation.

He will show examples of his published work completed for a variety of clients including his most-recent book, "Responding to a Crisis: A Rhetorical Approach," which outlines practical situations with sensible strategy.

The lecture will be an interactive session intended to prepare professionals to effectively manage the inevitable crisis.

The event will last an hour, admission is free and both students and public are welcome.



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Shake it

The EIU Dancers perform one of their three routines for the evening during breaks in the Mr. EIU / Ms. Fitness competition Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. The dancers will perform this weekend in McAfee Gymnasium with shows 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Eastern to host forum on China

Staff report

Many educational facts will be revealed at the International Programs International Forum, Focus on China.

International students from China; Zhifang, Faye Peng and Yujuan Li will present an informational forum on China.

Some of the topics will include, an overview of China, education, higher education and China and U.S. relationships.

They also will include, China and U.S. trade, Eastern culture, culture differ-

ences and lifestyles.

"Recruiting and retaining international students and faculty to ensure the diversity of the university is very important," said David Carpenter, head of the Faculty Senate. "This type of program reminds us there are international students on our campus. This should be a very interesting event with the students themselves speaking."

COMPILED BY DORENE SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

Focus on China

- ◆ WHAT: International Programs International Forum
- ◆ WHEN: 2-4 p.m. Monday
- ◆ WHERE: Charleston-Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union

Here's the prescription for a case of 'the Mondays'

Suffering from a case of "The Monday's?" Plenty of events are being offered this week to look forward to:

◆ The college of education and professional studies is sponsoring two presentations for Eastern teacher certification majors in the month of February. The first presentation, titled "The Illinois Virtual High School," is from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Monday in Room 1501 of Buzzard Auditorium. Steve Bevil, assistant director of schools and university partnerships, said the presentation will discuss the latest developments of IVHS and how Eastern and regional offices of education are

making it possible for high school students to experience educational opportunities over the Internet. The IVHS presentation will also provide an overview of the virtual high school's issues and trends of virtual teaching and learning.

The second presentation will consist of a teacher panel discussion from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Buzzard Hall Auditorium. Teachers from a variety of grade levels will discuss teaching and teacher education.

◆ Professor Hector Noejovich, a Latin American scholar, will give a lecture at 3 p.m. Monday in the Shelbyville room of the



WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. The topic of the lecture will be the Washington consensus and the economic performance of Peru and Argentina, 1990-2000. The lecture is being held by the department of history, the Latino and Latin American Studies Committee and the University Board lecture series.

◆ At 6 p.m. Tuesday in the lower level of Stevenson Hall,

women's studies, as a part of their Gender and Popcorn Series, will show the film "Daughters of the Dust." Set in 1902, the movie looks at the Gullah culture of the sea islands off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia where African folkways were maintained well into the 20th Century.

◆ Tickets for The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams go on sale at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the box office. The box office will be open daily Monday through Friday from 2 - 6 p.m. for the next two weeks. Performances for the show are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Village

Theater. A "talk back" session after Wednesday's performance hosted by Theatre Arts' Christopher Mitchell will focus on David Radavich's research of Midwestern elements in Williams' plays. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for faculty, staff and senior citizens and \$3.50 for students.

◆ "Radio" featuring Cuba Gooding, Jr., will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday in Lumpkin Auditorium. This is the last film in the Minority Affairs movie series celebrating Black History Month. The movie tells the story of a high school coach and the developmentally challenged student he took under his wing.

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Dig in

Members of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority serve up soul food, Sunday night at the African-American Cultural Center. Fried chicken, corn, cornbread and macaroni and cheese were served at the event.

Conference tackles nuclear plant

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students, professors, activists and energy industry experts came together at Illinois State University for three days to discuss emerging nuclear energy issues in the state and the world.

The Nuclear Reality Conference was hosted by the campus chapter of the Student Environmental Action Coalition and featured speakers such as leaders of nuclear watchdog groups, energy industry professionals and university professors.

The discussion covered issues related to health and environmental effects of radiation, weapons of mass destruction proliferation, energy consumption, government and industry security issues and alternative energy sources.

John LaForge, co-director of Nukewatch, a peace and environmental action group, said the government's knowledge of nuclear power has changed greatly since "Atoms for Peace," a program to encourage the worldwide development of nuclear energy, was introduced by President Eisenhower in 1953.

"The development of nuclear power after 1945 can be viewed as a way to remove the guilt of the use of nuclear weapons," LaForge said in his presentation.

He said the government has steadily decreased the allowable amount of radiation exposure from 1910 (100 rems per year) to the present (.5 rem per year) as the link between radiation exposure and cancer became more apparent.

While the conference covered many topics, the main concern was the proposed construction of an additional reactor at the nuclear plant near Clinton. This reactor would be one of three proposed reactors, the first built in the United States since 1973.

David Kraft, head of the Nuclear Energy Information Service, said Illinois already has the most reactors in the nation, 14, and if the state was considered its own nation it would rank 11th in the world's energy providing countries.

The Excelon Corporation, which owns the Clinton nuclear plant, has applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an early site permit, the first step toward building a new reactor, according to the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.org>.

If Excelon's application is accepted, construction on a new reactor could begin as early as 2007, according to the site. However, the Clinton plant must be granted an early site permit from the NRC, the same government organization that fined Excelon a total of 105 times as of Jan. 1, 2004 for a total of \$8,419,000, according to a NEIS document.

Another speaker, Oscar Shirani, presented an exposition of corruption and disregard for safety concerns in the energy industry. Shirani came to the United States from Iran in 1978 and worked as the lead quality assurance auditor for General Electric in the late 1990s.

"Big corporations like Excelon have a lot of power and money and not only do they have the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their hands, but also have the big media in their control," Shirani said.

After he performed an audit on all of GE's reactors in 1997, he issued a stop work order on all of them, Shirani said. Two years later, he was fired after he opposed GE's proposal to increase its reactors' outputs by 20 percent. General Electric lifted the work order without any improvements or government consent.

"They called me and threatened me not to look at any issues further," Shirani said. "I have been blacklisted from the industry for two and a half years. I cannot get one single job."

Since then, Shirani has written articles attempting to expose the corruption he experienced in the energy industry and has given presentations to raise awareness of nuclear energy issues.

Students interested in more information can visit the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at <http://www.nrc.org> or the Nuclear Energy Information Service at <http://www.neis.org>.

Woman's dying wish was park at Lake Charleston

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

The natural environment surrounding Lake Charleston that the city has preserved in parks and conservation areas soon will have another addition thanks to one woman's contribution.

Dorothy Woodyard, who died in February 2000, stipulated in her will she wanted to give back to the community that her parents, Lincoln and Iva Hanna Woodyard, hailed from.

City Manager Scott Smith said he thought a park would be a good

fit for Woodyard, so a contribution of \$240,000 was put aside for the project.

Specifically, Smith said, the contribution will go toward a little park on an approximately five-acre track of land adjacent to the lake.

Woodyard left a contribution to the city to be used to help build a memorial park to her family next to Lake Charleston.

The park, which sits on 200 acres of newly acquired land, is something the city has always wanted to build, Smith said.

However, Charleston was not

able to purchase this land until a C2000 grant became available to them around 2001, Smith said.

Woodyard's donation of \$240,000 was matched by a state grant of \$272,217 from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Smith said the contribution was received during the application process to the state, and thus helped serve as the matching grant with the remaining proceeds going towards the development of the park.

With the new purchase, the city has 600 to 700 acres around and including the lake for a conserva-

tion area.

The city was excited to acquire the new acreage, with the bulk adjacent to the lake, because it will provide greater protection of the resources for the public water source, Smith said.

The park, Smith said, will be located at the top of "River Hill" along the north side of Route 130 near the Charleston welcome sign.

"If you go around the curve on the way to Lake Charleston, just on the hill you'll see that it's been cut out," he explained.

The park, which is in the beginning construction phase, will be

finished and dedicated around July 1 of this year, Smith said.

The plans for the small park include a service road, restroom, several small picnic areas and a granite memorial to the Woodyard family.

The new Woodyard Memorial Park will be continuous to the existing property of Lake View Park, which is located on East McKinley Avenue, with trails joining the two properties.

Smith said he hopes the park will be more of a peaceful area where visitors can come and enjoy nature.

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EDITORIAL

Lobbying Legislators successful

About 160 students and others took the time Thursday to travel to Springfield for "Eastern Day" so they could lobby for the university, something Eastern can take pride in.

"This is the largest group that we've ever brought over," Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said *last week*. In 2000, only 30 people traveled to the state capital to represent Eastern.

The purpose of the trip is to heighten awareness among Illinois' Legislature of Eastern, Nilsen said.

The students' presence proved effective as senators showed support for their ideas.

Sen. Jeff Schoenberg, D-9 Evanston, vice chair of the appropriations committee, told the team more resources need to be brought into the classroom at schools like Eastern.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposed budget appropriations Wednesday of \$46.6 million, about \$950,000 less for Eastern in the next financial year than in Fiscal Year 2004. Schoenberg said it was too simple to lay blame on the capital since "these are low budget times." Mahmood Butt, chair of the secondary education and foundations department, counter argued students aren't blaming anyone and Eastern has worked hard to earn increased revenue. The university is taking in more students but getting less money.

Although Eastern has had the three largest freshman classes three years in a row and produces more teachers than almost anyone, only a tax increase would help Illinois gain money back, Sen. Donne Trotter, D-17 Chicago, said last week.

Nilsen, Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, and President Lou Hencken agreed "Eastern Day" will do nothing but help Eastern in its programs, *The Daily Eastern News* reported. Lord said it's hard for legislators to remember Eastern when schools budgets are discussed, and Hencken said an event like this will keep Eastern on the minds of many for a while.

The fact that such a large number of students traveled to Springfield to represent Eastern shows the university and more students know how important it is for Eastern to be a visible presence in Springfield.

At issue

About 160 from Eastern traveled to Springfield to lobby for the university.

Our stance

The large number of student and university representatives is something Eastern can take pride in.

OPINION

Education and retail bad mix



Jennifer Chiariello

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U.S. businesses wait few years after children leave the cradle to hook them advertising schemes and while we focus on the actions of celebrities around us presented by the media, we often fail to recognize the media itself working their way into our lives from the start of our childhood.

Both the Kathy Lee Gifford sweat shop allegations and the Crocodile Hunter feeding a crocodile with his right hand while holding his 1-month-old son with his left, demonstrate failure to protect children.

Similarly, the recent Jackson scandals, Janet exposing her breast to millions during the Super Bowl halftime show and Michael dangling his infant son over a balcony to the press (not to mention his frequent open invitations to little boys for weekend stays at Neverland) continue to appall many.

Though these acts can be debated, questions about morality surround the implications and such exploitations are viewed by society as betrayal to children.

Children are viewed by society as sacred and protecting their rights is a priority.

It is the responsibility of the parents to protect their children, the schools systems to uphold that same protection and the state to monitor and regulate the behavior of the parents and school systems.

So why is it schools systems are excused for child exploitations, selling students to advertisers?

In response to a Chinatown school's field trip to (and paid for by) Sports Authority, the *Chicago Tribune* reported on

"What will be next, uniforms and school buses decked in company logos like Nascar?"

Sunday that many other companies such as Toys "R" Us and Petco have done the same.

For example, Field Trip Factory Inc., started in 1993 and present in 48 states to ferry students to retail outlets, has sent more than 45,000 Chicago-area schoolchildren on trips each year and books 10,000 to 12,000 such trips nationwide each year, the *Tribune* reported. These companies argue the trips are cheap, efficient, educational tools which examine everything from nutrition to pet responsibility.

Few schools prohibit these field trips because of their commercial element and only reject trips that could "jeopardize the safety of students and chaperons," the *Tribune* reported. As an effect, school attendance is down at museums and cultural institutions. Though this cut is partly due to district budget crunches, the convenience factor for these trips is not just costs, but time constraints.

For example, to travel to a museum it may take an entire day, but a trip to a local business can allow to be back in the classroom by lunch, the *Tribune* reported.

Many feel these trips are too

frequent because they are financially plausible and such safety lessons primarily can be taught at home instead of depriving students of valuable classroom time especially needed with pressure to meet state and federal testing standards.

Children are already exposed to advertising more than they should.

Gary Ruskin, director of Commercial Alert, an anti-marketing group, mentioned marketing masquerades in education are used through brand names and corporate logos plastered on school soda machines, football fields and scoreboards, to name a few, the *Tribune* reported

What will be next, uniforms and school buses decked in company logos like Nascar? Or maybe report cards will be mailed in the form of a program so advertisers can purchase spaces. And just imagine the wonders that can be done with school fundraisers!

Why are so many companies working so hard to weasel their way into the school systems?

Companies strive to get customers at the earliest age to develop brand loyalty.

"It's cheaper for companies to retain customers than to find new ones," says Robert Kozinets, professor at Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University, the *Tribune* reported.

Just look at Super Bowl advertisements for beer. All of them are geared toward the college crowd, not the older crowd. Hooking new customers now will help ensure their business throughout the future.

Cartoon by Becky Aurich



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STUDENT SENATE

Members who attend conferences must hold informational forum

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

After two weeks of discussion, the Student Senate Wednesday unanimously passed a bylaw change requiring each senate member going to a student-paid conference to hold a forum and give a formal report about the experience.

Beckie Diehl, senate member and co-author of the bylaw change, said the idea is to have the entire senate benefit from the conference.

"It's their responsibility to share that with us," Diehl said.

The Conference on Student Government Associations is being held from Saturday until Tuesday at Texas A&M University. Five senate members are attending and will be expected to host a forum and give a formal report when they return.

"They should be responsible for relay-

ing that information to us senators and the student body," Diehl said. "Whether two people or 100 people go, they should share the information."

On Jan. 21 the Student Senate approved the amount of \$3,392.50 to send Student Senate Speaker George Lesica, senate adviser Ceci Brinker and three selected senate members on the trip.

Diehl said she hasn't determined the amount of time the attendant has to present the forum and report.

"It has to be given under a reasonable time limit," she said.

Student Body President Caleb Judy co-authored with Diehl and said the forum could be held almost anywhere.

"It doesn't matter if it's at a senate meeting," Judy said. "It's more of like a planning meeting."

Judy and Lesica said since it has been approved and is in the bylaws, senate members not meeting the requirements

will be punished.

"Basically if you don't do your job on the bylaws you're kicked out of senate," Judy said.

"Violating the bylaws is an impeachable offense," Lesica said.

Bill Davidson, student executive vice president, said the bylaw change will be very beneficial to the senate. He also said the forums will put everybody on the same page instead of only the conference attendees knowing what went on.

"It's been long overdue," Davidson said. "This will also help make elections fair."

About 30 students went to Atlanta Feb. 12-15 to visit Clark/Atlanta University and a Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park. The bylaw change was passed after the trip, so members are not required to give a forum or report; however, the group is planning to hold a forum during Unity Week from April 12-16.

STUDENT SENATE

Senate to collect donations for King tribute

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Poster boards and a donation table will be put up from Monday to Friday by the Student Senate to present Martin Luther King Jr. tribute week.

Jeff Collier, senate chair for the Academic Affairs Committee, said the donation table will be located near the University Food Court from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day.

"We will accept donations and we ask for a minimum dollar a day per student," Collier said.

The poster boards will be put up near Java B&B in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"We don't only want the Union to bear his name, we want the Union to bear his legacy," Collier said.

About 32 years ago, the first picture of Martin Luther King Jr. was put up in the Union and current students are carrying on the tradition.

"Thirty-two years later and another generation is honoring Dr. King," he said.

The senate approved the tribute week last semester, but Collier said he didn't know how important it would be this semester.

"There were some road blocks last semester," Collier said. "This will help out everyone on campus."

Collier said members from the Black Student Union have been helping with the event as well.

About 30 students, including Collier and Student Body President Caleb Judy, went to a King Memorial Park in Atlanta Feb. 12-15.

"After the feeling we got from Atlanta, we wanted to share that with the student body," Collier said. "We want to make the students aware of what we're trying to do."

Monique Cook-Bey, assistant director of Student Life, said the Atlanta trip was inspirational and made students remember that King was just an ordinary person.

"Dr. King was a person like you and me, doing amazing things," Cook-Bey said. "I think the trip made a greater impact than we expected."

Judy agreed King was a normal person making an impact.

"He was just a regular guy, yet he found it within himself to make this big stand," Judy said.

After certain situations took place last semester, Collier said the week-long event became more important and crucial to campus life.

"It turned out to be bigger than we thought, which is a good thing," he said.

Poets slam at 7th Street Underground

By Diane Reid
STAFF WRITER

Performances requiring a poet to become aware of his or her speech and work is a definition of slam poetry.

Being part of the experience, though, one is placed in a fast paced and aggressive approach on the art form.

The Poetry Slam was held Friday night at 7th Street Underground to an audience of about 40 students.

While most of his poetry is influenced by his career in theater, performer Kamal Symonette Dixon adds character to each one of his pieces.

Dixon is a graduate of Morehouse College and an aspiring actor, comedian and writer, he also is currently producing a one-man show.

"I'm actually thinking about living homeless for a week or so, just to develop my character better," Dixon said.

In the beginning and end of his poem "Ice Cream Truck," Dixon sang a ditty of an ice cream truck song, just to give a taste of the difference between common poetry and this new variation, which is becoming widely known.

Much of his spoken word included cultural influences and racial issues.

With more of a relaxed approach, performer Aarian Pope focused on relationships and self worth.

"I want everyone to have a good time while I take them on my journey. I want them to react to my poetry so I can feed off their vibes and energy," Pope said.

Her inspiration to write comes from her life experiences and having something to say.

"Poems don't necessarily have to be long, just long enough to get the point across," Pope said.

Standing in front of a group of people and reading some personal thoughts can

be a bit nerve-wracking, so how does one get past the initial stage fright?

Pope was scared and a bit intimidated during her first performance but having spoken in front of her church and peers at a younger age, she learned to relax and go with the flow of her own words.

"I came because it was something different to do, and both readers did an excellent job," Kelly Edwards, senior speech communication major, said.

Being a gospel music writer helps her understand the work and effort put into each written piece.

The University Board received a good vote from the audience for having sponsored a new idea into Eastern's mix of entertainment.

JW Trio, a small jazz ensemble including two pianists and a drummer, accompanied the speakers adding vibe to the atmosphere.

Students granted credit hours from Seventh Street arrangement

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

As the city continues the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Seventh Street expansion project, some Eastern students have been rewarded for their hard work as a result of this venture.

Eastern purchased a portion of Seventh Street from the city of Charleston in exchange for 4,444 credit hours to be bestowed on local residents.

The credit hours were allotted

based on a list of criteria.

Students were required to graduate from Charleston High School, receive an Eastern acceptance letter and volunteer in the community, Thomas McElwee, history major and scholarship recipient, said.

The city had planned to give out seven scholarships, but the award money was substantial enough to finance two additional scholarships.

Award recipients can reapply for the scholarship for future aca-

ademic years at Eastern if they maintain a 2.50 grade point average and continue to assist the community.

Nine Eastern students were awarded the scholarship credit hours for the current year.

The students awarded with these credit hours are planning on reapplying for the scholarship.

"I was just waiting for the application to come out," said Brittany Barker, a communications disorders major.

Barker was student council

president during high school and was a member of the volleyball and basketball teams.

She has continued her involvement in organizations at Eastern by participating in intramural volleyball and attending resident adviser workshops, she said.

Sara Frankie, a sophomore elementary education major, also plans to apply again.

According to Frankie, 30 free credit hours were allotted to her, allowing her to pay for her entire first year.

Frankie helped out with student council events and was on the softball and golf teams during high school. She was the softball captain her senior year, she said.

"The scholarship was a huge boost in paying for tuition," McElwee said.

Along with federal grants, McElwee, who was the band captain and a member of the National Honor Society, was paid in full with the help of this scholarship.

"I will definitely be reapplying," McElwee said.

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Power plant no longer burns tires for heat

By Nora Maberry
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's power plant only uses coal, natural gas and fuel oil to keep the lights on around campus.

"We have two standby boilers which burn natural gas or number two low-sulfur fuel oil," said Gary Reed, director of the Physical Plant.

Some power plants use waste transformed into pellets to produce steam and electricity. At these plants, solid waste is separated into recyclables and non-combustibles. The non-recyclable waste is compressed into pellets and used as fuel in boilers, Reed said.

Eastern does not produce or use that type of fuel, said Mike Waddell, chief operation engineer at the power plant.

In the early 1990s, Eastern used a tire-derived fuel program that burned tires for fuel, Waddell said, but the program

was filled with problems.

"The steel belts protruded from the tire chips and would grab onto the other chips causing them to get stuck in our storage bunker," Waddell said.

Eastern's power plant was not able to handle the tire chips, but that wasn't the only problem the tire-derived fuel program caused.

"The other problem was the steel. After burning up in the boiler, (the steel) produced high metal problems when we went to dispose of the ash at the landfill," Waddell said.

Tires are often used for fuel because they are a less expensive alternative to coal, Waddell said.

"Tires have a higher heating value pound-for-pound than coal, and they also are lower in sulfur which produces less sulfur emissions when burned," Reed said.

Despite the cost and environmental advantages, tire-derived fuel use at universities is not common.



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The area of the power plant where coal is burned. Many plants now burn old tires for energy, but these are generally not university plants.

"I don't know of any universities burning tire derived fuel at this time," Waddell said.

If a university was able to use a tire derived fuel program, it would be required to monitor

emissions and verify the percent of tires to coal usage, Waddell said.

Twenty percent of a plant's energy may come from tires if it uses a tire derived fuel program.

"At one time, we were permitted to operate with up to a 20 percent by weight blend of tires refuse in our coal," Reed said. "That option no longer exists."

Eastern does not use waste for fuel because the school has a contract for low sulfur coal, Waddell said. Besides coal, Eastern also burns approximately 15 percent of fuel oil in a year.

The power plant may not use waste as fuel, but waste from the power plant is used in several ways. Ash created from the plant is given to townships and the city of Charleston. "The ash is environmentally neutral and is given to the townships and Charleston for use during the winter to supplement salt and sand, reducing their cost and ours as well," Waddell said.

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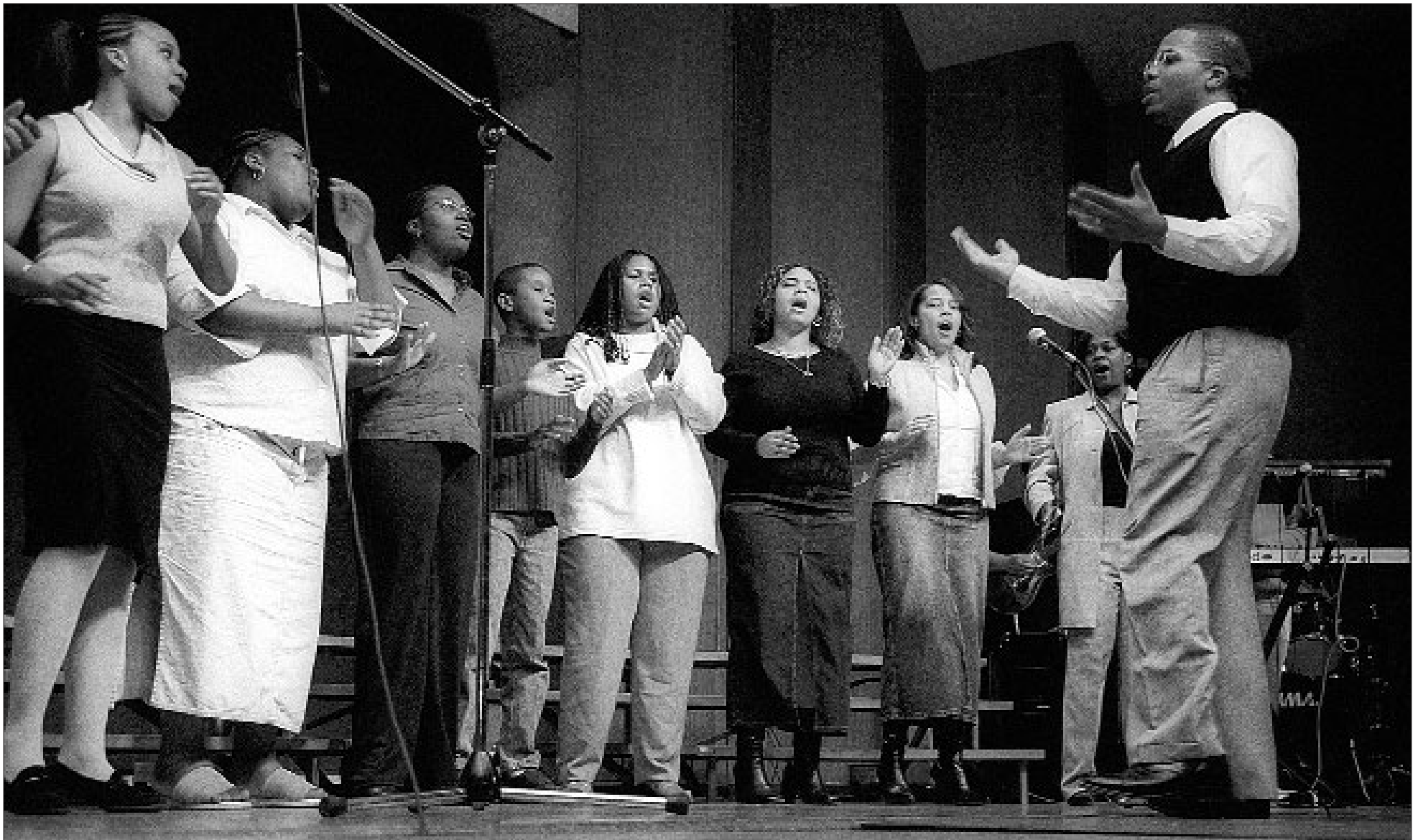
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The Second Baptist Missionary Choir performs at the Gospel Explosion Sunday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

More than 60 fill union with soul during 'Gospel Explosion'

By Megan Jurinek
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

One university building survived a musical explosion Sunday.

About 60 sang and danced during Gospel Explosion, a collaboration of different gospel musicians performing at the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Students and community mem-

bers were standing in their seats and clapping their hands to the music and praise.

It is an event that happens every year during Black History Month, said Claude Magee, choir adviser and event coordinator.

It gives the groups an opportunity to play and sing gospel music, and it is important to worship God's song, Magee said.

Magee said gospel music is

important now, just like it was in the past.

Performing the music helped get blacks through rough moments in history, Magee said.

Five acts performed before the Eastern Unity Gospel Choir took the stage.

As Jimmy Walker, a saxophonist who has played with the groups in past performances, walked up to the stage, the crowd

cheered.

Walker had everyone singing along with his saxophone.

The Eastern Unity Missionary Choir performed last. In their blue and white robes, they sang and danced along with a drummer, keyboardist and guitarist.

Amanda Henderson, a senior family consumer science major and member of the choir for two years, said the group's style is

contemporary, expressing various forms of gospel.

"We just travel to different schools and different churches and sing," Henderson said.

The choir has been to Florida, St. Louis and Kentucky for past performances, Henderson said.

"I enjoy being with the group. We do a lot as far as in the community and things like that," Henderson said.



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2004 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Nader to run for president, again

◆ *Consumer advocate announces he will run as an independent in 2004 election*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced Sunday he is running again for president, this time as an independent, and rejected claims that a longshot candidacy would merely siphon enough votes from the Democrats to ensure President Bush's re-election.

But Nader's decision was greeted with a chorus of condemnation from Democrats, longtime friends and former supporters who blame him for Al Gore's loss four years ago. They suggested that Nader would not pull close to the 2.7 percent of the vote he won before without the backing of an established party and some of his past supporters.

Republicans resisted the temptation to gloat as party chairman Ed Gillespie proclaimed that Bush would win a second term no matter who runs. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, a former Republican National Committee chairman, said, "It will make less difference than the Democrats fear, but I know they're very nervous about it."

"... I would hate to see part of his legacy being that he got us eight years of George Bush."

—Terry McAuliffe, Democratic National Committee chairman

In getting into the White House sweepstakes, Nader declared that Washington has become "corporate occupied territory" and he accused both Democrats and Republicans of being dominated by corporate lobbyists who "care little" about the needs of ordinary Americans.

"It's a question between both parties flunking," Nader said on NBC's "Meet the Press," where he chose to make his announcement. He asserted that "it's time to change the equation and bring millions of American people into the political arena."

Nader said he will mount a national campaign as an independent to highlight issues he claims the major parties are ignoring, including universal health

care, rising poverty and environmental concerns.

Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe, who personally urged Nader not to run, called the decision "unfortunate."

"You know, he's had a whole distinguished career, fighting for working families, and I would hate to see part of his legacy being that he got us eight years of George Bush," McAuliffe said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico minced no words. "It's a total act of ego," he said.

Liberal Vermont Rep. Bernie Sanders, the only independent in the House and a longtime Nader friend, called Nader's decision "counterproductive." Even the Green Party, whose banner Nader carried four years ago, chose to focus on its own priorities.

"Our midterm goal is the creation of a multiparty political system and the participation of a strong Green Party in that system," said Ben Manski, the party's co-chairman.

But Nader dismissed his critics among "the liberal intelligentsia," and called the spoiler moniker "contemptuous."

Dismissed:

Witness was '80 percent' sure

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They reportedly turned off the lights, dropped to the floor and heard 5-7 shots fired.

Paddock said a 45-caliber gun was found in Griffin's vehicle when he and Lovemore were stopped at Lincoln Avenue and Seventh Street.

Griffin's Firearm Owner's Identification Card was then traced, and he was shown as the owner of a 45-caliber Smith and Wesson.

Paddock said the shell casings found at and around the residence were identified by a crime scene technician as 45-caliber casings.

Johnson told police he, Griffin and Lovemore were involved in a fight at the First Annual Johnetta Jones Memorial Step Show

Shots were reported fired in the parking lot after Griffin and Lovemore left the show.

A witness told police he saw a man running in a gray and red Jason Kidd jersey with a gun in his hand near Eastern's E-lot outside Lantz.

He later told police he was "80 percent sure" a jersey found in Lovemore's residence was the same one the suspect was wearing.

University Police have been working with Charleston police and Illinois State Police for the on-campus shots-fired reports.

Circuit court dockets said \$1,800 of Lovemore's \$2,000 bond will be refunded.

Because of Lovemore's case dismissal, the motion for joinder was considered unapplicable and Griffin's status hearing date was set for March 22 at 11 a.m. in Courtroom 1 of the Coles County Circuit Courthouse.

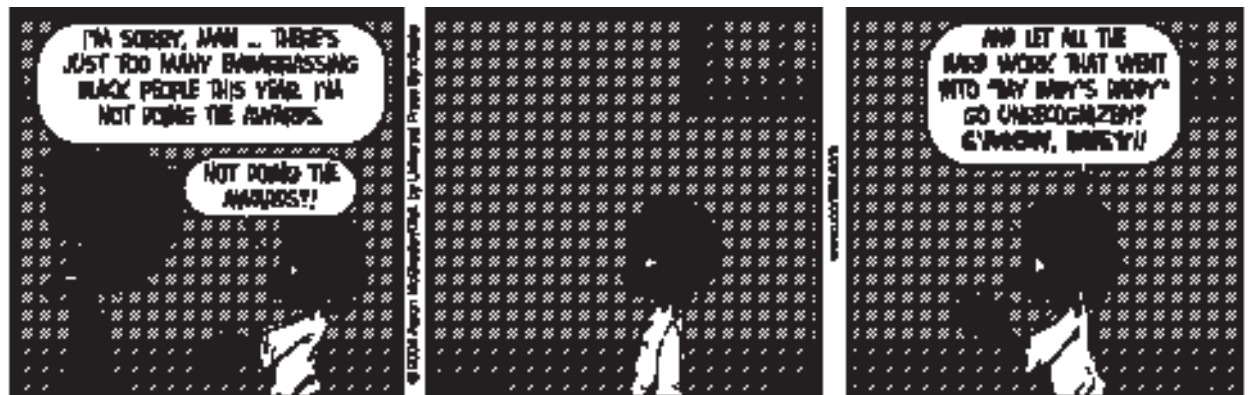
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SOFTBALL

Panthers find new assistant at Lantz

Clayton coaching in college for first time, but has years of recreation league softball experience

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern softball team didn't have to search far to find its new assistant coach when the Panthers announced Mike Clayton would join the staff earlier this week.

Clayton has served as the Lantz Arena and Facilities Supervisor for the past 13 years, and being familiar with the Eastern campus should help out as he adjusts to his new position according to Panther head coach Lloydene Searle.

"I really think working at Eastern will be a benefit," Searle said. "Already he has done a wonderful job out on the field, and it will be nice to have a new set of eyes evaluating the players."

This will be Clayton's first coaching job at the college level; however, he is anything but a stranger to the sport. Clayton coached recreation league girls softball for several years through the Charleston Girls Softball Association, and he coached a summer traveling 14-under and 18-under girls softball team that advanced to the USSSA World Series.

"He has come to learn a tremendous amount of knowledge in softball," Searle said. "He's dealt with parents, and he has experience going to the College World Series. He brings a lot more than just hitting and pitching tips, he is a genuine assistant coach."

Besides being the head coach, Searle also serves as the pitching coach, but she said Clayton will not have any specific job titles.

"He's really been all around the game," Searle said. "He's worked with pitchers before, but he can help at every level here at Eastern."

Mark Clayton info

Served as Lantz Arena and Facilities supervisor for 13 years

Coach of various Charleston recreation league girls softball teams

"He's still getting to know the players, and he has to get on the same page as them."

—Lloydene Searles, coach

Clayton has only been on the job for one week, but Searle already saw an improvement with the team and said the players have reacted well to his hiring.

"We had a pitcher stay after practice a few days ago, and he gave her some pointers and today she went out and pitched a two-hitter," Searle said.

"He has a great ability to say things to motivate you, but he is also a people person with a tender heart and that will help the athlete."

Searle is not expecting everything to go as smoothly as the first week went with Clayton, but she said the season can't start soon enough.

"He's still getting to know the players and has to get on the same page with them," Searle said. "There still needs to be some growing (between coach and player), but I'm just looking forward to the start of the season."

Clayton replaces Tiffany Ozburn who resigned before the start of the season.

The Panthers will open their season in late February at the Charleston Southern Invite in South Carolina.

Swimming:

Eastern used strong finishes in multi-day event to claim win

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Eastern closed out the first day individual events with three Panthers placing among the top-10 in the 50-yard free. Wahlgren and Senese were third and fifth respectively while junior Eric Petersen finished 10th with a time of 22.01.

Eastern struggled at the onset of day two as its 200-yard medley relay team finished fifth, but the Panthers lost little of their lead as Western placed fourth in the event.

Eastern extended its lead after the 200-yard freestyle when Wahlgren and Watson finished one-two in the event and in return handed the Panthers 37 team points. With junior Frank Muchna (seventh-place), freshman Mitch Forney (11th), freshman Joe Wyckoff and sophomore Paul Anderson all finishing in the top 15, Eastern received 22 more team points and was the only school to receive points from five different swimmers.

The Panthers once again closed the day out strong thanks to the relay team, this time in the 800-yard free as Wahlgren, Muchna, Watson and Senese defeated second-place Western Illinois 6:54.72 to 7:02.25. That victory gave Eastern a 502-428 lead over Western Illinois and confidence heading into the final day.

"We were pretty sure after (the events of) day that we could win," Senese said. "The team felt like we had a good chance to win after the first day, but we were pretty certain after the second day."

Although the Panthers had the momentum, there were still enough points available for any of the top three teams to win the "Classics."

With this in mind, the Panthers relied on the veteran Watson to get the team started. The Bloomington native finished in second-place in the lengthy 1650-yard free behind Alex Schultz of Eastern Michigan.

After Watson got the Panthers

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"We have a good group of freshmen, sophomores and juniors returning and we're bringing in a talented freshmen crew for next year."

—Roy Padovan, coach

going, the future of Eastern swimming helped Eastern inch closer to the title. Competing against five upperclassmen in the field, Senese was victorious by more than two seconds over junior Jason Hierman of Western Illinois.

"The meet was very tense with a lot of tough competition," Senese said.

After "the future" of Eastern swimming came up with a big win, "the present" helped seal the title for the blue and white. Competing in his final individual event, Wahlgren picked up 20 more team points when he defeated Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis speedster A.J. Sparks 46.51 to 47.17.

"I was really happy for him to win in his final meet," Senese, a high school teammate of Wahlgren at Amos A. Stagg, said. "He's been like a mentor to me, and we've had a friendly rivalry all season, so to see him go out as a winner was nice."

Wahlgren did in fact go out as a "winner" when he swam the opening leg of the victorious 400-yard free relay, which Senese, fittingly enough, closed out as the

anchor.

"It was exciting to win," Senese said. "(The win) was really special for me because it was my first year here."

The Eastern women were unsuccessful in their quest to repeat as Midwest Classic champs when they finished in third place behind Miami of Ohio and Northern Colorado.

Senior Jordan Sherbrooke finished her career at Eastern with wins in the 200 and 500-yard free.

"She was the core of our team this year," Padovan said. "Jordan set a bunch of records as a freshman and has been solid all four years. She was named the Most Valuable Swimmer at last year's Midwest Classic and this year she won two of the three events she competed in."

Other top swims for the Panthers included freshman Brittany Winger (second-place) in the 200-yard individual medley and sophomore Jenny Curry (third-place) in the 50-yard free.

"Brittany set a school record in the 200-yard IM despite finishing in second, and Jenny Curry swam phenomenal in her swims. The competition was just better," Padovan said.

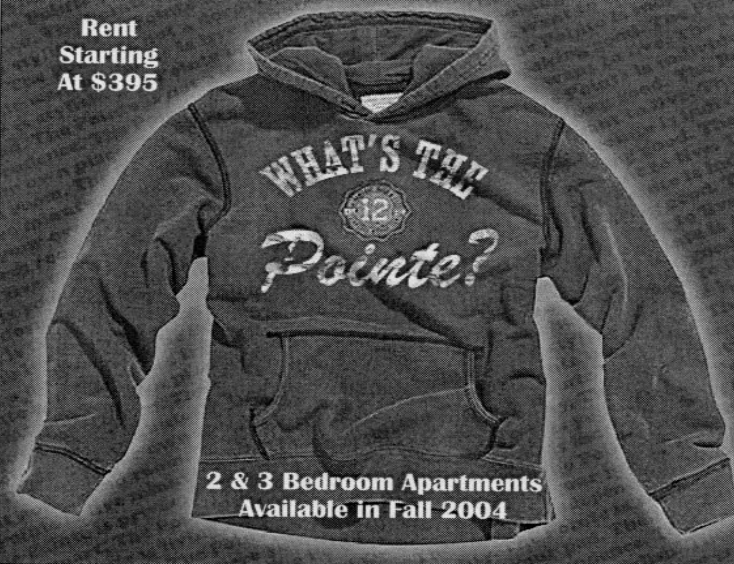
Looking to next season, the women will lose three seniors to graduation while the men will be without four swimmers on the championship squad.

Despite losing Wahlgren and his 23 individual victories, Senese believes the Panthers can repeat as champions.

"Yeah, I really think we can repeat," Senese said.

"We have a good group of freshmen, sophomores and juniors returning, and we're bringing in a talented freshmen crew for next year."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Free throws doom Panthers

Samuels says charity stripe gap the key in 4-point loss

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's hustle turned into trips to the foul line for Eastern Kentucky in Saturday's loss.

Sparked by Thursday's win and trying to send the pair of seniors out with a win, the Panthers set the tone early diving for loose balls and getting physical in the paint.

But their intensity didn't always pay off. Eastern had several close calls on rough plays that didn't go it way. In the first half, sophomore guard Jake Sinclair was sent to the floor when he attempted to

draw a charge near mid-court from Eastern Kentucky's Matt Witt. It appeared Sinclair was set in proper position, but the referee charged him with a block.

"We haven't gotten those breaks all year," coach Rick Samuels said.

Eastern's physical man-to-man defense kept the Colonels offense and outside threats in check for most of the first half, but the fouls piled up and Eastern Kentucky capitalized at the free throw line. During a 17-minute stretch in the first half, the Colonels made only three field goals but scored eight from the line. Eastern Kentucky went to the charity stripe seven times in the first half, converting 9 of 13.

"That was the key," Samuels said. "They got to the free throw line and we didn't. It wouldn't have been close in the first half if it wasn't for free throws."

Eastern made 8 of 9 free throws compared to Eastern Kentucky's 22 of 29.

In the second half, the Panthers' intensity waned and the Colonels' offense exploded. The Colonels' sharp shooters, Ben Rushing and Witt, both hit a pair of threes to recapture the lead.

"Rushing hit two big ones and we just caught ourselves relaxing," sophomore guard Josh Gomes said.

Eastern's foul trouble continued as the team sent Eastern Kentucky to the line 16 times in the second half, making 13 of 16. Three times in the second half an Eastern Kentucky player was fouled on a made shot and converted the three point play.

"We got complacent," Samuels said. "We weren't as intense and then we put them on the foul line."

Witt, the Colonels' top scorer with 23, made as many free throws himself (eight) as the whole Eastern squad. Rushing added five from the stripe and forward Michael Haney contributed six.

"We only missed one free throw, but we just didn't get a lot of chances," Samuels said.

"It wouldn't have been close in the first half if it wasn't for free throws."

—Rick Samuels, coach



Men's Basketball Standings

	OVC	OVERALL
Austin Peay	14-0	17-8
Murray State	12-2	22-5
Morehead State	8-6	13-12
Eastern Kentucky	8-6	13-12
Tennessee-Tech	7-7	13-12
Samford	6-8	11-14
Tennessee State	6-9	7-18
Jacksonville State	5-9	12-13
Eastern Illinois	4-10	6-19
Southeast Missouri	4-10	11-14
Tennessee-Martin	3-11	8-18

Saturday's Results

Samford 74, Tennessee Tech 69
Eastern Kentucky 71, Eastern Illinois 67
Tennessee St. 81, Tennessee-Martin 72
Wichita State 62, Austin Peay 47
Southeast Missouri 80, Morehead 77

Monday's Matchups

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Murray St.

Tuesday's Matchups

Morehead State at Eastern Kentucky
Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay
Samford at Jacksonville State

Stevens: 64-golfer event similar to NCAA's March Madness

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You'll never see that in the NCAA's, but in the Match Play Championship, it's a decent bet.

Ernie Els may pull out of the event to spend time with family and let's say for argument's sake, his Web site is correct.

At that point, a pair of PGA champions will battle it out for the grand opportunity to compete against Stephen Leanyer or Sergio Garcia.

Davis Love III is still deserving of a top seed and has proved it since firing a final round 64 in his 2003 Players Championship title. Love III will battle against 2002 PGA champion Rich Beem. "Beemer" has been on a downward trend since his major, but is one of the scariest players in the field.

Two other opening round matches will have attention starting with 2003 Masters champion Mike Weir competing against a former 'next big thing'

in Lee Westwood. Weir will be riding high off his Nissan Open win and the left-handed Canadian was excellent in The Presidents Cup late in 2003. After being considered as Britain's version of El Tigre, Westwood played like a four handicapper over the past couple of years plummeting his world ranking to over 250. An excellent Ryder Cup performance has reenergized Westwood, and he has played more consistently of late.

Old school meets new school as Charles Howell III runs up against Fred Funk.

The young Howell III has been waiting for the breakout performance of his career since turning pro. The Accenture World Match Play would be as good a place as any for the

Augusta, Ga. native.

The elder Fred Funk seems to bring his best golf to the biggest stage, and match play is an excellent environment to have his "Funk Fest" give his cheerful attitude a little competitive drive.

I'm not trying to sell this golf event as a better alternative but I'm saying that as a fan of Bracketology, I need something to prep me for the fever known as March Madness. The Accenture Match Play Championship literally fits that bill to a tee.

Facts on 2004 Accenture Match Play Championship

- ◆ **Dates:** Feb. 23 to March 1
- ◆ **Site:** La Costa Resort and Spa, Carlsbad, Calif.
- ◆ **Defending Champion:** Tiger Woods
- ◆ **Eligibility:** The top 64 available players from the Official World Golf Ranking released on Feb. 16, 2003

Panthers: Samuels says Patterson's 19 points, 9 rebound game best of the season

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After the Colonels got back into the game halfway through the second half, they were able to hang close to the Panthers throughout the rest of the game.

Then in the final two minutes, after Eastern had given them the double bonus from the free throw line, Eastern Kentucky was able to lock the game up at the charity stripe. The Colonels only missed seven free throw attempts all game and constantly had their best shooters at the line toward the end of the game.

"We got a little careless on defense and that led to them having plenty of opportunities at the free throw line," Samuels said. "As they made them that became the key to their win."

The Panthers were bolstered throughout the game by their defensive intensity and offensive production from Patterson and sophomore guard Josh Gomes.

Gomes led the team with 20 points, and Patterson

"We got a little careless on defense and that led to them having plenty of opportunities at the free throw line."

—Rick Samuels, coach

was right behind him with 19.

"I thought this was Patterson's best overall effort of the season tonight," Samuels said. "When he is able to run the court like he did tonight, he is better than most at finishing on the run because of his athleticism."

Patterson also felt that this was one of his better games, but he was disappointed for the departing seniors because the Panthers could have have won this game for them.

"Losing tonight, especially with those guys leaving, is disappointing because we wanted them to go out with a victory," Patterson said. "They both had a great career here, but we'll just have to get a couple wins on the road now and try to get them into the tournament."

Senior Day: Panthers shot blistering 71 percent from field in first half

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Colonels forward Pam Garrett missed her baseline shot as the clock expired.

The Panthers came out on fire, shooting 71 percent from the field goal in the first half, finishing at 56.8, which is the third highest this season. Eastern made 21 of 29 free throws compared to the Colonels 9 of 11.

The Panthers travel to Tennessee-Martin on Thursday in another must win situation. Eastern needs to beat UTM to stay alive. If Eastern completes the road sweep by winning at Murray State, they would clinch a tournament berth.



Women's Basketball Standings

	OVC	OVERALL
Austin Peay	12-2	18-7
Tennessee Tech	11-3	16-9
Southeast Missouri	10-4	15-10
Jacksonville State	9-5	15-9
Eastern Kentucky	8-6	12-13
Murray State	7-7	11-14
Morehead State	7-7	10-15
Tennessee-Martin	7-7	10-15
Eastern Illinois	5-9	8-17
Samford	2-12	9-16
Tennessee State	0-14	1-23

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Panther sports calendar

THURSDAY	M Bball at Tenn-Martin	5:30 p.m.	Martin, TN
	W Bball at Tenn-Martin	7:30 p.m.	Martin, TN
FRIDAY	Softball at Charleston S. Invite	1, 6 p.m.	Charleston, S.C.
	Baseball at La.-Monroe Tourney	2 p.m.	Ruston, La.
	Track & Field at OVC Indoors	3:30p.m.	Lantz Fieldhouse

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL EASTERN 66, W. KENTUCKY 64

Seniors salute Lantz as victors

◆ *Panthers qualify for conference tournament if they win two road games*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Lauren Dailey made her last appearance at Lantz Arena a memorable day.

Dailey couldn't have scripted a better ending to Senior Day. The senior guard hit her first seven field goals, scoring a game-high 18 points, as Eastern upset Eastern Kentucky 66-64 Saturday in Lantz Arena.

The Panthers (8-17 overall, 5-9 OVC) kept their Ohio Valley Conference Tournament hopes in tact by snapping a seven-game losing streak to Eastern Kentucky.

"I found myself open. Today is

Senior Day, and I was going to come out shooting," Dailey said.

The remainder of the scoring punch came from two players participating in unlikely bench roles. Because of all three seniors getting the start, junior center Pam O'Connor and freshman forward Megan Scaggs had to watch the opening of the contest. The pair had 16 and 11 points respectively and still managed to play 28 and 25 minutes.

The Panthers needed to win out to have any hope of earning the eighth spot in the OVC Tournament. The Colonels posed a threat with a record that was over the .500 mark and looking to solidify home-court advantage for the tournament.

With 33 seconds left and the game tied Dailey had the ball stolen at the top of the key. Megan Casad hustled down the court and intercepted

Eastern Kentucky's (12-13, 8-6) fast break pass, one of her two steals.

"I credit my teammates. Megan (Casad) came up with the steal, she saved me," Dailey said.

Eastern worked its offense, able to hold for the last shot, but Meagan Scaggs got fouled with 18 seconds left. The freshman forward calmly sank both free throws putting the Panthers up 66-64.

"I like being the underdog. During the timeout coach Wunder said 'After Meagan makes both of these free throws, those words of encouragement always help,'" Scaggs said.

After the Colonels called two straight timeouts with 12 seconds remaining, EKV's Candis Cook missed a 3-pointer, but the ball went out of bounds last touched by the Panthers.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

On Senior Night, four-year starter Lauren Dailey nailed her first seven shots ending with a game-high 18 points in the Panthers 66-64 victory on Saturday night. It was freshman guard Megan Casad, however, who sank the game-winning free throws with 18 seconds.



THROWING HEAT
Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

March Madness invades golf

The end of February calls for some bracket mania.

Yes, I'm aware that the NCAA Basketball Tournament is still less than a month away, but that doesn't mean a field of 64 will be competing for a championship.

Want a hint? Tee it up.

That's right, the 2004 Accenture World Match Play event is easily the most exciting event in golf history. In fact, it should be recognized as a major championship.

Besides the majors, where are you going to find the best 64 players in the world all in one place with a total purse of \$7 million? Think about some of the players who didn't qualify for the event - future Hall of Famer Nick Faldo, Lee Janzen, Jose Maria Olzabal, John Daly and David Duval.

The definition of March Madness is the upsets. In this event, there is no such thing as an upset. In 18 holes under the match play format, where momentum can change on a dime, an upset doesn't occur. Only three players in the top 10 have reached the final in the five years of the event which proves how unpredictable this tournament can be.

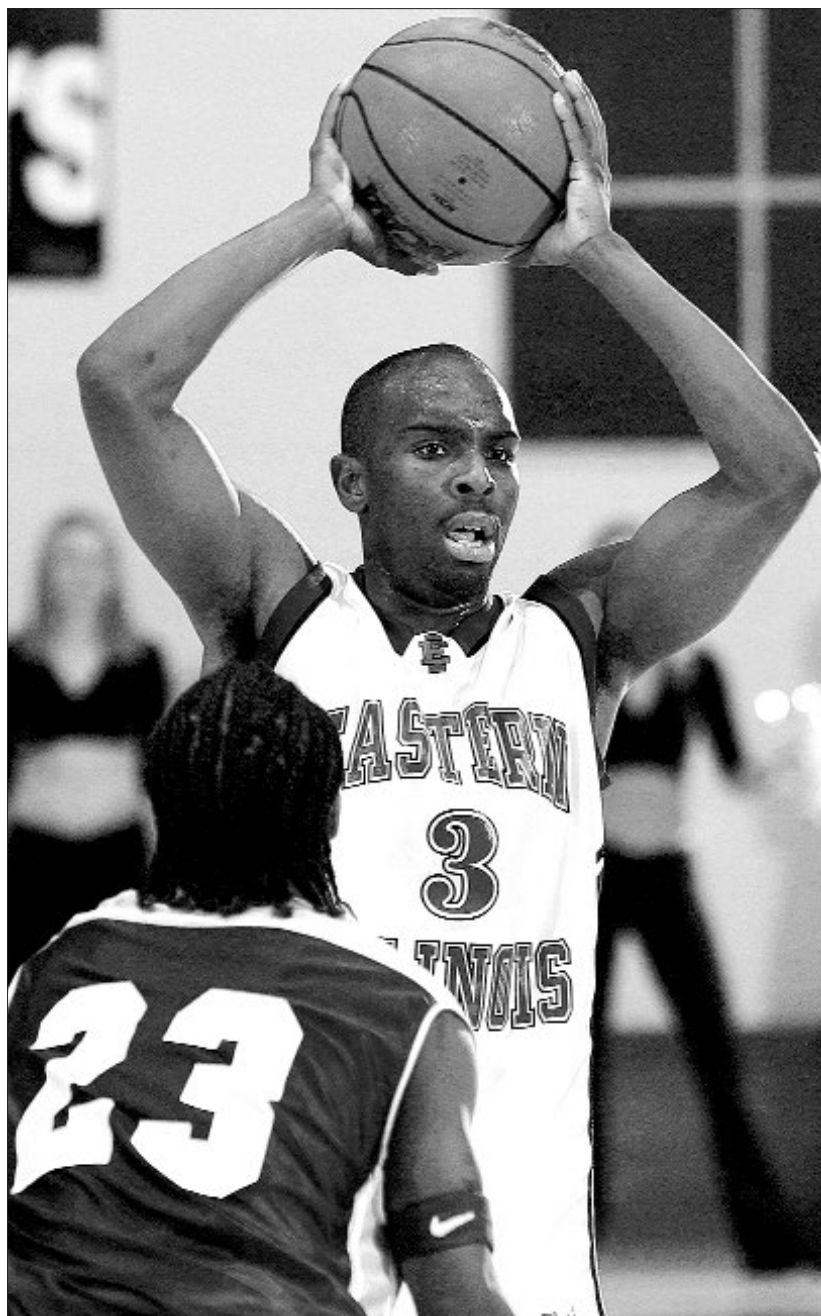
Although it would be a top story on ESPN, 64th-ranked Shingo Katayama (and his Howdy Doody hat) will have an even money chance to send number-one ranked Tiger Woods packing in Wednesday's first round action.

A pair of first round matchups will draw crowd attention by featuring a contest of former major winners.

Former British Open champion (sixth seed) Justin Leonard will put his recent Ryder Cup reputation against 2003 PGA champion (11th seed) Shawn Micheel. Micheel is playing the best golf of his life coming out of the Nissan Classic where he shot a final-round 64.

How about a one-seed beating a 64?

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Emanuel Dildy dished out four assists in Eastern's 71-67 loss to Eastern Kentucky on Saturday. Dildy, a junior, has one more season to play, but seniors Jesse Mackinson and David Roos played their final home game.

SWIMMING

Panthers win Midwest Classic; 9 records broken

◆ *Men's team leads wire to wire, women finish 3rd in final meet of year*

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into the Midwest Classic Championships, Eastern's swimming coach Ray Padovan said the men needed to swim 90 percent lifetime bests to win. After a three

day meet which saw the Panther men lead from wire-to-wire, Padovan received his wish.

"We had more like 99 percent not 90 percent lifetime bests from the men," Padovan said.

Thanks to those lifetime swims, Eastern tallied 803 team points well ahead of Western Illinois (685) and host Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (505).

Eastern opened a slight 209-183

lead over in-state rival Western on day one. The Panthers got off to an impressive start to the Midwest Classics by winning the 200-yard freestyle relay. The team of senior Rich Wahlgren, junior Matt Holben, freshman Bill Senese and junior Eric Petersen picked up 40 points for the Panthers when they edged Eastern Michigan for the top spot. The Panthers continued to win in the relays when Senese and

Wahlgren, paired with freshman Tyson Beaman and junior Paul Luttinen won the the 400-yard free again over Eastern Michigan.

While Eastern did not pick up any individual wins on opening day, the Panthers received second-place finishes from Beaman in the 200-yard individual medley and junior Tom Watson in the 500-yard free.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL E. KENTUCKY 71, EASTERN 67

Late big shots spoil Lantz finale

◆ *Colonels first gain momentum with three-pointers, then seal game from free-throw line*

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

On a night when two of Eastern's seniors said their final goodbyes to Lantz Arena, the Panthers may have said goodbye to their chances of making the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament as well.

The Panthers (6-19, 4-10) now need to have two quality wins on the road, as the Panthers finish off their season with games at Tennessee Martin and second place Murray State.

The loss marked a disappointing end to the Panthers' schedule at Lantz Arena, and seniors Jesse Mackinson and David Roos' final home game of their career. The Panthers only went 5-8 on their home court this year and lost the kind of game Saturday night in which home court advantage should have had a large impact.

Down the stretch, Lantz Arena was nearly as loud as it

had been all year, but that crowd noise didn't affect the Colonels as they were able to execute in the final two minutes of the game.

"It's just big shots," junior forward Aaron Patterson said. "They were able to hit their shots towards the end. They also had some key offensive rebounds, which was big at the end of the game."

Eastern had held the Colonels' sharp shooters Matt Witt and Ben Rushing in check throughout the majority of the game but did allow Rushing free a couple of times. In the two three-point attempts Rushing made during that two-minute time span, the tide of the game changed, and the Colonels were able to come back.

The two three pointers made by Rushing came with around 10 minutes remaining in the game and eliminated a six-point Eastern lead.

"I thought the defense was in reasonably good control of the game up until Rushing hit those two threes," Eastern coach Rick Samuels said.

"After that the momentum changed, and that might have been because our intensity on defense waned a little at that point."

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