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# the **DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

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**CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE**

## Faculty discuss responsibility for disability assistance

By **Jess Kinsella**

Faculty Development Reporter

At Eastern, 483 students are registered with having a disability.

The disabilities range between learning, orthopedic or physical disabilities.

Recently, according to Kathy Waggoner, assistant director of the Office of Disability Services, more students have registered as having a severe disability such as a traumatic brain injury.

Some of these students may need accommodations in the classroom.

Accommodations include a note taker, an alternate desk or chair, tape recorder or extended test time.

Those students seeking assistance must be tested through the ODS, where Waggoner welcomes calls from faculty, instructors, parents and students, she said when speaking to the Faculty Senate on Tuesday.

Waggoner, who has worked in the ODS for eight years, explained to the faculty how a disabled student must first contact their instructor to discuss accommodations.

Instructors then contact the ODS, she added.

The process continues until ODS proctors the test and the instructor picks it up from their office, she said.

Thomas Sinclair, special education professor, stated that this process, which includes a large amount of paperwork, is the number-one reason why special-education professors leave their profession.

Vice Chair Jeff Ashley was concerned with the “back and forth” process and questioned why it is the faculty’s responsibility to provide accommodations for students

**CAMPUS | GREEK LIFE**

## Airband prepares to ‘bring it on’



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Sigma Chi fraternity practice their dance moves Tuesday night in the Lantz concourse in preparation for Eastern’s Greek Week “Airband” event in April.

### Team members practice for Greek Week dance competition

By **Stacy Smith**

Greek Life Reporter

Beth Potts began dancing when she was 2 years old.

The Alpha Phi Airband captain took ballet and uses her experience to train other members of her sorority as they prepare for Greek

Week.

But she also understands that not every team member has her same dance background.

“I can’t require the girls to have been in dance because a good majority of the team wasn’t,” said the former high school cheerleader.

Airband is an event during Greek Week in which a fraternity or sorority chooses a song to perform a dance routine to.

The winning teams earn points toward placement in Greek Week.

Although dance may come

naturally to those with prior experience, many work eight weeks to obtain perfection.

Participants started practicing Jan. 28 to learn the choreography, how to dance on beat and mouth lyrics.

Each group had chosen a different theme and is required to wear costumes relating to the theme.

For example, Alpha Phi chose angels and devils for this year’s theme.

The group is also required to

make a mixed CD with eight songs featuring lyrics related to the theme for their five-minute routine, Potts said.

“Our songs will have the words ‘angel’ and ‘devil’ or ‘heaven’ and ‘hell’ in them,” she said. “Six girls will be angels and seven will be devils.”

The most difficult part of preparing for the competition is teaching the routine to inexperienced members.

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**CAMPUS | DINING**

## Meal plan options still diverse during Lent

### Dining centers still offer several dining selections, including non-meat entrees

By **Michelle Simek**

Health and Science Reporter

Something fishy will circulate throughout campus today.

Lent, the 40-day period before Easter, begins today with Ash Wednesday.

During this time, many Christian denominations do not eat meat and vouch for fish every Friday.

Because meat was expensive in

the first century, people turned to fish.

Vegetables and the ability to fish were free so as a way to honor Jesus during this time, tuning one’s diet was required.

Panther Dining is trying to accommodate the needs of students by having non-meat items offered every Friday, said Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining.

For students not participating in Lent, normal dining selections usually are not changed, she said.

Lent traditions have been at Eastern for quite some time and the normal favorites, as well as Lent traditions, are both offered during the period.

The foods are only changed one

day a week so complaints are rare, Horn said.

“I expected Taylor (Dining) not to celebrate Lent,” said Scott Plepel, freshman pre-engineering major and Roman Catholic. “But Taylor (Dining) has done a pretty good job rearranging foods for religious reasons, so far.”

Plepel said depending on the kind of fish served, he might just stick to all vegetables during Fridays.

“It may be fish on Fridays,” Horn said. “We sometimes offer mac-and-cheese, but the selection will always be non-meat.”

Giving up meat one day a week is not going to be too hard, Plepel said.

The Union still offers non-meat items like Boca burgers and veggie subs so students off campus can still have diverse selections.

Even if students are not giving up meat on Fridays or do not celebrate Lent for religious reasons, it is still popular to give up something during these 40 days and 40 nights.

“I try to give up something really hard,” Plepel said. “If it’s not hard, I won’t stick with it.”

This year Plepel will try to give up caffeine.

When various students were asked what they plan on giving up for Lent, choices included chocolate, sweets, pop and energy drinks.

#### TESTING PROCESS FOR ACCOMODATIONS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

- » Student makes appointment with instructor to discuss accomodations
- » Instructor contacts ODS
- » ODS requests information from instructor
- » ODS sends instructor a Test Request Form electronically
- » Instructor completes Test Request Form and returns it to ODS via e-mail
- » ODS schedules the test and sends the instructor and student a confirmation notice via email
- » Instructor attaches the test to the Confirmation Notice and sends it to ODS
- » ODS proctors the test
- » Instructor picks up the test

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# Blizzard: big expense for city

**Most action items placed on file in city council meeting**

**By Rob Siebert**  
Senior City Reporter

Last week's blizzard cost Charleston \$41,442.

Overtime costs for workers totaled \$16,995, salt for the roads was \$19,192, and repairs cost \$5,500, said Curt Buescher, director of Public Works, at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

City Manager Scott Smith said those figures don't include fuel or regular pay for workers. The final total may be \$10,000 to \$15,000 higher.

The City Council was unable to pass any resolutions at the meeting, as Mayor John Inyart was out of town, and council member Lorelei Sims was home sick.

Six of the seven action items on the agenda were placed on file for public inspection, and will be addressed at the council's March 6 meeting.

The final item will be discussed at a special meeting this Friday at 5 p.m.

The item concerns the execution of contracts relating to the city's



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Council member Larry Rennels listens while other council members discuss a resolution to allocate \$1,500 to tourism funds for the Illinois High School Association's Girls State Badminton Championships. Eastern will host the games May 10 through 12.

Fourth of July celebration.

During the public presentations portion of the meeting, resident Tom McDevitt presented the council with a petition to prohibit parking on Cedar Drive from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nine of the 12 homeowners on the street had signed the petition.

Council member Larry Rennels said the council would look over the petition and possibly put it on the agenda for the March 6 meeting.

A resolution to devote \$1,500 to tourism funds for the Illinois High School Association's Girl's State

Badminton Championships was placed on file for public inspection.

Eastern will host the games from May 10 through 12.

"I think it's a good use of tourism funds," Rennels said. "Maybe it'll bring in more tourism funds."

A \$400,000 loan to the Diepholtz Auto Group for the purposes of expansion and new hires was also placed on file.

The company recently purchased the franchise for the Pontiac, Buick and GMC truck lines, in addition to the Chevrolet and Cadillac franchises they already owned.

# Chief's final dance affects other schools

By UWire

CHAMPAIGN- When Chief Illiniwek's bare feet touched the hardwood floors of Assembly Hall for the final time on Wednesday, he could have been affecting several arenas he's never stepped foot in.

On Feb. 15, the University received a letter from the NCAA reversing a mandate issued in August 2005, which forbade the University from hosting postseason contests. The ramifications of the letter are effective immediately after the Chief's last dance. Several sporting events at which the Chief does not perform could benefit the most from the decision.

"Our ability to compete fairly from both a competition and recruiting standpoint are both positively effected by the decision," women's head soccer coach Janet Rayfield said. "Both aspects are critical for us to compete on a national level."

Rayfield's squad was nationally ranked for a large portion of the 2006 season.

But despite a No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament, a slot that nearly guarantees home field until the Sweet 16, the soccer team was forced to travel to St. Louis for the first two rounds.

Though it was able to sneak out of Missouri with two wins, senior forward Ella Masar said the team would have jumped at the chance to play on its own soil.

"We are much better at home; we beat (Big Ten Champion) Penn State at home," Masar said. "We have one of the best fields in the Big Ten and we would love to be able to play there and show it off in the postseason."

Until the Board of Trustees retired Chief Illiniwek, neither soccer nor any other Illinois team could host a postseason event

"The NCAA has not mandated that any institution change its mascot, nickname or imagery," NCAA director of public relations Erik Christianson said. "However,

ERIK CHRISTIANSON | NCAA DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

**"The NCAA has not mandated that any institution change its mascot, nickname or imagery. However, we do feel we not only have the right, but also an obligation to ensure our NCAA championships are conducted in an atmosphere free of racial stereotyping and one in which our student athletes, athletic staff and fans feel comfortable."**

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Men's tennis, wrestling and gymnastics all join soccer as teams poised to be powerhouses in the nation for years to come. But in an August 2005 press release outlining the new policy, the NCAA made it clear that all programs would suffer if a school chose to adopt any mascot deemed "hostile and abusive."

"As a national association, we believe that mascots, nicknames or images deemed hostile or abusive in terms of race, ethnicity or national origin should not be visible at the championship events that we control," said Walter Harrison, chair of the Executive Committee, in a press release.

The NCAA originally identified 18 schools that used American Indian imagery and were forced to comply with the new policy. Though the NCAA was not available for comment because of the Monday holiday, Senior Vice President Bernard Franklin said in a Friday press release that with the retiring of the Chief, the NCAA has restored the University's right to

host postseason events.

"Assuming the announced decision takes place, and the university no longer uses 'Chief Illiniwek' and related Native American imagery in athletics, the University of Illinois, Champaign, will be in full compliance with the Executive Committee policy. The university will be able to host and participate in NCAA championships events should it become eligible," Franklin said.

The University's decision to retire the Chief dance comes weeks before the regular season for winter sports begins to wind down. Though the sites for the majority of the postseason venues have been decided for the rest of the 2006-07 school year, one tournament has plenty of open spots -the NIT.

With an up and down basketball team on the verge of getting bumped from the NCAA Tournament, Illinois may get the opportunity to entertain the consolation teams at Assembly Hall.

Regardless of what happens at the conclusion of the basketball season, the University will be hosting Big Ten and NCAA tournament events in the near future.

And the NCAA said that privilege is not in jeopardy, even though the University has chosen to keep the name "Fighting Illini."

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# Student Senate to catch up

## IBHE-SAC presentation still on the budget from last week's meeting

By Matt Hopf

Student Government Reporter

It will be a night of presentations for Student Government.

At tonight's Student Senate meeting, members who attended the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee meeting held Feb. 2-3 at Lake Land College in Mattoon will present what happened.

Issues discussed at the meeting included the under funding of Illinois veteran tuition waivers, student debt and four-year graduation.

Delegates from public, private and community colleges attend IBHE-SAC meetings.

The student-related issues that are discussed are then presented to IBHE, where there is a student-voting member.

The presentation was scheduled for last week's meeting, but the meeting was canceled because of inclement weather.

The other presentation is from Facilities Planning and Management on what they do.

The meeting will include a question and answer session after the presentation, said Cathy Kimball, administrative aid for Facilities Planning and Management.

Presentations have already been given to Staff Senate and the Council of Chairs, she said.

The senate plans to vote on the consent agenda at tonight's meeting. No other votes are scheduled.

"We have so many people that want to come present right now that it will probably be a pretty long meeting without legislation," said Student Senate Speaker Jeff Lange.

Student Senate meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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## ACTIVITIES | BLACK HISTORY JEOPARDY



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ashley Byrd and Najah Shearrill, both freshmen elementary education majors, try to provide a response during "African American History Jeopardy" in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union held yesterday.

# 'Black History for \$1,000'

## Students play Black History Jeopardy! as part of Black Heritage Month

By Katrina Zaret

Staff Reporter

The answer is: The queen of gospel.

The question: Who is Shirley Caesar?

The Grammy-award winning gospel singer was just one of the subjects of Black History Jeopardy! hosted by the National Pan-Hellenic Council on Tuesday.

Three teams of two tested their knowledge of black history.

The winning team was Ashley Byrd and Najah Shearrill, two

freshman elementary education majors.

For their effort, they won tickets to Saturday's Miss Black EIU pageant.

After the contestants took their seats, host Michael Adams, a junior business and finance major, welcomed everyone to the first Black History Jeopardy! and asked the contestants to pick a number from one to 30.

Freshman Eboni McCree, a freshman journalism major, went first and chose the Alpha Phi Alpha category to begin the game.

The attendance at the show – less than 10 people – was not as much as Adams had expected.

But he said he was content with how the night ended.

"I was a little disappointed with the turnout," he said.

"I was hoping more people would

have come out and supported us. But I was still happy to have some people come out and participate."

The night was a learning experience for team three, which consisted of Daniell Reynolds, a sophomore psychology major, and Loreal El Barnes, a freshman theatre arts major.

The team was the first to be eliminated, but they said they picked up a thing or two.

"It was a learning experience," Barnes said.

"I didn't really know much about it before."

Adams said the contestants came out ahead.

"Not a lot of people know that some of the people on NPHC were Greek," said Adams.

"I think they learned a lot because (the questions asked were about) everyday history."

# Photography meets painting

## Artist to discuss her paintings and career

By Stephen Di Benedetto

Senior Activities Reporter

Artist Candida Alvarez has been painting all her life.

Recently Alvarez decided to alter her lifelong hobby and combine the element of photography to her work.

"I want my work to be affected by the world we live in," Alvarez said. "I like responding to visual information that inundates the world we live in."

The visual information that Alvarez responds to is journalistic photography.

"At the moment, I paint paintings that are born from

representational images, mostly journalistic photography," Alvarez said.

"I use drawing as a template from which my paintings begin. Therefore, the paintings exist in a space that is both representational and abstract."

Alvarez believes there is a gap between how a location's landscape and politics are depicted in local newspapers.

Her current work comes from her travels between Chicago and southwest Ireland.

Alvarez will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Tarble Arts Center, and the event is open for anyone to attend.

"I think she has a very interesting background to her work that can give a multicultural perspective," said Chris Kahler, a painting and drawing professor.

Alvarez said one of the reasons

she became interested in painting and drawing was because of her mother's Bible.

"When I was a young girl, I was exposed to paintings of the life of Christ that used to illustrate my mother's Bible," Alvarez said.

"I was intrigued by the images and would constantly peek at them."

She said that her first drawing was from a black and white photo of a ship that her parents hung in her home.

"The ship had a prominent place because it transported my father, along with several hundred soldiers, from New York to Japan on their way to fight in World War II," Alvarez said.

She has also been teaching at the Art Institute of Chicago for seven years.

"Teaching was never a goal for me," Alvarez said.

**CAMPUS**  
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## campusbriefs

### WEIU-TV rakes in awards from Broadcast Association

» Eastern's television station, WEIU-TV, won two awards at the annual Broadcast Education Association Festival of the Arts awards program.

The awards were in the student news division.

Angie Taylor was given an award for third place in the category of Best TV News Anchor.

The nominees were drawn from entries from schools such as University of Miami and Arizona State University.

The show News Watch, which is a daily rundown of the day's news that airs at 5:30 p.m., was given the award for 2nd place in the category of Best TV Newscast.

### Deadline for Homecoming chair applications around the corner

» The deadline to apply for Homecoming subcommittee chairs is 5 p.m. on Friday.

Applications can be picked up and submitted in the Student Life Office on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Among the committees seeking leaders are the Panther Pride, Community Relations, Parade and Publicity committees.

For more information, call Brian Allen at (309) 222-0500.

### Panel to discuss book about black athletes

» A panel discussion will be held today concerning William C. Rhoden's book "\$40 Million Slave: The Rise, Fall and Redemption of the Black Athlete" as part of Eastern's 2007 African-American Heritage Celebration.

The discussion will be presented by English professor Michael Loudon, sociology and anthropology professor Craig Eckert, political science professor Kevin Anderson, psychology professor Grace Buchanan, and student athletes Willie Morris and Domesha Perkins.

The event will take place in the Oakland Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 6 p.m.

This event is free of charge.

### Presidential search committee narrows pool to nine

» The Presidential Search Advisory Committee has narrowed the candidates down to nine semi-finalists.

The finalists will be meeting with PSAC in less than a week for interviews.

The search brought in 58 applicants, which narrowed to 16 in late January. Two applicants dropped out of the race. PSAC will narrow the field to four semi-finalists who will then be asked to participate in on-campus visits the week of March 19.

President Lou Hencken has been at Eastern for 41 years.

— Marco Santana

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## ourview

# R.I.P. Chief Illiniwek

After performing for more than 80 years, Chief Illiniwek will perform his last dance tonight in Assembly Hall during the men's basketball game against Michigan.

His departure has been met with happiness and anger, relief and regret.

To some, he stands for dignity, honor, hope and pride. He represents the university itself and a higher standard of collegiate athletics. He was a respected and honored tradition spanning generations.

To others, he was a disrespectful caricature equivalent to "blackface." He tarnished the public image of the university and encouraged racism and stereotyping. He is a painful reminder of the forced removal of Illinois' Native American population to Kansas and then later Oklahoma, where they

would become part of the Peoria Tribe.

The Chief symbolizes many things to many people. There are thoughtful, intelligent people on both sides of the issue, and both sides are angry.

Chief supporters are angry that their beloved symbol has been taken away from them and that they weren't part of the decision. The decision to discontinue the Chief was made by the U of I Board of Trustees, but a record of which members voted for or against the measure, or even an anonymous tally, has yet to be released to the public. Chief supporters further question the democratic nature of the decision because the members of the board are appointed, not elected.

Those against the Chief are angry that an offensive mascot has continued to perform for so long, despite protests.

We understand why everyone feels so strongly about the Chief. But now that he has been retired, we feel it is time to let go of the animosity and move on before the situation further deteriorates.

Unfortunately, peaceful demonstration has spawned increasing feelings of animosity between those on either side. The issue has transcended the Chief and instead become a representation of racism in general, a battle of the minority vs. majority, the administration vs. students or Native American descendants vs. European descendants.

In fact, people of all walks of life weigh in on both sides of the issue. The Peoria Tribe has both supported the Chief (Chief Don Giles, 1995) and denounced him (Chief

Ron Froman, 2001). In 1998, the campus faculty-student senate approved a resolution 97-29 asking trustees to replace the Chief with a new symbol, saying it undermines academic mission. Later, more than 800 faculty signed a petition calling for the Chief's replacement.

The first protests against the Chief began in 1989, when two students stood silently outside University of Illinois basketball games holding a sign reading "Indians are human beings."

Since then students and citizens have gathered peacefully in support or against the Chief.

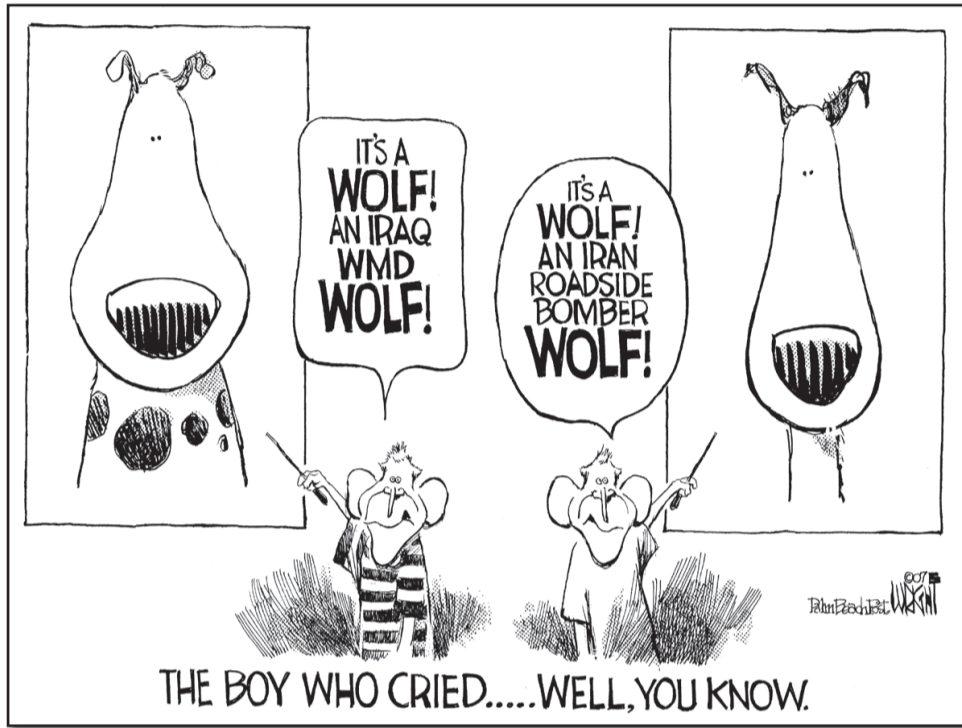
Chief supporters have formed several groups, including Students for the Chief, Citizens for Chief Illiniwek, Students for Chief Illiniwek and the Chief Illiniwek Educational Foundation.

One of the original protesters, Charlene Teters, member of the Spokane nation, went on to form the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and the Media, a campaign to ban Native American mascots and symbols.

Now that the Chief has retired, it is time to remember all the positive aspects of the Chief and eventually move on. Hopefully one day in the future, the University of Illinois will find another symbol to inspire unity, loyalty and high athletic standards in everyone.

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## DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DON WRIGHT



## COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

# When a friend is not a friend

It is 3:30 in the a.m., and like usual, I really can't sleep, so I am up writing this column. Despite everything going on in the world, all I can think of is the question a friend of mine asked me: "Is it really so bad that I see beyond their politics?"

We were talking about his choice in friends with "questionable" ideologies, and I promptly responded to his question with a "yes." But now I have begun to do something I rarely do, I am pausing and second guessing myself. Is it really a bad thing for someone to make a meaningful connection with someone outside of one's political scope?

I for one am not able to do it. I have conservative friends and friends who vote Republican – they are not totally the same, for as any political science person can attest there are conservative Democrats – but our relationships are exactly rich, full and deep. There is something about knowing how their vote came down in the last election, or will come down in future elections, that just makes my stomach churn when I laugh with them.

On the most basic level, it hurts to know that someone you like and respect, and this person claims these sentiments are reciprocated, will stab you in the back where it counts: politically.

For me, this frequently – but not in all cases – extends to my religious/spiritual/Christian friends; it is hard to befriend someone who, on one hand, likes you, but, on the other hand, because of a book, believes your lifestyle is hazardous to the public and morally wrong.

Trust me, to think that one's spiritual beliefs has no bearing upon their political leaning is to believe that WMDs were in Iraq, Paris Hilton is a virgin and Diet Coke tastes just like regular Coke. But still, am I right or am I a lost cause on this issue?

I think I am supposed to say that if you can find a person and make a meaningful

connection with them – which is all too rare in this digital age – then all differences be damned. Embrace them, laugh with them, get drunk with them, dance with them, cry with them, build a life that includes them in it as a principal player.

But don't you have to then ignore where they go on Election Day? Don't you have to avoid *really* talking about certain subjects? Don't you have to tell yourself that what your friend thinks and does has no bearing upon you? Don't you, in essence, have to lie to yourself and render yourself blind for this friendship/relationship to work? Isn't that emotionally unhealthy?

Perhaps this is why some people choose to be apolitical; unfortunately, I don't want to spend my life in a cocoon or a social coma. But the question remains: how much does/should one's political ideology factor into the relationship you form with them? Do you take note and draw a line in the relationship sand or just turn the other cheek?

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## FEATURED BLOGGER | NORA MABERRY

**"Mary Kate Olsen's stint in rehab for an eating disorder was followed more closely than most political campaigns."**



## GUEST COLUMNIST | MICHAEL STRANGE

# Losing independence

The comments of both Tracy and Upchurch (*DEN2-7/8*) project a thesis of defencism – a first phase in dialectics. What is being defended? Sadly, it is individualism-independence and its' juvenile progression within human social organization, and is socially destructive. In order to defend, one must move into antithesis and then objectively move to synthesis for answers.

During pre-historic social life the matriarchy as such was universal. Males planted and females brought forth the fruit thereby creating its nurture and longevity, insuring a future, i.e. no individual meant any more than another; it was the species that counted. Life was hard for all concerned, and filial love was unknown.

Then a mere 8,000 years ago, property and territory produced inheritance and male domination (see Fredrick Engles: Origin of the Family Private Property and the State). Male dominance and filial love subjugated females, defamed homosexuality (for obvious reasons) and invented a male god and a strict set of rules (see old testament Hebrews), thus institutionalizing class society as we know it today, now more degraded. Enter here a new application of killer technology to be used in aggressive war. Out with stone in with iron, of necessity came heroes, great leaders and omnipotent gods. The above is representative of Upchurch's "I" stand alone and hard work takes "me" up stream (by boot strap?) – Next the veracity of Tracy's "paper cuts and bones" is borne out as historical fact, under slavery. They are there as sacrifice to the great "I am" the individual losers and winners as degenerate activity by childish males believing in their own immortality and that of their male progeny; (no queen of heaven for them) aggression, dogma and god represented useable tools.

Conservatism's white-bread world (the ultimate anti-politically correct ideologues) reflects a sheltered environment of ruling class hegemony that teach (in private) by word or deed about white supremacy and their support of god's chosen people (Jews) trying to cover their own questionable bets while perpetuating universal ignorance of the exploited masses of not "quite" human proportion; relegated to the bleacher seats for life.

I do think that Tracy's reality is more genuine in as much that his grip of historical nuance has been heightened by his minority status in general and living in down-state Illinois at a nearly all-white university, those "bones" are never so high till you see your ancestors among them, or in somebody else's gas tank; which call for both "equity" and reparations.

Where do we go from today? Answer, the seas of life and survival are now very stormy; Iraq-China-India, et-all and the viability of the planet is very much in question. The social killers now in power are rudderless, eq. – neo-colonial wars and perpetuation of the internal combustion engine-coal oil [is] to them the only paradigm worthy of attention, it is of no matter to the global bourgeoisie that 90 percent of the known remaining species on earth are nearing extinction including humans. The sad truth is that there is only the white western bourgeois classes with absolute social power at the helm, interested only by its own survival, and that is not enough to include anyone outside their class. Equity yes. Division no. Stay tuned.

**Michael Strange**



Michael Strange is a Charleston resident.

## TO COMMENT....

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# Free speech not always constructive

I have noticed the last couple of weeks have included a great deal of letters. What I do not notice, as you have postulated, is students and faculty "personally attacking" each other. What I have noticed is that the vast majority of letters are either criticizing the original op-ed by Dr. Smith or are questioning your motives in printing the piece.

I believe what you are doing is, as our president so eloquently (or not) put it, "claiming the high ground and taking the low road." I think that you are only covering your own tracks (or hindquarters, possibly) by pasting the blame on the students, while high-handedly washing your hands like Pilate and asking, "what is truth?" Just because we, as students, are finding what works for us and

what our beliefs are does not make any old belief right.

If we are indeed to "act accordingly" to combat any prejudice, then it serves that the people questioning your motives to print an article glorifying a neo-Nazi ideal have every right to call your hand. However, it does not suit your purpose to chalk the controversy up to petty student bickering, as everything I see is criticism of the original article or the DEN's motives (or lack thereof) in printing it. When I see professors such as Dr. Colt asking whether or not we want such things to be an expression of our campus, I can only nod my head in agreement.

Just because speech is free does not mean it is right or even constructive, as evidenced by the

EIU College Republicans' demonizing effort to post advertisements by saying Democrats are "making the world safe for terrorists," and some Christian group's advertisements comparing Jesus to Che Guevara (and I am a Christian).

I hope that campus discourse has not degenerated to such blather, but I fear that it has. And blaming each other is not the answer. The fault lies not in the stars, dear DEN, but in ourselves. If we are truly to "tell the truth and not be afraid," as you implore us to, then do not fault us when we take you up on it.

Jacob Nidey | Senior psychology major

## Free yourselves from food prison

The biggest perk about living off campus, with the exception of not having to wear sandals when I shower, is that I'm allowed to cook whatever I please without relying on a meal plan.

When I cook at my apartment I make pasta, salad, soups and try to stock plenty of fruits, vegetables and healthy snacks. I rarely drink pop and limit myself to only Gatorade, water and milk for my cereal. I wouldn't go as far as to say I'm a health nut, but I'm allowed healthier choices and a wider variety by living off campus. The food court at the Union provides students the widest variety and selections for whatever kind of appetite you need to fulfill on campus.

And I'd have to agree with Michelle Simek, whose article "Healthy Options at the Union" published in *the Daily Eastern News* on Jan. 29, was correct in saying that you can eat healthy at the Union; as long as you go looking for it. But unlike the dining centers where your meal plan is a fixed allowance, healthy options may not mean the most profitable.

Calling the Martin Luther King Jr. Union a "food court" does not give the environment any justice. When you walk through the metal gate, you are enclosed by large walls of green steel. "Food prison" seems like a more appropriate title since the walls surround you with large

quantities of edible goodies. Once you're inside, you are greeted by individual bowls of ready-to-eat cereal. Fruit, such as apples and bananas, are displayed next to the Frosted Flakes and Cocoa Puffs. As you venture further into the "food prison," the healthier options become more hidden. With bright signs for Subway, Connie's and Chic-Fil-A, the consumer easily gravitates toward these separate outfits and may forget about eating healthy altogether. The "healthy" foods can be found next to Subway, where yogurt, fruit and salads are placed in an open freezer case. When I looked at a pack of peaches, all that was listed was "Peaches" and the price. It didn't say on the container where the fruit came from, and this was a running trend for all of the items with blunt price tags. The Gatorade and tea are next to the "healthy" foods inside a cooler, but aren't considered part of a meal deal.

Although I said Subway was the best option for healthy food, when buying a sandwich, you always get asked whether or not you want chips and a drink. If you go this route, you can still opt for baked chips rather than fried, but your beverage options are limited. Since Pepsi is a sponsor in the Union, and the entire campus for that matter, finding a healthy drink to coincide with your meal deal is nearly impossible. Water seems to be the only prerogative since every other drink is laced with high fructose corn syrup. And you can forget about trying to

substitute Gatorade or tea as your drink, because those cost extra. So once you finally have your meal on your green tray, (that ironically matches with the color of the bars along the wall), you make your way to exit the "food prison." But the registers mimic a grocery store where all the impulse purchases are placed right before you leave. One can't help to eye the cookies, chips and beef jerky that become so enticing at last glance.

I do have to give the dining centers a lot of credit for introducing soy milk to their list of beverages. Soy milk is absent from the Union, and introducing it may make the Union a little healthier. There should also be better drink options, rather than just pop and water.

I'm not saying that big food corporations like Subway, Connie's and Chic-Fil-A are bad and we should just stop eating there for good. But the responsibility relies on the company to not make such a greasy food and the responsibility relies on the consumer not to passively eat the grease. Don't get me wrong. The Union does have some healthy options, but if we speak up and let someone like Judy Horn, director of Panther Dining, know we want more nutritious foods in the Union, I'm sure we'll see an improvement of introducing more healthy options in the "food prison."

Tim Friske |  
Sophomore psychology major

## Plows ineffective

I would personally like to thank the snow shovelers and plowers for keeping me safe during the snow days.

If it weren't for them I would probably have gotten myself into a car wreck. What impresses me the most about how they ensured my safety was through the methods that they achieved it.

First, they have the city plow the streets and cause a great wave of compacted snow to pile up along the side of your car, so one does not have the option of driving in the horrid conditions.

Then, when you ask to use their untouched shovel for a matter of five minutes, they will shut you down by saying it is against school policy.

Hey, they do not stop there. When you ask a plowman if they could plow a little snow away from the car, they will say, "Nope, take it up with the city because it is not my problem."

If this had happened to anyone else, I am sure they would be furious about the whole situation. Not me, though. I can see past all the snow piles and the stereotyped northerner attitudes. They were just trying to keep me off the road and safe.

So, thank you to all that contributed in helping keep me safe and with no groceries. You literally changed the meaning to "Pulling out all the stops."

Nick Oldham |  
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## Dumb found

By Beau Elliot  
The Daily Iowan

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa - "Girls are dumb." No, I didn't say that; I'm not clever enough. A woman said that. A feminist, I think. Robin Epstein. She was involved in a TV quiz show that was part of the Oxygen network when that network was just getting off the ground. Her story was featured this past weekend on the public-radio show "This American Life," which is, simply put, radio at its finest.

The point of the TV quiz show was to demonstrate that teenage girls are smart. It was right around the time that a study had come out purporting to show that girls, while having no problem with appearing smart in grade school, at around the ages of 12 or 13, suddenly stopped wanting to appear smart. The old boys-don't-like-smart-girls thing.

Epstein drew up a list of questions covering what she believed was quite common knowledge, the show got a bunch of contestants and off they went to prove that girls are smart. But a funny thing happened.

The teenage girls couldn't answer the questions. And the questions weren't covering the General Theory of Relativity. For instance, one question asked, "What recent presidential candidate lost the use of his right hand in World War II?"

And the girl answered, "Teddy Roosevelt?" None of the others could answer either.

In another instance, none of the contestants knew which amendment to the Constitution gave women the right to vote. (The 19th, ratified on Aug. 20, 1920, if you're keeping score at home. The presidential candidate was, famously, Bob Dole. I'm pretty sure Teddy Roosevelt was dead by the time World War II started, and, in any case, he fought in the Spanish-American War, back in the good old days when, if we invaded a country, it stayed invaded.)

So Epstein had, as she put it, to dumb-down the questions. When she said that, she laughed in a way that can only be described as "ruefully."

And then she said, "Girls are dumb." That's not, of course, what Epstein set out to demonstrate; she meant to show quite the opposite. But, as she pointed out, this is what happens so often when your ideals collide with the so-called real world.

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## » Airband

FROM PAGE 1

"It's hard to learn in six weeks what it takes years to learn," Potts said.

Many Airband teams are chosen through tryouts.

Some contestants have been or are in dance or cheerleading, yet it is not required.

Many teams work together to create original dance moves.

"We find inspiration for moves from past experience," Potts said. "Everyone is open-minded."

Potts said ideas for choreography come from old routines and dance tapes.

It's difficult for many teams to find time for practice because of conflicting schedules.

Most groups find it beneficial to practice at night or in the morning when members have no obligations.

Jackie Alexander, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, said she is excited to watch Airband because the participants have been practicing every night.

Alexander said she wanted to be in Airband but is already participating in Greek Sing and



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior communication majors Meggie Gilmartin and Maria Lollino practice their dance moves for Greek Week's "Airband" competition.

doesn't have any previous dance experience.

"It's really difficult to be in more than one event," she said. "It's a big-time commitment and you need time for school, too."

Emily Dawson, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, said she is also excited to see Airband because her sorority performed well in Yell

Like Hell for Homecoming.

It's important to attend the events to show support to the house and give the performers more confidence, she said.

"The events bring you close to the older girls you wouldn't have met and the whole Greek community," Dawson said.

Greek Week begins April 13.

# Spears enters rehab center

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Britney Spears has been ridiculed for everything from her 55-hour first marriage to backup-dancer second husband and her recent pantless partying escapades. Now that she's entered rehab, though, the joke is over.

This is a new frontier - even for Spears, whose well-documented gaffes and personal traumas have played out in excruciatingly public fashion, including photos published of Spears driving with her son Sean Preston on her lap and another time almost dropping him.

Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, told People magazine's Web site on Tuesday that Spears had voluntarily checked herself into an undisclosed treatment facility.

"We ask that the media respect her privacy as well as those of her family and friends at this time," Rudolph was quoted as saying. He didn't disclose what substance she was trying to leave behind.

The 25-year-old pop star has been seen wearing skimpy outfits and partying heavily since filing for divorce from Kevin Federline in November, after two years of

marriage.

On Friday night, Spears, the mother of two young sons, shaved her head bald. But that didn't send her into hiding as she was later seen wearing an inexpensive blond wig.

"You know, for these celebrities, it's really tough," New York-based psychiatrist Gail Saltz told The Associated Press. "They have no idea if anybody likes them for them. ... Everybody wants a piece. Everybody wants to make something off of her."

Spears' very public divorce isn't helping matters, said Saltz, who also suggested that Spears could be suffering from postpartum depression.

Federline's attorney had earlier confirmed that Spears and Federline would continue to share custody of 5-month-old Jayden James and 17-month-old Sean Preston this month, following terms of a January custody agreement.

"I'm a good father," Federline has said. "I love my kids and I'll always be here for (them)."

The Web site TMZ.com said Spears had entered an inpatient facility in Los Angeles after family members pressed her to check in.

Spears representatives didn't return calls from The Associated Press.

Entertainment TV shows and Web sites reported Friday that Spears had gone in and out of rehab that week.

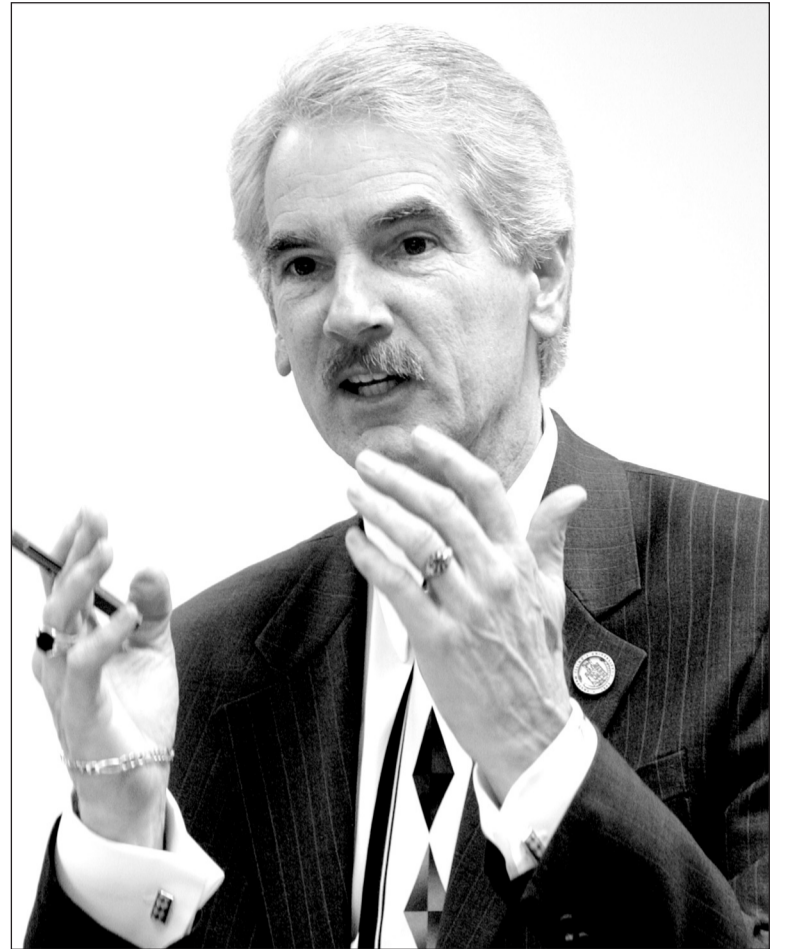
"I think that she's finally listening to the people that are closest to her, and I think that she's probably going to stay in rehab for as long as it takes," Ruben Garay, who runs ThatOtherBlog, told the AP.

"You understand that this whole thing with shaving her head was kind of like the last straw, and that was really what led everyone (who) was already concerned about her (to) become, like, really concerned about her," said Garay, who recently closed his Spears' fan Web site, worldofbritney.com.

"She is a child star unraveling and is the perfect example of when a child star evolves into an adult and doesn't have someone telling them what to do, or giving them the right affirmative advice, and the right support," said Ian Drew, editor at large at Us Weekly magazine. "She basically started out very young in a competitive business."

## » Faculty

FROM PAGE 1



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Blair Lord, vice president of Academic Affairs, explains how issues with PantherMail accounts are resolved during the Faculty Senate meeting in Booth library on Tuesday afternoon. The Senate went on to debate ways to develop better resources for disabled students.

when the university has an ODS.

"It's the first time I have heard it's the faculty's responsibility," Ashley said.

Waggoner explained that ODS has limited resources.

Disability Services has three staff members, including Waggoner, who refer students to support services in campus, help students with learning strategies and assists in the training of students in the use of assistive technology, she said.

Senate Chair Assege HaileMariam suggested condensing the steps to acquire accommodations to prevent the "back and forth" between the faculty and the ODS.

The senate was also concerned about being able to properly provide the correct accommodations for a student with disabilities.

"Part of the frustration is that we are all not special-education teachers," HaileMariam said.

She expressed that the faculty turn to the ODS for help, but don't always get as much help as needed.

Again, this may be because of the lack of resources, Waggoner explained.

The senate discussed ways to solve the lack of resources available to Disability Services.

Jeannie Snyder, family and consumer sciences professor, suggested it may be beneficial for the ODS to offer a grad assistantship to help with the workload.

Charles Phillips, director of human resources, joined Waggoner and spoke to the senate about how faculty can acquire accommodations for disability.

Like the students, a faculty member must fill out an accommodation request, Phillips said.

Phillips then reads through and decides if it is a reasonable request, usually based on the cost.

His decision is also based on the information he receives from that faculty member and his or her physician, he added.

The senate also followed up on the Faculty Forum held on Feb. 6.

The Faculty Forum Committee came up with a few suggestions from each of the four groups, said Brenda Wilson, communications disorders and sciences professor.

The faculty will review them and possibly translate some into proposals for action at the next meeting, she said.

The next senate meeting will be at 2 p.m. March 6 in the Booth Library Conference Room.

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# New lawyers take over high profile rape case

## Policeman charged with raping four women

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON— Two prominent Springfield defense attorneys will take over the case of a Bloomington police officer charged with raping four women during a two-year string of attacks.

Michael Costello said Tuesday that he and Jay Elmore will replace Bloomington attorney Steve Skelton, who cited medical reasons when he withdrew as Sgt. Jeff Pelo's lawyer earlier this month.

Pelo, 42, was charged in July in a 35-count indictment that accuses him of raping four women between December 2002 and January 2005. He also is charged with stalking another woman and attempting to break into her Bloomington home last June.

The 17-year department veteran has pleaded not guilty to all charges, which include aggravated criminal sexual assault, home invasion and aggravated unlawful restraint. Prosecutors say Pelo could spend the rest of his life in prison if convicted.

Costello and Elmore inherit a case their predecessor has said includes a stack of police reports more than three feet high and well over 100 hours of recorded interviews with Pelo, his alleged victims and others.

"I haven't seen a stitch of it yet," Costello said.

But Costello said he and Elmore could be ready for trial within three months by splitting up their research. No trial date has been set. McLean County Assistant State's Attorney Mark Messman declined comment Tuesday on Pelo's new attorneys, but said prosecutors are ready for trial whenever the defense is. Costello handled another high-profile Bloomington case 1991, defending David Hendricks in a retrial that acquitted him of charges he used an ax and butcher knife to kill his wife and three children.

# A long walk



TOM LASSETER | MCT

Peshmerga militia members walk to a checkpoint in Kirkuk, in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, on February 13.

# Merck suspends lobbying

## Drug maker stops funding mandate

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Merck & Co., bowing to pressure from parents and medical groups, is immediately suspending its lobbying campaign to persuade state legislatures to mandate that adolescent girls get the company's new vaccine against cervical cancer as a requirement for school attendance.

The drug maker, which announced the change Tuesday, had been criticized for quietly funding the campaign, via a third party, to require 11 and 12-year-old girls get the three-dose vaccine in order to attend school.

Some had objected because the vaccine protects against a sexually transmitted disease, human papilloma virus, which causes cervical cancer. Vaccines mandated for school attendance usually are for diseases easily spread through casual contact, such as measles and mumps.

"Our goal is about cervical cancer prevention and we want to reach as many females as possible with Gardasil," Dr. Richard M. Haupt, Merck's medical director for vaccines, told The Associated Press.

RICHARD M. HAUPT | MEDICAL DIRECTOR

**"Our goal is about cervical cancer prevention and we want to reach as many females as possible with Gardasil."**

"We're concerned that our role in supporting school requirements is a distraction from that goal, and as such have suspended our lobbying efforts," Haupt said, adding the company will continue providing information about the vaccine if requested by government officials.

Merck launched Gardasil, the first vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, in June. It protects against the two virus strains that cause 70 percent of cervical cancer and two strains that cause most genital warts.

Sales totaled \$235 million through the end of 2006, according to Merck.

Last month, the AP reported that Merck was channeling money for its state-mandate campaign through Women in Government, an advocacy group made up of female state legislators across the country.

Conservative groups opposed the campaign, saying it would encourage premarital sex, and parents' rights groups said it interfered with their control over their children.

Even two of the prominent medical groups that supported broad use of the vaccine, the American Academy of Pediatricians and the American Academy of Family Practitioners, questioned Merck's timing, Haupt said Tuesday.

"They, along with some other folks in the public health community, believe there needs to be more time," he said, to ensure government funding for the vaccine for uninsured girls is in place and that families and government officials have enough information about it.

Legislatures in roughly 20 states have introduced measures that would mandate girls have the vaccine to attend school, but none has passed so far. However, Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 2 issued an executive order requiring Texas girls entering the sixth grade as of 2008 get the vaccinations.

Perry defended his order Tuesday after lawmakers in Austin held a lengthy hearing on the issue but failed to act on a bill to override the order.

The Associated Press

### Nine states sue the Bush

**Administration over mercury**  
TRAVERSE CITY, Mich.— Michigan, Illinois and seven other states sued the Bush administration Tuesday, saying the White House failed to adequately regulate emissions of mercury and other pollutants at cement plants.

The states contend a rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency in December does not comply with the federal Clean Air Act.

Mercury comes from raw materials used to make cement — such as limestone, clay, sand and iron ore — and from fuels such as coal, which fires the kilns where the ingredients are baked at high temperatures. In December, the EPA announced new limits on mercury and hydrocarbon emissions from cement kilns built after Dec. 2, 2005.

### Mountaineering experts warn climbers against bringing dogs

PORTLAND, Ore.—Despite the feel-good story of Velvet, the black Labrador mix who helped keep three Mount Hood climbers warm and alive, some experts say taking dogs up the mountain for warmth and companionship is a foolhardy practice that could do more harm than good.

"Any sport that requires safety gear, like harnesses, crampons, ice axes and rope, is probably not an appropriate place for a pet dog to be," said Julie Kittams, a Portland veterinarian for sled dogs in the Iditarod.

### \$79.5 million verdict against cigarette company thrown out

WASHINGTON—Mayola Williams has been down this road before.

The \$79.5 million award the smoker's widow won in 1999 in a fraud lawsuit against Altria Group Inc.'s Philip Morris USA has been cut, reinstated, set aside and reinstated before.

Now the Supreme Court has once again set it aside in a 5-4 ruling Tuesday that business groups said could make it easier to restrain large punitive damages awards in product liability cases.

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# Illinois player faces felony charges

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Jamar Smith thought his teammate was dead after Smith crashed his car into a tree.

Brian Carlwell, a freshman center on the Illinois basketball team, was unconscious in the passenger's seat of the 1996 Lexus.

Authorities say Smith, a sophomore guard, didn't call 911, choosing instead to drive back to the apartment complex where he lives.

Both were drinking tequila and beer before the crash late Feb. 12, according to Champaign County State's attorney Julia Rietz. Smith had a blood-alcohol level of .176 percent — more than twice the legal limit of .08.

"It appears that Smith was distraught, as he believed Carlwell had died in the crash," Rietz said in a written statement Tuesday announcing that felony charges of aggravated driving under the influence and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident had been filed against Smith.

A conviction on the DUI charge carries a sentence ranging from probation to 12 years, while the other carries from probation up to five years. Smith was not in custody Tuesday, Rietz said and Smith's attorney, Mark Lipton, declined comment. She said he is expected to appear in court at a date to be set.

In a statement Tuesday, Weber criticized Smith but emphasized he still is part of the school's basketball program.

"This was a case of extremely poor judgment by Jamar," Weber said. "He remains a part of our family and needs us now more than ever."

### Bears promote from within

LAKE FOREST — The Chicago Bears promoted Bob Babich from linebackers coach to defensive coordinator Tuesday, one day after the team announced it would not retain Ron Rivera. Babich is in his fourth year with the Bears.

Rivera's contract wasn't renewed after three seasons, even though the Bears went to the playoffs two years in a row and led the NFL this season with 44 takeaways. Chicago lost the Super Bowl to the Indianapolis Colts 29-17 on Feb. 4.

### Zambrano reaches deal

MESA, Ariz. — Carlos Zambrano and the Chicago Cubs agreed to a \$12.4 million, one-year contract Tuesday, avoiding salary arbitration by striking the deal just before the scheduled hearing.

Zambrano earned \$6.5 million last season while going 16-7 with a 3.41 ERA and 210 strikeouts. He asked for \$15.5 million in arbitration, while the Cubs countered at \$11,025,000 — more than any player has been awarded.

### Edmonds limits activity

JUPITER, Fla. — Jim Edmonds will be taking it easy at the start of spring training following a winter that included shoulder and toe surgery and a continued recovery from post-concussion

syndrome.

The St. Louis Cardinals' center fielder won't hit or run during the first couple of weeks of workouts, and will only throw lightly. He said Tuesday he'll use the time to work on his conditioning after an offseason spent shuttling between doctors.

### Bonds: 'Let them investigate'

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds insisted he's unfazed by all

his off-the-field issues and is ready to resume his pursuit of the home run record after arriving at spring training Tuesday.

"Let them investigate. Let them, they've been doing it this long," Bonds said Tuesday. "It doesn't weigh on me at all — at all. It's just media conversation."

### Top-ranked Badgers upset

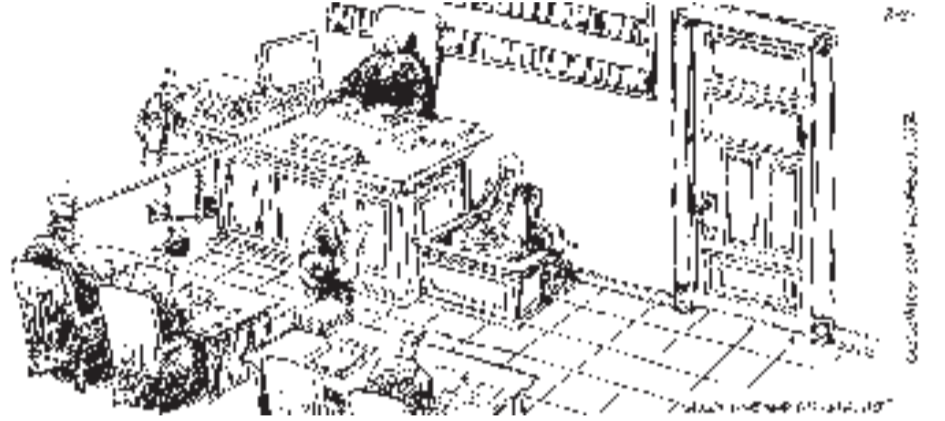
EAST LANSING, Mich. — Wisconsin's first game as the nation's

top-ranked team went poorly Tuesday night, when Drew Neitzel scored 28 points to lead Michigan State to a 64-55 victory.

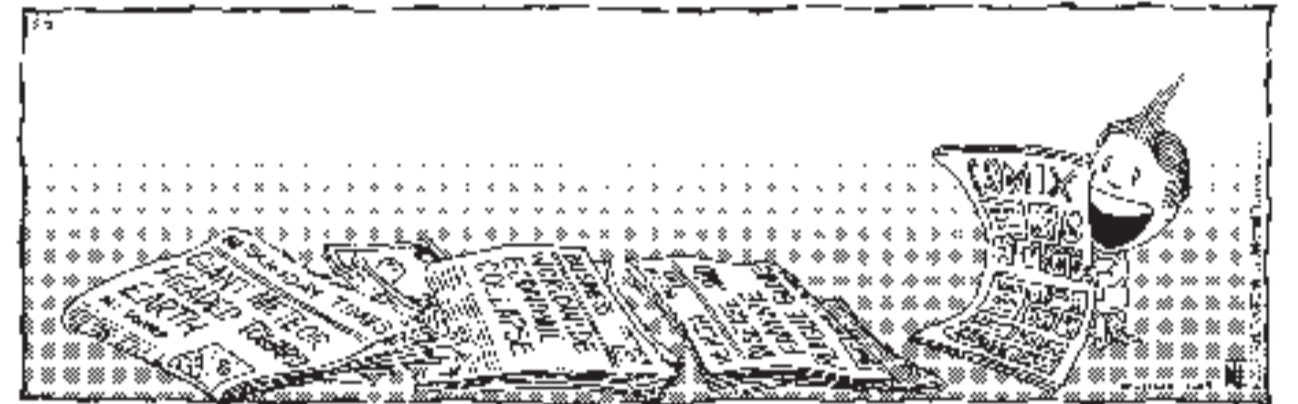
Wisconsin gained the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press poll for the first time in school history on Monday.

Neitzel's 3-pointer with 3:51 left gave Michigan State a 51-49 lead, and the Spartans held on for the victory, giving their NCAA tournament hopes a boost.

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## » Expectations

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Budde, whose 3.89 ERA last season was the second lowest of pitchers with more than 30 innings, relishes his role in the bullpen.

"I don't have the velocity that the starters or Chris (Vaculik) have," Budde said. "It's a good change to have me in between them. My job is to make it not exciting for the other team."

The Panthers are excited about finally getting out of the Lantz Fieldhouse and playing baseball outdoors.

"You have no idea," Varrassi said about the team's stir-crazy mindset.

Eastern opens the season Friday at the University of Evansville Tournament with games against Toledo and Chicago State, in addition to the host Purple Aces.

The Panthers' mindset after the 2004 season, the freshman year for the team's seniors, was one that was not ready for the expectations and burdens placed on them after an unexpected second-place finish.

This season, the Panthers have created goals for their team, including 40 wins by the last game of the OVC tournament, a game Eastern hopes will be on May 27 in Paducah, Ky. That game and that win will clinch them the tournament title.

With a third-place finish last year, Eastern's experienced core is ready for the challenge of having a target on their backs in the OVC race.

"Our seniors thrive on the pressure," Budde said. "Some guys like to be the underdogs and work their way up. Our guys are on top and ready to stay on top for the rest of the season."

### Sudoku By Michael Micheman

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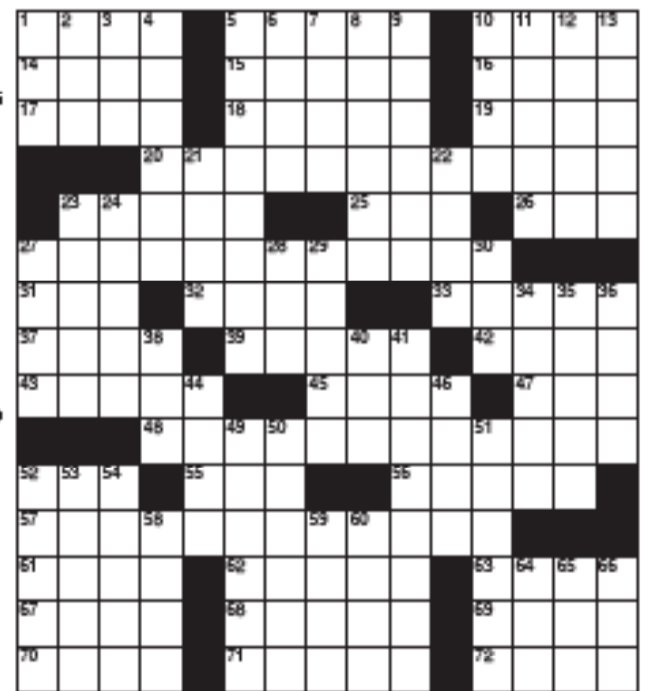
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# Top rival distance runner out of OVC meet

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern Kentucky distance runner Jacob Korir has not run a race in the entire indoor season and will not compete this weekend at the conference's indoor championships, said Rick Erdmann, ECU's track and field head coach.

"Our understanding is he's out with a stress fracture," said Geoff Masanet, Eastern's distance coach.

Korir won the Ohio Valley Conference Men's Cross Country Championships this past fall.

He finished seventh at the 2006 NCAA Cross Country championships.

Masanet said this will benefit his runners.

"It helps our chances 'cause it will help our guys finish a little higher and score in distance events," he said.

Korir won the mile, the 3,000-meter race and the 5,000-meter race at last year's OVC Indoor Championships.

## Pole vault group battle injuries

Two pole vaulters no-heighted at Friday's Night Special.

Sophomore vaulter Ben Hinds did not clear the bar.

A senior pole vaulter, Ed Miller, said Hinds dealt with the flu.

Miller, was absent from the competition because of a sprained ankle injury at practice.

He had a black boot on his right foot.

"(I) landed in the pit on one foot which is like the cardinal sin," Miller said. "I completely inverted it."

Miller said there's a 50 percent chance he could be back for a short jump for the conference meet.

"It's really day-to-day," he said.

Miller was in the middle of the track working the pole-vault competition on Friday night.

In his place, sophomore Luke Craven will pole vault.

Craven vaulted on Friday, but no-heighted. He competes in a variety of events and said pole vault his not his strongest event.

## Fischer stumbles in hurdles

Junior Matt Fischer fell in the finals of the 60-meter hurdles race.

"I was right there with the guy in lane two and at hurdle three and ... came off it well, I thought," Fischer said.

He ran into the next hurdle and preceding ones and fell down at the finishing line.



AMIR PRELLBERG / THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior thrower Jimmy Schultz swings the "Hammer" last week at the Friday Night Special track and field meet in Lantz Fieldhouse. This is the last meet before the Ohio Valley Conference Championship coming up this weekend at Eastern.

Fischer finished the race in 9.83 seconds, finishing in a tie for 7th.

"I plowed into hurdle four and banged the heck out of my knee," Fischer said.

Fischer had his entire knee wrapped in ice and he should be back for next week's conference meet.

"I just got to battle," he said.

## Eruteya improving from injury

Senior jumper Obe Eruteya injured his hamstring at the Mega Meet on Jan. 20.

"I got a little tightness and I've been rehabbing lately," Eruteya said. "My goal was just to get back into things."

Eruteya is seeded first in the conference in the triple jump (50 feet, 3.25 inches). He also high



Obe Eruteya

Senior jumper, Eruteya injured his hamstring at the Mega Meet.

jumps.

He jumped 6 feet, 7 inches at the Friday Night Special and missed his last jump at 6 feet, 9 inches.

Eruteya said he was just working on his approach.

"When I went into the drive I hit (the pole) with my shoulder," he said.

## Pegues pulls past competitors

Junior Brenton Pegues pulled past two Rend Lake competitors at the Friday Night Special and the men's 4x400-meter relay team won the event.

Pegues passed his competitors with 250 meters to go and started to pull away from them with 150 meters left.

"Once he put on that second move, you knew it was over," said junior Clint Coffey.

"(Pegues) ran an unbelievable split," said freshman Kris Gehrke. "He put the gas on at the right time and was able to come through."

## Thornton beats personal best

Junior Kirkland Thornton ran his best time in both the 60-meter hurdles (8.00 seconds) and the 60-meter dash (6.93) at the Friday Night Special.

"He's peaking at the right time," Fischer said. Thornton's previous best time in the hurdles race was 8.02 on Jan. 7.

He ran a 7.05 in the 60-meter dash on Jan. 27.

Thornton is the defending indoor conference 55-meter hurdles champion and finished fifth in the 200-meter dash.

## Strackeljahn honored by OVC

Senior Dan Strackeljahn won the OVC track athlete of the week award after winning the mile at the Friday Night Special.

He set a new personal record of 4:05.79.

The time was two seconds away from the school record.

Strackeljahn has the best time in the OVC in the mile and the 3,000-meter race and has the fourth best time in the 5,000-meter race.



Kirland

Thornton

Thornton ran his best time in the 60-meter hurdles.

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- 60-meter hurdles prelims
- 200-meter dash prelims
- 400-meter dash prelims
- 800-meter run prelims
- 5,000-meter run finals

### Saturday

- Triple Jump prelims/finals
- Shot put prelims/finals
- Pole vault finals
- Mile run finals
- 60-meter dash finals
- 60-meter hurdles finals
- 200-meter dash finals
- 400-meter dash finals
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AROUND THE TRACK

# Support fellow classmates at premier meet

Conference is right around the corner and for most of you who don't know, the Ohio Valley Conference meet is like the playoffs of track and field.

Practices are starting to taper down and nerves are starting to rise as the women try to capture their first-ever OVC title.

On the men's side, they will strive to keep their title.

I just have one little question: Where is our ESPN U?

Most people don't realize how exciting this year will be.

The men have won the OVC indoor track and field championship the past six consecutive years. They have won nine first-place trophies during the past 10 years. In 2000, they placed second.

Maybe track isn't as exciting as football or basketball, but what other team can say that they have won nine OVC Championships?

Even though the women have yet to win an OVC Championship, we feel like this year is definitely our year.

With the speed of Shawana Smith and Tarra Grant, the grace of Chandra Golden, the strength of Kandace Arnold, and the endurance of Nicole Flounders, the women's team is on the right path to OVC victory.

So why does it seem like we go unnoticed?

Is it because our sport doesn't require us to use a ball?

Or maybe because there is no physical contact with the opposing team?

Our sport may not be as brutal as football, or seem as exciting as basketball, but the truth is, it is exciting.

At the Friday Night Special this past Friday, we had a male miler almost break the school record. He was all by himself once the pace setter stepped off the track, but the energy of the crowd helped him keep going strong.

It was a nice scene to watch because you had people in the crowd who didn't even know him, cheering for him.

You don't get respect and praise like that during a football or basketball game. Not from people on the other team, anyways.

Our women have also finished first in the two home meets we have had, but, who was there to see it?

Mostly close friends and family, and of course the opposing teams.

What happened to the Blue Crew? Was that only for football?

The way I understood it was that the Blue Crew was going to start coming to all of the home activities.

I know people have other plans and obligations, but don't say something and not be able to back it up.

Or maybe if we tell students that the event is going to be covered on ESPN U or ESPN2, they will come.

If you go to a game just because it is going to be televised, then you shouldn't be there at all.

You should go because you are cheering on your fellow classmates and they are representing your school.

You can even go because it's something different.

If you don't want to go to a track meet just because you have already been to one in high school, well then you definitely should stop by and see a collegiate track meet, especially this weekend.

The best of the best in the conference will be there.

There will be nail-biting races and photo-finishes.

Anybody with true school spirit will be there.

So I guess the real question is, will you be there?



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## OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Ellen Canale looks to make a pass into the post during the women's basketball game last weekend against Murray State in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost 70-67 and will need to win its remaining two games against Samford and Jacksonville State if it wants to have a chance to make the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. First-round games begin at campus sites next Tuesday.

# Panthers still in postseason hunt

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

Eastern Illinois head coach Brady Sallee has a simple solution for his team to get into the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament: they have to win their last two games.

The Panthers (9-18, 6-12 OVC) are currently in ninth place behind eighth-place Eastern Kentucky (10-17, 7-11) and seventh-place Austin Peay (9-18, 8-10).

Two of these teams will make the tournament while one will be left out.

Sallee, EKU head coach Larry Joe Inman and Austin Peay head coach Carrie Daniels said Tuesday they have not figured out the math and what needs to happen for their teams to make the tournament.

"There's a couple of scenarios, but they both involve us winning games," Sallee said.

If Eastern loses Thursday at Jacksonville State or Saturday at Samford, its postseason chances are finished. Potential tie-breaking scenarios will be released by the OVC on Friday, said Kyle Schwartz, assistant OVC commissioner for media relations.

### UTM's leading scorer done for season

Tennessee-Martin's senior forward Andreika Jackson's season and career is done.

Jackson, the Skyhawks' leading scorer, injured her left knee in UTM's Feb. 1 game against Tennessee Tech and has not played since.

Jackson was originally diagnosed with a partially torn meniscus, UTM head coach Tara Tansil said Tuesday, but after conferring with a second team doctor, the meniscus was torn more than anticipated.

"There was more damage once they got in there," Tansil said.

She said Jackson has a surgery scheduled in about four or five weeks.

"I've had two knee surgeries and I don't wish it on anyone," Tansil said.

UTM is in sixth place in the conference right now and has clinched a spot in the OVC Tournament.

### SEMO not delayed because of storm

Last week's storm that hit Charleston didn't delay Southeast Missouri from making the trip back to Cape Girardeau, Mo., immediately after the game. The Redhawks left Wednesday night after beating Eastern Illinois 63-42.

The Redhawks arrived in Mattoon early Tuesday evening and head coach John Ishee said the team didn't run into much of the storm until they got near Mount Vernon.

"We didn't venture out Tuesday night," said Ishee, who had planned for his team to

practice that night. "We stayed right off the interstate in Mattoon and everything was closed up."

SEMO stayed at the Hampton Inn in Mattoon last Tuesday night instead of practicing.

### Ishee not worried about coaching future

Ishee was named SEMO's acting head coach Nov. 9 after head coach B.J. Smith resigned because of NCAA investigations into his program.

Ishee has kept up the same winning standards Smith had with SEMO.

The Redhawks (19-7, 14-4) are in a tie for first place with Murray State with two conference games left. But Ishee isn't certain about what will transpire next season.

"I'm guaranteed through the first round home (tournament) game," he said. "There's been no decision made. I really haven't put a whole lot of thought into it. Again, I can't control it."

Ishee is more concerned with Thursday's game at Samford than his coaching future.

"We've just got to find a way to beat Samford on Thursday night and worry about things from there."

### Possible last home game for Samford

Samford plays its final regular-season game at 46-year-old Seibert Hall Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

The Bulldogs will play next year in the new \$32 million Pete Hanna Arena.

However, Samford head coach Mike Morris hopes his team can host a first-round tournament game next Tuesday.

He said he hopes this is not their last game at Seibert Hall.

Samford (16-11, 11-7) is currently in fourth place and if it beats SEMO on Thursday and EIU on Saturday, it will host a first-round game.

### Two teams already eliminated

Jacksonville State (7-20, 4-14) and Tennessee State (7-20, 4-14) will not make the OVC Tournament this year.

JSU head coach Becky Geyer said it makes for interesting practices late in the season.

"We're not practicing as long," she said. "I think you have to keep kids achieving and working towards the goal of we're going to be in the tournament next year."

Geyer didn't seem to mind only having the top eight teams in the conference advance to the postseason.

"I think that's the beauty of having tournaments and teams fighting for spots," she said.

But Geyer added having teams already

### OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Teams	OVC	Overall
Southeast Missouri	14-4	19-11
Murray State	14-4	18-7
Morehead State	12-6	13-14
Samford	11-7	16-11
Tennessee Tech	11-8	12-16
Tennessee-Martin	9-10	15-13
Austin Peay	8-10	9-18
Eastern Kentucky	7-11	10-17
<b>Eastern Illinois</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>9-18</b>
Jacksonville State	4-14	7-20
Tennessee State	4-14	7-20

### EASTERN'S POSTSEASON CHANCES COME DOWN TO FINAL TWO GAMES

Thursday at Jacksonville State 5 p.m.

Saturday at Samford 5 p.m.

\*Both games can be heard on WEIU Hit Mix 88.9 FM

eliminated with games left to play is a more difficult setting to work under.

TSU head coach Tracee Jones said she is excited about her team next year, which features six freshmen, four sophomores and three juniors this year.

"We've had a couple of really good practices lately even though we know there's no tournament to get into," she said.

### Noteworthy quotes from teleconference

Ishee, a native of Gulfport, Miss., on his thoughts on all the snow in Charleston last week:

•"I'm a Southern boy. I'd never seen so much snow in my life."

Murray State head coach Joi Felton on possibly winning conference for the first time:

•"They've never hung a banner here at Murray State and that was one of our goals at the start of the season."

Morris on his three seniors, Chelsey Insell, Tish Pilkerton and Veronica Pike:

•"Those three have been a cornerstone of what we do off and on the court. I wish we had 10 more just like them."

Tansil on the inconsistent play of teams in league this season:

•"That happens everywhere across the country. We don't have an explanation for it. If we had an explanation for it, someone would be rich."

# SPORTS

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## sportschedule

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**THURSDAY at Jacksonville State** | 5 p.m. Jacksonville, Ala.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

**THURSDAY at Jacksonville State** | 7:30 p.m. Jacksonville, Ala.

TRACK AND FIELD

**FRIDAY hosts Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship** | All day. Lantz Fieldhouse.

BASEBALL

**FRIDAY vs. Toledo at Evansville Tournament** | 11 a.m. Evansville, Ind.

SOFTBALL

**FRIDAY vs. Stephen F. Austin at Tulsa Tournament** | 11:30 a.m. Tulsa, Okla.

SOFTBALL

**FRIDAY vs. Tulsa at Tulsa Tournament** | 11:30 a.m. Tulsa, Okla.

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SOFTBALL

**SATURDAY vs. Missouri State at Tulsa Tournament** | 9 a.m. Tulsa, Okla.

## triplethreat



The United States Olympic Committee is to visit Chicago in March to evaluate the city in order to decide which U.S. city (Chicago or Los Angeles) will get the bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics. The USOC will evaluate the city of Angels on March 1 and will visit the Windy City on March 5 for a three-day visit.

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley (above) spearheaded the drive for a Chicago Olympics shortly after London received its winning bid for the 2012 games.

Here are three reasons why we think Chicago should host the Olympics:

**1. The food-** Hey, whether it's a Chicago hot dog or slice of deep-dish pizza, Chicagoans know their food. Foreign athletes can dine in the Walnut Room downtown in Macy's.

If the Olympians want to save their money, they can pick up some grub at the Billy Goat Tavern. Gold medalists can re-enact the famous Saturday Night Live skit involving John Belushi. "Cheezborger! Cheezborger! No fries, cheeps! No Pepsi, Coke!"

**2. Arts & Drama-** There's plenty of arts and entertainment in the Big City. Athletes can tour the Second City, where again, SNL favorites got their start in comedy. Or they can check out their favorite artists in the Art Institute of Chicago.

**3. The sights-** Chi-town is a culturally diverse city from Greek town to the Southside Irish. Tired of people watching? Then head to Millennium Park and stare at the "Bean" to catch a glimpse of yourself. Need a little higher perspective? Head to the Sears Tower to see the entire view of Chicago.

-Kevin Murphy

## BASEBALL | 2007 SEASON PREVIEW



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern baseball head coach Jim Schmitz instructs senior catcher Jason Cobb Tuesday at practice in Lantz Fieldhouse. Schmitz's team opens its season this Friday at a tournament in Evansville, Ind. The Panthers were picked by "Baseball America" last month to win the Ohio Valley Conference this season. Schmitz has 11 seniors returning this season from a team that finished 36-26 and finished third in the OVC during the regular season. "Our seniors thrive on the pressure," senior pitcher Mike Budde said. "Some guys like to be the underdogs and work their way up. Our guys are on top and ready to stay on top for the rest of the season."

# Great expectations

**Eastern's 11 seniors want to end career on high note; Panthers picked to win OVC by "Baseball America"**

By Joe Waltasti  
Sports Reporter

The 2005 season was not supposed to happen.

Eastern started that year hoping to duplicate its success from the previous season when a freshmen-dominated club led the Panthers to a second-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference and a 17-9 conference record.

But Eastern did not improve. In fact, the Panthers got worse.

Head coach Jim Schmitz's team hit a wall – the sophomore slump – and finished the season tied for sixth.

"We nose-dived in 2005," Schmitz said, who is in his 13th season as the Panthers' head coach. "You just don't show up in the fall and say, 'Hey, we're going to make the tournament.' It's a process and we learned a major lesson."

Understanding the process took the Panthers from a 2005 of failed expectations to a 2006 of unexpected success.

Last year, the Panthers finished third behind the play of then-junior sluggers Erik Huber and Mark Chagnon, and then-junior pitchers Chris Vaculik, Mike Manns and Mike Budde.

Those five Panthers join the other six seniors to prepare for what could be the best season of their collegiate careers.

Baseball America chose the veteran-laden Panthers as its favorites to take the OVC regular season crown and made Huber its preseason player of the year.

"It's a great honor to have, but I have a lot of work to do," Huber said. "It's a preseason award and I want to make it a postseason award."

The 6-foot-6 first baseman became the 14th player in program history to hit above .400 last year when he had a .404 average with two home runs, 39 RBIs, 25 walks and only 17 strikeouts.

This season Huber will move to right field, Schmitz said, because his arm strength will be better used in the outfield.

"It's fine with me," Huber said. "I played center (field) sophomore year so it's not too much of a drastic change."

### HERE IS EASTERN BASEBALL'S PROBABLE STARTERS HEADING INTO THE SEASON AND THEY ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON: THEY'RE ALL FROM ILLINOIS

POSITION	CLASS/NAME	HEIGHT/WEIGHT	BATS/THROWS	HOMETOWN
*Catcher	Sr./Jason Cobb	6-foot-6/225 pounds	Right/Right	O'Fallon
+Catcher	Fr./Kory Peppenhorst	6-foot/200 pounds	Left/Right	Carlyle
1B	Fr./Richie Derbak	6-foot-1/185 pounds	Left/Right	Lebanon
2B	Soph./Jordan Kroke	5-foot-11/175 pounds	Right/Right	Bartelso
3B	Sr./Ryan Campbell	6-foot/195 pounds	Right/Right	Orland Park
SS	Sr./Adam Varrassi	6-foot/160 pounds	Right/Right	Crystal Lake
LF	Sr./Casey Spears	5-foot-10/155 pounds	Left/Left	Nokomis
CF	Soph./Brett Nommensen	5-foot-10/175 pounds	Left/Left	Fox River Grove
RF	Sr./Erik Huber	6-foot-6/215 pounds	Right/Right	Belleville
DH	Sr./Mark Chagnon	5-foot-11/190 pounds	Left/Left	Orland Park
SP	Sr./Brandon Murphy	6-foot-1/200 pounds	Right/Right	Charleston
SP	Fr./Tyler Kehrer	6-foot-3/190 pounds	Left/Left	New Baden
SP	Jr./Alex Guttosch	6-foot-2/215 pounds	Right/Right	Chicago
CL	Sr./Chris Vaculik	6-foot-1/190 pounds	Right/Right	Orland Park

\*Cobb is scheduled to play when Eastern faces left-handed pitchers

+Peppenhorst is scheduled to play when Eastern faces right-handed pitchers

SP=Starting Pitcher

CL=Closer

•"Baseball America" picked Eastern to finish first in the Ohio Valley Conference

•The OVC picked Eastern to finish in a tie for fourth with Austin Peay

He is not the only Eastern senior switching positions this season.

Chagnon, who was named by "Baseball America", along with Huber, to the OVC preseason all-conference team, will take his .380 average and team-high 43 RBIs last season to the designated hitter slot in the lineup. Freshman Richie Derbak, a shortstop in high school, will move to first base.

"If you hit, you play," Schmitz said. "As many strengths as we have, freshmen fill in the weaknesses."

Vaculik will take on the role of the team's closer again, a position he held his first two seasons in Charleston.

Vaculik was penciled in as a starter prior to last season, but struggled and was moved back to the bullpen where he became Eastern's all-time career-saves leader.

Reliever Alex Guttosch is doing the exact opposite of Vaculik, switching to the starting rotation to join senior and Charleston native Brandon Murphy. The third starter will be 6-foot-3 lefty freshman Tyler Kehrer.

"He is a very gifted pitcher," Schmitz said

of Kehrer. "We signed him thinking he would pitch right away."

Kehrer, out of Trenton (Wesclin) High School in Trenton, has already impressed his teammates as well.

"He is a big guy, a little bit intimidating on the hill," said shortstop Adam Varrassi, whose teammates named captain along with Budde. "He has stellar stuff."

Schmitz said Guttosch, Murphy and Kehrer can all throw three pitches for strikes – a fastball, change-up and a breaking ball. The lone difference is Murphy and Kehrer use a curveball as their breaking pitch while Guttosch throws a slider.

Vaculik's move from the starting rotation to the bullpen is something he is looking forward to.

"I like it better because it's possible to pitch in every game, especially as a senior," Vaculik said.

Providing the key transition from the starters to the closer will be Budde.

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