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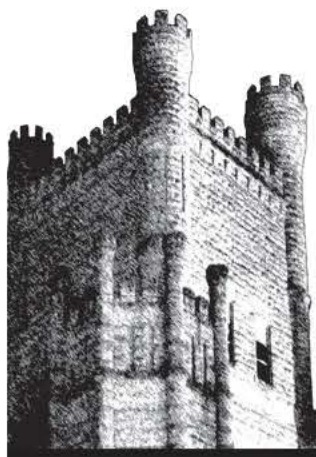
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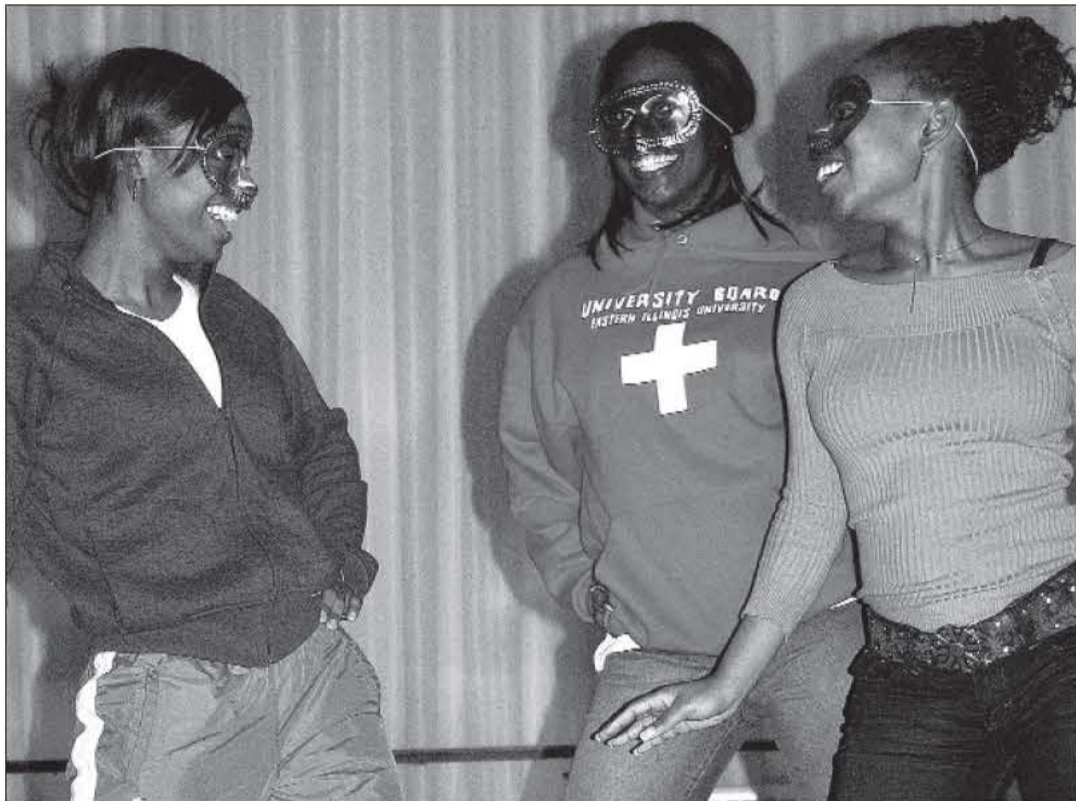
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Tiffany Ross, a sophomore communication disorders major, Stephanie Johnson, a junior journalism major, and Lakya Hill, a junior psychology major, practice their opening dance routine in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday evening. The Miss Black EIU competition will be this Saturday.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

State funding stands still for Eastern

2006 budget cuts pensions, leaves state employees upset

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's budget proposal for the fiscal year 2006 would give no new funding to Eastern and cut pension benefits for new university employees.

Blagojevich's proposal, which was announced Wednesday, would set Eastern's state funding at \$47.6 million, the same as last year.

Eastern has received no increased funding the previous two years and had its budget cut the year before.

The static funding would mean Eastern and other Illinois public universities will have to raise tuition to cover increasing costs.

Under the proposal, which will have to be approved by the state legislature, all public universities would receive the same funding as the year before.

The proposal does reallocate the funds for the renovation of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, expected to begin in March. Under state law, the funding must be reallocated each year.

Union leaders from Eastern and elsewhere are protesting Blagojevich's proposal to help ease pressure on the state budget by cutting pension benefits for future employees.

Blagojevich's proposal involves cutting the benefits for all future state and university employees so the state can pay \$80 million less into the pension fund this year.

"I think it's terrible," said Charles Delman, head of the Eastern chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois. "There is nothing wrong with the system as it is; this is not a structural problem, it's a funding problem."

The statement Blagojevich issued with his proposed budget, Wednesday, said the cuts would be "fair, reasonable and responsible."

Delman said the cuts in pensions would be an unnecessary juggling of state funds.

"The governor just has to have the guts to find new sources of revenue for the state to cover its obligations," Delman said.



CHARLES DELMAN

Preparing for the pageant

Miss Black EIU participants hope their practice makes perfect

BY CHRIS CALVERT
STAFF WRITER

During the past seven weeks, four Eastern women have been working hard and showing their dedication in preparation for one night.

Since Jan. 10, from 6 to 10 p.m., five days a week, the contestants of the 2005 Miss Black EIU pageant have been running through the entire show. They have usually practiced twice a night in order to prepare for the real show, this Saturday.

Coordinating the pageant is last year's winner, Tracey Wayne.

"This year we tried to get more participants, but many people do not have the commitment and dedication of going through the entire process," Wayne said about the low number of participants.

Though Wayne is running the show, she is not nervous, at least not for herself.

"I am nervous for the girls because they are the ones on stage in front of everyone," she said.

Wayne said some extra responsibilities of being Miss Black EIU are running as a Black Student Union representative, coordinating the next pageant, and representing the campus and community in a positive manner.

She also attends every practice the contestants have.

"We still tend to have fun and get work done at the same time, which makes it less stressful," Wayne said.

This year's contestants are Tiffany Ross, a sophomore communication disorders major; Lakya Hill, a junior psychology major; Jennifer Ether, a sophomore journalism major; and Stephanie Johnson, junior journalism major.

Ross is involved with the pageant because, according to her, she can "have a greater role and impact in the black community."

In addition to the pageant, Ross is involved in the BSU and also in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Like the others, Ross is also modest about who has an advantage in any of the

events. "All of us are equal," she said. "I think the winner will be a surprise for everyone."

For Ross, she said being Miss Black EIU would be an honor and a great opportunity to represent the black community, and to be a positive role model for all students in general.

She said she would have to be more conscience of her actions if she were to win the pageant.

With the pageant just days away, Ross admitted to being nervous.

"(It is) natural to be a little nervous right now," she said.

Despite nerves, Ross said she is organized and handling the pressure well.

For Lakya Hill, being in the pageant means doing something different besides the academic programs she is usually involved with. Hill has her own individual practices because she thinks the normal Monday through Friday practices are not enough.

"To know that I was chosen out of many eligible African-American women and to be able to represent them would

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Faces Not Figures progresses slower than expected

Project receives four submissions, needs more participants

BY AMY SIMPSON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Government is still looking for personal accounts from the effects of budget cuts on the Eastern com-

munity.

Four stories have been submitted thus far for the Faces Not Figures project, which was introduced earlier this year to serve as persuasion for state legislators to vote for increased funding at Eastern.

"(The project) is going well, but turning out to be a slow process," said Adam Howell, Student Government executive vice president.

Howell said he plans to have eight to 10 stories submitted by the time he

turns the project over to Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

Nilsen will arrange for the publication of the book and for professional photographs to be taken of the contributors. The book will then be sent to legislators in Springfield.

Tim Roberts, a senior English major with teacher's certification, is one of the four students who have submitted stories.

"Qualified students who deserve to be here are falling through the cracks,"

Roberts said. "With the government cutting funds (for higher education), it's happening more and more."

Howell is advertising the project to students through word of mouth. He has spoken to Eastern's Financial Aid Office, Executive Council, University Board, Panhellenic Council and the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee, among others. He also plans to present the idea to the Office of Orientation and Council on University Planning and

Budget.

The response has been positive from these organizations as well as across the state, Howell said, but he's finding it hard to get students to come in and spend the time to write their stories.

Currently, there is no specified group in the state to lobby for funding within higher education, but Howell

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
45
32
Mostly cloudy

TUESDAY
46
31
Mostly cloudy

WEDNESDAY
38
24
Mostly cloudy

THURSDAY
37
23
Partly cloudy

FRIDAY
40
27
Mostly sunny

ROCKIN' THE WAREHOUSE



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Forgetting Paris, made up of Eastern students, plays a show Friday night at The Warehouse on North Sixth Street in Charleston. Forgetting Paris will play their next show Feb. 26 at the Herrin Teen Town in Herrin, Ill.

ONLINE POLL

What is your reaction to the 75 cent tax increase on cigarettes?

- A) Let's take all the money we can from those filthy smokers!
- B) Smokers should be taxed more, but 75 cents is too much.
- C) It shouldn't have been increased. The tax is high enough.
- D) Another area could have been taxed instead of picking on smokers. Isn't it bad enough smokers already have the addiction?

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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA Sunni inclusion vital

By NICK BEADLE
THE CRIMSON WHITE

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - The Iraqi National Assembly will have a Shiite majority, according to certified results of Iraq's Jan. 30 election, which were released Thursday.

The alliance garnered 140 seats, while 75 went to Kurds, 40 to secular Shiites and 20 to smaller groups.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA Textbook act passes

By HUNTER BETHEA
CAVALIER DAILY

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - The Textbook Market Fairness Act, initiated by the student advocacy group Virginia21 and sponsored by Delegate G. Glenn Oder, R-Newport News, easily passed the Virginia Senate Committee on Education and Health late Thursday and will move to the Senate for consideration next week.

The Act would require Virginia colleges and universities to post lists of textbooks for particular classes on school Web sites as soon as professors or department heads make them available. It also would prohibit professors from accepting publisher incentives for requiring students to use a specific textbook.

WTF?

Freed inmate returns

CANTON, Ohio (AP) - An inmate released by mistake by jail officials in Ohio arranged his own way back to the prison in Colorado where he still has two more years to serve. He even called to say he was on his way.

Stark County jailers let Ricky Lee Claycomb go on Tuesday after he was acquitted of a rape charge he had been brought to Ohio from Colorado to face. Jail officials apparently never saw the paperwork to return him to the prison.

"We don't know exactly what happened," Sheriff Tim Swanson said.

Claycomb, 37, called his mother in Henderson, Colo.

"He told them at the jail that he was supposed to be taken back to Colorado," said his mother, Jill Claycomb. "He said they told him he was done in Canton and it was his problem to get back."

PEOPLE

Tyler, wife separate

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler and his wife of 17 years, Teresa, are separating, the singer announced Sunday.

Tyler, 56, asked the public to respect his family's privacy in a statement released through the band's publicist, Mitch Schneider.

"Before the tabloid media makes more of this than it is, I am announcing that my wife Teresa and I are currently separated," Tyler said. "We're just a family trying to work through a difficult time. A little privacy and sensitivity, for Teresa, my children and myself, would be nice."

The couple have two teenage children, Chelsea, 16, and Taj, 13.

Tyler is also the father of model Mia Tyler, 26, from a previous marriage to Cyrinda Fox, and the actress Liv Tyler, 27, from a previous relationship.

COUNTING DOWN

7

Days until
Public
Sleeping
Day.

WORD DU JOUR

faux pas

1. a slip or blunder in etiquette, manners or conduct.
2. an embarrassing social blunder or indiscretion.

TODAY'S EVENTS

SMARTBOARD	10 A.M.	CATS TRAINING LAB, MCAFEE 1214
This workshop demonstrates the basic features and components of Smartboard technology and how it can be used.		
MS WINDOWS XP - INTERMEDIATE	3 P.M.	BOOTH LIBRARY E-CLASSROOM, ROOM 4450
Customize Windows XP to your specific working habits.		
RESUMES FOR EDUCATION MAJORS	7 P.M.	BUZZARD HALL, 1430
Student events.		

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Wristbands prove point plus form fashion trend

Message lost to some and viewed as fad

By MEGAN JURINEK
CAMPUS REPORTER

Andrew Heinzmann was born on July 3, 2001 and was diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome 17 months later.

Angelman Syndrome (AS) causes children not to develop properly. Children with AS do not develop cognitively, and their speech is limited. In most cases "Angels" language consists of only four to five unintelligible words.

These children also suffer from significant movement or balance problems and seizures.

"What is truly an eye opener is when your child is admitted to a large children's hospital and the nurse and even some doctors have not heard of AS," said John Heinzmann, Andrew's father.

"Since the diagnosis, the whole family has encountered people who have asked about Andrew," Heinzmann said. "Our family has done all we can think of to increase awareness."

As active members of The Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF), Heinzmann and his family have developed the idea of selling AS bands, similar to the "Livestrong" bracelets.

The bracelet idea came from Heinzmann's eighth-grade daughter, Kimberly.

"Her friends all wear some form of silicone bands and the popularity is really very impressive," Heinzmann said. "The bands are actually a fashion statement to so many kids."

Students all over Eastern's campus are wearing them in all different colors with all different sayings.

"I think it's a fad," said Kelsey Maynard, a junior recreation administration major. "It's funny how you can find them at the dollar store now, and they seem to have lost all their meaning."

Other students have also felt the same way about the wrist bands.

"They were meant to signify something for cancer survivors, but it has lost meaning and become more of a fad," said Matt Szparkowski, a sophomore psychology major.

"I've met people who don't even know what they mean, but they wear them anyway because everyone else does."

Even retail stores are selling them. Szparkowski thinks the fad is disrespectful toward cancer survivors, but at the same time, they are benefiting from the money that is made when people buy the bracelets.

Claire's in Mattoon carries Belief Bands, similar to the AS and Livestrong bracelets.

"They are not as thick, but they are similar, and read 'Trust and Love,'" said Melissa Benton, a manager at Claire's.

The package reads, "a symbol of unity, love, trust and faith," she said.

"10 percent of the profit is donated to inner-city charities," Benton said.

The basis for the AS bracelet sales strategy is to use families of "Angels" to sell the bands.

"When someone asks them about their 'Angel' they can share the knowledge they have and then ask for their support by purchasing a band," Heinzmann said. "We are in the very early stages of this campaign, and I'm very pleased with the status so far. I hope the program continues to grow."

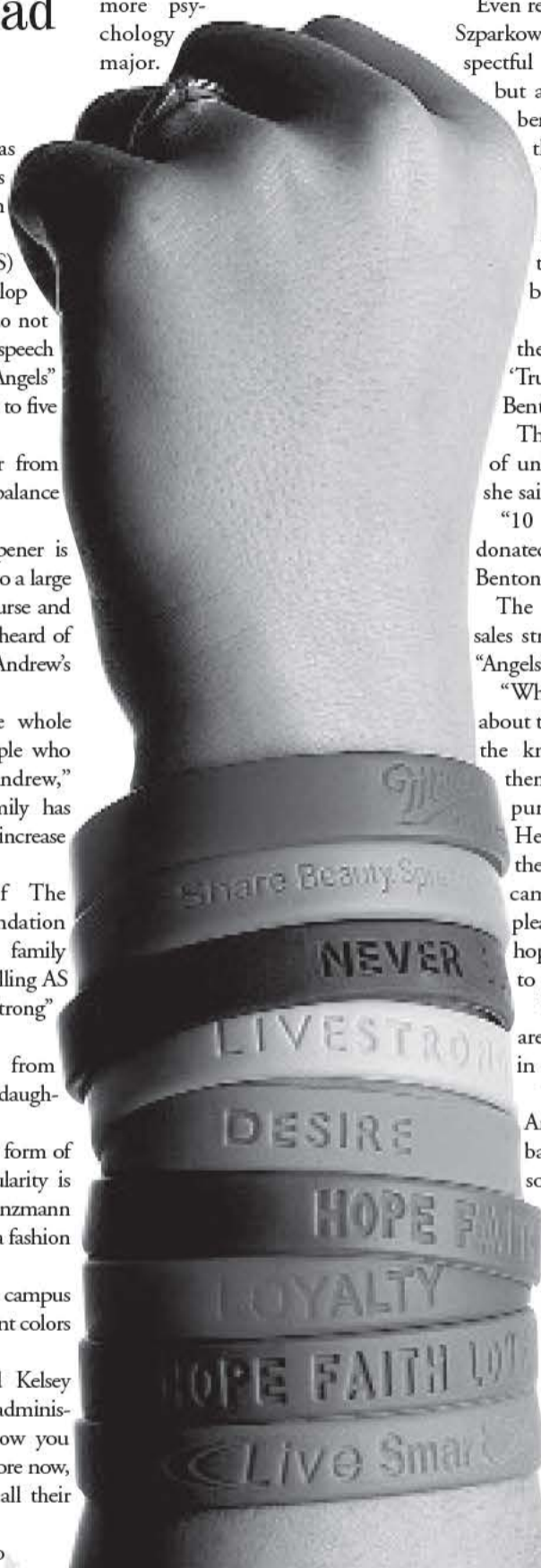
100 percent of all profits are donated to ASF for hope in finding a cure.

The goal of Band of Angels is to sell 25,000 bands. Every 5,000 bracelets sold generates at least \$6,500 for ASF.

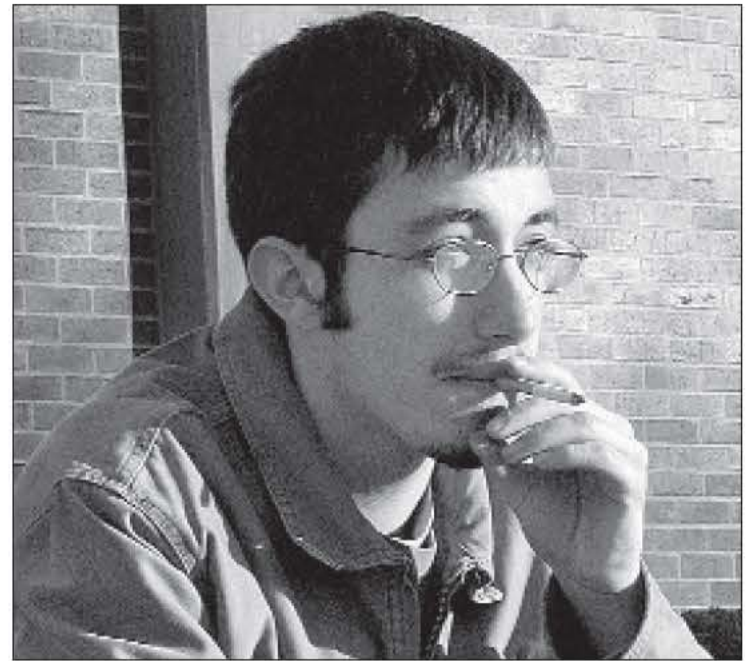
"It is so much more important for people to understand AS than to wear or buy a band, but this program gives our core group a reason to go out and spread the news," Heinzmann said.

Through hard work and dedication, parents of "Angels," caregivers and friends have sold 3,408 bands as of

Feb. 12.



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CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Themi Hatzi, a freshman psychology major, smokes on the steps of Carman Hall earlier this year. "I just recently started smoking, a week after the first semester started," Hatzi said.

Cigarette taxing could be 'incentive to quit'

Smokers upset at proposed increase from Blagojevich

By BRIAN GARTLAN
STAFF WRITER

Brian Wolf, a sophomore art education major, has wanted to quit smoking for a long time but never had the incentive, but now Gov. Rod Blagojevich may provide it.

Blagojevich suggested a new cigarette tax in his proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year to help save money.

According to a press release from the governor's office, the proposed increase in cigar and cigarette tax by 75 cents per pack will produce an estimated revenue of more than \$150 million, a portion of which will go towards health care.

"I think it's outrageous," Wolf said. "We're already taxed higher (for cigarettes) than surrounding states."

Wolf said he has tried to quit smoking at least eight different times through medication, patches and the cold turkey method.

Other students who smoke can

see the rationale behind Blagojevich's proposal but don't necessarily support it.

"No matter how much I enjoy smoking, I know it's bad for me," said Jim Scanlan, a sophomore business management major. "I can't afford to smoke as it is, but I'm still addicted."

He said he borrows cigarettes to carry on his habit most of the time. "I seem to start in the fall when school starts," he said. "I use it to reduce stress."

But Scanlan feels the proposal will hurt businesses in Illinois towns located along the state border.

"No matter how much I enjoy smoking, I know it's bad for me."

JIM SCANLAN,
SOPHOMORE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MAJOR

der because people will cross the border to buy cigarettes and end up taking revenue from Illinois.

Wolf said paying an additional 75 cents per pack would make him less likely to loan cigarettes to anyone else.

"It's definitely my incentive to quit completely," Scanlan said.



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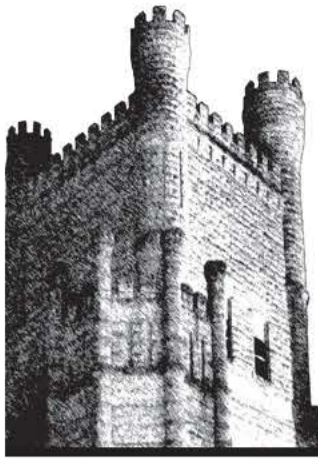
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Future generations will Livestrong



JENNIFER CHIARIELLO

SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

Chiariello is the managing editor for *The Daily Eastern News*.

The second I walked through the door Saturday, before I could even take my shoes off, my seven-year-old cousin Abby, who I call Stinkerbelle, had climbed on me with a brush and "ponies" (hair rubber bands) to play beauty shop. While she pulled and knotted my hair I noticed her pink rubber bracelet.

As a catholic school girl she told me she and the girls in her class wear rubber bracelets (the "Livestrong" trend) because it is the only jewelry allowed.

As a former catholic school girl myself, I always disagreed with the no nail polish, no jewelry classroom rule, but although it may be accidental, I think it has served some beneficial purposes.

Mainly, to keep education a focus.

When I asked Abby if she knew what the bracelet meant, expecting to hear "Barbie power," I was surprised to discover she knew exactly what it meant.

She told me she has six bracelets. A purple bracelet which she says is called "bandages" and is for kids with diseases, an "Easter colored" bracelet with hearts that she is still looking to find out what it means but in the meantime says it is for "lots of love," a yellow bracelet to support our troops and three pink bracelets for breast cancer awareness (because she lost one, bought another, found the lost one and received the third from a friend).

She is waiting to get an Multiple Sclerosis bracelet because her grandmother has it.

Abby told me she talks about the different bracelets and their meanings with her friends and looks online with her mom at different bracelets. She continued to tell me there is a tsunami bracelet and asked me if I knew what that was or if she needed to explain it.

My little Stinkerbelle, too small to get a glass out of the kitchen cabinet, is going to teach me about issues as big as the tsunami, our troops and breast cancer.

Is this acquired knowledge just because of her school or are other kids being exposed to these issues as well, I wondered. That evening we watched the ABC Family movie premiere of "School of Life," a movie about a teacher with terminal lung cancer who teaches his students to live in the moment and cherish life.

What a great lesson, I thought. What a bright future there would be if only we had educators here in reality to share that kind of knowledge with children.

As it turns out, we do.

Sunday morning on the front page of the *Chicago Tribune*, a story of a Rogers Park teacher fighting cancer and learning with her first, second and third grade students how to "live in the moment" stared back at me.

Open communication with children about serious subject matter is possible. And guess what: children can handle it.

And as future educators, parents, or the elderly this generation will likely be caring for, we should encourage these lessons of compassion. Teaching children about life lessons such as to live in the moment, cherish life and help others should be a part of education in addition to learning about predicates, the solar system and multiplication.

We accuse the newest and upcoming generation of a lot of faux-pas: "they're lazy since technological advances," "their fashions and style are too adult and/or inappropriate for their age," and "they have poor role models like Britney Spears over what we had: Punky Brewster."

But we can't fail to acknowledge the positives of generation (is it x or y?): they know how to get and are using the information that technological advances have set at their feet and they can interpret, understand and grow from the early exposure to subjects we didn't think they could be ready for.

Abby looks at the pictures in the newspaper, knows how to surf the net and genuinely believes she can make a difference in the world. Abby has filled my head with positive expectations about upcoming generations in addition to barettes and "ponies."

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY MICHAEL ABERNATHY



EDITORIAL

Brawl brings wake-up call

Last week, dozens of family members and friends mourned the loss of 20-year-old Nicholas Swanson of Elgin.

Swanson, a graduate from Larkin High School, died Feb. 12 from head injuries sustained from a large group fight involving baseball bats, two-by-fours and bottles as weapons.

Investigators say the fight escalated due to drinking and a possible problem over a girl. As many as 50 people, most being current students and graduates from St. Charles North and Burlington Central high schools, were involved.

There has probably been a fair share of fights caused by drunken college students on Eastern's campus as well: some of these involving underage drinkers.

Fortunately there have not been any deaths from this on campus, but this recent fight should be a wake-up call to everyone on the seriousness of underage drinking and violence in today's society.

Underage drinking was said to be a common activity

At issue

The death of a young Elgin man during a large group brawl involving underage drinking

Our stance

Blame can be put on the kids, but parents also need to take responsibility for underage drinking

in these communities, but not many people seemed to be bothered by it.

"Realistically, at the hospital that night they were talking about the parties they were going to and [acting as if] it was not a big deal that this kid was dead," said Coroner Chuck West in a *Chicago Tribune* article. "The detectives picked up on it, and it irritated them because it was like, 'No big deal.'"

But it is a big deal. A young man is dead and there are several questions left unanswered.

How accessible is alcohol to under age people? Where is the supervision when these parties are going on?

Though these kids are not by any means innocent for their choice to drink, parents need to be more involved with what is going on here.

It shouldn't take someone's death for them to figure that out.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RESTRICTING FIRST AMENDMENT DANGEROUS

I found Michael Schroeder's column entitled "Freedom of Speech and Consequence:" very disturbing.

Apparently, Schroeder thinks freedom of speech in this country is dependent on one's employer, since he would have a professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado fired for comments he made about the Sept. 11 attacks.

The last time I checked, the right to free speech in the Constitution is not limited by where one works or lives, or what one says. Trying to limit free speech in that way takes us down a very slippery slope. Who decides what is offensive? If I decide that Schroeder's comments are offensive, does he lose his financial aid?

Does working in a public position mean that one can't express one's views honestly?

Should an editor of *The Daily Eastern News* not speak out because he or she is supported by state and federal tax dollars?

Limiting free speech leads to unforeseen and pernicious consequences, and I hope that our country, and our university, does not head down that destructive path.

DAVID RADAVICH, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

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Shuttle bus adds stop at University Apartments

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's shuttle bus service, the Panther Express, has added the University Apartments to its route.

At the beginning of last semester, the Eastern Student-Parent Association approached the Student Senate to add University Apartments to the shuttle bus route. The Student-Parent Association, led by president Theresa Lindsay, brought a petition of 96 signatures to the Student Senate.

Jillian Ruddy, Senate's Shuttle Bus Committee chairwoman, worked with the Student-Parent Association and the Panther Express to change the schedule.

"The schedule was slightly rearranged, and Lantz Arena stops were removed from some areas, but for the most part no times were changed," said Ruddy,

a sophomore elementary education major. "The bus service was really willing to do this because there were so many people who really wanted this."

The bus schedule has to be rearranged and organized. This schedule change is helping families at Eastern a lot, Ruddy said.

"We have been dropping a lot of people off at the University Apartments," said Jeff Wright, a shuttle bus driver. "The residents have been concerned with not being able to be dropped off in the apartment complex."

Jeff Wright has been driving the shuttle bus around campus since the beginning of the year.

The new shuttle bus stop is located at the north end of the parking lot of the University Apartments because drivers were told by the bus garage they cannot take passengers all the way back to the building, Wright said. A lot of students with

New Shuttle Bus Schedule for University Apartments

◆ **Monday-Thursday:** The early bus will arrive every half hour beginning at 7:58 a.m. until 2:10 p.m., with a driver break from noon to 1 p.m. There is a late bus that will arrive every half hour beginning at 3:58 p.m. until 11:58 p.m.

◆ **Friday-Sunday:** The bus will arrive every half hour beginning at 2 p.m. until midnight, with a driver break from 5 to 6 p.m.

small children have been riding the bus now, he said.

Printed schedules are in limited supply on campus, but the schedule can be found at www.eiu.edu on the Student Government Web site under Panther Express, Ruddy said.

If there are any comments or concerns regarding the bus service, students can call Jillian Ruddy at 581-8191.



Bush 'stifles' scientists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The voice of science is being stifled in the Bush administration, with fewer scientists heard in policy discussions and money for research and advanced training being cut, according to panelists at a national science meeting.

Speakers at the national meeting of the American Association for Advancement of Science expressed concern Sunday that some scientists in key federal agencies are being ignored or even pressured to change study conclusions that don't support policy positions.

The speakers also said that Bush's proposed 2005 federal budget is slashing spending for basic research and reducing investments in education designed to produce the nation's future scientists.

And there also was concern that increased restrictions and requirements for obtaining visas is diminishing the flow to the U.S. of foreign-born science students who have long been a major part of the American research community.

IFC brings home the Jellison for excellence

By LAURA GRIFFITH
ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

Eastern's Interfraternity Council won the Jellison award for overall excellence this weekend during the annual Mid-American Greek Council Association conference in Chicago.

An awards ceremony was held Saturday evening to recognize organizations from approximately 200 schools for excellence in categories including academic achievement, council management, community service and philanthropy, leadership

and educational development, membership recruitment, public relations, risk reduction and management and self government and judicial affairs.

The conference was very beneficial to the council, said IFC President Nick Pinaire.

"Out of all the conferences I've been to, this one is put on the best," Pinaire said.

IFC was awarded the Division II Jellison award for the fifth year in a row, which is the men's award for overall excellence out of colleges with seven to nine fraternities.

"That's the main reason we were

there, for that award," Pinaire said.

PHC did not win the Sutherland award, the women's equivalent to the Jellison, after having won the past four years. The bar has been raised for the award, Pinaire said.

"We know that (Panhellenic) is a great organization," he said.

PHC was a little disappointed, but is looking on the bright side of things.

"It was nice to see somebody else recognized," said Brooke Camfield, vice president internal for Panhellenic Council. "It gave us something to work hard for next year."

PHC won individual awards in eight categories, some of which include academic achievement, membership recruitment and community service and philanthropy.

The MGCA conference included various speakers and workshops called pathways, which members of various greek councils attend to gain skills varying from leadership skills to relationship skills to interviewing skills.

"It was a great weekend," Camfield said. "You learned a lot about sororities and fraternities and a lot about yourself and relationships."

Daily Eastern News earns many awards at ICPA competition

STAFF REPORT

The *Daily Eastern News* and *Diverse* publications brought home several awards at this weekend's Illinois College Press Association awards banquet in Chicago.

The *DEN* claimed 21 awards, including four first place accolades, while *Diverse* received four

awards in the non-dailies above 4,000 circulation category.

Stephen Haas, a sophomore journalism major, was recognized 12 times - 11 for photography and one for thedailyeasternnews.com Web site. Haas received first place honors for feature photography.

Other first place winners include *The DEN* staff for the eight-page Blair Hall fire special edition;

Matt Williams, a senior journalism major, and Michael Schroeder, a senior history education major, won the news story category for the Blair fire; and David Thill, a sophomore journalism major, placed first in the editorial cartoon category.

The ICPA competition featured 37 different student publications in the state with separate

awards for dailies and two for non-dailies.

Also, former professor and *DEN* adviser John David Reed, who helped establish the ICPA in 1982, had the general excellence award named in his honor.

The most coveted award at the banquet was named after Reed who is retiring from the organization after 22 years of service.

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Officer kills friend in case of mistaken identity

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — An off-duty correctional officer shot and killed a friend and co-worker early Saturday whom he mistakenly believed was trying to carjack a vehicle being driven by his wife, police said.

Arlin McClendon, 36, of Calumet City, was killed while trying to pull a joke on a longtime friend in an area where two dozen carjackings have occurred in less than a year, authorities said.

"It is a tragic accident, a case of mistaken identity," said Calumet City Police Sgt. Larry Smith. "The victim and the shooter were lifelong friends. They worked together."

McClendon was driving in the suburb just south of Chicago at about 1 a.m. with a colleague when he spotted an SUV that belonged to his friend.

"McClendon began honking and flashing his lights in an attempt to get the vehicle to pull over," Smith said.

What McClendon did not know was that his friend's wife was driving the SUV with the couple's 4-year-old child.

His friend, who authorities did not identify Saturday, was in a third vehicle, Smith said.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GETS MORE CHILD APPEAL

CHICAGO — With 42-inch flat-screen TVs in the rooms, pullout couches for overnight guests and a no-



parents-allowed rec room with a juke box, pinball machine and video games, youngsters could almost forget this is a hospital.

Even the medical equipment at the University of Chicago's new Comer Children's Hospital is hidden, stored in wall vaults with sliding doors camouflaged in colorful artwork.

"My kids say, 'Dad, can I get sick?'" laughs Dr. Steve Goldstein, who was recruited from Yale last year to run the new \$135 million hospital on Chicago's South Side.

Comer, which opened for patients Saturday, is the latest in a nationwide construction boom at children's hospitals and a gleaming example of the push for kid- and family-friendly facilities that are also medically state-of-the-art.

A 2003 survey from the National Association of Children's Hospitals found that at least 41 of the nation's 250 children's hospitals had ongoing or recently completed construction projects.

MYSTERY ILLNESS HITS CHICAGO NATURE CENTER

ITASCA — State environmental officials are investigating a possible link between a diesel fuel spill and a mystery illness that has killed a great horned owl and sickened dozens of birds at a subur-

ban Chicago nature center.

Twenty-three birds at the Spring Brook Nature Center in Itasca have symptoms such as lethargy, disorientation and an inability to hold down food, center officials said. Visitor programs at the center have been temporarily canceled.

The nature center is near the I-290/I-355 split, where a Jan. 31 crash ruptured a truck's gas tank, causing a diesel spill.

Nature center workers noticed a foul smell for several days after the crash, said the center's raptor supervisor, Debby Farley.

"It kind of smelled like a closed-in gas station," she said.

Workers took blood samples from several birds and found their white blood cell counts were extremely low, Farley said.

Veterinarians say low white blood cell counts occur when a bird has an infection or has been exposed to toxins and chemicals.

DOCTOR LIES ABOUT PATIENT FAKING DEATH

CHICAGO — A Chicago doctor has admitted he lied to officials investigating a patient's plot to elude prosecution for identity fraud by killing a homeless man and faking his own death.

Dr. Gabriel Taganyi, 49, of Chicago pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy and false statement charges. The government agreed to dismiss a charge

that he aided and abetted in a murder.

Taganyi's patient, Joseph Kalady, was arrested in August 2001 for operating what federal prosecutors described as a fraudulent document mill out of a Chicago storefront.

Two months after his arrest, a body described as Kalady's was found in his apartment. But officials grew suspicious because the dead man weighed 175 pounds, while Kalady weighed about 450 pounds.

Through fingerprints, the body was identified as William White, 47, a homeless man, and authorities launched a search for Kalady.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE RESULTS IN DEATH

CHICAGO — An off-duty Chicago police officer was killed and another critically injured after a domestic dispute ended in gunfire Sunday, police said.

Killed in the shooting was 41-year-old Valerie Martinez of Chicago, the Cook County medical examiner's office said.

The shooting happened during a domestic dispute Sunday morning near a busy street in a North Side neighborhood. Chicago police spokeswoman JoAnn Taylor declined to say how or if the victims were related.

The shooting remained under investigation Sunday evening, but police said it appeared that Martinez shot herself.

A nursing supervisor at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston said a 43-year-old man was in critical condition Sunday evening.

BOWLER'S LOSS OF THUMB NOT LOST SCORE

OTTAWA — If "all thumbs" means awkward or clumsy, can "no thumb" mean the opposite? Dean Anderson, Jr. of Ottawa might have the answer.

Since he lost his right thumb during a home-improvement project accident, Anderson's bowling game has actually gotten better.

Seven years ago, the 36-year-old Anderson, a lifelong resident of Ottawa who drives a truck for Second Wind Recycling, was fencing in his yard to keep his son, who was just learning how to walk, from wandering away.

"I was putting in a fence post and by accident I completely cut my thumb right off," explained Anderson, who ended up at the hospital, along with his detached thumb. "The guy told me I needed to have it put back on, because it was my right thumb and I would need it," Anderson continued. "But I said, nah, I could manage without it. There was no pain with it being completely gone, so I didn't have it put on."

Later though, Anderson started having second thoughts.

"I got to kind of thinking how am I going to bowl and how am I going to do this and how am I going to do that?" he said.

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make me feel really good," Hill said about winning the competition.

Hill also said, she believes that winning would mean "being seen in a different light" and that she would have to "always act and represent herself in a positive manner."

Jennifer Ether had never seen a pageant before. She said she wanted to be in the pageant last year, but sat it out and watched her friend compete instead, to first get a feeling for it before actually participating.

"My friend and my mother both inspired me to be in the pageant this year," Ether said. "I want to make a

difference at Eastern and contribute to the others who have done it before me."

She admitted the practices are straining emotionally and physically, leaving her stressed out at times.

After the four hours of practice every night, Ether continues to practice an extra two hours until midnight, which she hopes will pay off.

She said if she has the opportunity to win, she will be proud, excited and thankful, and feel that the hard work had paid off.

She said all of the contestants are unique and bring something personal to the competition.

Stephanie Johnson, unlike Ether, is familiar with pageants.

"I am a pageant girl," she said. "I have been in pageants all my life."

But she does not believe this will give her an advantage, and she feels that she is not in competition with the others.

Johnson hasn't felt the pressure of the upcoming pageant yet.

"I am not nervous yet, but try me next week," she said.

If she wins, Johnson said she would be modest about it, and she said she does not want to be held to a higher standard.

To Johnson, being Miss Black EIU would be "an honor and a privilege to represent Eastern, not just the campus, but the entire community."

2002 races show Social Security can win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. John Sununu of New Hampshire, an enthusiastic supporter of Social Security personal accounts, was hit with charges in his most recent campaign that he favors privatization. He won anyway.

"Everyone has finally recognized the program is no longer the third rail" of politics, Sununu says.

It is a sweeping claim from the winner of a statewide campaign in 2002 that previewed some of the debate now unfolding nationally.

With President Bush advocating personal accounts for Social Security along with a cut in guaranteed future benefits for workers under age 55, it also is an assertion that Democrats are eager to put to a test in 2006.

And it is one that many

Republicans view nervously.

"It's a very combustible product," says Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who was chairman of the GOP House campaign committee in 2002, when Democrats accused numerous Republicans of seeking to privatize the Depression-era program. "My advice to members is to wait and see the details," he said.

Still, Sununu, 40, is part of a group of Republicans to argue that the public will reward politicians for seeking solutions to Social Security's impending financial problems.

"Every candidate that I know of that's been in a campaign where they have stood for the status quo ... they've lost," he said in a recent interview.

Karl Rove, Bush's senior political adviser, sought to reassure GOP lawmakers along the same lines at a private meeting this winter.

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said several efforts are being put forth to form a unified body for this purpose.

Because it would be too complicated for Eastern alone to regulate stories from students across the state,

Howell said he has no plans to include other schools in the project for this year, but would like to see others contribute in the future.

Howell said he plans to have a book completed by the end of this semester; the beginning of next semester at the latest.

Student Government will contin-

ue to accept stories for future use in lobbying efforts. Students can contact Adam Howell at 581-7669 or stop by the Student Activities Office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students should be able to submit stories via the Student Government Web site by the end of the week.

SERIAL RAPE SUSPECT APPEARS IN COURT

DENVER — A serial rape suspect who was arrested after a manhunt and a high-speed chase appeared in court Sunday and was told he is under investigation for charges including sexual assault and kidnapping.

Brent J. Brents, 35, who was released by Aurora police last fall even though he allegedly had admitted



abusing a boy, is suspected of sexually assaulting at least five women and girls in Denver this month and of raping another woman in October.

Formal charges had not yet been filed, but Brents appeared Sunday

before Denver County Magistrate Julie Anderson, who advised him that his bail had been set at \$25 million.

EDWARDS NOT TO LIMIT WHITE HOUSE PLANS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Former vice presidential candidate John Edwards will not talk about whether he plans to run for the White House in 2008, but he is not pledging to stand aside if run-

ning mate John Kerry tries again.

Edwards said in an interview aired Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that he and Kerry have talked often since they lost in November to President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.


MALCOLM X'S FAMILY TO PRESERVE HIS LEGACY

NEW YORK — He was one of

the most charismatic figures in the civil rights movement and also one of its most feared, a former convict who abandoned his "slavemaster name," energized the Nation of Islam and met a violent end at 39.

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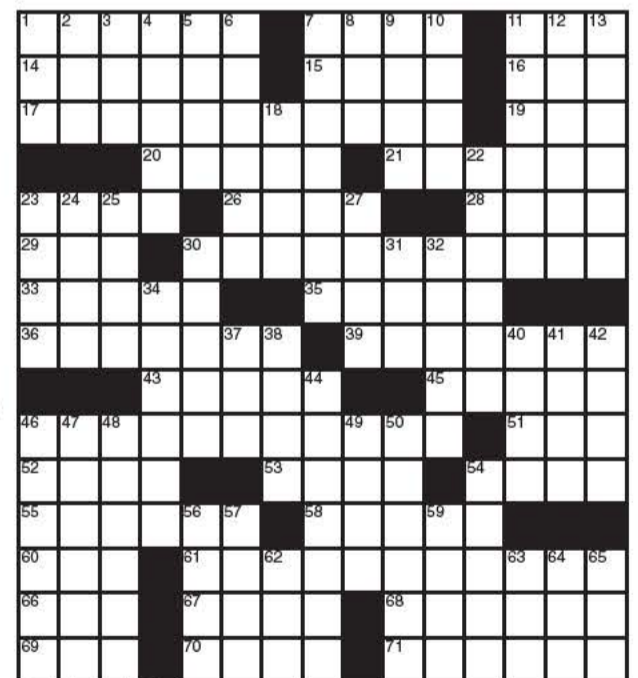
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UPI president Sue Kaufman issued a statement last week condemning the idea and asking union members to begin a letter-writing campaign to the governor and members of the Illinois General Assembly.

Delman said he is preparing the materials to encourage Eastern's employees to participate in the campaign.

Both Kaufman and Delman argue that the change in pensions would also hinder universities' ability to attract new employees.

"You essentially create a two-tiered

system of employees where some get better benefits than others," Delman said. "It's not only unfair, but we won't be able to competitively attract new faculty and staff that can go to other states."

Kaufman agreed the proposed change would affect Illinois universities' ability to attract top employees.

"How can we attract the best and brightest to our institutions when they know their benefits will be far below those of the professor in the next classroom?" Kaufman said.

The benefits cut would only affect new hires. The 1970 Illinois Constitution calls benefits a "contractual obligation" and forbids

reduction of benefits for existing employees.

Delman compared the change to an individual reducing contributions to a retirement fund.

"If you get cheap and start putting less in, you are going to have to scramble to find more money later," Delman said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Conference troubles continue to plague Panthers

Consecutive road losses knock Eastern out of OVC Tournament

BY MARCUS JACKSON
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite senior center Pam O'Connor's record shooting night, the Panther women's basketball team dropped an 80-61 decision to the first-place Eastern Kentucky Colonels Saturday night in Richmond, Ky.

The loss eliminated the Panthers from having a shot at playing in the eight-team Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

O'Connor finished the evening shooting 9-for-9 from the floor, and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line, en route to scoring a team-high 22 points.

O'Connor's 9-for-9 shooting tied the Eastern Illinois single-game field-goal percentage record.

She had previously tied the record with a 10-for-10 performance against Tennessee-Martin in February of 2002.

"O'Connor had a really good game, and stepped up for us, but unfortunately it wasn't enough," junior guard Megan Sparks said.

The Panthers (9-19, 2-12 OVC) had trouble keeping the Colonels off the boards. Eastern Kentucky (18-7, 13-1) out-

rebounded the Panthers 36-26, but dominated the Panthers on the offensive glass recording more offensive rebounds (19) than defensive rebounds (17) on the evening.

The offensive rebounds led to 26 second-chance points for the Colonels, compared to just four for the Panthers.

"Eastern Kentucky is by far the best team in the conference," Sparks said. They were huge, and definitely one of the strongest, if not strongest, team in our league."

Sparks joined O'Connor as the only other Panther in double-figures, finishing the game with 16 points, including 8-of-10 from the free-throw line.

Eastern Kentucky was led by senior forwards Miranda Eckerle (24 points) and Candis Cook (20).

The Panthers didn't fare any better Thursday night, as they fell to the Morehead State Eagles 82-64.

In a battle between the two teams tied for last place, the Eagles (3-11, 5-20) out-scored the Panthers 51-30 in the second half.

With the game tied at 46 midway through the second half, Morehead pulled away from the Panthers with a 17-3 run.

"They just wanted it more than us," Sparks said. "Overall they just played harder than we did, and that showed in the outcome."

O'Connor again led the Panthers in scoring, as she recorded 16 points on 6-of-11 shooting.

Sophomore guard Megan Casad chipped in 13 and junior forward Janelle Cazy finished with 10.

Freshman guard Anitha Smith-Williams led four Eagles in double-figures, as she finished the game with 16 points.

Freshman guard Stacy Strayer (13 points), sophomore guard Natalie Collins (12) and junior guard TaNeisha Johnson (10) were the other Eagles scoring 10 or more.

Eastern returns to Lantz Arena to finish the season with games against Tennessee-Martin on Thursday and Murray State on Saturday.



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Women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee calls plays from the bench against Tennessee State Feb. 10 in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost 80-61 at Eastern Kentucky Saturday night. The Panthers' conference record stands at 2-12.

Thursday's Box Score

Morehead State 82, Eastern Illinois 64

Eastern (9-15, 2-11)

Ploger 3 7 0 0 8, Casad 2 4 7 8 13, O'Connor 6 11 4 7 16, Sellers 3 9 2 2 8, Eck 2 3 0 0 6, Bytnar 1 2 0 0 3, Cazy 4 8 2 2 10

Percentages: FG 21 49 .429, FT 15 19 .789, 3 FG 7 20 .350, Rebounds: 30 (Sellers 6), Assists: 19 (Casad 5), Blocked shots: 1 (Sellers 1), Steals: 8 (Riva 3), Turnovers: 23 (Casad 6) Team Fouls: 15 Fouled Out: None

Morehead State (5-19, 3-10)

Plante 3 9 2 2 8, Johnson T. 4 7 2 6 10, Combs 3 10 0 0 9, Smith Williams 6 12 1 3 16, White 3 8 2 2 8, Johnson S. 0 3 2 2 2, Williams 2 4 0 0 4, Strayer 5 5 0 0 13, Collins 4 4 2 2 12

Percentages: FG 30 64 .469, FT 11 17 .647, 3 FG 11 19 .579, Rebounds: 37 (Johnson, White 7), Assists: 19 (Plante 4), Blocked shots: 5 (Plante, Johnson S. 2), Steals: 11 (4 Tied 2), Turnovers: 16 (White, Collins 3) Team Fouls: 15 Fouled Out: None

Halftime: Eastern Illinois 34, Morehead State 31

Saturday's Box Score

Eastern Kentucky 80, Eastern Illinois 61

Eastern (9-16, 2-12)

Sparks 4 13 8 10 16, O'Connor 9 9 4 4 22, Casad 2 7 3 3 8, Sellers 2 6 0 0 4, Eck 1 2 0 0 3, Cazy 4 4 0 0 8

Percentages: FG 22 45 .489, FT 15 18 .833, 3 FG 2 11 .182, Rebounds: 26 (O'Connor, Sellers 5), Assists: 13 (Sparks 5), Blocked shots: 2 (Sparks, O'Connor 1), Steals: 4 (Bytnar 2), Turnovers: 28 (Casad 7) Team Fouls: 17 Fouled Out: Sellers

Eastern Kentucky (18-7, 13-1)

Eckerle 9 16 4 4 24, Cook 6 16 8 8 20, Garrett 6 11 2 2 14, Shelton 3 9 2 2 9, Patterson 1 3 1 2 3, Cazez 2 5 0 0 6, Johnson 1 4 2 3 4

Percentages: FG 28 65 .431, FT 19 21 .905, 3 FG 5 13 .385, Rebounds: 36 (Garrett 8), Assists: 15 (Shelton 5), Blocked shots: 1 (Pierre 1), Steals: 15 (Shelton, Arnold 3), Turnovers: 18 (Cook 5) Team Fouls: 18 Fouled Out: Eckerle

Halftime: Eastern Kentucky 40, Eastern Illinois 23

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BASEBALL

Panthers lose twice to Sooners

BY PATRICK VITT
STAFF WRITER

The Panther baseball team played its first two games of the season, and it is still looking for a win.

The Panthers dropped two games of a three-game set against the Oklahoma Sooners, losing 19-3 in the season opener Saturday and 10-7 Sunday afternoon.

A late inning surge was not enough for Eastern, as the Sooners held off the Panthers 10-7.

Losing pitcher, senior Kyle Widegren pitched 4.2 innings, yielding four earned runs on six hits and striking out three in his first action of the year.

Eastern's offense came alive in the game as they scored seven runs on 11 hits.

The offensive output was lead by last year's offensive leader, sophomore third basemen, Ryan Campbell.

Campbell, who led the team last year in home runs (7), RBIs (44) and slugging percentage (.538), had only one hit during the game — a timely three-run homerun.

Sophomore centerfielder Mark Chagnon led the Panthers with three hits, and sophomore first baseman/outfielder Erik Huber had two hits.

Despite game two ending in a loss, Eastern (0-2) was

much more competitive, compared to the 19-3 drubbing in game one of the series.

Pitchers Ted Juske and Kyle Widegren, Eastern's only two seniors, pitched three innings, giving up six earned runs on five hits.

The trouble for Juske peaked during a four-run third inning, capped by a three-run triple from Oklahoma's Kevin Smith, which gave the Sooners (3-2) a 6-0 lead.

Eastern's pitching woes continued, as they trailed 8-heading to the sixth inning.

The Panthers yielded eight runs on four hits, highlighted by a one out three-run homerun from Oklahoma's junior shortstop Ryan Rohlinger.

Offensively, Eastern junior left fielder Keiji Szalo went 3-for-4 while driving in two and scoring a run.

Eastern was picked to finish fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference by the conference's coaches, and the team hopes their tough early schedule will have them ready for OVC play.

The Panthers try and salvage the series with Oklahoma today, when the two teams play at 3 p.m. in Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma is expected to send freshman right-hander Brad Burns to the mound, and Eastern will send sophomore right-hander Mike Budde to the hill.

GRAPPLE:

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Charlie Walker, and pinned him with 21 seconds left in the match.

Against Missouri, things looked bad for Ziminski early in the match, when Chase Wetenkamp took him down in the first minute.

Ziminski was able to score an escape and went back to work to take the lead.

Ziminski hit a takedown with 30 seconds left in the first period, but Wetenkamp injured his knee during the takedown and had to forfeit the match.

Ziminski was honored before the match for Senior Night, as they highlighted his five years, one as a redshirt, at Eastern.

"Pete's always the first guy in the weight room and the last guy out," McCausland said. "He's just a workhorse and sets the tone by example."

While Eastern did lose each of

"The experiences we're getting from these matches are great."

BRUCE MCCAUSLAND, HEAD COACH

its matches, 29-9 against Missouri and 38-13 against Eastern Michigan, these are the types of matches that McCausland likes to schedule because it give his wrestlers the best looks possible.

"The experiences we're getting from these matches are great," McCausland said. "I'm sure there are people who look at our schedule and say, 'Are they really wrestling these teams?'"

The Panthers have the next 12 days off until they travel to Fresno State for the NCAA West Regional, and Eastern will welcome the break after finishing up the regular season.

"It's the end of the season, and I think everyone's feeling that right now," McCausland said.

Saturday's Box Score

Eastern Kentucky 74, Eastern Illinois 72

Eastern Illinois (11-14, 6-8)

Gomes 5 10 10 12 20, Dildy 5 9 0 0 15, Catchings 2 6 3 4 7, Tandy 3 8 6 9 12, Gobjczynski 1 4 2 2 5, Duany 2 6 0 0 4, Sinclair 3 4 2 3 9

Percentages: FG 21 51 .412, FT 23 30 .767, 3 FG 7 15 .467, **Rebounds:** 40 (Tandy 8), **Assists:** 7 (Dildy, Tandy 2), **Blocked shots:** 2 (Tandy, Gobjczynski 1), **Steals:** 7 (Duany 2), **Turnovers:** 16 (Tandy 4) **Team fouls:** 22 **Fouled out:** Catchings, Gobjczynski

Eastern Kentucky (17-8, 9-5)

Ingles 3 9 0 0 6, Haney 3 6 7 11 13, Hird 10 11 0 2 20, Witt 7 20 4 5 18, McLeish 1 5 0 0 2, Rushing 2 4 3 3 9, Mascoll 2 2 0 0 4, Wiersma 0 1 2 4 2

Percentages: FG 28 58 .483, FT 16 25 .640, 3 FG 2 19 .105, **Rebounds:** 28 (Haney 10), **Assists:** 13 (Witt 7), **Blocked shots:** 2 (McLeish, Wiersma 1), **Steals:** 8 (3 Tied 2), **Turnovers:** 8 (Haney 3) **Team Fouls:** 22 **Fouled Out:** Ingles, Hird
Halftime: Eastern Kentucky 37, Eastern Illinois 31

HOOPS:

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"To McKnight's defense it was an instinctive play for him," Samuels said. "It was a scatter type play in the game and he really didn't have time to think."

Three Panthers scored in double figures at Morehead as well. Dildy had 21 on five of 16 shooting, Gomes had 25 on 10 of 15 shooting and freshman guard Bobby Catchings had 10 points on four of 10 shooting.

In both games the Panthers out-rebounded their opponents by at least 12, had more second-chance points and had more points off the bench.

However, the Panthers had more turnovers than their opponents in both games.

Samuels said the Eastern Kentucky game was the Panthers' best effort of the year.

He said EKV is a team that is going to compete for the OVC title, they played well against the Panthers but the Panthers matched their intensity. However, EKV got that final break to put them over the edge.

The Panthers have two games left on the season, both at home.

They play Tennessee-Martin on Thursday and Murray State on Saturday.

The Panthers lost to Murray State 73-69 Feb. 3 and beat Tennessee Martin 96-91 in overtime on Feb. 5.

"These are all big games for us now," Samuels said.

Samuels said he's glad the Panthers get to finish off at home, but he knows anything can happen.

Thursday's Box Score

Eastern Illinois 73, Morehead State 71 (OT)

Eastern Illinois (11-13, 6-7)

Gomes 10 15 5 6 25, Dildy 5 16 6 8 21, Patterson 3 7 0 2 6, Catchings 4 10 1 3 10, Gobjczynski 1 3 2 2 4, Duany 1 4 0 0 2, Sinclair 1 1 0 0 3, Wright 1 2 0 0 2

Percentages: FG 26 60 .433, FT 14 21 .667, 3 FG 7 21 .333, **Rebounds:** 43 (3 Tied 8), **Assists:** 16 (Duany 4), **Blocked shots:** 3 (3 Tied 1), **Steals:** 2 (Duany 2), **Turnovers:** 15 (Duany 4) **Team fouls:** 23 **Fouled out:** Tandy

Morehead State (10-14, 4-9)

Reed 2 7 0 0 4, Kelly 5 12 6 6 17, Smith 4 11 0 0 11, True 1 6 0 0 2, McKnight 10 15 11 16 31, Stevens 1 1 0 0 2, Burns 2 3 0 0 4

Percentages: FG 25 58 .431, FT 17 22 .773, 3 FG 4 21 .190, **Rebounds:** 29 (McKnight 6), **Assists:** 14 (Smith 4), **Blocked shots:** 4 (True 3), **Steals:** 9 (Kelly 4), **Turnovers:** 8 (4 Tied 2) **Team Fouls:** 21 **Fouled Out:** Reed, McKnight
Halftime: Eastern Illinois 30, Morehead State 27
End of regulation: Eastern Illinois 57, Morehead State 57

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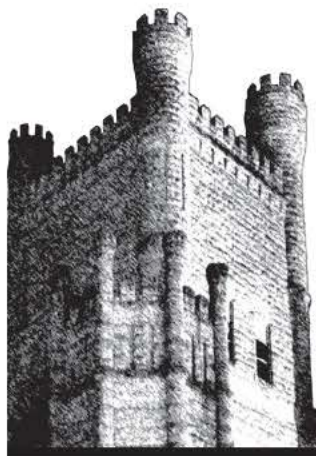
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TWO-POINT CONVERSION
DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Records can be deceptive

No matter what sport you're talking about, a 3-9 record doesn't seem too impressive.

But if you're talking about Eastern's wrestling team, that record is particularly deceiving. Just because Eastern doesn't have a great team record, does not mean that they aren't a good team.

Eastern currently has seven underclassmen in their lineup and one senior on the team. So, the Panthers are an up-and-coming team. And, almost each of those wrestlers is on the verge of breaking out.

Against Missouri on Sunday, Bob Fangerow (141 lbs.), Shane Dintelman (149 lbs.), Greg Perz (184 lbs.) and Jason Sherko (197 lbs.) all lost by 4 or fewer points, and each had a chance to win the match in the final minute. That has been the story for this group all year. But, if these youngsters hope to fulfill their potential, they will have to win those close matches.

And, they certainly have two talented wrestlers to take example from, senior heavyweight Pete Ziminski and sophomore 174-pounder Kenny Robertson.

Each of those wrestlers finished third in their regional last year and is looking to qualify for nationals this year.

Robertson is No. 20 in the nation at his weight class and has had a wealth of experience wrestling the nation's best this season. Last season, Ziminski was penciled in as an alternate at nationals but never got the call up.

Robertson and Ziminski both are quiet, lead-by-example guys who leave it all out on the mat. And, that is exactly the type of wrestler you want leading a young club. They've done that.

The Panthers have faced off against five nationally ranked teams this season. Can you imagine if some of the other teams around campus tried weathering that sort of schedule? It wouldn't be pretty.

Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland sets up such a tough schedule on purpose.

He knows that if he gives his wrestlers the best competition during the dual meet season, then they'll be that much better when it comes time for regionals and nationals.

A schedule so tough may not look good for the team, but it's giving invaluable experience to the individuals.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

CLOCK STRIKES TWICE

Panthers lose to ECU at buzzer, defeat Morehead with seconds left

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
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Eastern split a pair of barnburners last week as they managed to maintain their spot in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

With ten seconds left and ECU (17-8, 9-5 Ohio Valley Conference) clinging to a one-point lead, junior guard Matt Witt went to the free-throw line and knocked down his first shot but missed the second one. Freshman forward George Tandy was fouled on the rebound and with nine seconds left in the game the freshman found himself in a pressure situation. Tandy knocked down both free throws and tied the game for the first time since 2-2.

"Those were big free throws," head coach Rick Samuels said. "He was showing experience beyond his playing age."

Witt ran the ball up the court and pulled up for an 18-footer that fell short but sophomore forward Julian Mascoll, who played just five minutes, grabbed the rebound and put up an eight footer that dropped in just before the buzzer to give the Colonels the 74-72 victory.

But there was some controversy surrounding the final shot. According to the Eastern web site,



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Senior guard Emanuel Dildy passes around Tennessee State freshman guard Reiley Ervin in Lantz Arena Feb. 10. Dildy made two free throws with under three seconds left in overtime in the Panthers' 73-71 overtime win against Morehead State Thursday night. Dildy scored 15 points in Eastern's 74-72 loss at Eastern Kentucky Saturday.

game video footage recorded by the EIU support staff showed the ball still in Mascoll's hands as the clock read zero.

"There was no monitor or anything on the court so the officials had no way to determine whether he got it off in time," Samuels said. "It was just one of those bang-bang plays."

Three Panthers scored in double figures, Tandy had 12 on three of

eight shooting, senior guard Emanuel Dildy had all of his 15 on five of nine shooting from three-point range and junior guard Josh Gomes had 20 points on five of 10 shooting and 10 points from the free-throw line.

Thursday night's game was equally exciting as the Panthers (11-14, 6-8 OVC) topped Morehead State 73-71 in overtime.

With less than a second left, Dildy hit two free throws to put the

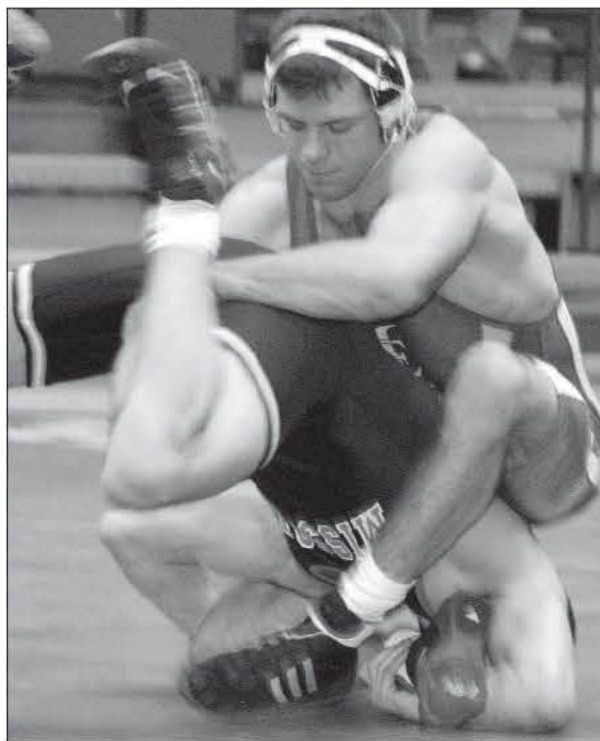
Panthers up two to seal the victory.

"To get to the line was a huge bonus," Samuels said. "We were likely to get just a desperate heave."

After Quinton Smith hit a three-pointer to tie the game with three seconds left, Dildy ran the ball to mid-court and Chad McKnight stepped up and was whistled for his fifth foul. His fifth foul may have cost the Eagles the game.

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WRESTLING



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Sophomore Kenny Robertson, 20th ranked, wrestles T.J. Hansen Sunday at Lantz Arena. Robertson won the match 3-2.

Panthers' pair doesn't lose in dual meet defeats

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Eastern sophomore Kenny Robertson and senior Pete Ziminski each had big weekends for the Panthers, as they won their matches in the Panthers' two losses over the weekend.

In Thursday's match against Eastern Michigan at Lantz Arena, No. 20 Robertson (33-9) dominated No. 17 J.J. Holmes 12-1 at 174 pounds. Robertson expected to have another shot at an upset against Missouri on Sunday, when he was scheduled to wrestle No. 2

"I'm sure there are people who look at our schedule and say, 'Are they really wrestling these teams?'"

RALPH MCCAUSLAND, HEAD COACH

Ben Askren (27-1).

But Robertson never got that chance because Tigers sent T.J. Hansen at 174 pounds instead. Although the score didn't show it, Robertson breezed by Hansen 3-2, controlling the whole match.

"I don't know why they didn't send (Askren) to wrestle," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said. "Kenny was

upset, and it showed in his match."

Ziminski, Eastern's only senior, ended his Lantz Arena-career on a high note, winning each of his last two matches there.

In Thursday's match, Ziminski (15-6) wore down the Eagles' heavyweight,

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