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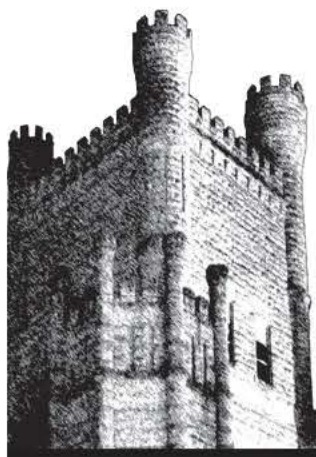
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## Insuring students' belongings

BY ERIN MILLER  
CITY REPORTER

Some students may wonder if their belongings are protected and insured when they are damaged after leaking water affected several floors of Carman Hall Saturday after a pipe burst because of cold weather.

The water affected approximately 13 rooms of Carman Hall's north tower and most of the items could be wiped down, leaving no permanent damage, said Doug Howell, Carman Hall's complex director.

"We have had a few reports about textbook concerns, but everyone kind of pitched in and we are pleased," Howell said.

The university's insurance policy does not cover a student's belongings, but Eastern did offer laundry money to students who used their own towels to clean up the leaking water, he said.

For similar situations, parents have homeowners or renters insurance that will cover a student's belongings while they are away at college, said Stan McMorris, an insurance agent for

State Farm Insurance in Charleston. "Fire, lightning, theft and vandalism are the most common incidents, which are covered by homeowners insurance," he said.

However, McMorris said there are still many incidents that are not covered by homeowner or renter's insurance.

"Insurance doesn't cover everything in the big, bad world," he said. "You wouldn't want Eastern to insure your car, so they shouldn't have to insure your personal property."

Students need to be full-time and

still supported by their parents for the homeowners insurance to cover their belongings, McMorris said.

The best thing students can do is meet with an insurance agent before going away to college and find out what is covered under their parents' insurance plan, McMorris said.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, said he isn't concerned with insurance issues involving residents of Carman Hall.

"We haven't had any complaints so far, so I take that as a good sign," he said.

## Class project raises money for tsunami victims

BY APRIL MCLAREN  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Roy Lanham walked into class to give a 30-minute presentation on Habitat for Humanity, then walked away touched by the motivation of Eastern students.

When Lanham told Pat McCallister's housing family and consumer sciences class of about 40 students that it would cost \$500 to build a house in Sri Lanka, which was hit by December's tsunami, the students decided to take action and raise the money themselves.

"Eastern students make things happen," said Lanham, Newman Center's campus minister. "It's pretty dang amazing."

McCallister, family and consumer sciences professor, said her students took the initiative and had various ideas about the project. She said they took Lanham's idea from the "grassroots", developed their own ideas and became excited about it.

"It's a way for our class to do our part," said Teresa Houston, sophomore career and technical education major.

Houston said this is a good opportunity because it is hard for college students to contribute after seeing people suffer in Sri Lanka.

The group will collect money throughout the month of February in their classrooms, around campus and Charleston. Tables will be set up at Klehm Hall, Charleston and Mattoon Wal-Marts and the residence halls.

"A lot of times we take for granted what we have," Houston said. "We don't realize what happened over there."

Nicole Palmieri, senior family and consumer sciences major, said even 25 cents would contribute to a nail in a house or \$10 for a door. She said extra money for cigarettes or gum could be worth more than someone would think.

"This could be a window for someone," Palmieri said.

During Lanham's speech, he showed a video about Habitat for Humanity which showed families and their emotions when they were given a house.

Tracy Bjekich, senior family and consumer sciences major, said she has had the advantage her entire life of having a home and it was powerful to see the families' reactions.

"That's my goal, to have someone have that joy," she said.



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Justin Estay (left), a freshman recreation administration major, and John Rosenberger, a freshman athletic training major, wait patiently for a bite while ice fishing on Lake Charleston Thursday afternoon. "He's the real fisherman," Rosenberger said. "I just do whatever he tells me to do."

## Student Senate debates day care on campus

BY ERICA MORISCO  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Student Senate is deciding if Eastern could benefit from a student day-care center on campus.

Many other Illinois schools have pondered this idea. In fact, several neighboring schools have already made the choice to make on-campus day care available.

One school that has adopted an on campus day-care facility is Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Northern's day-care center is available for all people affiliated with the school. Most of the money that Northern gets is funded from the school's student association.

The school is always looking for grants to help financial needs as well, said Janene Boyer, a front-desk worker at the center.

The cost of having a child attend the day care depends on the age of the child, the amount of days child care is needed and whether the parent is a student or a faculty member, Boyer said. Students pay between \$135 and \$160 per week, depending on age, for full time care. Students are provided discounts and aid at the day care.

The on-campus day-care center at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale takes a different approach by letting anyone in the community use its facilities.

Students, faculty and the rest of the

community pay the same in tuition costs (\$65 to \$178 per week for infants) for their children, said Elizabeth Dunlat, a front-desk worker at Carbondale's day care. Rates decrease with the age of the child, Dunlat said.

However, lower income families (mostly consisting of student families) receive a certain kind of financial aid to help pay the day-care fees, Dunlat said. Most of the funds are used by Carbondale's day care to maintain the facility come from the tuition that parents pay each semester.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville has the same approach as Carbondale when it comes to funding the day care. The school gets donations as well.

"We get donations from the community (for the day care). Our van was a donation and we use that to take children on field trips," said Malinda Fulmer, a front-desk worker at the day-care center.

Students at Edwardsville get priority during enrollment. The faculty and staff then get second priority, and the community gets third priority, Fulmer said. Rates currently range from \$106 to \$114 per week, depending on age of the child.

Boyer, Dunlat and Fulmer agreed on-campus day care has been beneficial to people affiliated with the schools and has boosted the attendance of both faculty members and students.



## FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>36</b> 30 Mostly cloudy	<b>36</b> 30 Snow showers	<b>41</b> 33 Cloudy	<b>35</b> 30 Snow showers	<b>34</b> 29 Snow showers

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Music director conducts high school jazz band

Sam Fagaly, director of jazz studies, has been invited to conduct a high school jazz band at the All-State Jazz Ensemble during the Illinois Music Educators Conference in Peoria, Friday and Saturday.

Bands from all over the state will attend the conference.

"The best students from every district in the state of Illinois are invited to this conference and they need someone to direct them," said Dan Crews, director of public relations for the College of Arts and Humanities.

The statewide IMEA board, composed of teachers and music educators, chose Fagaly to conduct the ensemble, which will perform today at the Peoria Civic Center.

This appointment is an honor for both Fagaly and Eastern, said Joseph Martin, assistant chair of the music department.

## POLICE BLOTTER

A 2000 Chrysler had the taillight broken while it was parked in the Coleman Hall north staff lot Sunday.

A broach was stolen Monday from a coat while left unattended in Booth Library. Descriptions of suspects were provided by the victim, and an investigation is underway.

A signpost owned by Eastern was damaged at the Village Theater on 18th Street in Charleston.

## PEOPLE

### Murder Inc. founder charged

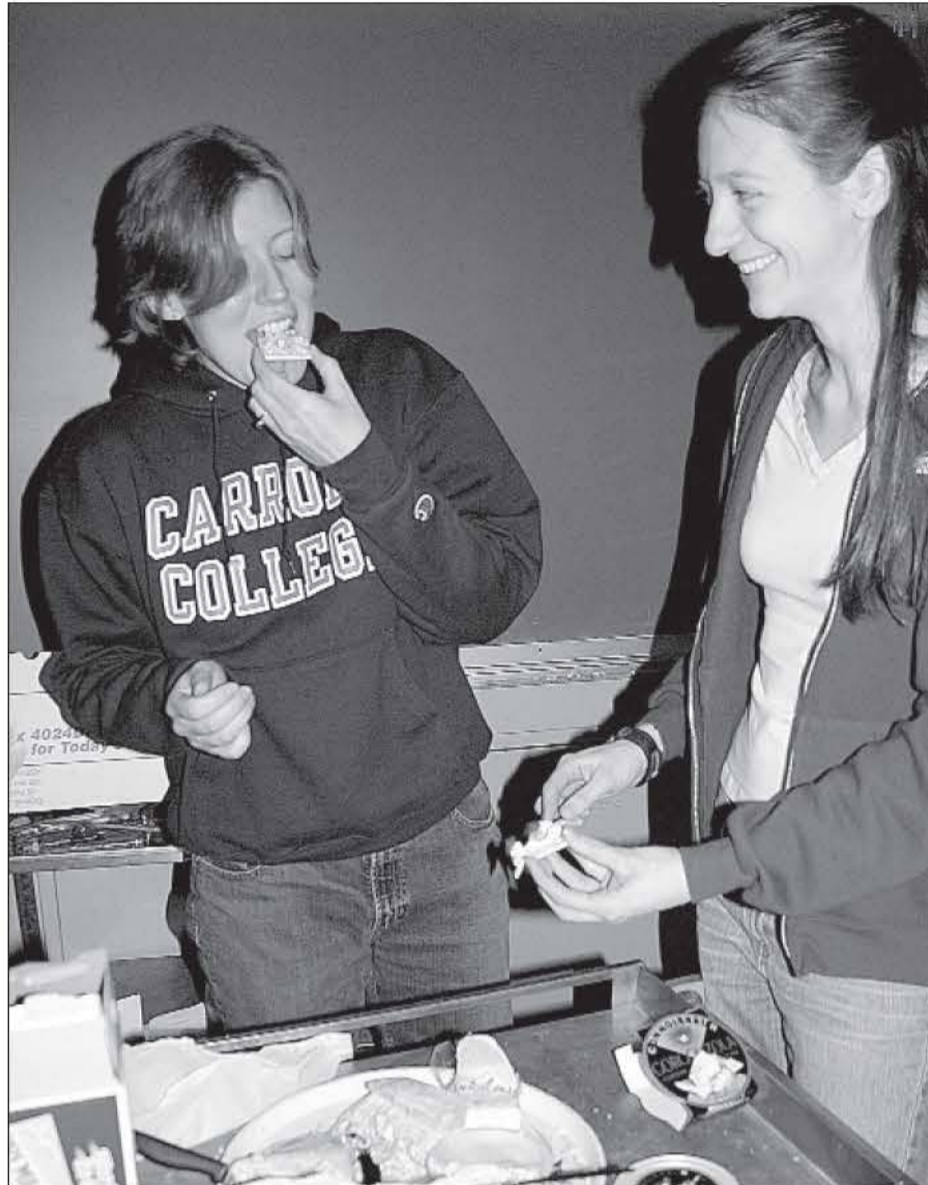
NEW YORK (AP) - Murder Inc. founder Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo, the hip-hop record label behind superstars Ja Rule and Ashanti, was charged on Wednesday with laundering more than \$1 million in drug money from a multistate crack and heroin operation.

Gotti, who named his company after a crime syndicate and borrowed his nickname from a Mafia don, made no secret of his friendship with Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff, one of New York's most notorious drug lords.

McGriff, already in prison on a gun violation, was charged with drug dealing, racketeering and three murders.

Federal prosecutors said Gotti, his brother and business partner, Chris Lorenzo, and their associates accepted frequent deliveries of McGriff's drug cash at their Manhattan offices. In exchange, Gotti cut McGriff more than \$280,000 in business and personal checks and paid for tens of thousands of dollars worth of his travel and hotel costs, prosecutors charge. It was a turn of events unprecedented even in the criminal-minded rap world.

## CHEESE OR FUNGI?



LAURA MILEN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kathryn Yurkonis and Elise Tulloss, both graduate students in the biological science department, eat blue cheese in Jim McGaughey's class while studying the fungi penicillium, which is used in blue cheese and responsible for athlete's foot.

## WTF?

### Drive-up strip club for sale

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The owner of what's billed as the world's only drive-thru strip club is selling it on the Internet. Bidding for the Climax Gentleman's Club opened at \$299,000 this week on the auction site eBay.

Nick Fratangelo said the club's been a fun run, but it's time to cash in. He's not getting out of the business entirely. His company, Town Hall of America Inc., owns Climax Club II, an adjacent club that boasts an outdoor pool where dancers swim.

The drive-through club opened in Salem Township, Westmoreland County, about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh, in spring 2000 and soon drew worldwide attention. Its eBay listing notes the club has been mentioned in everything from magazines to Trivial Pursuit.

Despite the publicity, no one else has stepped forward claiming another such club, said Fratangelo, who was surprised there's been no imitators.

For \$10, a driver can watch from the car as a nude woman dances from inside an enclosed booth (so there can't be any grabbing and for temperature control). Carloads of two or more people pay \$20.

"You're always guaranteed at least one minute. But we're very flexible," he said. "It depends on how many cars are backed up behind you."

## ONLINE POLL

Do you think security cameras are a good idea for Eastern's campus?

- A) Yes. Just look at the number of recent thefts.
- B) No. Our campus is safe and secure.
- C) No to big brother! Cameras invade our privacy.
- D) I don't care either way.

VOTE @ THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS.COM

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<b>HEARING EVALUATIONS</b>	<b>9 A.M.</b>	<b>SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CLINIC</b>
Hearing evaluations are available for students, faculty, staff and anyone from surrounding area.		
<b>CONTRIBUTE BASICS</b>	<b>1 P.M.</b>	<b>CATS TRAINING LAB, MCAFEE 1214</b>
Learn the basics of Macromedia Contribute, a web-management program.		

## COUNTING DOWN

# 46

Days until March Madness.

## WORD DU JOUR

**cornucopia:**  
a stylized representation of a goat's horn filled with fruit, grain, etc.

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# New director = new developments

Rodney Raner takes over graduate admissions, hopes to expand program

BY: KYLE MAYHUGH  
STAFF WRITER

Rodney Raner, Eastern's new director of graduate admissions, has a knack for developing.

As director of educational talent search for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, Raner helped develop more than 600 first-generation college students by helping them prepare for school.

Raner assisted these potential students with career counseling and ACT/SAT preparation.

During his graduate assistantship with International Programs at Eastern, Raner developed part of the processing system used in advisement of international students.

"Rodney brought several skills to the position that were very innovative," said Sue Songer, international student advisor. Raner worked under as a graduate assistant for three semesters.

Now Raner is trying to develop an admissions process that will accommodate Eastern's growing graduate school.

"One of the goals we've talked about is reaching 2,000 students," Raner said. Eastern's graduate school has approximately 1,700 students.

Bob Augustine, dean of the graduate school, said the graduate school has grown recently and will continue to do so.

"Educators must continue with their education to receive their certifications, and businesses and employers are demanding more from their prospective employees,"

Augustine said.

Raner was named to his new position this month after already serving as interim director. Augustine said Raner was recommended for the permanent job after a national search.

Raner's experience with developing processing systems will be vital in his new position, Augustine said.

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BOB AUGUSTINE,  
DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

"We want to be able to offer our students (who are applying) complete electronic options," Augustine said. "We have electronic applications and GRE (graduate record examination) score submission, but the last frontier is getting their transcripts from other schools transferred here electronically."

Raner said he wants to improve Eastern's database for tracking prospective graduate students. The database is developed by gathering information at college career fairs and online from interested students.

Raner received his bachelor's degree from

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1996. He completed his master's degree in college student affairs from Eastern in the spring of 2004 and worked for IECC in between.

Working with first-generation college students in the Upward Bound program with IECC, Raner said, made him want to go back to school and get his master's degree.

"During that time I always talked to them about going beyond just a bachelor's and going for more, so I decided I wanted to do it, to be a better example," Raner said.

Raner went through the Upward Bound program as a student from 1989 to 1992. He was named the program's 2004 Alumni Achiever last summer.

"I went back to teach some classes with them, and someone told me I was nominated for the award. Then, later I found out that I had won," Raner said.

Raner's other duties as director will include monitoring enrollment trends and overseeing graduate recruiting and marketing.

Raner said he is so new to the job he has not had a chance to notice developing trends in enrollment, but Augustine said Raner will have plenty of information to keep track of in the future.

"We expect the demand for graduate education services to continue to rise," Augustine said.

Much of the growth will be in the field of education, but Augustine said there are other strong areas such as the political science, school of technology and MBA programs. The students who apply will be handled by Raner, who has gone through Eastern's graduate school himself.

"I really enjoyed my program here. It was very challenging," Raner said.

# "What Employers Want" workshop to prepare students for 'real world'

BY ANTHONY KRAJEFSKA  
STAFF WRITER

Since graduates may find the job market very competitive, employers are encouraging them to be more prepared.

Career Services will present a workshop on "What Employers Want," which will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at the Martinsville Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The workshop will be hosted by career adviser Bobbi Kingery and campus interview coordinator Debbie Endsley and will last about one hour.

"What students will learn are truly the expectations of future employers both full time and intern," Kingery said.

This workshop is open to anyone who wants to attend. The main focus of the workshop will be to provide information about what employers in the Midwest want from new employees.

Endsley attended a survey at St. Louis University this summer where 300 different representatives from Midwest companies covered topics from what they expect when interviewing people about to whether grade point average or practical experience was more important.

These companies included manufacturing, retail, accounting, engineering, social services and many other industries.

"This information does not come from us, but straight from the employer," Kingery said.

The first half of the workshop will cover what skills employers are looking for and the second half will go in more depth on how to get these skills.

This is the first time the workshop has been offered on campus.

"This workshop is a precursor to the Career Network Day, which is on February 9 in the Union," Kingery said. "Students who attend will know exactly what the employer wants from them."

# A Single Slice: Thomas's Late Night Pizza a late night hookup

BY JOANIE HOLLAND  
STAFF WRITER

Single Slice, a new idea for connecting singles on campus, kicked off its first pizza party Wednesday night.

The brainchild of Lauren Hastings, senior family and consumer sciences major, Single Slice's concept stemmed from Hastings' three years of experience on campus with few opportunities to meet potential partners.

Hastings believes that Charleston does not provide many environments for students over or under the age of 21 to mingle, so she chose Thomas Hall's Late Night Panther Pizza as the

setting for Single Slice.

With little more than an idea, she turned to the Student Panther Information Network and its users for help. After posting her idea on SPIN's message board, Hastings decided there was enough interest to give Single Slice a test run.

As the idea gained popularity, freshman Larry Meyers offered to lend his hand. Together the two worked on setting a date and finding ways to promote the first event.

"When I planned Single Slice, I wanted more than just a dating service," said Hastings, shortly before the meeting time Wednesday night. "I

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LAUREN HASTINGS,  
CREATOR OF SINGLE SLICE

wanted there to be a community, some place to meet friends. I wanted it to be something special."

The group of seven that attended the first Single Slice meeting at 9 p.m.

consisted of students from various majors and class levels, and although females outnumber males at Eastern, men dominated the attendance at Single Slice.

Those who participated said it helps to know who is on the market when trying to meet people in the dating game.

Ian Sheppard, freshman undecided major, admitted that meeting people on campus is usually a random occurrence.

"You meet people through classes," Sheppard said. "I met one girl because we were playing football and she tackled me, just random things."

Joshua Minol, a freshman science major, took a lighthearted approach to why he decided to give "Single Slice" a try.

"I'm a dweeb and have trouble meeting people," he said.

After a night of pizza, conversation and Trivial Pursuit: '90's Edition, the group decided it was time to draw the evening to a close.

"It was a small crowd this time, but I have confidence that once word gets around it's really going to pick up pace and be awesome," Hastings said.

Hastings hopes Single Slice will gain enough popularity to become a weekly or bimonthly event.

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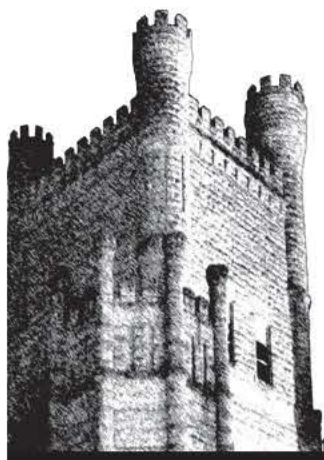
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### COLUMN

## Self-censorship for fear of harassment



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Thirty-two years ago last Saturday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled a case fought by two newly-graduated law students. In the case of *Roe v. Wade*, the highest law in the nation, second only to the U.S. Constitution, decreed that it should be legal for women to undergo the procedure of abortion.

Before you read anymore, rest assured this will not be a column on my feelings about abortion. The last columnist to write on the issue suffered harassing phone calls and derogatory comments in public. I've decided to spare myself the hardship.

More than a quarter century after abortion was legalized, it's still a hot topic, proven by rallies all over the nation. Sunday, a Roman Catholic church in Boulder, Colo., buried the ashes of hundreds of aborted fetuses to commemorate the Supreme Court ruling. The ashes were given to the church by a mortuary that contracted with a local abortion clinic.

Almost as recently, Norma McCorvey, the former "Jane Roe" of the groundbreaking abortion case, rescinded her wish to have abortion legalized. She is attempting to have her case retried by the court.

Abortion may be the most sensitive issue in America today. Many Americans hear only slanted information from advocacy groups on abortion. Many media outlets barely touch the issue outside of reporting the straight facts on a ruling or a law involved. They fear criticism from opinionated readers. It seems everyone has a passionate opinion about abortion. Many refuse to hear an opposing view on the subject. But hearing ideas contrary to your own is the most effective tool for defining your viewpoint.

To summarize John Stuart Mill from his essay "On Liberty:"

Freedom of opinion and expression of that opinion are necessary for the mental well-being of mankind. An opinion that is silenced may be true. If you say there's no way it's true, you're saying you're infallible.

Even if the opinion is wrong, it may have some truth in it, since the popular opinion on any subject is almost never the whole truth.

The only possible way to find the whole truth is to bring different parts of truth together.

Even if the whole truth is presented in form of opinion, it should be discussed and contested so we will be able to see the truth in the opinion and be informed about it. Abortion is not such a black and white issue as right and wrong, good or bad. Some common views of the issue are:

The pro-choice or pro-abortion standpoint in favor of having the legal right to a medical procedure and retaining that right. The pro-life or anti-abortion standpoint is against killing an unborn child and the mass genocide of youth.

Just like every rule, there is an exception to these definitions in cases of rape, incest, illness, irresponsibility and too many more possibilities to name. But everyone should have the information to make their own decision, and everyone has the right to change their mind concerning their stance on any issue.

This is America where people have the right to speak their minds and a free press by which to publish those thoughts. From my experience in the Eastern environment, the number of people who are willing to write 550-600 words on a topic and then have their picture, year and major published by it is drastically less than those who prefer to confine their thoughts to themselves or their friends.

The government may not prohibit our speech, but we shouldn't prohibit others' freedoms with backlash against honesty.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY JOAQUIN OCHOA



### EDITORIAL

## Tough call, but the right call

Bad grades, low numbers of active members and reports of hazing were enough for Karl Grindel, director of chapter development at the Delta Chi national headquarters, to take the charter of Eastern's Delta Chi fraternity.

Grindel was on a visit to help rejuvenate Eastern's chapter, which had been having problems with retention and behavior.

Credit should be given to the University, the Student Life office and Grindel for stepping in and taking action against a fraternity that has been struggling for several years. With the emotions involved with Greek Life it was definitely a difficult decision.

Delta Chi's membership numbers, according to its web site, are much less than the more than 40 members that Delta Delta Delta will initiate in its first pledge class this Saturday.

"A lot of our members were either inactive, dropped out or failed out," said Justin Law, a former active member of Delta Chi.

An organization that has been on campus since 1967 should be able to put up comparable numbers to a first year sorority.

In addition, Delta Chi members have had several years to get their grades up but have been unable to. According to Bob Dudolski, director of Greek life, out of the 10 fraternities on campus Delta Chi has ranked last every semester but one since Fall 2002. They were able to reach fourth in Fall 2003. The fraternity cumulative GPA for Fall 2004 was 2.27.

#### At issue

The revoking of Delta Chi's charter

#### Our stance

While it was a difficult decision, when looking at the recent record of the fraternity it was the right decision.

Dudolski said he had been discussing Delta Chi's recent troubles, which goes beyond just grades for the last several years. While they have had a very good record for their charitable work, they have had issues with individual behavior and leadership activities on campus by its members.

Adding to the list of problems, this semester brought up issues of hazing. While what exactly happened or didn't happen is unknown, these accusations do not help a fraternity with a poor GPA and poor membership rates.

It is quite obvious that Dudolski and Grindel did not pull the rug out from under the fraternity. They have had warning for several years and have not made a turn around. Although it is a difficult call, Grindel was in the right to remove Delta Chi's charter.

The best choices to take over the Delta Chi house in Greek Court would be Phi Kappa Theta fraternity and the Tri Deltas. Because of numbers, the Tri Deltas should be the favorite to move in despite Phi Kappa Theta being on campus longer.

This whole situation is by no means the fault of the entire fraternity. There are many members of each Greek organization who put endless hours of work into councils and events.

But a single individual doesn't make a group. Not one member could have saved the fraternity, and it took more than one individual to make it fall from grace.

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

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# RHAs becoming creative in their fundraising



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Maggie McFarland, a sophomore elementary education major and Abby Wood, a junior communication studies major, take notes to report back to their greek organizations Thursday night at the RHA meeting in the basement of Andrews Hall.

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD  
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association has started several fundraisers to provide resources for three student scholarships.

RHA has set aside a little more than \$1,700

out of its budget and will also do fund fundraisers with the residence halls, such as "Pie Your RHA Executive Board."

Many of the residence halls also have their own fundraisers for the scholarships planned for the semester.

Andrews Hall is planning a fort-building con-

test where contestants only use the hall's lobby furniture. One resident from Andrews must be a member of each team. The entry fee is \$5 per team, and the winning team will receive half of the proceeds. Lincoln Hall will be selling suckers for Valentine's Day, and Lawson Hall will be collecting crushed cans for the spring semester.

McKinney Hall is planning a service auction and program titled "Nick Slicer and Associates Do Something Stupid." The auction is being put on by three McKinney Hall resident assistants and the associates in question are the McKinney Hall Council Executive Board. Half of the proceeds will go to Project Hope and the other half will go to the McKinney Hall Council to bring funds to its budget. The program's features will include a magic show, a girl eating an entire piece of paper and a mystery blender.

"There will be a blender full of food items that should not be mixed, and we will see how much people will pay to me see me drink it," said Nick Slicer, a senior English major and resident assistant from McKinney Hall.

The services being auctioned include rides to class, laundry services, room-cleaning services, cooking a meal and proofreading a paper. The event will begin 8:30 p.m. Thursday in McKinney Hall.

RHA is also planning a day-long sightseeing trip to St. Louis on March 6. Possible locations for the trip to be voted on at the next meeting are the St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis Science Center, the Gateway Arch and the City Museum.

Also at the meeting, six changes and additions to the RHA Constitution were tabled until next week.

"It's a lot to process, and we are going to give you a week to go over it," said Lindsay DiPietro, RHA president.

Upcoming RHA events include Kids' Weekend on April 23, which has a pirate and Caribbean theme. There will also be a self-defense class 8 p.m., Feb. 1 in Ford Hall.

RHA meets 5 p.m. Thursdays in the Andrews Hall basement.

# Unclaimed housing deposits turned over to state

BY STEPHANIE JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Students who do not claim their security deposits will get them turned over to the state as unclaimed money, according to the residence hall contract that students agree to at the beginning of the year.

"Students pay the housing deposit one time when they apply for housing the first time," said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services. "It is a \$50 charge, \$25 is a non-refundable application fee and the other \$25 holds your housing assignment."

If a student is leaving the university through graduation or for other rea-

sons during the checkout process they can request the \$25 deposit refunded to them or left on file for another semester, said Linda Coffey, Eastern's bursar.

"The student must request a refund, and as long as they don't owe the university any money, a check will be sent to them," Coffey said.

When students fail to request a refund, the money can be claimed by the state as unclaimed property.

"We communicate with the students who have housing deposits on file twice a semester," Hudson said.

"After four semesters and no contact, we transfer the money to the state as unclaimed property."

At Eastern this is not an unusual practice, considering that each year some housing deposits are lost to the state.

"That is usually about 35 to 40 deposits a year," Coffey said. "Students should always make sure that the student account office has the correct address on file, so that checks don't get lost in the mail."



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# Prosecutor says Peoria serial killing suspect confessed to eight

PEORIA, — Prosecutors say a former concrete worker who confessed in court Thursday to killing a woman also told detectives he had killed seven others, dumping some along rural roads and burning the others to ash in a pit in his mother's back yard.

Larry Bright, 38, tried to plead guilty to the one slaying with which he had been charged during his first court appearance Thursday, but Peoria County Judge Albert Purham rejected it and told him to consult an attorney.

Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons also spoke in court, telling the judge Bright had confessed to killing eight women in all and had pointed police to where they could find the remains of four missing women whose bodies were never found.

Bright told investigators he burned each of the missing bodies for over a day and a half, then crushed the remains, swept them into buckets and discarded them in various location, Lyons said.

### FOUR POLICE OFFICERS AMONG NINE MEN ARRESTED

CHICAGO — Nine men, including four veteran Chicago police officers, were arrested Thursday and charged with stealing cocaine, money and guns from drug dealers.

All nine were charged with conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine. Authorities said the five non-officers arrested were drug dealers themselves who worked with the policemen from

the Englewood District on Chicago's South Side.

"It's a dark day when police officers pull cars over and go into apartments to steal drugs, guns and money," U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald told a news conference held at police headquarters where the charges were announced.

The arrests came as a result of Operation Restore Faith, a joint investigation by Chicago police investigators and the FBI that involved "extensive use of physical and electronic surveillance" of the officers, authorities said.

### KEY FIGURES IN CHICAGO TRUCK SCANDAL CHARGED

CHICAGO — The former head of Chicago's scandal-plagued Hired Truck Program and another key figure targeted in the federal investigation were hit with new charges Thursday accusing them of trading \$12 million in city business for \$200,000 in payoffs and campaign donations.

Two other men also were charged in a 22-count indictment that broadened the allegations of bribery and political corruption that have emerged from the investigation of the \$40 million-a-year program under which the city has outsourced hauling work to private trucking companies without competitive bidding.

All four of those named in the indictment were charged with crimes in connection with the program last year and all four pleaded not guilty

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when they appeared in court at that time.

While no new names were contained in the indictment, it did furnish a fresh glimpse into what federal prosecutors are describing as widespread corruption in the program.

### WIFE CHARGED WITH BURNING HUSBAND TO DEATH

EDWARDSVILLE, — A Highland woman has been charged with dousing her husband with gasoline and setting him afire while he slept, killing him.

According to Madison County prosecutors, Tammy Englerth left her home Jan. 5, put her son in her car, went back inside and started the fire in the house, which is about 30 miles east of St. Louis.

Her husband, Christopher Englerth, 30, died of his injuries six days later.

Englerth, who was charged with first-degree murder and aggravated arson on Wednesday, was being held without bond in the Madison County Jail. Stephanie Smith of the Madison County state's attorney's office said Thursday the office had no record of whether Englerth had an attorney.

### ILLINOIS MARINES KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH

Two Illinoisans were among the Marines killed when a helicopter crashed during sandstorms in Iraq, killing 31 troops on the deadliest day for U.S. forces since the Iraq war began, officials said Thursday.

Nathan Moore of Champaign and Hector Ramos of Aurora were killed in the crash on Wednesday.

Champaign city employees began raising donations Thursday to give to Moore's family, Champaign Police Deputy Chief John Murphy said. His mother, Amber Moore, is a veteran animal control officer in the central Illinois city.

The CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter was carrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division when it went down about 1:20 a.m. Wednesday near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad, the military said in a statement.

A search and rescue team was at the site investigating what caused the crash.

Army Gen. John Abizaid, chief of U.S. Central Command, said the helicopter was on a mission in support of the Jan. 31 election.

Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq, said 30 Marines and one U.S. sailor were killed in the crash—the most

American service members to die in a single incident in Iraq.


### DRUG WITH RURAL TIES BECOMING 'MAJOR THREAT'

CHICAGO — Already known as a rural scourge, methamphetamine is becoming a problem in a number of U.S. cities.

Meetings of the 12-step group Crystal Meth Anonymous have increased in Chicago from one night a week a few years ago to five a week. In the Atlanta area, methamphetamine users account for the fastest-growing segment of addicts seeking treatment. Rehabilitation centers there are seeing an uptick in the number of women meth addicts, while officials in Minneapolis-St. Paul say they're treating an alarming number of meth users younger than 18.

"Most people just think it happens in the farmlands and the prairies or out back behind the barn," says Carol Falkowski, director of research communications at the Hazelden Foundation in Minnesota. But that's not the case anymore.


Falkowski found that meth addicts now represent about 10 percent of patients admitted to drug treatment programs in the Twin Cities, compared with 7.5 percent a year ago and about 3 percent in 1998. About a fifth of those meth users who sought help in the last year were minors.



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# Ashcroft says nuclear threat remains greatest danger

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WASHINGTON—The possibility that al-Qaida or its sympathizers could gain access to a nuclear bomb is the greatest danger facing the United States in the war on terrorism, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday.

U.S. officials "from time to time" uncover evidence terrorists are trying to develop nuclear capability, Ashcroft said without providing any specifics. It is not clear whether they have made any progress, but the United States must take the threat seriously, he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"If you were to have nuclear proliferation find its way into the hands of terrorists, the entire world might be very seriously disrupted by a few individuals who sought to impose their will, their arcane philosophy, on the rest of mankind," he said.

## DAUGHTER OF BLAKE'S WIFE TESTIFIES

LOS ANGELES—The adult daughter of Robert Blake's slain wife testified Thursday that she heard Blake verbally abuse her mother and recalled how her mother once panicked after leaving their child with the actor.

Holly Gawron, 24, the daughter of Bonny Lee Bakley, told the jury in Blake's murder trial about her mother's stormy relationship with the actor.

While living in Arkansas with Bakley, Gawron said she sometimes answered the phone and heard Blake "yelling, cursing obscenities" when he thought he was talking to Bakley.

Bakley, 44, was shot to death in

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May 2001 as she waited in a car for Blake outside a restaurant. Blake said he returned briefly to the restaurant to retrieve a gun before finding Bakley mortally wounded.

## MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES NOT APPEALED

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration won't appeal to the Supreme Court to try to revive sweeping changes in media ownership rules that were thrown out by a federal court.

The Federal Communications Commission had until Monday, Jan. 31, to decide whether to appeal the ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. The Justice Department, in consultation with the FCC, decided against an appeal, FCC spokeswoman Rebecca Fisher said Thursday.

The regulators must now return to the drawing board and revise the rules. Fisher did not explain why the administration decided not to appeal.

The Republican-dominated FCC completed two years of review and voted 3-2 along party lines in 2003 to ease decades-old ownership restrictions. The changes included allowing a single company to own TV stations and a newspaper in the same area.

## MAN ALLEGEDLY RAPED BY PRIEST TESTIFIES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—After a grueling second day of intense and graphic questioning by a defense lawyer, the man who has accused defrocked priest

Paul Shanley of raping him as a child broke down on the witness stand Thursday and begged the judge not to force him to continue testifying.

Mondano has said the man made up his story to cash in on the multi-million-dollar settlements paid to victims of abuse by priests in Boston's Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

The accuser, now a 27-year-old firefighter, says Shanley raped and molested him at a parish outside Boston beginning when he was 6. He didn't remember the abuse until early 2002, when he heard a friend's account of being abused as a boy by Shanley.

## INJURIES AND DEATHS LINKED TO ATVS

WASHINGTON—More people than ever are being killed and injured on all-terrain vehicles as the number of riders increases, according to government statistics.

New estimates from the Consumer Product Safety Commission show that 621 people were killed in 2002, the most ever. Figures for 2003 are incomplete.

The report, posted late Wednesday on the agency's Web site, also estimates that 125,500 people suffered injuries serious enough to send them to emergency rooms in 2003, a 10 percent jump from the previous year.

Safety groups seized on the data as evidence not enough is being done to promote ATV safety, particularly among children. About one-third of the dead and injured since 1982 have been children under 16.

## COMPETITION PUSHES ATA TOWARDS CHICAGO MIDWAY

INDIANAPOLIS—ATA Airlines Inc. said fierce competition from rival carriers forced it to abandon plans to rebuild its struggling business at its hometown hub and instead concentrate on Chicago.

Chicago's Midway Airport will become the airline's focus, an abrupt reversal from ATA's earlier plans to sell off most of its Midway operations as part of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.

The leader of ATA's flight attendants union, Jacki Pritchett, said Thursday the news that the airline would end 44—or more than 90 percent—of its daily flights out of Indianapolis by April 10 left her more concerned about the company's future now than when it filed for bankruptcy last fall.

## RIGGS BANK PLEADS GUILTY TO ALLEGATIONS

WASHINGTON—Riggs Bank pleaded guilty Thursday to failing to report suspicious transactions in the accounts of foreigners, including former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, and agreed to a \$16 million fine.

In its aggressive courtship of foreign political figures to win their banking business, the old-line Washington bank failed to exercise oversight and aided their illegitimate use of the bank, the prosecutors said.

It would be the largest criminal penalty ever imposed on a bank of Riggs' size, according to prosecutors, and comes atop a record \$25 million civil fine levied on the bank by a Treasury Department agency last May.

The plea agreement still needs the approval of U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina.

## REMAINS OF KIDNAPPED RESTAURANTEUR FOUND

DALLAS—Police on Thursday found the remains of a restaurateur who was kidnapped nine days ago and presumed murdered.

Oscar J. Sanchez, 30, disappeared Jan. 18 after his car was rammed from behind near two of the popular Mexican restaurants his family owns.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office confirmed Sanchez' identity. A police officer found the body just before noon in a remote area of south Dallas. It was covered with construction materials, Lt. Jan Easterling said.

## FACTORIES WITH FASTEST ORDERS IN A DECADE

WASHINGTON—Big-ticket orders to factories shot up almost 11 percent last year, the best performance in a decade and a promising sign for beleaguered manufacturers who have lost 2.9 million jobs since mid-2000.

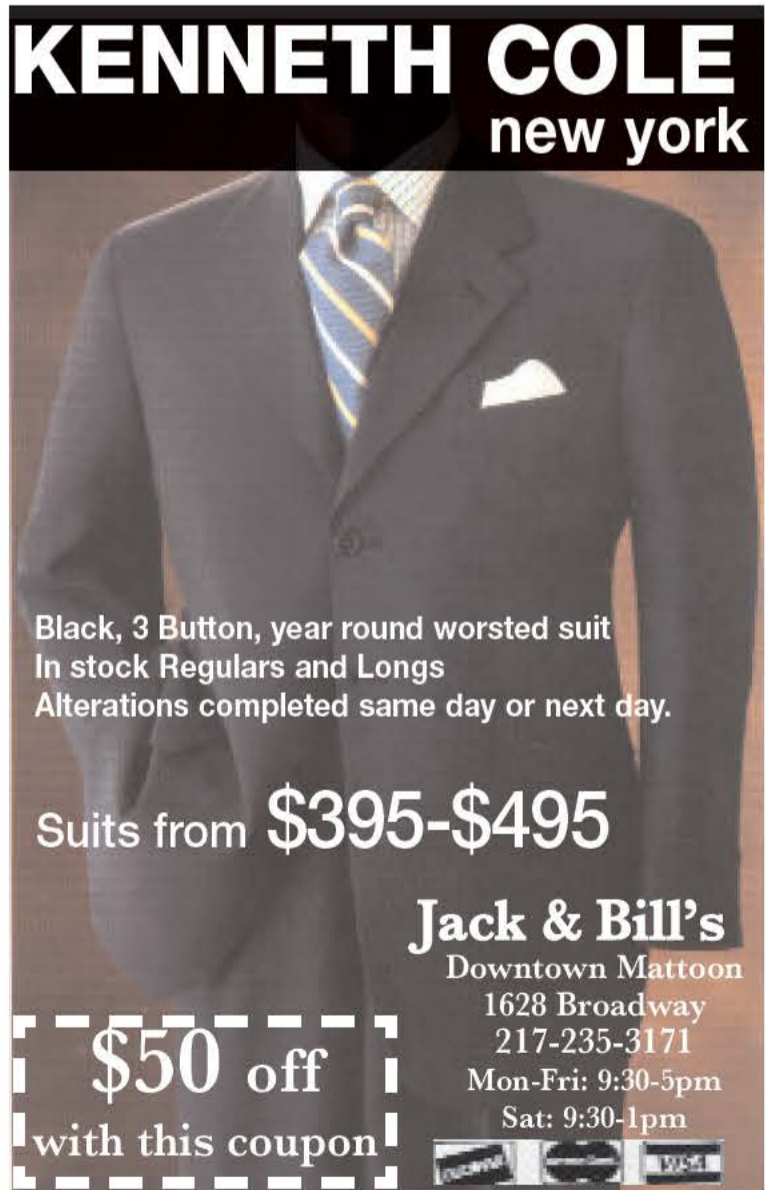
But the rebound in orders, while translating into higher profits for manufacturing companies, was not spurring much rehiring of laid-off workers. Businesses are boosting production with smaller work forces, analysts say.

The 10.9 percent rise in orders for all of 2004 was helped by a 0.6 percent gain in December, which followed an even bigger 1.8 percent November increase as the year ended on a strong note.

In this decade, manufacturing has fallen on hard times, suffering a plunge of 10.6 percent in orders in the recession year of 2001 and a further 1.9 percent setback in 2002.

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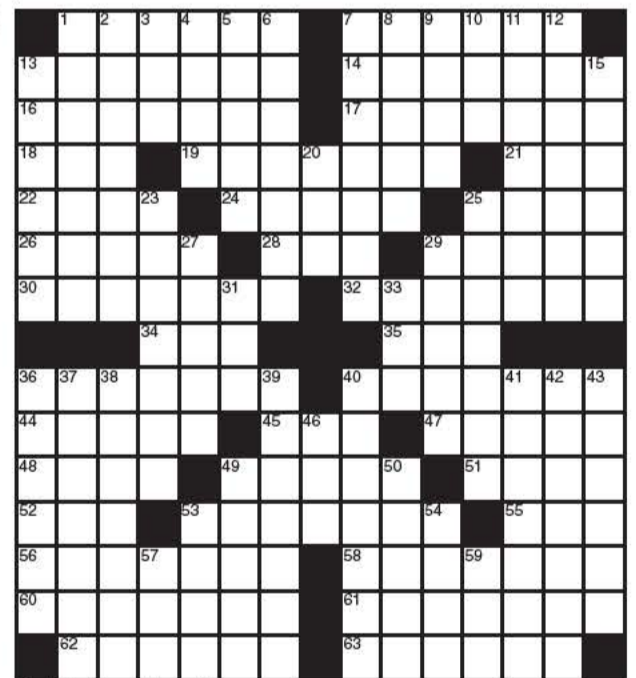
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Frustration forces backcourt change



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore guard Meggie Eck moves the ball around Samford freshman guard Taryn Towns Thursday evening in Lantz Arena. Eck hit back-to-back three-pointers in a 12-0 Panther run during the second half.

BY MARCUS JACKSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther women's basketball team was frustrated on both ends of

the floor in their 79-71 loss to Samford Thursday night at Lantz Arena in Ohio Valley Conference action.

In their last game, the Panthers

(8-10, 1-6) committed a season-low five turnovers against first-place Tennessee Tech.

However, against the Bulldogs (10-8, 3-4) they gave the ball away 22 times on Thursday night.

Senior guard Sarah Riva said the turnovers were the result of mental errors by the Panthers, but the Samford pressure played a factor as well.

"I just think we had a few mental breakdowns," she said. "They did jump the ball a lot, but that's no excuse. We knew they were coming, and we just have to do a better job of taking care of the ball."

Samford took advantage of the Eastern miscues as 28 of their 79 points came as a result of Panther turnovers.

Sophomore guard Meggie Eck and freshman guard Kiki Bytnar saw the most minutes of the season for them in an attempt to give Samford a different look and to cut down on the turnovers.

Head coach Brady Sallee said he was proud of the duo's night and

expects the pair to see more minutes in the future.

"They've been practicing well and practicing hard," he said. "They've been doing things the right way, and they deserved to be out there."

Eck entered the game midway through the second half and provided an instant spark as she hit back-to-back three-pointers to key a Panther 12-0 run.

While the Panthers were flustered offensively, Samford's Princeton-style offense had Eastern confused all night.

Sallee said that his team was definitely prepared but somehow could not handle all the screening.

"When we look unprepared it always falls back on the coach, so I'll take the blame for that," he said. "We clearly didn't defend the way we needed to, so we'll get that taken care of."

The Bulldogs dished out 23 assists on the night and ended up with four players in double figures, led by guard Tish Pilkerton's 17 points.

MATCH BREAKDOWN



Eastern Illinois (8-10, 1-6) @ Jacksonville State (6-10, 3-4)

When: Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2:05 p.m.  
Where: Lantz Arena  
Radio: WEIU-FM 88.9

LEADING SCORERS

PAM O'CONNOR, SR. C (EIU): 13.6 PPG  
MEGAN SPARKS, JR. G (EIU): 11.4 PPG  
SHANIKA FREEMAN, SR. F (JSU): 15.9 PPG  
REBECCA HAYNES, JR. F (JSU): 9.3 PPG

The Gamecocks are coming off a loss at Southeast Missouri Thursday night. Rebecca Haynes led the Gamecocks with 15 points.

Eastern lost its game Thursday night versus Samford at Lantz Arena. The Panthers were paced by Pam O'Connor with 21 points.

The Gamecocks won last year's meeting 80-60 in Jacksonville, Ala.

WRESTLING

# Wrestling team heads to Great Plains Open in Nebraska

BY DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern will travel to Lincoln, Neb. Saturday to wrestle in the Great Plains Open hosted by No. 8 Nebraska.

Among the teams attending the tournament will be South Dakota, Wyoming, Northern

Colorado, No. 3 Iowa State, No. 7 Michigan and No. 6 Oklahoma.

"This will give us a chance to get an eye on competition we haven't seen," said Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland. "If we get to wrestle some guys we'll see later in the year, we need to capitalize on that; if we don't then we need to

look at some common opponents."

One team that Eastern will see later this season is Wyoming, who is in the same regional as the Panthers. Two wrestlers that McCausland thinks will be helped are sophomore 174-pounder No. 20 Kenny Robertson (24-9) and senior heavy-weight Pete Ziminski (6-5).

"For Pete and Kenny this should

get some good exposure for them," McCausland said. "They'll also get to see some individuals they'll see later this year."

The host team, Nebraska, will also be wrestling No. 15 Missouri that night and will only have their back-ups wrestling in the tournament.

Eastern is coming off a triangular meet they hosted Sunday at Lantz

Arena, and McCausland changed up their workouts to prepare for Saturday's meet.

"We're on a good frame rate right now where we're wrestling about every six days," McCausland said. "This will be a good change from dual meets because it will give us a chance to wrestle three or four matches in a day."

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Tale of two halves for Samford star

By JOHN HOHENADEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

Samford junior forward J. Robert Merritt came into Thursday's game at Eastern shooting just under 46 percent from three-point range, but in the first half Merritt looked tentative and made only 1-of-3 shots behind the arc.

"In the first half I missed my first couple of shots, and my shot didn't feel too good," Merritt said. "There wasn't really a reason why I wasn't hitting my shots. We were patient on offense, and I was getting good looks."

**"My shot felt good in the second half. It's been that way lately ..."**

**J. ROBERT MERRITT, JUNIOR FORWARD**

Though Merritt seemed to be struggling, he shot 50 percent (2 for 4) from the field in the first half, but only scored five points. Merritt was right on pace to match his season shooting percentage at 50 percent.

Eastern senior forward Andy Gobjczynski said some of the guys on the Bulldogs would shoot the ball whether there was a defender two inches or two feet away from them.

The Panthers' defensive pressure, along with Samford's lack of offensive possessions, prohibited Merritt from getting comfortable.

He said he couldn't get into a rhythm. The second half was a different story for Merritt, much like it was against Eastern Kentucky last Saturday.


"My shot felt good in the second half," Merritt said. "It's been that way lately, but I wouldn't necessarily say I'm a second half player."

Merritt kept his team in the game scoring 17 points on 4-of-7 from the field and 3-of-5 from three-point range in the second half. Merritt also was perfect on his six free-throw attempts.

But it wasn't enough, as the Panthers (7-11, 2-5 Ohio Valley Conference) downed the Bulldogs 74-65.

"He's a talented player," Gobjczynski said. "He's not the most

**GAME BREAKDOWN**



**Eastern Illinois** (7-11, 2-5) @ **Jacksonville State** (4-15, 0-7)

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 29 at 7:05 p.m.  
**Where:** Lantz Arena  
**Radio:** WEIU FM 88.9  
**Television:** WEIU TV Ch. 6 (Charleston and Mattoon cable)

**LEADING SCORERS**  
**JOSH GOMES, JR. G (EIU): 15.2 PPG**  
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**WALKER RUSSELL, JR. G (JSU): 14.2 PPG**  
**B. J. SPENCER, JR. G (JSU): 11.4 PPG**

The Gamecocks are coming off a loss at Southeast Missouri Thursday night. Brandon Davis led the Gamecocks with 20 points. Eastern won its game Thursday night versus Samford at Lantz Arena. The Panthers were paced by Gomes' 21 points. The Panthers dropped last year's only game between the two, losing 78-73 at Jacksonville State.

athletic kid in the world, but he's herky-jerky in his movements, and me as a forward, I am not used to guarding a guy like him."

Merritt did everything he could to try and keep Samford (11-7, 6-1) undefeated in OVC play, and with 1:07 left in the game he stepped to the free-throw line and knocked down both attempts to bring his team within three.

Merritt said the Eastern game reminded him a little of the ECU game last Saturday when the Bulldogs were able to comeback from a 13-point half-time deficit.

Merritt said the difference between the ECU game and last night's game was the lack of defensive stops.

"We knew we were in the game," Merritt said. "But it came down to defense. When we were tied or down by only two or three points, we needed a defensive stop, but we didn't get them."

As hard as Merritt pushed and as many shots as he hit, it just wasn't enough for the Bulldogs to pull off a victory.

"Defense was the key tonight," Merritt said.

**ZONE:**

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After forcing Eastern into 10 turnovers and shooting 50 percent from the floor, Samford led by two at the break, 28-26.

The Panthers started the game on an 8-2 run, getting a pair of three-pointers from Dildy and Gomes. Gomes led the Panthers with 10 points in the half.

But the Bulldogs' senior forward Bryan Boerjan responded scoring five straight to make the score 8-7. Boerjan finished the half with seven points to lead Samford.

Eastern answered with another 8-2 run triggered by freshman guard Bobby Catchings' thunderous one-handed dunk.

With the score 16-9, Samford began to heat up from beyond the three-point arc hitting three-straight to take their first lead at 18-16.

The Bulldogs took another lead late in the half, going up 28-24 on J. Robert Merritt's driving lay-in. But a Catchings' steal set up Dildy to go the length of the floor in five

**Eastern 74, Samford 65**

**Eastern (7-11, 2-5)**

Gomes 7-12 4-4 21, Dildy 6-9 2-2 19, Catchings 3-8 0-0 6, Patterson 2-3 1-1 5, Tandy 2-3 2-2 6, Gobjczynski 3-5 2-2 11, Wright 1-4 4-4 6, Duany x-x x-x x,

**Percentages:** FG 21-42 .533, FT 15-16 .938, 3-FG 11-18 .611 **Rebounds:** 31 (Tandy 7), **Assists:** 15 (Dildy 5), **Blocked shots:** 1 (Tandy 1), **Steals:** 3 (T-3), **Turnovers:** 14 (Catchings 4)

**Samford (11-7, 6-1)**

Merritt 6-11 6-6 22, Mills 3-5 0-1 7, Boerjan 5-10 4-4 17, Merritt, Joe 3-6 0-2 7, Smith 1-5 0-0 3, Hare 3-5 2-4 10

**Percentages:** FG 21-42 .500, FT 15-16 .706, 3-FG 11-27 .407 **Rebounds:** 14 (Merritt 4), **Assists:** 12 (Merritt, Joe 4), **Blocked shots:** 1 (Merritt 1), **Steals:** 6 (Mills 3), **Turnovers:** 10 (Merritt 4) **Halftime:** Samford 28, Eastern 26

seconds, hitting a slashing left-handed lay-up to beat the buzzer.

"(Dildy) just made a great play," Wright said. "It gave us a lot of momentum that carried over."

The Panthers return to the Lantz Arena floor at 7 p.m. Saturday when they take on the Jacksonville to close out Eastern's two-week, four-game homestand.

**LOSING:**

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"The team that played the second I am proud of," Sallee said. "They showed a lot of character playing the way they did."

Other scorers in double figures for the Panthers were senior guard Sarah Riva with 14 points, connecting on four three pointers, and junior guard Megan Sparks who scored 17 points. Sparks scored 10 of her points on free throws as she connected on all 10 she shot.

As a team the Panthers shot 17-18 from the free throw line. The Panthers again could not take care of the ball. Riva knows the team needs to protect the ball better.

"I think it's just mental breakdowns," she said. "From not ball faking (Samford) read where we were going to give the ball."

**Samford 79, Eastern 71**

**Eastern (8-10, 1-6)**

Sparks 3-10 10-10 17, Riva 5-9 0-0 14, Sellers 2-3 0-0 6, Ploger 1-3 0-0 3, O'Connor 8-13 5-6 21, Eck 2-3 0-0 6, Cazy 1-2 2-2 4

**Percentages:** FG 22-46 .478, FT 17-18 .944, 3-FG 10-19 .526 **Rebounds:** 18 (O'Connor 5), **Assists:** 20 (Riva, Sparks 5), **Blocked shots:** 6 (Cazy 4), **Steals:** 8 (Sparks 4), **Turnovers:** 22 (T-3)

**Samford (10-8, 3-4, 3-4)**

Pike 7-10 0-0 14, Friend 2-3 2-4 6, Smith 5-8 2-2 12, Pilkerton 7-11 1-2 17, Clement 5-10 1-1 11, Ward 2-3 0-0 4, Towns 2-5 2-2 6, Walker 3-7 3-3 9

**Percentages:** FG 33-57 .579, FT 11-14 .786, 3-FG 2-6 .333 **Rebounds:** 30 (Pilkerton 9), **Assists:** 23 (Friend 6), **Blocked shots:** 2 (Smith, Clement 1), **Steals:** 11 (Towns 4), **Turnovers:** 20 (T-3) **Halftime:** Samford 45, Eastern 29

**WOIKE:**

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But when an original answer comes, especially when it comes with it going down to the wire, I feel like I dodged a bullet.

Even if it isn't that pretty, I'll take it.

But when I get that good quote and insert in my story, I feel fortunate.

I always knew writing wouldn't be a cakewalk, but when I bring my A-game, I report my heart out.

It's the greatest job in the world, and I just want to thank God for the opportunity.

Hopefully, I'll be able to put this

column behind me, head back to the drawing board and go out there and get it done next time.

*Dan Woike, a senior journalism major, snatched this column from the jaws of delete. Email him at woikedan@hotmail.com if you thought this column was a bitter pill to swallow.*

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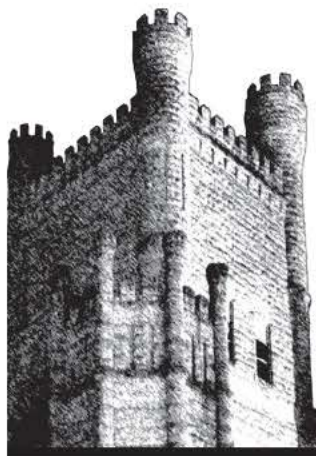


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# SPORTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2005

## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SWIMMING AT IUPUI</b>	5:30 p.m.
	Track and Field at Indiana	thru 1/29
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS JACKSONVILLE STATE</b>	2:05 p.m.
	Men's Basketball vs Jacksonville State	7:05 p.m.
	Wrestling at Missouri Valley/Nebraska Open	TBA

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



### FROM LEFT FIELD

DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Giving it over 100 percent

I've been dreaming about this since I was a kid — a chance to write about sports clichés.

To write about such a dynamic topic, I'm going to really have to be in the zone. It's going to require that I keep my head in the column, not worry about outside distractions, buckle down and dig in.

Can you feel the electricity?

When I mentioned that I'd be writing about this to a few fellow DEN writers, pandemonium broke loose. Well, OK, it didn't. (In fact, it was a real crowd-silencer.)

Despite the naysayers, I decided to keep plugging away, taking it one word at a time because writing a column is nothing more than a game of inches.

The best part of a good sports cliché is the ridiculously simple language.

After watching a real barn-burner where a pair of teams scratched and clawed while fighting tooth and nail, the losing coach has to tip his hat to the other team.

And if he doesn't want to tip his hat, then he just has to hand it to them.

You just can't teach linguistics like that.

Now, what does any of that mean?

Not a thing.

Another one of my favorites is when someone in a post-game interview says, "The best team won today."

It's that kind of insight that makes me feel just lucky to be there.

When coaches or players rely solely on clichés to express their ideas, they're just beating themselves. Those are the types of answers that come up short and don't get the job done.

It would be refreshing for athletes and coaches to step up to the plate and come to play (or talk).

Simply put, they need to get the cliché monkey off their backs.

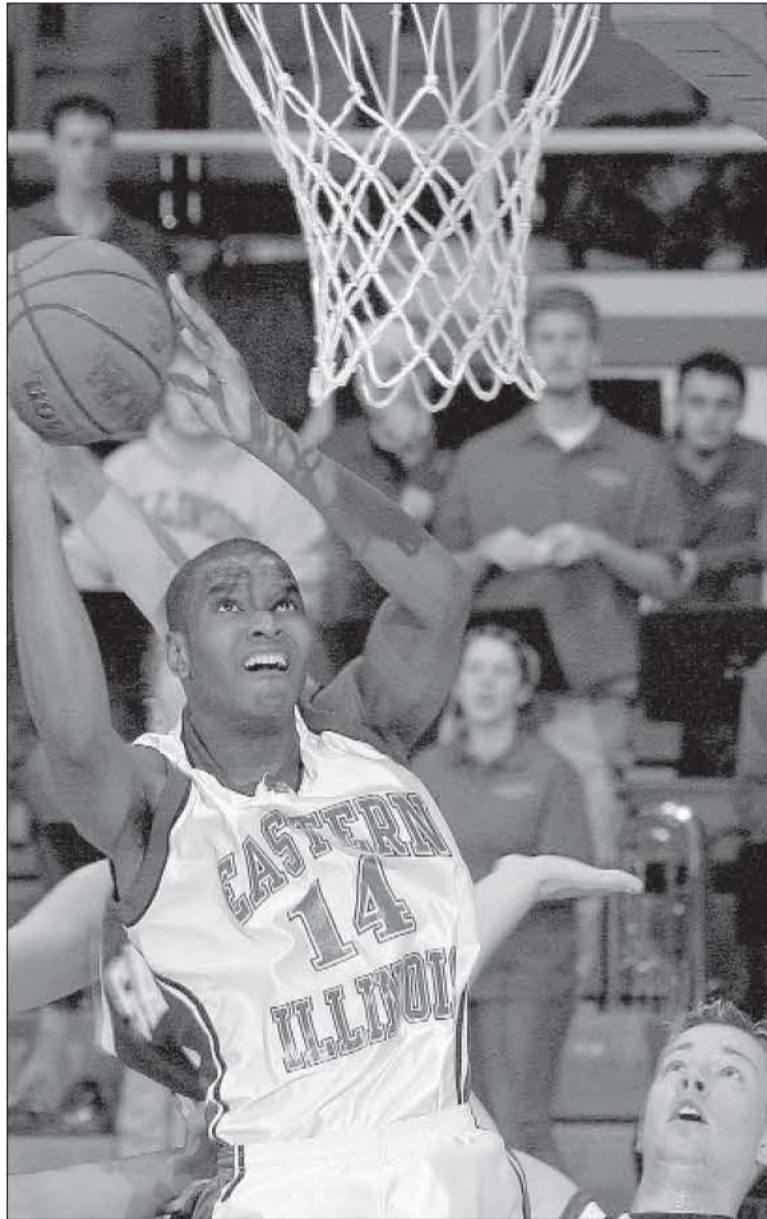
The repeated uses of these phrases change the complexion of a story or an interview. And when nothing new and original comes out, it forces me to write with a sense of urgency.

It's at this point where the clock is an enemy and where time is of

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## MENS BASKETBALL

# GETTING IN THE ZONE



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Redshirt freshman Bobby Catchings scores two points under pressure from Samford senior forward Bryan Boerjan Thursday evening in Lantz Arena. Catchings scored six points in Eastern's 74-65 win.

## Hot shooting topples OVC's first place team

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The wrong team didn't miss shots down the stretch.

The Eastern men's basketball team handed Samford its first Ohio Valley Conference loss, defeating the conference's top shooting team 74-65 Thursday night in Lantz Arena.

Eastern (7-11, 2-5 OVC) connected on 11 three-pointers, seven in the second half.

The Panthers hit 13-of-20 second half-shots for a 65 percent field goal percentage. The team hit 53.3 percent from the field overall.

The Bulldogs' (12-6, 6-1) match-up zone defense gave Eastern open looks from outside—looks Eastern hasn't had against teams who play pressure man-to-man defense, Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said.

"I was confident we'd shoot the ball well," he said. "The zone they play is a little bit softer, and we were able to get our shooters some good looks."

And the Panthers' starting guards, junior Josh Gomes and senior Emanuel Dildy, took advantage of the zone. Gomes led the Panthers with 21 points on 7-of-12 shooting, and Dildy added 19 points, making 6-of-9 overall and 5-of-7 from three-

## "We're making big plays down the stretch."

RICK SAMUELS,  
HEAD COACH

point range.

Senior forward Andy Gobczynski finished with 11 points as the only other Panther above double figures.

"We got some high-percentage shots," said senior guard Jason Wright. "A lot of our shots came within the flow of the game and weren't forced."

After the teams swapped leads for the first six minutes of the second half, the Panthers took a 41-40 lead on the second two of Gomes' free throws. Eastern never relinquished the advantage.

"We're finishing games at home," Samuels said. "We're making big plays down the stretch."

The Bulldogs got a huge second half from junior forward J. Robert Merritt, the OVC's fifth-leading scorer. Merritt led all scorers with 22 points, including 17 in the second half.

Samford's offense slowed down the game's tempo by patiently waiting for open three-pointers or backdoor cuts.

"I thought we did a pretty good job against it," Gobczynski said. "We've been practicing it all week, and we were ready."

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## WOMENS BASKETBALL

# Home court losing lucky winning streak

BY ADAM DREMAK  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern women's basketball team lost their second straight home game Thursday night, but more importantly they dropped to 1-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Samford Bulldogs (10-8, 3-4 OVC) defeated the Panthers 79-71 and was up by as much as 20 points early in the second half.

Eastern (8-10, 1-6 OVC) went on a 12-0 run to get themselves back in the game and fought back to get within five points with over seven minutes left to play.

That was the closest the Panthers would get, though, as turnovers and the steady offensive play of Samford was too much to overcome.

Reminiscent of Princeton's style offense, Samford ran a lot of backdoor screens and got some easy lay-ups catching Eastern off guard defensively. Eastern Head Coach Brady Sallee



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Junior guard Megan Sparks (left) and senior guard Sarah Riva (right) compete with Samford senior guard Sarah Clement for a loose ball Thursday evening in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost 79-71.

placed some blame on himself for maybe not preparing enough.

"We prepared for it, we just didn't defend the way we needed to. We got caught a lot defensively (from the

screens)," Sallee said. "That's my fault for not preparing them enough."

Senior center Pam O'Connor, who led all scorers with 21 points, could not come up with any particular rea-

son why the Panthers couldn't play better.

"We were definitely prepared; we don't really have an excuse," she said.

To the Panthers credit they outplayed Samford late in the second half but shot themselves in the foot with turnovers and by getting out-rebounded 30-18. Sallee said they just can't continue to play half games.

The second half gave opportunity for many of the bench players to play and help get Eastern back in the game.

Being down by 20 points with just five minutes played in the second half, the Panthers outscored Samford 23-8 to get within five points. Sophomore guard Meggie Eck came off the bench and hit two three pointers to help get the Panthers back in the game.

All 10 active players played for the Panthers, and Sallee was impressed with the way the team played in the second half.

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