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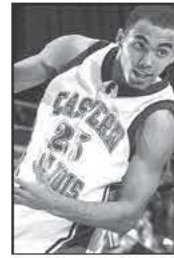
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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

January 14, 2004 ♦ WEDNESDAY



No luck at Lantz

Eastern loses second straight at home 84-64 to Southeast Missouri.

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A return to look forward to

♦ *Mona Davenport, interim director of minority affairs, is ready to return to Eastern after leaving in 1997*

By Adam Testa
STAFF WRITER

An interim director has been assigned to fill the director of minority affairs position left open after Johnetta Jones' death last semester.

Mona Davenport of Normal has accepted the interim position and will begin Jan. 26.

"Mona Davenport is ideally qualified to guide continued institutional emphasis on initiatives related to diversity at all levels of the university and to foster relationship-building among all the university's constituents," said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern.

Davenport is no stranger to Eastern's campus, having graduated from here with both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

After graduating, Davenport moved to Chicago where she worked as a staff coordinator at the Abraham Lincoln Center, dealing with high-risk adolescents.

Davenport returned to Eastern in 1991 to work in higher education. She helped to recruit students to Eastern from two community colleges that had no Eastern transfers in a long time.

Soon she started to work with the Gateway program and in 1994 she organized a black student reunion.

In 1997, Davenport left Eastern for a job at Governor's State University, where she stayed for three years. After leaving Governor's State, she decided to return to school and pursue a doctorate in educational administration and foundations with an emphasis on higher education at Illinois State University.

Davenport said Eastern was her home place and she is excited to return.

"I'm looking forward to coming back home and to help the students," she said.

A search committee has also been formed to begin the process of finding a full-time employee for the position.

"The committee's task is to find the best candidate that meets our need and fits our description," said Keith Kohanzo, director of communication law for judicial affairs and member of the search committee.

The committee is in the early stages of the search process.

"The first step is to draft criteria as to what we are looking for," Kohanzo said.

The search process consists of the collection of applications, review of applications and candidates by the committee, the committee narrowing down choices and a committee vote to choose the best applicant.

A permanent director is expected to be in place by July 1, 2004.

"The campus uses steam for heating, cooling, cooking and domestic hot water needs."

Gary Reed, director of steam plant



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NEWS PHOTO
BY COLIN
MCAULIFFE

Mike Waddell, chief operating engineer of Eastern's steam plant, shows coal in one of the coal boilers Tuesday afternoon.

Energizing Eastern

♦ *Eastern steam plant burns 50 tons of coal every 24 hours*

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Providing Eastern with heat for almost 80 years, the steam plant on Seventh Street is now in need of improvements because of old age and heavy use.

Gary Reed, director of the plant, knows what it will take to repair the plant and about its history.

Built in 1925, the plant burns coal and produces steam, which supplies 40 buildings on campus with energy, Reed said.

"The campus uses steam for heating, cooling, cooking and domestic hot water needs," Reed said. "The steam plant houses four boilers which accomplish this task. Two are fueled by coal and two are fueled by either (natural) gas or oil."

Before the plant was built, a similar system was in place on campus.

"It is believed there was an old boiler plant sitting between Blair Hall and Pemberton Hall, coal-fired and hand-stoked, which supplied steam to the original campus buildings," Reed said.

The plant is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and has a total of 10 operators with one Chief Operating Engineer, Mike Waddell.

Waddell said the plant burns 50 tons of coal every day and burns it year round,



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

The steam plant has been providing heating and cooling for many of Eastern's buildings since 1925.

even in the summer.

Waddell, who has worked in the plant since 1989, also knows how much the plant needs to be repaired.

"We can't meet EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standards with Illinois coal," Waddell said.

Illinois coal has a sulfur content of 3.5 to 5 percent.

With the high sulfur content in Illinois coal, combined with worn out plant parts, Eastern has to buy a lower .66 percent sulfur content coal from Indiana. On Dec.

19, a contract for up to \$1.45 million per year with Black Beauty Coal Company in Evansville, Ind. was approved by Eastern's Board of Trustees.

The contract includes the purchase and delivery of up to 30,000 tons of coal and the back hauling of coal waste from Jan. 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Each ton of coal delivered to Eastern will cost \$45.40, while the back hauling of the waste will cost \$16.50 per ton.

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Charleston looking at city money investment changes

♦ *New policy would give guidelines on how to invest city money*

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

Charleston may soon be adopting a new policy to help guide its comptroller with city money investment.

"At the last regular city council meeting on Jan. 6, the council

moved to place a resolution adopting an investment policy on file for public inspection until the next council meeting on Jan. 20," Mayor Dan Cougill said.

The new policy would give guidelines to current



Tamara Moshtagh

comptroller, Tamara Moshtagh, and future comptrollers along with city managers on how to invest city money with the help of an investment strategy.

"It will help in making sure we don't concentrate all of our cash in one area and one bank," Moshtagh said.

Moshtagh decided to create an investment plan when she took office in the fall and realized the city had nothing in place to help

her plan how to properly invest city money.

"I didn't want to violate any policies," she said.

Thus, Moshtagh began to draw up a unique investment policy for Charleston by taking "bits and pieces" of investment policies and guidelines from other cities, the Illinois Government Finance Officials Association and the Illinois Treasurer's Office.

"The investment policy reiter-

ates investment restrictions and policies laid out in state statutes," Cougill added.

Until recently, the comptroller position had not been recognized by the city. Duties assigned to the comptroller were done by the city clerk and treasurer.

Moshtagh said previous comptrollers had not used an investment policy at all.

SEE INVESTMENT ♦ Page 5

New year, new entertainment

◆ *Charleston Alley Theatre preparing for upcoming production*

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

A new year is scheduled to bring new entertainment to the community thanks to the Charleston Alley Theatre. The CAT will soon begin its 14th season with "Passionate as the Dawn: An Evening of Poetry by William Butler Yeats."

This event will be held Feb. 6 through Feb. 9, at the 718 Monroe Avenue theatre just east of the town square across from the Will Rogers Theater.

According to the CAT press release, this is just one of a series of dramatic readings to be hosted this year.

The script has been developed especially for this production by David Radavich and Bailey Young, two Eastern professors.

Tanya Wood, a longtime member of the CAT, will be producing this performance.

Radavich said four performances are scheduled with the possibility of a fifth performance should attendance be high.

The showing on Sunday, Feb. 8, is planned as a matinee at 2 p.m.

Radavich said the theater has hosted a variety of poetry performances in the past. Poets such as Walt Whitman, Gertrude Stein, Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning have been featured.

Radavich said the cast will need to rehearse two or three times prior to performance.

Work on building the set has already begun. Young said the set will attempt to represent the core of Yeats' work.

Yeats was a romantic poet who was also an admired playwright.

"Yeats is one of the most important poets, and I'm sure people will enjoy hearing his poems," Radavich said.

Young shared those sentiments.

"Yeats has been quoted by people in politics and the arts," Young said. "We want to represent the complexity of his



PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Charleston Alley Theatre, located at 718 Monroe in downtown Charleston, will have "Passionate as the Dawn: An Evening of Poetry by William Butler Yeats" on February 6-9 directed by Eastern professors Bailey Young and David Radavich.

work."

He said many of Yeats' expressions have become a part of the common language.

Both Radavich and Young have been involved in many different productions over the years.

"I've been involved [in the theater] since the beginning," Radavich said.

He has performed on stage in a variety of performances.

Young, who has been involved with the CAT for the last five years, also has a wealth of experience.

An informational meeting will be

held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. A reading of the chosen selections will also be performed at this meeting.

Both Radavich and Young encouraged all community members to get involved. Radavich expects six to 10 people to participate. The group is expected to include a wide range of ages.

This only adds to the performance, Radavich said.

"Some of the poems that we do will have an exchange between two or more people," Radavich said. "This will provide an interesting effect."

STUDENT SENATE

Non-senators to be given bigger voice in senate

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica wrote a bylaw change that will create a longer process in getting legislation passed.

Lesica said last semester's senators would write legislation that didn't involve that senator's committee and his proposed bylaw change was made to eliminate those situations.

"It's meant to force people to write legislation that has to do with their own committee," Lesica said.

The bylaw change states after a senator writes a piece of legislation, he or she must take it to the speaker and the speaker decides what committee should handle the legislation. The chosen committee will then vote whether or not the legislation is ready to meet the senate.

Lesica said this system will also give non-senators a chance to get their voices out.

"I feel this will give non-senators a chance to actually debate," Lesica said.

Non-senators have always been able to join senate committees, but this new bylaw change will give them more of an involvement with the senate.

"This gives them a chance to have a voice in possible changes the senate might make," Lesica said. "Their opinions will be considered by the senate when the legislation is in discussion."

Lesica has co-authored another piece of legislation, which will ask for \$3,392.50 to be associated with attendance to the Conference on Student Government Associations on Feb. 21-24.

A person associated with student government will later be chosen to speak on behalf of Eastern's student government at the previously mentioned conference, Lesica said.

"Generally people chosen are senior members of student government," Lesica said. "Anyone in a position of responsibility can be chosen."

The proposed amount of money includes airfare, lodging and rental car among other things, Lesica said.

Lesica said he also plans to approve former Secretary of Senate Jeff Collier as a senate member at Wednesday's meeting. He also plans to fill the open secretary spot with a secretary from the Student Activities Center.

The Student Senate meets 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Holding on until the much anticipated three day weekend

It is halfway through the first week back and hopefully all is well and classes are not too stressful yet. At least everyone has a three-day weekend to look forward to. That extra day this weekend could call for a movie. The new flicks "Along Came Polly" with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston and "Torque" with Ice Cube, Jay Hernandez and Jaime Presly all debut locally this Friday.

◆ Today through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern's Health Service will offer Flu Mist flu immunizations without an appointment. The immunizations are free to students and \$10 for university employees. For other times call 581-2727 to make an appointment.



WHAT'S HAPPENIN'
Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

◆ The student life office along with the office of minority affairs invite Eastern's minority faculty and staff to participate in a new faculty/student mentoring program. This program is specifically designed to enhance the exchange of professional knowledge and skills among African-American faculty/staff and Eastern's upper-classmen.

According to the press release, the pro-

gram's purpose is "to foster a supportive environment while promoting professional growth and development, leadership and academic excellence among upper-class students." An informational meeting has been planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Kansas room of the Martin Luther Kind Jr. University Union.

◆ **PARTY WITH THE PANTHERS!** Watch both men's and women's basketball take on Tennessee State on Saturday. Women's tip off is at 2 p.m. and men's tip off is at 7 p.m. Go and win cool prizes from the University Board.

◆ Saturday night the University Board

presents the movie "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" in Buzzard Auditorium at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

◆ Alpha Phi Alpha will be sponsoring a march in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The march will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 in front of Thomas Hall and extend to the Grand Ballroom of the Union.

◆ Charleston Carnegie Public Library will sponsor a free library service at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, for anyone unable to read regular print due to a visual, physical or reading disability. A representative from Talking Books will be there to fully explain the program and answer any questions.

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In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* the sub-head on page one said Eastern agreed to a contract for \$2,646,061 with Black Beauty Coal Co. The sub-head should have said \$1.45 million. The *News* regrets the error.

SUGGESTIONS

If you have any ideas or suggestions for articles you would like to see in *The News*, feel free to contact us at 581-2812 or jpchambers@eiu.edu



Traffic light move delayed

By Michael Schroeder
CITY REPORTER

The city of Charleston's plans to move one of the street lights on Lincoln Avenue from Seventh Street to Ninth Street has been delayed.

Bodine Electric, who the city contracted for the work, has already begun groundwork. They have drilled holes in the ground and poured foundation for the new signals at Lincoln Avenue and Ninth Street, Public Works Director Curt Buescher said.

Although *The Daily Eastern News* reported Nov. 12 that work would begin in mid-December and conclude in mid-January, the contractors did not start working on the lights until last week.

The contractors "will work steady from now on, weather permitting," Buescher said.

However, the contractors had to reorder the metal mast arms that hold up the traffic lights. The masts have been ordered and will not arrive for six weeks, Buescher said.

"I think we are looking at eight to 10 weeks minimum to get things up and running," Buescher said.

Once this happens, the city will have to go through the technicalities of changing traffic control signals. The lights on Seventh Street cannot be taken down until the lights are working on Ninth street, he



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Gary Parker, an electrician with Decatur-based Bodine Electric, smooths the top of a concrete foundation Friday afternoon at the corner of Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue. The foundations will be used for the new traffic signals when they are moved from Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue.

said. The city had decided to coordinate the traffic signal shift with Eastern's plan for the Doudna Fine Arts Center project, former Public Works Director Dean Barber said in an interview in November.

"The city has known for some time that Ninth Street carries a

bit of traffic," Barber said.

This change will ease that load and take away a majority of the traffic on Seventh Street and place it on Ninth Street. This would be in preparation of the closing of Seventh Street for Eastern's Fine Arts Center project, he continued.

Seventh Street will eventual-

ly become a one-way street with traffic traveling southbound.

The new traffic lights at Ninth and Lincoln will be coordinated with the other lights on Lincoln at Fourth and Sixth Streets.

It will help smooth the flow of traffic on Lincoln, Buescher said.

Senate debates alumni fund drive

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Ways to improve alumni funding at Eastern were presented to the Faculty Senate Tuesday, along with results from telemarketing firm Ruffalo Cody.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, along with Alumni Services Director Steve Rich and Karla Evans, executive director of development for the Neal Welcome Center, outlined a three-year plan to increase funds to Eastern.

"We need a larger endowment," Evans said. "It would put us in closer proximity to where we should be," in comparison to other schools the same size as Eastern, Evans said.

As of June 30, 2003, Eastern had \$22.1 million in endowments, a number that is still small, Evans said.

To help increase contributions from alumni and help generate new donors, the three-year plan includes goals to convert non-donors, increase the average gift size from donors and targets alumni who are able to make substantial contributions.

"We have identified the top 250 university prospects who have the capacity of giving to this project," Evans said.

The overall project goal is to begin a capital campaign, something the group is not ready to begin at this point, Evans said.

The progress and success of Ruffalo Cody, a telemarketing firm hired last spring to solicit funds from alumni, was also discussed during the meeting.

"Ruffalo Cody was a test for us last year," Rich said. "We were trying to reach out and contact new donors."

In the time Ruffalo Cody has been under contract with Eastern, they have provided 24,000 address updates and more than 5,000 current phone numbers, Rich said, but some senate members have doubts about the price for the service.

When Senate Member John Pommier asked Rich about the unequal funds campus departments received using Ruffalo Cody instead of calling alumni on their own, Rich defended Ruffalo Cody.

He said departments that wanted to use the service had to attend a meeting in which risks of low returns were explained and said, "half will say 'no, we didn't hear that' and the other half will say 'yes, we heard that loud and clear.'"

Some departments chose not to use the service because of the risk of low returns, Rich said.

Nilsen, Evans and Rich met with the Council of Deans and Blair Lord, vice president for Academic Affairs, Tuesday to discuss keeping Ruffalo Cody and telefunding in the future. They would not comment on the results of the meeting until a meeting with department chairs could take place, Rich said.

When Pommier asked Rich if they were committed to Ruffalo Cody, Rich said "it depends on what you mean by committed. Can they be a component? Yes. Is that the centerpiece? No."

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

College of Sciences gets new, old faces

By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

Three familiar faces returned from winter break with positions in the upper ranks of Eastern's department of biological sciences.

Dean Mary Anne Hanner of Biological Sciences is surrounded with a new team. A new associate dean, department chair and associate department chair have been appointed.

Although the appointments were made at the beginning of January, the appointees will wait until July 1, 2004 to take on their official roles.

Until then, appointees will hold their current positions, but act as their new appointed position.

Kipp Kruse, former chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, did not intend to seek another three-year term. He requested a leave for the last six months of his appointment, Hanner said. Kruse's term will end July 1, which explains the delay of the new appointees receiving their official titles.

Kruse will return to full-time teaching in Eastern's biology department.

Godson C. Obia, previously the acting associate dean, will take on the duties and title of associate dean of the College of Sciences.

Obia said his responsibilities as associate dean do not differ from those as acting associate dean, and that the only differences involved come with the title.

"I was performing the full duties of an associate dean in an acting capacity, pending a

search to hire a permanent associate dean," Obia said. "In other words, the difference is not in duties, but in the job title."

Andrew S. Methven, previously the associate chair of Biological Sciences, has been appointed to serve as chair of Eastern's Biological Sciences Department until replacing Kruse in July.

Methven said he will hold much of the same responsibilities as he did when he was associate chair, but will now have the power to make the final decisions.

Some of the many responsibilities the chair and associate chair hold include scheduling classes, assisting transfer students in finding classes, planning for the department on decisions concerning faculty hiring and fiscal issues, recruiting and evaluating faculty and staff.

With Methven's appointment from associate chair, professor of biological sciences Dr. Robert "Bud" Fischer will step up to fill the empty seat.

Although Fischer will assist Methven with decisions, he too has individual responsibilities. Fischer will act as a department representative at open houses and other university events and handle awards and scholarships for the department.

Methven said working with Fischer will result in a great team effort.



Bud Fischer



Andrew Methven



Godson Obia

"I look at it as he and I are working more together as a team to get things accomplished," he said. "He reports to me and I make the final decision."

Dean Hanner said the appointment of Obia and Methven was based on the Internal Governing Policies guide, a document that assists faculty through the procedures of appointing new positions. Methven then appointed Fischer to associate chair.

Although the guide provides a series of qualifications for appointees, Hanner said faculty needs to have knowledge of the policies of the university and comprehensive knowledge of the unit they are responsible for.

Hanner is expecting the same service from the new appointees as they have given in the past.

"I expect, because both Methven and Obia have served for a while, continued excellent service and great insight to the issues at hand," Hanner said.




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EDITORIAL

Sales tax bad news for students

Students might start to notice their trip to Walmart costs a few extra cents more than they anticipated.

It's because of a news sales tax that was passed in a referendum last April and took effect at the beginning of the year. This tax is an excellent example of why Eastern students need to get out and vote.

Charleston added the sales tax referendum to the ballot in hopes the increased funds would help lower the city's property taxes. In essence, Charleston is making the students help pay the bills that home residents are likely more concerned about.

It doesn't take a financial genius to figure out that Eastern students make up a bulk of the Charleston economy during the school year.

Students are spending money at Charleston's gas stations, restaurants, shops, grocery stores, bars and of course Walmart.

Instead of increasing other taxes, the sales tax takes advantage of a large portion of the city's population with expendable income – the students.

A few cents might not seem like much, but when multiplied by the number of students that spend their money in Charleston, it adds up to a lot of money. When those funds are used to reduce property taxes, it's like taking money from the students and giving it to the residents even though the increase does have economic benefits.

While it's too late now to do anything about the sales tax, students can save money in the future by voting.

The students are part of the Charleston community and should be treated as such. In return, the students should also act like members of the community by voting.

Some might complain about how the people of Charleston don't appreciate what the students bring to the community, but the students need to make their presence felt in places other than on campus and in the bars.

In this election year, voters will choose who will become or remain president. Eastern students should learn from last April's referendum.

If students don't want to have the will of others imposed on them without a say, they should voice their opinions at the ballot box.

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

OPINION

Respect Catholic and gay rights



Mike Schroeder

City reporter and guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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The hot topic over the last few months, both around the nation and within this editorial page, has been gay rights. It seems every other day the opinion page has an article written that tells how wonderful homosexual life is and how horrible the "knee-jerk narrow minded conservative Catholic right" is for being against homosexuality.

Many of these arguments have gone without thought or evidence and have been attacks on people such as myself who feel that homosexuality is wrong. I can and will not speak for the Jerry Falwells of the world who blame 9/11 and anything else that is wrong in society on gays. However, I can speak for a large number of people who think along the same lines of myself.

I feel that homosexuality is wrong for three reasons:

1. It says it is in Scripture.
2. My church, the Catholic Church, has said it is wrong and 2,000 years worth of doctrine has supported that.
3. I believe in my heart that it is wrong.

Now, does this stance on homosexuality mean I hate gays? No. Does this mean I would harm anyone who is gay? No. Does this mean I don't talk to or befriend gays? No. Does this mean I don't think they should be able to hold legally bonding marriages? No.

I believe gay marriage is

"If two homosexuals love each other and wish to be legally married, fine; it doesn't hurt me or anyone else."

wrong due to my belief in the sacredness of marriage, but that is only at the religious level. If two homosexuals love each other and wish to be legally married, fine; it doesn't hurt me or anyone else.

I would, however, object if it were through the sacrament of marriage within the Catholic Church. This would be for reasons of doctrine that would require far more space than I have here. For one not to respect this opinion is wrong.

I, along with many, also don't see it as "all gays are going to hell" or any "not saved" nonsense. There are many other things that I and the Catholic Church think are sinful; many of these other sins I, myself, unfortunately am guilty of. I know that and therefore am no better than any homosexual, and they are no better than myself or any other person who commits any sins.

"Hate the sin and love the sin-

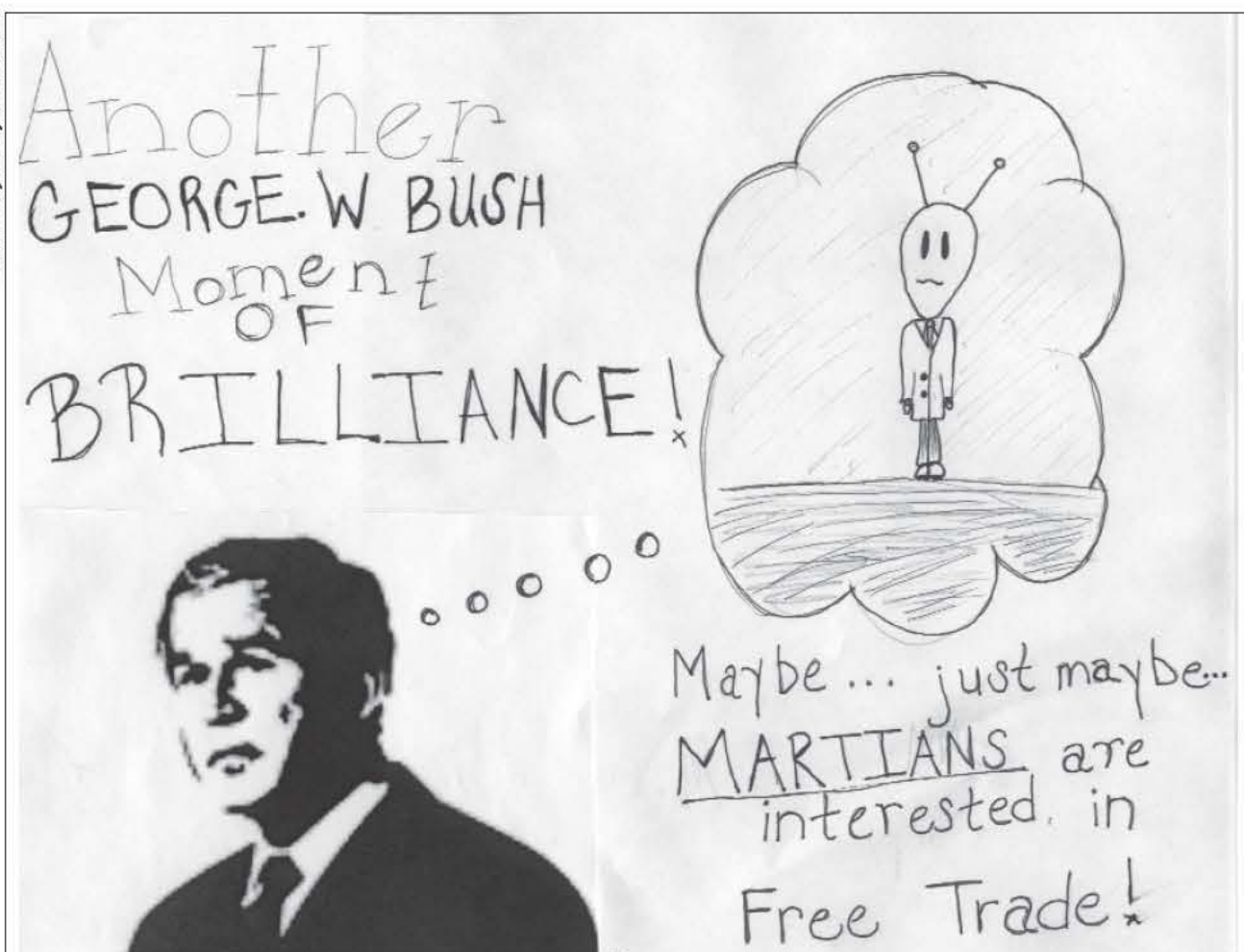
ner" is the way this issue should be approached. Anyone who ignores this and persecutes homosexuals is ignoring the message of Jesus. If they are one of those "closed-minded Catholics" they are also going against what the Church teaches. There is no reason for anyone to "hate gays" in the name of faith. In the same instance there is no reason for anyone to hold my or anyone else's stance on homosexuality against us.

I disagree with the lifestyle of gays and the beliefs that support that lifestyle, but I still respect them on the fact that it is their choice and it is not harming anyone else. I ask for the same respect for my view. I have my beliefs and no matter what anyone is saying, they are not harming anyone else. Therefore they should be respected.

If I am suppose to respect the lifestyles of gays, there is no reason that my lifestyle as a Catholic shouldn't be respected.

This backlash against anyone who believes differently than pro-gay rights people is uncalled for and uneducated. Give the people a chance to explain their beliefs and why they believe what they do. See if their beliefs affect their treatment of homosexuals. Many live by "Hate the sin and love the sinner," and to assume them to be hateful to homosexuals just based on their religious affiliation and/or belief is narrow-minded and wrong.

Cartoon by Holly Henschen



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Examine Jackson's mentality

Editor's note: The article referenced in this letter was printed in the Verge Dec. 5. The letter to the editor referenced in this letter ran Jan. 12.

I would have to agree with Dr. Samuels' assertion that Mr. Erwin's remark concerning Michael Jackson's skin tone changes was offensive.

However, I, as a psychology graduate from Eastern, and a first year student in a clinical psychology doctoral program, think it is entirely

appropriate to question Mr. Jackson's mental status.

First of all, there are multiple charges of child molestation against Mr. Jackson. Since pedophilia is a recognized disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV-TR, the accusations against Michael Jackson call for exactly that question.

He may be a "lover of children," but his actions are not normal. I have never seen another adult forcing his or her own chil-

dren to wear masks in public at all times. I have also never seen another adult have "sleepovers" with children.

It is, simply put, abnormal behavior, as well as irresponsible. That goes without even mentioning the fact that he had prior accusations against him and

strong enough evidence for there to be a multi-million dollar out of court settlement, as well as a change in California law.

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Students hope Atlanta trip promotes unity

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Apportionment Board allocated \$3,900 to take a trip to Atlanta to visit sites that focus on diversity.

The group is scheduled to leave Feb. 11, said Lisa Flam, student vice president for student affairs. Their return is scheduled for Feb. 14.

"It's an effort to promote campus unity," Flam said. "And to create an educational environment for all students to understand the racial injustices and indifferences that students are still dealing with today."

The group will travel on a bus that will be able to carry 45 students along, Flam said. Any student is allowed to go as long as they pay \$150 for the bus and driver expenses, said Monique Cook-Bey of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Black Student Union.

"We want to make this opportunity available to all students," Cook-Bey said.

The group will visit historically black universities in Atlanta such as Clark Atlanta, Spellman and Moorehouse, Cook-Bey said.

"This trip is more than just one culture," Cook-Bey said. "The Civil Rights era didn't just affect African-Americans, it affected anyone who felt passionate about civil rights."

Cook-Bey said she hopes those students who go on the trip, come back and spread the word to other students.

"I think the ultimate goal is for students to bring something back and share it with the community,"

Cook-Bey said.

Flam said she agreed with Cook-Bey that this trip would be completely worth it if the group came back and inspired more diversity on campus.

"Anybody can go to Atlanta, but we have to make impact when we come back," Flam said.

The group will also visit Martin Luther King Jr.'s tomb and a Civil Rights museum, Flam said.

"Solving the issues of diversity has to start somewhere," Flam said. "We'll be going on this trip as EIU not as individuals."

"We all have differences, but the one thing we all have in common is we are here at Eastern."

Cook-Bey said other schools, such as Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, have been doing this for years and every year more students come.

"As it grows each year, they get more and more people to come," Cook-Bey said. "Students get an opportunity to see things they usually wouldn't see."

Student Body President Caleb Judy said he plans to go along.

"I think we'll get a diverse group," Judy said.



Lisa Flam



Caleb Judy



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Everyday 50 tons of coal from Indiana are dropped off at the steam plant and used in a single 24 hour period.

Jones: Plant improvement costs force Eastern to make coal change

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A filtration system is used in the plant that catches particulates from the burning coal. The system is made up of 980 bags that filter the coal smoke and cut down on pollution, Waddell said.

In order to upgrade the current plant, improvements will need to be made to the filter system as well as other parts.

"We have serious deferred maintenance needs associated with major components that are simply worn out due to the boiler plant's age," Reed said. "We also have significant problems with the plant's scrubber system,

which is actually a complex chemical process for removal of sulfur from the coal smoke."

In addition to the scrubber system, the plant also uses an ash handling system.

"Equipment in the ash handling system vibrates the ash hoppers to shake down ash while emptying collected ash, which causes a loud noise that can be heard across campus, Reed said.

The funds for the improvement project will come from several sources, according to Director of Purchasing Monty Bennett, including capital projects money from the state, matching grant funds from the Illinois Coal Board, grants from the federal government and financing from a debt service agreement.

Until the repairs can be made, Eastern will have to continue to use low sulfur coal.

"The plant has an estimated \$11 million of deferred maintenance

"Rather than invest this much in the current plant, we are considering its replacement."

— Gary Reed, director of Eastern's steam plant

Investment:

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Charleston's policy would require Moshtagh to submit an investment report to the council and city manager, Scott Smith, on a monthly basis.

Moshtagh said with the new policy she would be able to invest excess city money in CDs that

yield higher interest rates and callable bonds.

A CD is a special type of savings account that holds money that cannot be accessed for a certain time period.

Currently, there are five CDs with an average rate around 2.5 percent.

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NATION BRIEFS

Liberal radio gains foothold

NEW YORK (AP) — They haven't got a name or a launch date yet, but the entrepreneurs who dream of launching a liberal radio network have just landed themselves a lead man: Comedian and best-selling author Al Franken.

Progress Media and Franken told The Associated Press Tuesday they have reached an agreement for Franken to host a live, three-hour daily broadcast that would form the anchor of the programming schedule.

In an interview, Franken said the format of the show was still evolving, but he said he was certain that it wouldn't be akin to that used by his rival Rush Limbaugh, which Franken described as "non-guested confrontation."

"He has no one on the show but it's confrontation," Franken said. "His show is just him railing for three hours."

Franken said he planned to use a mix of interviews, calls from listeners and scripted comedy. He said he planned to have a co-host with long experience in radio, but he said that role had not been finalized.

Franken had long been rumored to be interested in a deal with Progress Media, the startup company that is assembling radio stations and talent for a radio network to challenge conservative talk show powerhouses like Limbaugh.

Four killed in tanker crash near Baltimore

ELKRIDGE, Md. (AP) — At least four people were killed Tuesday after a tanker truck carrying a flammable liquid plunged off a highway overpass and exploded into a fiery mass on other vehicles along Interstate 95 near Baltimore, officials said.

"The people in the cars never had a chance," said Dwane Roberts, a truck driver who saw the tanker crash to the road below.

Gary McLhinney, police chief of the Maryland Transportation Authority, said the number of dead could rise in the crash that occurred shortly before 3 p.m., creating a plume of black smoke that could be seen two miles away at Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

The tanker landed in the northbound lane of I-95, just below the overpass carrying the southbound lane of Interstate 895, police said.

At least three other vehicles also burned down to their frames during the enormous, hour-long fire. Foam sprayed by firefighters covered all lanes of northbound I-95 and layered a white coating over mangled vehicles. The earth and grass on the east side of the road were scorched.

Thomas "Tim" Hutchins, the acting state police superintendent, said five vehicles were involved — three trucks and two passenger vehicles. The fire burned much of the soft metal on the vehicles, but investigators hoped to get identification numbers from the remaining steel.

"It's a mangled mess," he said.

Cpl. Rob Moroney of the Maryland State Police said one person in a truck that was somehow involved in the accident jumped out and ran away. But he said there were no details available on the victims.

STATE BRIEFS

Watson accuses Blagojevich of flipping on guns, gambling

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The top Republican in the Illinois Senate accuses Gov. Rod Blagojevich of flip-flopping on two key issues: guns and gambling.

Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson said Tuesday that Blagojevich ran for governor on the promise not to interfere with honest people buying guns legally. But now the Democratic governor says he "enthusiastically" supports banning assault weapons and limiting people to buying one handgun a month.

"I guess he changed his mind on that one," said Watson, who called gun control such a fundamental issue that it's unreasonable for officials to change

their position.

Blagojevich historically supports gun control measures, but during the campaign he said the state had enough such laws and he would focus on enforcement. "If you're a law-abiding citizen ... you've got nothing to fear from me," he said.

Although the governor told the Chicago Tribune he would fight for gun-control legislation, spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said he does not plan to push for such legislation.

Ottenhoff also denied the governor is changing his position on gambling.

Last year, Blagojevich said repeatedly that he was open to expanding gambling as a way to help balance the state

budget. When lawmakers began discussing a major expansion, however, Blagojevich rejected the idea and scolded them for considering it.

Now Blagojevich says he is willing to consider reasonable proposals.

"There's another flip. Hello!" Watson said.

He said Blagojevich's actions last year left many lawmakers feeling betrayed and resentful, so they will want the governor to make the first move in any gambling discussion.

Ottenhoff said Blagojevich's position has always been that expansion is a possibility but not if it uses unrealistic revenue projections to avoid making difficult budget choices.

Governor proposes plan to improve reading

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is proposing a \$15 million plan to improve reading skills.

The governor announced Tuesday that he wants to hire "reading specialists" for elementary schools that aren't meeting standards set for the subject.

Blagojevich will announce the plan in his State of the State Address Thursday.

"We need to make sure that struggling schools have access to tools they need to help students learn to read," Blagojevich said in a prepared statement. "One of the biggest challenges many elementary teachers face is they don't have the time or the extensive background that reading specialists have to teach the most up-to-date reading techniques."

Dave Comerford, spokesman for the Illinois Federation of Teachers, which represents Chicago instructors, said help with teaching reading is among IFT members' leading requests.

In 2003, 62 percent of third-graders and 60 percent of fifth-graders met or exceeded state reading standards.

State of the State will detail reading agenda

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich promises to spell out an ambitious education agenda in his second State of the State Address, including a call to overhaul the bureaucracy that administers Illinois education programs.

Blagojevich is already offering previews of the programs he will propose Thursday. He wants high school students to perform community service before graduating. He thinks the state should provide one book a month to children. He wants to hire reading specialists to work in failing schools.

But some of his proposals are already being labeled "fluff," and Blagojevich has given no hint of how he will address the eternal question of Illinois education — money.

Many people will be watching to see what Blagojevich has to say about issues other than education.

The state's budget deficit — projected to be about \$2 bil-

lion in the next fiscal year — is a major concern. How to fight unemployment and counteract Illinois' decline in manufacturing is another.

Gun control, gay rights, business development, drug abuse, immigration — all are in the mix in Springfield and have advocates who hope the governor will take their side.

Blagojevich makes it clear that his top concern will be education.

Chicago gun shop tops in crime-linked weapons

CHICAGO (AP) — A shop in south suburban Chicago sold more guns traced to crimes in the late 1990s than any other in the United States, according to a report by a gun reform group.

Chuck's Guns in Riverdale was named in the Americans for Gun Safety Foundation's "Selling Crime" report. The report found that 120 gun dealers in 22 states supplied nearly 15 percent of guns recovered in crimes between 1996 and 2000.

Chuck's Guns had 2,370 traces — or cases where handguns and assault weapons were recovered in crimes and had been traced back to the store, according to statistics released Monday.

"Known high crime dealers are being shielded from public scrutiny rather than investigated by the government," said Jim Kessler, policy director for the foundation. "We are naming names and calling for a watch list because the citizens of Illinois have a right to know what stores are arming criminals in their community."

Gun shop owners on the list said they haven't broken any laws, and dealers with high sales volumes can't help but sell many guns that end up in police custody.

"The state's Firearm Owner's Identification card, along with a 72-hour waiting period and background check, ensures that guns are not sold to the wrong people," Chuck's Guns owner John Riggio said. "You have to have the FOID card before you can touch a gun, and we require a state ID or a driver's license as a second identification."

Thirteen of the stores with the most traces were located in Illinois. They sold 7,229 guns that were later used in crimes, according to the report. Since 2000, five of the shops have gone out of business.

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NATION'S BRIEFS

Source: Fastow to plead guilty

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron finance chief Andrew S. Fastow and his wife have agreed to plead guilty for their roles in a massive accounting scandal that brought down the energy giant in 2001, sources told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The two sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said an impasse that erupted last week over a judge's refusal to give Lea Fastow only a five-month prison sentence had been resolved.

Fastow will become the highest-ranking executive to plead guilty in the federal government's criminal investigation into the Enron collapse.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Fastow's negotiated plea involves an agreement to help the government develop cases against Enron's former top executives, Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling. Neither Lay nor Skilling has been charged; both maintain their innocence.

The Fastows were expected to enter their pleas Wednesday in federal court, according to the sources, both of whom are close to the investigation.

Lea Fastow is expected to plead guilty to a tax charge after her husband pleads guilty in a deal that involves a 10-year prison sentence. It wasn't clear Tuesday what crimes Andrew Fastow would plead guilty to.

Lawsuit accuses IBP of fixing beef prices

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The nation's largest meat packer used contracts with a "favored few" ranchers to dictate the price of cattle, causing thousands of other cattlemen to lose billions of dollars, attorneys argued Tuesday in federal court.

Lawyers for IBP Inc., which merged with Arkansas-based Tyson Foods in 2001, countered that the contracts are based on the open-market price of cattle and do not undermine the forces of supply and demand.

Tuesday marked the first day of testimony in a class-action lawsuit accusing Tyson of violating a federal law designed to protect competition in the livestock industry. The plaintiffs claim to represent as many as 30,000 cattlemen who sold cattle to IBP or Tyson Fresh Meats from February 1994 to October 2002.

David Domina, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the contracts amount to a captive supply of cattle and allow Tyson to enter the open market when prices are low and pull back when prices rise.

Cattlemen's losses, he said, could be at least \$2.1 billion. "These guys are nothing but old-time gangsters, thugs and thieves," Mike Callicrate, a Kansas cattle feeder and one of seven class representatives in the lawsuit, said outside the courtroom. "They beat your brains in with their market power and take your money."

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Police: Extended bar hours increase crime in Champaign

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — Violent crimes in a Champaign neighborhood known as "Campustown" increased sharply during the first months of extended bar hours, police said.

Fifty-one violent crimes took place in a three-month period last year, compared with 32 in 2002 and 31 in 2001, Champaign Police Lt. Holly Nearing said.

"We are concerned because it shows a pretty big increase over last year," Nearing said. "But it's very difficult for us to attribute that to extended bar hours. It could just be a blip."

In August the Champaign City Council and the city of Urbana extended bar hours to 2 a.m. from 1 a.m.

Nearing compared crime reports from Aug. 24 through Dec. 1 with statistics from the previous year. The findings were compiled for a Jan. 6 report to the Champaign City Council.

Despite the findings, Mayor Jerry Schweighart said he doesn't expect the city council to consider changing the bar hours again soon.

"I think we'll take another six months to look at it," Schweighart said. It has not reached alarming proportions.

The statistics did not include crimes committed on the University of Illinois campus, Nearing said.

School officials haven't noticed any spikes in crime since the later bar hours,

U of I Police Chief Oliver Clark said.

"It's pretty much close to last year, except we had a significant decrease in aggravated assaults and batteries," Clark said. "I attribute that to the fact we were hosting the Chicago Bears last year."

The trend also did not follow for the entire city, Nearing said. Violent crimes decreased downtown in the same three-month period, to 28 from 34 a year ago.

"We're pretty happy with how things have gone downtown," Nearing said.

The violent crime category included robbery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, attempted murder and murder, Nearing said.

Supreme Court upholds police road blocks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in an Illinois case that police may set up roadblocks to collect tips about crimes, rejecting concerns that authorities might use the checkpoints to fish for unrelated suspicious activity.

The 6-3 decision allows officers to block traffic and ask motorists for help in solving crimes. Critics have complained that authorities might misuse the power, disguising dragnets as "informational checkpoints."

Roadblocks are used for a variety of investigations. For example, in 2002 police used them to try to produce leads in the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping in Utah and the sniper shootings in the Washington, D.C., area.

But the Supreme Court has limited their use.

Although the justices have allowed random sobriety checkpoints to detect drunken drivers and border roadblocks to intercept illegal immigrants, they ruled in 2000 that roadblocks intended for drug searches are an unreasonable invasion of privacy under the Constitution.

Energy bill would boost Illinois ethanol industry

(AP) — Congress could soon give a boost to Illinois' ethanol industry, which already leads the nation in production and is poised for two more plants to open by early next year, farm and energy officials said.

A federal energy bill that would nearly double demand for the corn-based fuel additive may be bound for Senate approval after falling two votes short last year, said Joe Shoemaker, spokesman for U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois.

Shoemaker cited speculation that Republican negotiators have swayed enough votes to pass the stalled \$31 billion bill. There also has been talk of stripping out disputed provisions that protect makers of the gasoline additive MTBE from lawsuits over contaminated water supplies, he said.

Either scenario would likely send the measure to President Bush, and the bill will be near the top of the agenda when the Senate reconvenes after Bush's Jan. 20 State of the Union address, Shoemaker said.

LaSalle media executive, publisher dies at 85

LASALLE (AP) — Peter Miller Jr., who headed a media company with holdings that include the NewsTribune and three LaSalle radio stations, died Monday. He was 85.

Miller, chairman of the board of Miller Group Media, bought the LaSalle newspaper in 1947. The company later expanded to include radio stations WLPO, WAJK and WKOT in LaSalle, along with the Illinois AgriNews, Indiana AgriNews and NewsShopper.

He also promoted business and education in the LaSalle-Peru area, helping establish Interstate 39 and Illinois Valley Community College.

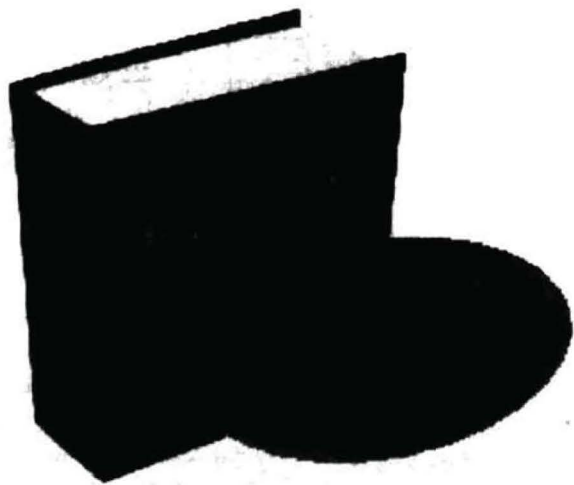
"Without Peter Miller, I can categorically say that I-39 would never have been built," said Bob Vickrey, the NewsTribune's vice president of legislative affairs and economic development.

Miller, a University of Chicago graduate, headed the former Washington Times-Herald in the nation's capital before returning to Illinois to expand his media holdings. He also spent time in California, where he teamed with veteran producer Albert Zugsmith to produce several movies.

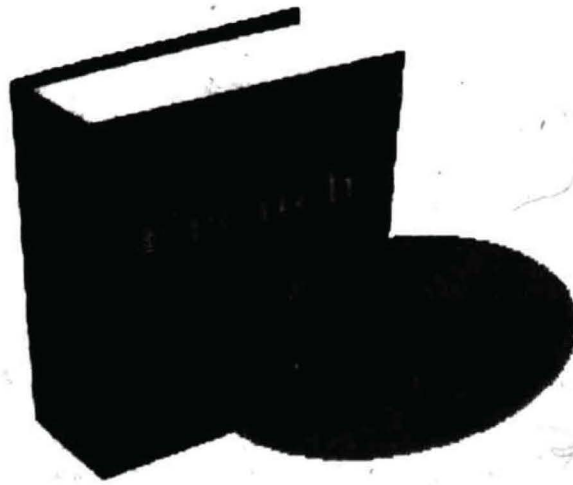
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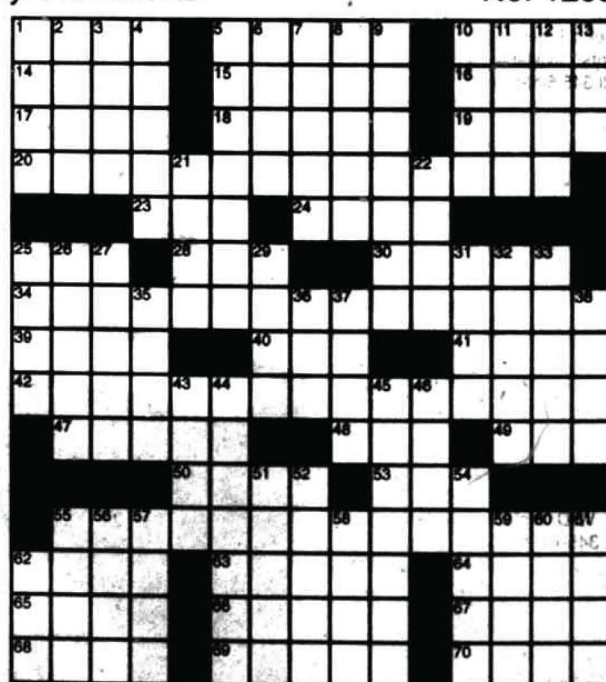
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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels expressing his displeasure with guard Derik Hollyfield after the junior received a technical foul and subsequently got disqualified from the rest of Eastern's 84-64 loss Tuesday night.

A second half of horrors

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers fell under a second half collapse due to the 51 points racked up by Southeast Missouri in the final 20 minutes.

SEMO forced Eastern to turn the ball over 19 times, which contributed to their second half collapse.

SEMO played man to man defense in the first half and then came out in a variation of a 1-3-1 in the second half, which confused the Panthers.

"We just can't change pages right now," head coach Rick Samuels said. "We didn't know how to beat their defense until I called a time out."

In addition to SEMO's stingy defense and Eastern's inability to take care of the basketball, Indians junior guard Derek Winans had 21 second half points for the Indians.

"We had a lot of players play well for us tonight," Garner said. "But Winans was lights out."

"The ball just felt good tonight," Winans said. "Every time I touched it, (the ball) I thought I could make something good happen for my team."

Winans said before each game he comes out and takes as many shots as he needs to get himself feeling

loose. He said the amount of shots he takes before a game varies but he always shoots until he feels good.

Samuels said he recruited Winans out of high school and offered him a scholarship to play for the Panthers. Instead of taking a basketball scholarship from Eastern, he took an academic scholarship SEMO offered him.

"SEMO didn't even recruit him but he lives 10 miles from the campus," Samuels said. "He can't be mad at us for not recruiting him. The kid can play."

The Indians had lost their previous two games in which head coach Gary Garner felt his team could have won.

"We screwed both of our last two games up but tonight we came out focused," Garner said.

Garner was most happy with his teams man to man defense and the effort his players put forth as a team.

Winans said his team hasn't played forty minutes of basketball better than they did Tuesday night.

"That was our best effort as a team all year," Winans said.

"The bottom line was SEMO played extremely well in the second half," Samuels said. "They got their snowball rolling early and it's hard to play a good game when you're nipping at their heels."

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While Gomes did struggle against SEMO, he had 12 points on four of 14 shooting, the team was picked up by forward Aaron Patterson.

Patterson finished the night with 18 points and nine rebounds, three of which were on the offensive glass.

He offered the team its only true post presence in the game, and did

so throughout except for when the Indians switched to zone.

The zones implemented by SEMO were effective because switched back and forth between man-to-man and zone throughout the game.

The low point in the night came with about seven minutes remaining in the game, when junior guard Derik Hollyfield fouled out of the game after a technical foul.

Hollyfield taunted Winans after blocking one of his shots late in the game and drew the attention of the

referee, and was forced to the bench where Samuels had a few words for him.

"I was pretty stern with (Hollyfield) tonight about the incident he had," Samuels said. "We were getting beat pretty good tonight and he has to realize that one play doesn't change that."

"He's a talented player who can make plays, and we need him to be at his best."

The Panthers will attempt to rebound Saturday night at Lantz Arena against Tennessee State.

Canadiens net five in win against Blues

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens have changed for the better since the last time Mathieu Garon started in goal.

Mike Ribeiro and Jan Bulis each had a goal and an assist, and Saku Koivu also had two points in Montreal's 5-2 victory over St. Louis on Tuesday night.

The Canadiens have won six of eight (6-1-1), including an 8-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Garon, Jose Theodore's back-up, made 16 saves in his ninth start of the season, his first since a 3-2 loss in Washington on Dec. 23.

"It was a different team," Garon said. "Defensively, I think we're playing great and we're not giving much, so it's easier for the

goalie, especially with the great offense we had tonight."

Ribeiro scored his 10th of the season to tie it at 1-1 midway through the first, and assisted on Richard Zednik's go-ahead goal 3:44 into the second. Ribeiro leads the Canadiens with 35 points in 44 games.

Michael Ryder and Craig Rivet added goals later in the period and Bulis, who assisted on Ryder's goal, scored in the third.

"It seems that whenever we need the break right now, it's going our way, and it's fun," said Koivu, who had two assists. "We've gone through some tough times in the last couple of years here so it's fun to have things going your way."

Pistons' late run dooms Bulls to loss

CHICAGO (AP) — Richard Hamilton scored 24 points and the Detroit Pistons went on a late 22-7 run to win their ninth straight game, 105-89 over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Ben Wallace had 12 points and 17 rebounds for the Pistons, and Chauncey Billups added 17 points and seven assists. The streak is Detroit's longest since winning 11 in a row in the 1990-91 season.

Detroit led by just five late in the third quarter before Chucky Atkins came off the bench to spark the Pistons.

He made three 3-pointers during the 22-7 spurt that gave the Pistons an 88-66 lead. Atkins capped the rally with a long lob to

Tayshaun Prince, who caught the ball, dunked it in stride and was fouled for a three-point play.

Chicago cut the deficit to seven with 4:12 to go on a jumper by Marcus Fizer, but couldn't get any closer. Billups made a pair of free throws, and Wallace had a thunderous dunk to push the lead back to 11.

Kirk Hinrich had 19 points and 12 assists for the Bulls, who lost for the third time in four games.

The Bulls, whose only lead was 3-2, pulled to 64-59 in the third quarter on a pair of nice plays by Hinrich. The rookie guard found Antonio Davis down low for a dunk, then sank a 3-pointer in front of the Detroit bench.

Bears winding down search

LAKE FOREST (AP) — The Chicago Bears search for a coach is winding down.

General manager Jerry Angelo said Tuesday he wanted time to think after a second interview with St. Louis Rams defensive coordinator Lovie Smith, one of two finalists for the job. Pittsburgh offensive line coach Russ Grimm is the other finalist, though Angelo said he still might consider a third candidate from the NFL.

"I want to do something here shortly," Angelo said. "I want to have a little time today (and) in the morning just to see for sure on the direction I want to go."



Angelo is looking for a replacement for Dick Jauron, who was fired Dec. 29 after four losing seasons in five years.

Angelo didn't say who the potential third candidate is other than it's someone in the NFL whose team is not in the playoffs. That would rule out New England Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel, who was interviewed Dec. 31.

It also isn't former Buffalo coach Jim Fassel. While Angelo said he has tremendous respect for Fassel, he is wary about bringing in a coach who was fired.

"I just have a problem you know with us not winning (and) hiring somebody that was released because he didn't win," Angelo said. "Maybe in another place another time it would have been fine, but my vision for our next coach was not that."



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"We're about to win a bunch of games." - Pam O'Connor

1,000 x Two

O'Connor, Daily get 1,000th points

By Dan Ronick
STAFF WRITER

Women's basketball players Lauren Daily and Pam O'Connor have reached milestones together.

On Dec. 7, guard Lauren Daily became the 16th player in Eastern's history to score 1,000 career points. Thirteen days later center Pam O'Connor joined her as No. 17. Not unusual for the duo which scored their 500th point two years before, they're the only pair of teammates to reach that level in their second year.

"They have a special connection on the floor," Wunder said. "I think half of Lauren's assists were to Pam."

That connection started when Daily, a senior, and O'Connor, a red shirt junior, came to Eastern in head coach Linda Wunder's first recruiting class. Daily hails from West Vigo High School in Terre Haute, Ind. There she earned all-conference honors in three sports and led her basketball team to a sectional title.

O'Connor attended Fenton High School in Woodale, where she earned 10 varsity letters and became the 12th player in IHSA history to score 2,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds.

"I didn't know what to expect coming to a new program," Wunder said. "I recruited them to lay a foundation here."

At the beginning teammates doubted the freshman and Wunder was worried about

jealousy between the team, but Daily and O'Connor proved they belonged on the court.

"I didn't know if I would play in college," O'Connor said. "I just always hoped to play as long as I could."

O'Connor started every game averaging 13.2 points per game on the way to breaking the freshman points record at Eastern (357). She was also named to the OVC All-Freshman Team. Daily drained

30 three's and set a freshman free throw percentage record (81 percent).

Despite the strong contributions from the freshmen, the Panthers had a losing season.

"They were the type of players coaches love to coach," Wunder said.

With a year under their belt, the two made another attack on the record books by becoming the first pair of teammates to score 500 points by their sophomore

year. Daily drained 57 three pointers, second all time at Eastern, while O'Connor scored double figures in every game and was selected for the second team All OVC.

Their effort as the top two scorers was once again not enough to carry the team into OVC contention.

"We developed a great floor chemistry in that time and became best friends," O'Connor said. "We always seem to be on the same page."

The pair's junior year looked bright when O'Connor was named to the preseason All OVC team, but a knee injury forced her to red shirt and take a year off and watch from the bench.

"It's hard to sit out and watch," O'Connor said, "but I took it as a learning experience. That's all I could do."

Daily pushed on and led the team with 13.1 points per game and an All OVC honorable mention. O'Connor had to sit by and watch another shot at OVC contention slip by.

"I don't think they care about the records," Wunder said. "They want to carry the team on their back and take them to the next level. I think Lauren's feeling a sense of urgency since it's her last year."

At the beginning of this year, Daily was voted to the preseason second team All OVC and O'Connor returned from her injury to help lead the Panthers.

"Now that Pam's back she's better, smarter and more determined," Wunder said.

Although the Panthers have had a shaky start, O'Connor is confident of their chances to give Daily the shot at the conference title she's been waiting for.

"We've lost a lot of close games and some people look at our record and forget us. We're an entirely different team than the beginning of the season," O'Connor said. "We're about to win a bunch of games."



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Red shirt junior forward Pam O'Connor and senior guard Lauren Daily are honored by coach Linda Wunder for becoming the 16th and 17th players in Eastern women's basketball history to score 1,000 career points. Daily and O'Connor have been teammates since coming to Eastern in Wunder's first recruiting class in 2000.

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SUN	Wrestling vs. Purdue	2 p.m.	



TEERING OFF
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ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

Looking into the crystal ball in 2004

As a student, entering the new year and the spring semester is a chance for a fresh start with different goals for studies and the opportunity to forget about that crazy Biology class you may have enrolled in last fall.

However, not everyone on Eastern's campus receives a new beginning once January rolls around and Dick Clark helps ring in the New Year.

Take sports for instance. Our winter athletes don't get the luxury of being able to start their seasons over like the students do. For some Eastern teams this is a positive as the seeds for a successful year already have been planted, but other athletes wish they could forget about the first two months of the season and start anew.

Regardless of records, there is still much to be decided as conference play heats up for many of the squads. With swimming, basketball, indoor track and wrestling already in progress and baseball under way in a little less than a month, it's time for this sports writer to look into his crystal ball and predict the future for our Panther teams.

Men's swimming: With a 5-2 dual meet record, men's swimming is the best team you've never heard of on campus. After losing stars Josh Kercheval and Nic Chievron to graduation, I didn't expect much from the men. However, head coach Ray Padovan has done a heck of a job getting the freshmen to mesh quickly with the rest of the team. After struggling last year at the season ending Midwest Classic Championships, I predict the Eastern men will regain the form shown in 2002 and win the "Classic" behind strong performances from Tom Watson, Rich Wahlgren and Bill Senese.

Women's Swimming: Luck hasn't been on the women's side this year as they've run into some tough competition en route to a 2-5 dual meet record. The schedule will get a little easier with a home meet against Millikin, but the Panthers will have trouble with Saint Louis in early February. The women will need Jenny Curry and Claire Garvey to swim like last season and Jordan Sherbrooke to finish her career on a high note to repeat at the "Classics." It's tough to bet against Padovan, but I predict all the magic will be used up on the men's side and the Eastern women will sink in the end.

Men's Basketball: Without a national player like Henry Domercant the Panthers haven't received much national coverage and that probably isn't a bad thing. Despite playing Big Ten power Iowa close last month, the Panthers still have a disappointing 3-9 record at press time. Losses to in-state Northern Illinois,

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SEMO spells double trouble



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Junior guard Derek Hollyfield receiving an offensive foul against Indiana's Derek Winans in the Panthers' 84-64 loss Tuesday night at Lantz Arena. Winans received a technical foul after the play. Hollyfield had five points in the contest while Winans earned 29.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SEMO 84, EASTERN 64

Eastern can't keep up

By Aaron Seiditz
SPORTS REPORTER

After losing its first two conference games at home, Southeast Missouri came into Lantz Arena and handed Eastern a taste of its own medicine.

The 84-64 victory for SEMO (8-6, 1-2) was their first in Ohio Valley Conference play, after they had lost their first two games in the conference at home. The Panthers (3-10, 2-2) have dropped their last two home conference games, and did so in disappointing fashion on Tuesday night.

"It came down, really, to the start of the second half and that just started them on a roll," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "That means that our execution on the offensive end was lacking any consistency tonight, and that meant that we couldn't stop their run."

In nearly four minutes second half, the Panthers' two point deficit had grown to nine points, and that run was just a sign of things to come.

The Panthers had come into the second half playing their best basketball of the night, as they clawed their way back into the game from what had been a 10-point margin.

"You have to give them credit for the way

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♦ Falling apart in the second half

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they played in the second half. Hats off to them, but still is something where we felt we could have changed the way the game went," sophomore guard Jake Sinclair said.

The main reason that Eastern couldn't string a long amount of stops together on the defensive end was the Indians' leading scorer Derek Winans. Winans missed only four shots from the field as he went 12-16 from the field. Winans was able to score from all over the floor as he hit four of six from beyond the arc and also was tough to stop inside.

The 6 foot 3 inch guard had a knack for getting around the bigger defenders he encountered while taking the ball to the hoop.

That is one thing Samuels hoped his guards could learn from the Indians' star player.

"With a guy like Josh Gomes who has so much talent, the only other thing I would like see from him is to get to the basket more," Samuels said. "Two good things can happen from that: he could convert the layup or get to the foul line."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SEMO 66, EASTERN 79

Panthers finish a streak short

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern found itself one more scoring run away from knocking off another conference contender as the Panthers fell 79-66 to Southeast Missouri Tuesday night at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers used a 24-12 run in the middle of the second half to crawl back within four points of the Ohio Valley Conference preseason favorite with nearly seven minutes left to go in the contest.

"The encouraging side of tonight's game is that we cut the lead down to four," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said. "But the negative aspect was we didn't have the effort to take the lead."

Eastern began the game with some offensive proficiency as the Panthers were ahead 14-12 with 9:53 left in the first half. SEMO called a timeout in which its head coach B.J. Smith loudly emphasized his displeasure with his team's effort. After the timeout, the Otahkians used its full court press to outscore the Panthers 27-11 over the final twelve minutes of the opening frame.

"What happens when they go to pressure like that is it takes time off the shot clock, which gives us less time to run our offense," Wunder said.

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Payton interviews to coach Raiders



By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

A former Eastern player may go from the verge of being fired to being an NFL head coach in less than two years.

Former record-setting quarterback and current Dallas Cowboys assistant head coach/quarterback coach Sean Payton has interviewed with the Oakland Raiders for its head coaching vacancy.

Oakland fired its previous coach Bill Callahan after he went 4-12 season in 2003. Callahan was named head coach at the University of Nebraska last week.

Payton currently holds Eastern records in total offense, passing yardage, attempts and completions while leading the Panthers offense during the 1983-86 seasons.

Payton was unavailable for comment. The Raiders are also interviewing

Cowboys offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon Tuesday.

Cowboys third string quarterback and Eastern's 2003 Walter Payton Award winner Tony Romo believes he will be back in Dallas coaching him in 2004.

"It looks like he'll be staying with us," Romo said. "I think this is just a matter of getting their names out there."

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