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UNIVERSITY | APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Bulgar to ask again for computers

\$17,000 is reasonable, says student executive vice president

By Rick Kambic

Student Government Reporter

Levi Bulgar still wants new computers.

Tonight, the student executive vice president will again attempt to convince the Apportionment Board to approve a purchase of 16 new computers at a cost of around \$17,000.

Bulgar said the computers he is requesting are based off recommendations from university employees.

"The quotes I am getting are from university employees whose only job is to work with this type of thing," Bulgar said.

He made his first request on Feb. 7, but AB voted to postpone the decision until more information was provided. Several AB members felt the computers were too expensive at more than \$1,000 per computer.

The computers would replace

those in the Student Life Office, where the Student Government, AB, University Board and other organizations are located.

AB also claimed the features on the computers were too advanced for the users' basic word processing and Internet browsing needs.

"After speaking to John Henderson, we found out that the newer computers come with a standard 80 gigabyte hard drive and the 160 gigabyte that we are asking for is a free upgrade," Bulgar said. "If we were to downgrade, it would only save us about \$3 per computer."

The current computers in the office have an average of 30 gigabytes of hard drive space and more than 20 gigabytes of available space.

Computers in the office crashed numerous times last year, viruses were detected several times and many computers currently have USB complications, Bulgar told AB on Feb. 7.

However, some of the computers do not have virus protection and one computer with Ad-Aware SE installed has definitions that are 1,099 days old – that's nearly three

LEVI BULGAR | STUDENT EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



"I understand that this is a lot of money, but it reminds me of a saying, 'Anything worth doing is worth doing well.'"

years since an update. Security programs also froze half way through scanning the computers for viruses.

"In the end, I hope that AB will see that this is the best way to deal with the situation, and get this over and done with," Bulgar said. "I understand that this is a lot of money, but it reminds me of a saying, 'Anything worth doing is worth doing well.'"

Most of the computers are registered to the Booth Library Open Lab and were sent to the student government after the labs were refurbished.

"I noticed the inter-university recycling of the computers from the Booth Library to the SGA offices, but I feel that it is best to get all

new computers now, than to have to do this recycling this every couple of years," Bulgar said.

AB will also transfer money to student government to cover the newly hired publicist who will maintain the Web site, according to AB chair Leah Pietraszewski.

In new business, student government and campus recreation will also be presenting their proposed budget for next year.

Pietraszewski said the remainder of the semester will entail budgeting for next year, and additional allocations for projects can no longer be made.

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CAMPUS | HEALTH

Health Service offers free flu shots

Shot can prevent virus and lessens severity of symptoms

By Michael Schwader

Staff Reporter

Dr. Sheila Baker wants students to get their influenza vaccinations.

Baker, Health Service's medical director, said flu season is in full swing at Eastern.

The flu is a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus, which can spread from person to person through the nose or throat by those infected. It is often mistaken for a severe cold, but Baker said there are simple ways of differentiating between the two.

"With colds you get stuffy and runny noses or maybe have a little fever and some minor aches and pains," she said. "But the flu hits you very quickly with some fairly significant symptoms such as severe body aches, severe headaches and high fevers, which is a little uncommon for the common cold."

Stronger flu cases can hospitalize and even kill their victims, or can lead to lung diseases such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

Another common misconception is that the flu shot can give you the virus or is ineffective against it, but this is not the case.

The vaccine for the virus is actually made from a dead or inactive virus, making it impossible to catch the flu from the shot.

Baker said people don't realize that the vaccine only protects against the influenza virus, not other viruses.

"Many people may be protected by the flu virus when they get their shot, but they may be susceptible to other colds or even other bacterial infections throughout the year," Baker said. "I think people then equate it to, 'Well I got sick. So the flu shot didn't work or the flu shot must've gotten me sick.'"

The flu vaccine isn't 100 percent effective at protecting against the virus, but getting a flu shot can help to reduce symptoms, Baker said.

"In other words, your body will have better immunity towards it, and it'll be able to fight it off more readily, and you'll have fewer symptoms," she said.

But there are other reasons why the vaccine may not work. Sometimes the vaccine has a mismatch in the ingredients used for the virus due to anticipation of another strain of the virus that comes through.

"You think you've chosen the right ingredients to kill this upcoming virus, but it's not quite right," Baker said. "So people get the flu shot, but the strain of flu that comes through the area is not quite the same, and people still get sick."

UNIVERSITY | FACULTY FEATURE

POLITICALLY MINDED



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dr. Voelz has campaigned for both political parties; now looks at the primary candidates' qualities

By Jessica Leggin

Staff Reporter

He campaigned for former President Richard Nixon and Sen. Bobby Kennedy. Since then, he's said this year's political elections have been the most exciting since the 1968 election.

Peter Voelz, a part-time journalism professor who also campaigned for former President Jimmy Carter and Sen. George McGovern, said he is now letting his heart dictate what candidate to vote for.

"The question is, do you like this person?" he said. "Which one is telling the truth more, more honest, better role model for children, values, likeability," Voelz said.

He said in the past people were mind over heart, but now things have changed.

Voelz said he thinks Sen. Barack Obama is more likeable than Sen. Hillary Clinton so far.

"Hillary needs to prove she is commander-in-chief, and sometimes that can take away from her femininity," Voelz said.

He thinks it is too early to tell about these two candidates. "Anything can happen," he said. "Both have a very good chance."

As for Sen. John McCain, Voelz said he has great character, courage and is loyal to his country.

"He is a straight talker, and is honest," Voelz said.

He said McCain would compromise at times to get things done.

In 1960, Voelz was conflicted between the candidate he was campaigning for, Nixon, and Nixon's opponent, John F. Kennedy.

"I thought Nixon had more experience, but I was inspired by Kennedy," Voelz said. "The state of Iowa was sad when Nixon lost, but inside I wasn't sad."

In 1968, Voelz decided to help with Bobby Kennedy's campaign on the democratic ticket.

» SEE VOELZ, PAGE 5

Journalism professor Peter Voelz has always taken an active interest in politics, from being politically active in Illinois to campaigning for Bobby Kennedy during the 1968 presidential race. Voelz wrote a dissertation on African-American military history in Latin America. It was published and titled, "Slave and Soldier: The Military Impact of Blacks in the Colonial Americas." He is currently working on another book.

» SEE FLU SHOTS, PAGE 5

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Wilson set for first work since suicide attempt

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Owen Wilson is going back to work for the first time since his reported suicide attempt last summer.

Wilson, 39, and co-star Jennifer Aniston begin shooting March 10 on 20th Century Fox's "Marley & Me," the studio said.

After he was hospitalized last August, Wilson dropped out of this summer's comedy "Tropic Thunder," which already had been in production. He was replaced by Matthew McConaughey.

Due out Christmas Day, "Marley & Me" is directed by David Frankel and based on the book by John Grogan. Alan Arkin co-stars.

Monroe expert confuses Madonna with Marilyn

LAS VEGAS — A Las Vegas man alerted the media this week that he thought he had his hands on a rare

photo of Marilyn Monroe posing nude as a hitchhiker. What he had was a famous photo of Madonna.

The image of the Material Girl, who often cast herself as a sort of latter-day Monroe, appeared in "Sex," her 1992 book of risqué photography. In it, she posed in heels and handbag, with a cigarette in her mouth.

Lawrence Nicastro, 73, said he found the grainy, poster-size photo last year while going through storage items at his home in Las Vegas. He believed it had been left by a customer at his service station in the Bronx in 1962.

Nicastro and his wife, Phyllis, said they had spent about four months researching the origin of the photograph and called in Chris Harris, a publicist and Monroe expert, for help authenticating it.

"You're right; it's Madonna," Harris said after being told of the mix-up. Harris said he believed someone

had slipped the poster into Nicastro's storage as a prank.

There is one person, he noted, who should feel good about the mistaken identity.

"Who wins here? Madonna, of course," Harris said. "She really looks like Marilyn Monroe."

'Law & Order' star and wife welcome new son

LOS ANGELES — Vincent D'Onofrio's wife delivered the perfect Valentine Day's gift: a baby boy.

Luca D'Onofrio was born Feb. 14 to the "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" star and his wife, Carin, series spokeswoman Pam Golum told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The boy, who weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and his mother "are doing great," Golum said.

The couple have a 6-year-old son, Elias.

D'Onofrio has a teenage daughter from a previous marriage..

PHOTO OF THE DAY

A 'toxic' speech



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Eastern's Communication Day 2008 keynote speaker, Dr. Phaedra Pezzullo, from Indiana University's Department of Communication and Culture, speaks about her book "Toxic Tours" and her fieldwork in researching the effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans during Eastern's Communication Day 2008 in the University Ballroom at the MLK Jr. University Union on Wednesday afternoon.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Pastor challenges married couples to have sex for a month — every day

The Associated Press

YBOR CITY, Fla. — A southwest Florida church issued a challenge for its married members: hanky panky every day.

Relevant Church head pastor Paul Wirth issued the 30-day sex challenge to take on high divorce rates.

"And that's no different for people who attend church," Wirth said Sunday. "Sometimes life gets in the way. Our jobs get in the way."

The challenge doesn't extend to unwed congregants, however.

DVD ends up saving man's life

WALTERBORO, S.C. — A South Carolina man is thankful for a DVD that ended up taking a bullet for him.

Colleton County Fire and Rescue Director Barry McRoy says he was leaving a Waffle House restaurant in Walterboro on Saturday morning when two men ran in fighting about a gun.

Police say a bullet hit one of the struggling men, shattered a window and then hit McRoy.

The bullet hit a DVD McRoy was carrying in his pocket. He suffered a bruise but didn't realize he had been shot.

As he told a police officer what happened he noticed a bullet hole in his jacket, the shattered DVD case and a piece of the bullet.

"I was saved by a DVD," McRoy says. "How lucky can you get?"

One man was arrested on assault and battery and gun charges.

The DVD was nicked. It was a gift from an employee who had recorded a TV show about fire extinguishers.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT | TORNADO RELIEF

Shelter from the storm

Student Senate works on legislation for tornado relief in Tenn.

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

The student senate meeting lasted nearly an hour and the only resolution passed was a unanimous approval to purchase cards to send to the Student Association at Northern Illinois University.

"There's stuff going on in the committees only," said Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick.

"We're working real hard on developing the legislation for upcoming meetings. Last week, we actually had some larger discussion-filled bills."

A pile of cards was sent around the table for senators to sign or write personal messages.

Leah Pietraszewski, student vice president for business affairs, was the author of the resolution, but Ogulnick will be leading a week long campaign to remember the victims from Northern.

She said student senators will be handing out ribbons and collecting donations all next week, and a candle light vigil will be held on Sunday.

In committee reports, Karen Armour told the senate she's disappointed that only three senators signed up for her senator ride-along program.

Student Senator Sarah Shaw will be the first to do the ride-along and will do so on Wednesday.

Armour worked with the internal affairs committee to get ride-along time counted a weekly office hour.

She also told the senate that only four surveys pertaining to bus usage were completed in the past two weeks.

The Shuttle Bus committee is doing research to determine if another bus is needed.

"It's just been handed out in the wrong locations," Armour said. "We need to get to students during the busier hours of the day."



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student body executive vice president Levi Bulgar updates the members of the Student Senate on the new prices quoted for upgrading the computers in the Student Government offices Wednesday night at MLK Jr. University Union.

MEGAN OGULNICK | STUDENT SENATE SPEAKER

"There's stuff going on in the committees only. We're working real hard on developing the legislation for upcoming meetings. Last week, we actually had some larger discussion-filled bills."

Tornado relief project

A U-Haul truck drove from Effingham to Eastern and loaded collected donation items for the approximately 700 Union University students who were displaced during a Feb. 5 tornado in Jackson, Tenn.

Ashley Hubbard is a former student of Union and current Effingham resident. She said two rotary clubs from Effingham paid for the U-Haul and that she will be collecting donations from local churches today before she drives to Jackson.

Even though she doesn't attend union anymore, she said she's compelled to help her former neighbors.

"I still have a lot of friends there and it was my home for two years," Hubbard said. "So essentially, I'm helping family in need."

According to Amanda Raz, the

hallway outside the orientation office became backed with donations between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., which was more donations than the first six days of collection.

She said before Wednesday, there were only about four boxes of donated items.

However, one such community member from Winzor drove to Eastern to donate two-dozen garbage bags full of clothing.

The collection of items consisted of exactly what Raz and partners Tim Cocagne and Rich Higginbotham asked for: bedding supplies, non-perishable foods, clothing and toiletries.

"I'm very impressed," Hubbard said. "I didn't believe Tim when he panicked and called me to make sure I was bringing the U-Haul."

Hubbard will take the donated

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.
- Where: Arcola/Tuscola Room of MLK Union

items to the West Jackson Baptist Church and the main drop off location on-campus.

She said the music department is located in the church and a lot of supplies will go to music students.

Because of such a large delivery, Hubbard said she made sure to notify both locations that she would be arriving.

Rick Kambic can be reached at 581-7942 or at rwkambic@eiu.edu.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Panel shows students how news is chosen

The second to last panel of Booth Library's "Breaking News" was the only one that focused solely on student journalists at Eastern.

The four-member panel lead a discussion entitled "How Did It Get on Page One?," which discussed how *The Daily Eastern News* and other local papers decide what goes on page one of the newspaper.

Lola McElwee, journalism professor, provided perspective from her stint as editor-in-chief of *The Daily Eastern News* and the process at papers like the *Charleston Times-Courier*.

Two journalism students, Cathy Bayer and Marco Santana formed the remainder of the panel. Journalism student Katie Anderson moderated the panel.

The crowd of about 30 was involved, asking questions on various topics, including lack of art coverage, archival methods and the news production sequence.

Students invited to "Rock 'n Bowl" today

Students can attend the "Rock 'n Bowl" event from 8 to 11 p.m. today in the bowling alley of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The event will feature a performance by country artists Jackie Lawson and Black 'n Blue and include free refreshments and prizes.

Cosmic bowling will cost \$1.50 per game with shoes free of charge. Contact the bowling lanes at 581-7457 for more information.

Resume critique before the job fair

Students can have their resumes reviewed by Career Services before next Wednesday's job fair.

Career Services is offering its "Resume Blitz" on Monday where students can receive a 15-minute critique of their resume.

Appointments are not necessary.

Contact Career Services at 581-2412 for more information.

-Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto and Staff Reporter Graham Milldrum

COUNTY | COURT

Trial set for local animal neglect case

Chicago man had 72 horses removed from Charleston farm

By Cathy Bayer
Police and Courts Reporter

The jury trial was set Wednesday for a Chicago man charged with 45 counts of neglecting horses and improperly disposing of an animal's dead body.

Ernest C. Rose, 58, is accused of neglecting horses on his horse farm at 1050 W. Coolidge Ave.

Of the charges, Rose has 15 counts of unlawful disposal of a dead animal and 30 counts of violation of owner's duties.

Rose, who lives and works in the Chicago area, pleaded not guilty on Nov. 21 and requested a jury trial. Rose first appeared in court Oct. 11.

Judge Mitchell Shick set the jury trial for May 19-21.

If each of Rose's 45 counts are tried individually, the trial could take at least a week, said Steve Ferguson, Coles County State's Attorney.

Another status hearing will be April 2 at 11 a.m., and the pretrial is set for April 30 at 11 a.m. in the Coles County Circuit Court.

Shick excused Rose for the status hearing, but he needs to attend the following two court dates.

The violations include that the animal's owner failed to provide sufficient quantity of good-quality, wholesome food and water for the animal, according to court records.

Some of the horses removed suffered from aspiration pneumonia, cracked hooves and dead teeth that needed to be removed.

Violation of owner's duties is a class B misdemeanor and carries a sentence of up to six months in a county jail.

Unlawful disposal of a dead animal is a class C misdemeanor and

carries a sentence of up to 30 days in a county jail.

The Department of Agriculture requires that the body of a dead animal be removed from the premises within 24 hours.

These 45 counts are only for the 12 horses that were neglected or dead, said Julie Deters, manager of the Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center.

No charges have been brought against Rose for the other 60 horses that were removed, Deters said.

An anonymous caller contacted the CARE center in early August with concerns about the farm.

The center and sheriff's department first discovered the dead and neglected horses at the farm, and 11 horses were removed.

The next day, another horse was removed.

The Coles County Sheriff's Department issued Rose "more than one" notice about caring for the

horses, Deters said.

After Rose didn't comply with the request, the remaining 60 horses were removed from the farm.

It's difficult for Deters to find words to describe the farm when she first saw the land.

It was overcrowded, without horse feed and water, she said.

She also noticed debris and mud.

The 12 neglected horses, as well as the others removed from the property are now healthy.

"They're doing great," Deters said.

Each horse is in foster care, most in Coles County, but some are in Champaign, Jewett, Marshall and Decatur, she said.

The CARE center has received several donations for the 72 horses, but is still welcoming donations for the animals.

Cathy Bayer can be reached at 581-7943 or at clbayer@eiu.edu.

CORRECTION

On Page 5 of Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Eastern's president for the chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was misidentified. Torre White is president for Eastern's chapter of NAACP.

The DEN regrets the error.

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Letter to the editor

POTTER 'PLOT HOLES' EASY TO ANSWER WITH RESEARCH

I have been a Harry Potter nerd for many years and consider myself to be a part of the fandom.

One of the amazing things about this series is the fact that J.K. Rowling keeps such strong ties with the readers through her relationships with fansites.

Rowling has always been open with fans about the series.

Through researching her website and interviews, Lauren Davidson's 'plot holes', in her column on Tuesday, can be answered.

Firstly, Harry never saw his parents die.

He only saw the flash of green light caused by the killing curse.

Rowling states on her site that wizards cannot see thestrals until they have actually come to terms with the death. For Harry, this did not happen until two months after Diggory's murder.

Secondly, while it is very frustrating Harry never used the mirror to communicate with Sirius, it says very plainly on page 523 of OOTP that Harry knew he would never use the mirror.

As far as cell phones are considered in the wizarding world: I am lol-ing right now.

Anyone who has read the series knows Muggle gadgets do not work at Hogwarts.

I'm not really sure how Dumbledore's love life is a plot hole. He is gay. Big whoop.

It is surprising to me that Davidson did not address the one plot hole even the author admits is there: the missing day between the Potter's murder and Harry going to the Dursley's.

But I suppose only avid fans like me notice those things.

*Leslie Coberley,
senior physical education major*

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Drawn from the news | Andrew Hicks



STAFF EDITORIAL

Avoid bringing Shiley back at all costs

Last time Mike Shiley graced Eastern's campus, his film about the war in Iraq, "Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories" was quickly rejected by students, faculty and even those who experienced the war first-hand.

So why did Shiley come back?

It could be that everyone got so excited last time he came, University Board thought it would at least attract many students.

UB member Ryan Kerch said he heard a lot of people were disappointed when they missed Shiley's movie last time he was here. He thought Shiley touched on important issues that are relevant today.

Shiley has no formal training in journalism, filmmaking or photography. Why, then, is he the person telling the story? Shouldn't he be specially trained to make these documentaries?

All but the 12 people who attended his lecture apparently thought so.

He works independently and has no person above him who will fire him if he lies. Therefore, if Shiley misconstrues information, what are the consequences?

Well, he loses his credibility. And that showed when only 12 students showed up to watch his latest movie about immigration on Tuesday night.

Kerch said UB spent an estimated \$3,500 for Shiley to visit Eastern. For purposes of perspective, it cost a little more than \$290 for every person who attended.

It doesn't matter whether or not "Solving Immigration" was true or unbiased – Shiley had already damaged his reputation from his last visit.

A group even formed on Facebook as a result of Shiley's last documentary. It's called "Americans against Mike Shiley," which Shiley is also a member of.

He joined so he could dispel whatever myths may have spawned from his lectures. It's a nice gesture, clearing up any concerns angry students may have.

But is it really that important that every single person in the universe agrees with Shiley's point of view? It seems to be extremely important to him.

That also hurts his credibility because he claims his films are unbiased, therefore he should let people who see his movies make up their own minds about an issue. Shiley's film about immigration is sincere. He gave ways to solve the problem at the end of his movie, but left out large parts of the story, too.

The 58-minute film was not long enough to give other perspectives of the hot immigration issue. He interviewed some extreme "minute-men" that patrol the border at their own will to

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Mike Shiley returned to campus Tuesday night for a presentation about his latest documentary.

• **Stance:** The controversial filmmaker shouldn't return to this campus anymore.

keep Latin American immigrants out of America. They are not the most credible sources and are made out to be a little kooky.

His "non-partisan" movie left out interviews of people from the Department of Homeland Security, who could have shed a different light on the issue.

Interviewing someone in a political position would have reinforced his documentary, too. All Shiley had to do was take his four plans of immigration reform (secure the border, reform the pathway to legalization, incite a guest-worker program and help Latin America's economy) and ask someone in DHS or someone with legislative power why these steps have not yet been taken.

Maybe someone with the DHS could have answered why some of these solutions have not yet been put into effect.

Instead of interviewing only a few minute-men, Shiley could have tracked down someone who is actually paid to patrol the border. What kinds of things do these people see? It's probably far different from what the minute-men see, but we wouldn't know that because it was left out of the documentary.

Shiley showed this campus once he has little credibility. The students and faculty at Eastern, and the Charleston community, have little reason to rely on his facts as the complete, non-partisan and unbiased truth.

A documentary is supposed to show interviews with people who have some clout and can answer some of the questions the audience was left asking at the end.

Someone who films a documentary should be professionally trained as ... something. Shiley has no formal training as a videographer, nor is he a journalist by profession. He is no more credible than anyone who decides to pick up a camera and do a little research.

While his efforts are earnest, Shiley should not be brought back to Eastern because his documentaries have little merit. It was painfully obvious when only 12 people showed up to watch his film. Attendants of his last film decided they did not want to be duped again.

Next time UB spends \$3,500 on a lecturer or documentary filmmaker, it should make sure it hires a professionally trained, trustworthy person who not only claims to be non-partisan, but also actually is.



ANTHONY HESSELDENZ

Enjoying college life

I am halfway through my second semester at Eastern and I have never enjoyed school so much in my life.

But as I look around at my fellow students, I get the impression that I am in the minority.

What blows my mind is when I see students sitting in classes in their major and they don't look the least bit interested. Now, I remember what it was like when I first went to college a few years ago.

I was only going to college in order to get a degree so that I could make more money. Sure, I picked a major that was interesting to me, but my goal wasn't to study an academic field, but rather just to get through the process of college.

Now that I've been out in the "real world" college is comparatively quite easy. I have the freedom to choose my classes, as opposed to being given tasks in which I have no say. And regardless of what many students might think, professors are not as demanding as bosses.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy working and if you find a job you truly enjoy, working gives you a wonderful sense of accomplishment. However, it is not always possible to find said job, and most people work only for a paycheck.

Since students choose to be at college, and choose what to study, I wonder why so many of them don't seem to want to be here. Were my early feelings about college typical? If so, I would encourage students to rethink what they are doing.

I understand that we have a societal, and often familial, expectation that an individual needs to go to college in order to become a "better" member of society. This expectation is much the same as that of graduating from high school.

It may not be required by law, but anyone who doesn't fulfill this requirement is treated differently. There are, of course, exceptions; people who didn't play by the rules and still became successful members of society.

However, we are never encouraged to take these exceptions as examples on how to live, because we understand that such accomplishments are not common.

So how do we reach a state of mind where we can go through the proper phases of education without losing ourselves? First of all, realize that the odds of doing the same thing your entire life are slim. Statistically, people change careers – not just jobs – several times in their life. Second, most college students change their major multiple times as well.

Finally, the average time it takes a student to graduate with a "four-year" degree is actually five years or more.

Each individual has their own life to live, and you can't expect two of them to follow the same path.

Personally, I will earn a bachelor's degree 20 years after I graduated high school, having attended eight colleges and earning more than 200 credits.

During that time, I also served in the military, worked as a computer programmer, managed a restaurant, sold wine, and got married. I would encourage you to stop following a plan someone else gave you, if you are doing so. Find your own path to happiness and enjoy the journey.

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CAMPUS | VOLUNTEERING

Giving heat and heart on Valentine's Day

Eastern group supplies firewood for Shiloh families on holiday

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Some students on campus spent Valentine's Day with their significant others, but a group of nearly 50 Eastern students spent their Valentine's Day weekend cutting firewood.

They left on Valentine's Day to help with the Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch, a trip the Christian Campus House takes every year.

The students' main job while at

Shiloh was to cut firewood for the families to use to heat the five homes at the ranch.

"On this work trip we cut, split, and hauled enough firewood to provide an entire year's heat for their five homes," said Roger Songer, senior campus minister. "So, they depend on us coming every year."

The ranch is located in the country outside the small town of Clarence, Mo.

The ranch takes in children up to 15 years old from abusive or negligent homes. There are four families that take in the children as their own.

"It's an amazing feeling knowing you're helping out families and children who really need your services,"

said Katie Zielinski, senior elementary education major. "The wood we cut is their supply for the whole year; it's just unexplainable."

Something that is as simple as cutting wood leads to great reward for these student volunteers.

"I have to say that splitting a piece of wood is a great feeling," said Kenny Haggard, a senior math major with teacher's certification. "Knowing that it goes to help heat the homes for the families makes it even sweeter."

The students who participated in the trip said they enjoyed seeing the kids who live at Shiloh and interacting with them. Students who were making a return trip to Shiloh were able to get reacquainted with the chil-

dren living there.

"They are so different from one another but come together as a family," Haggard said. "It's evident how strong the support in the homes is just in the way the kids treat each other and how the older kids act."

The Christian Campus House usually takes anywhere from 35-50 students to work at the non-profit ranch. All travel expenses are covered, except for meals during travel. However, donations from students on the trip are accepted.

"We do take a free-will offering from the students to help cover the cost of the meals that Shiloh feeds us while we are there, and we give all proceeds from that offering directly

to Shiloh," Songer said.

Usually Songer attends the trip. This year one of the campus house board members, Bill Witsman, took charge of leading the trip.

This opportunity comes up once a year and many students wouldn't miss it for anything.

"I know several people who work that hard every day for a job, much less a great cause like cutting wood to heat homes for a whole year," Haggard said. "When I was working with everyone else I didn't think about how tiring it was."

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» Voelz

FROM PAGE 1

"We worked from dawn till dusk," Voelz said.

Voelz remembered Bobby Kennedy's primary victories in Indianapolis, Nebraska and California.

"Tuesday night votes were coming from California, and Bobby was on the fourth floor of his headquarters building of the Ambassador Hotel saluting everybody with his little champagne glass," he said.

After Bobby Kennedy's announcement about his win in California, he was shot. He died on June 6, 1968, the next day.

"It was very sad," Voelz said.

He went to New York to pay his respects at Bobby's funeral.

Voelz, who worked at Eastern for 30 years, retired two years ago. He taught history and journalism prior to his retirement.

Voelz attended the University of Michigan where he received a doctorate in history, and a master's degree in journalism. He said when he looked for a job, Eastern was the best offer.

"I remember we (teachers) were told we could not hold classes at two in the afternoon because of (General) Hospital," he said. "They were into TV. That seemed to be the whole ballgame."

He said the biggest change since he has been at Eastern has been technology itself. Now, Voelz said, it is all about Internet, iPods, text messaging, cell phones and video games.

"What do these things have to do with education, liberal arts, news?"

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• Check out dennews.com for a video interview with Voelz.

Voelz asked. "It seems as if they worship these toys to play with."

As for the primaries, he thinks the Democrats have a more exciting race.

"I have a theory the feminist revolution is not as strong as it used to be," he said.

Voelz said minorities still struggle, while he thinks Clinton is sneaky.

"Black is more appealing," he said. "When are you going to get another Obama? I feel the changes she will make in office she is not saying right now. She is not talking about much change."

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» Flu Shots

FROM PAGE 1

Some might think that it's too late to get the flu shot during this time, but as long as someone is still healthy it isn't. However, not everyone can get the shot.

The vaccination is also made using eggs.

"If you have an egg allergy or had an allergic reaction to the flu shot before, then you shouldn't get it," Baker said.

For those that are allergic to the shot, there are alternatives. There is a second kind of vaccination that is a spray, containing a live virus. Other medications include inhalers, such as Rulenza, and pills, such as Tamiflu.

Shots can be obtained for free at Eastern's Health Service while supplies are available.



Many students like Andrew Dalton, a history major, have not taken advantage of the free vaccination and have already had the flu.

"I don't really think about the flu that much," Dalton said. "I didn't know that the school was giving them out for free."

Other students like Neal Stack, an undecided major, don't really care too much to get the shot.

"I already had the flu this year," Stack said. "I know they're free, but I don't really care too much. I wasn't that sick."

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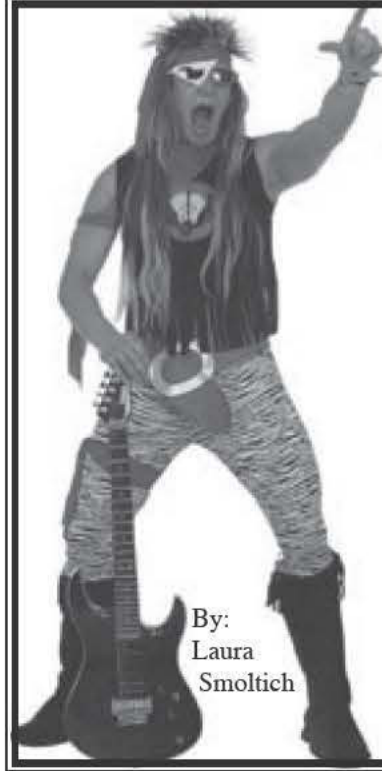


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CAMPUS | BOOK READING

Mother aims to combat racism with candy

Book helps children understand judgement based on race

By **Brittini Garcia**
Faculty Senate Reporter

Explaining to children why people mistreated and disliked Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a struggle for Velisse Ammons Williams.

The struggle was part of the reason she wrote "Candy-Colored Friends."

Williams will be reading and signing her book tonight at 6 p.m. at Room 2030 of Lumpkin Hall.

The book is a children's book based on her life experience with her twin boys.

Her twin sons were given a lesson about King and his struggles with civil rights and racism on their birthday. The lesson left the boys with questions.

"One of the twins asked 'Mom is that why some kids treat me differ-

ently?'" Williams said.

Williams was not sure the reason why children treated her son badly was because he was African American or if it was based on his speech delay.

The twins never looked at skin color the same way after the kindergarten lesson.

Prior to the lesson, they had no clue about discrimination based on skin color or handicaps, Williams said.

The only appropriate way for Williams to explain to kids not to judge people by the color of their skin was by using her knowledge of writing.

She wrote the book to enlighten children about diversity and about relevant topics they may face today.

"I first approached the idea to convey my story by using M&M's because they are all different colors, but they are the same on the inside," Williams said.

As ambitious to use the M&M's characters that she was, the corporation decided not to allow her to

do so. She then had to go through a new route and make up her own candy.

Williams said her goal is to plant the seed clearly in the minds of children not to judge based on the color skin.

The African-American Heritage

Committee hopes that the book reading will spark conversation about race.

"I hope the book reading will keep dialogue with race in America and how diversity is important to our country," said Joycelynn Phillips, the chair of African-American Heri-

tage month committee.

"Velisse is resourceful as a mother and has helped her children deal with discrimination in a positive way."

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CAMPUS | PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel counters media portrayal of minorities

Speakers call for reform in television's black families

By **Amanda Padgitt**
Staff Reporter

Tynsia Watson said the media misrepresents black people.

"The media doesn't portray positive black people and positive successful roles, just 'I wear my pants down to my knees,' and that's not every black person," said Watson, a family and consumer sciences major.

Watson and five other African-American students participated in the discussion "Cultural Improvement and a New Civil Rights Movement," an African American Heritage Month event. The panel discussed the representation of blacks in the media along with the lack of education about black history.

Approximately 20 students and faculty attended the event in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The media focuses on rap videos exploiting and objectifying women, selling a "bling-bling" lifestyle and family shows depicting single-parent households, the panel concluded.

"We haven't had a good one since 'The Cosby Show,'" said panel member Ashley Cochran. "The black family is multifaceted, and you don't see that on television. You only see one side." The panel also discussed the definition of the popular phrase "keeping it real," from both the black youth and famous Civil Rights activists points of views. To the youth, keeping it real means relating to their social disadvantage, the panel concluded.

"I feel like a lot of us say 'If you're not broke like me, and you didn't come from the ghetto like me, you're not keepin' it real,'" said panel mem-

ASHLEY COCHRAN | SPEAKER

"We haven't had a good show since 'The Cosby Show.'"

ber Samara Chapman. However, leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., would have a different assessment on the phrase, emphasizing morals and values, Chapman said.

"He would just say 'Keeping it real' would just be uplifting people as whole, and being honest to people as a whole to make our entire generation better," Chapman said.

The cultural improvement objections suggested by the panel to combat this negativity were giving accurate value to the term "Keeping it real," providing truthful representations in the media and equally representing positive values.

This more realistic illustration of black culture is brought on foremost by education, which many people don't first experience until college.

"In grammar school, when February comes around, you learn about Martin Luther King and Maya Angelou," Cochran said. "It's the same people for one week, and you don't learn about other people."

Watson said blacks should take on a more direct approach to counter the negative depictions that youth like her nephews take in daily, which accentuates the point of a new Civil Rights Movement.

"One of my motivations in just being in college is to be that example for them," she said. "As a culture, we need to set that positive example for them. Let's speak our words and actually put it into action."

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Eastern red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards defends against an Austin Peay opponent. The Panthers will host NAIA opponent Illinois Tech at 7 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

Panthers get to relax

Team wants to work on offense with only one game this week

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team can finally relax this week. No Ohio Valley Conference opponents await the Panthers this week. Eastern hosts a non-conference game tonight against a team from Illinois. Not a Division I team, but the Illinois Institute of Technology. IIT (11-17) is an NAIA school from Chicago's South Side that competes in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. For the Panthers (14-12) it will be the first of four straight home games. The Panthers have played five of their last six games on the road. The 20-game conference schedule in a round-robin format had the Panthers play their first 18 games early this season. "There are going to be a lot of teams playing a lot of basketball," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "Fortunately, we're not one of them." The Panthers don't play a conference game again until Feb. 28 when they host Jacksonville State. Eastern is the only conference school that has played 18 games at this point in the season. After tonight, most OVC schools have three or four

GAME 26
Eastern vs. Illinois Tech
Location: Charleston
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TICKETS GO ON SALE

Tickets for Eastern's first-ever home Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball tournament game go on sale tonight against Illinois Tech. The Panthers will host a first round game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 at Lantz Arena. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students/youth. Since this is a post-season game, no other discounts will apply for tickets. Tickets can be purchased in person at the EIU ticket office (Monday-Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) or by phone at (217) 581-2106. The eight-team tournament bracket for the 2008 OVC women's tournament will be released by the conference office on Saturday, March 1, following the conclusion of the regular season.

conference games left to play. "It's a nice 11 days to get back to what we're doing," said Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale. "The last two games we haven't played offensively up to par." The Panthers are concerned about running their offense including its high low offense and motion offense. "It's hard to focus on offense when defense is what we're trying to do," sophomore guard Ashley Thomas said. "It gives us a little more of a chance to run through it." The motion offense struggled against Southeast Missouri last week. The Panthers lost 46-41 against the Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The Panthers also did not take care of the ball and finished with 27 turnovers. The Panthers want to concentrate on that aspect tonight. "It all starts with Illinois Tech," Sallee said. "Our focus is how we're

playing. At the end of the night, as long as we're playing well, you got to live with that." The last time Eastern played a non-Division I opponent was early last season. The Panthers beat NAIA Illinois-Springfield 118-76. The 118 points represents the second-highest point total in the program's Division I history. Kevin Murphy can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

Daniels

FROM PAGE 12

Each game gets a guaranteed home-and-home series with an opponent. For instance, Eastern played at Loyola of Chicago in the 2007 event. The two teams then met again this season in Charleston. Southeast Missouri head coach Scott Edgar raised a valid point during Monday's teleconference. SEMO hosted Louisiana Tech in the 2007 event and had to play Louisiana Tech on the road this season. And the 2008 BracketBuster didn't help cut down any of the Redhawks' travel expenses. SEMO has to travel to play at Eastern Michigan this Saturday. Some coaches like the concept of the event just because it gives their team another quality non-conference opponent to face. But in a league like the OVC, especially with the 20-game conference schedule each team plays, the scheduling of conference games is problematic.

The last three seasons, the league has had to start conference play in early December - not an ideal time for OVC teams to start the most important part of their season. In fact, Eastern had to play at Murray State two days after Thanksgiving in the 2006-07 season because of the BracketBuster event. This weekend could be used to fill the schedule with a conference game, or make it a regular conference week, with games on Thursday and Saturday. The conference season might still start before January, but with the availability of this weekend for league games, teams could start their league play later in December. The OVC had a porous non-conference schedule, and has for the majority of the last 10 years, so non-conference games, like the ones this weekend, don't have much of an effect this late in the season. Eastern started to participate in the event in 2006 and has every year since. The Panthers host Evansville at 7 p.m. on Saturday night in this year's game. This game, along with the majority of this year's games, has no direct effect on the NCAA tournament. The Panthers are stumbling along to quite possibly the program's worst season in Division I history. The Purple Aces are in a rebuilding mode under first-year head coach Marty Simmons and haven't had the success this year programs there in the past have had. It's nothing more than a glorified exhibition played in late February. The BracketBuster game hasn't done

BRACKETBUSTERS BY THE NUMBERS

Year	Teams	Tourney Teams
2003	18	11
2004	46	12
2005	64	15
2006	100	19
2007	102	17
2008	100	TBD

How OVC teams have fared in the event

Team	Record
Austin Peay	1-3
Eastern Illinois	0-2
Eastern Kentucky	0-2
Jacksonville State	0-2
Morehead State	0-2
Murray State	3-0
Samford	0-2
Southeast Missouri	0-2
Tennessee State	1-1
Tennessee-Martin	2-0
Tennessee Tech	1-1
Overall	9-16
All-time home	5-6
All-time road	4-10

any favors for Eastern. The Panthers are 0-2 in the event, and have lost both return games as well. All 11 OVC head coaches have somewhat differing opinions on the event. Some coaches, like Tillette, flat out don't like it. Other coaches, like Austin Peay's Dave Loos, are in favor of the event. The game doesn't present advantages for any league opponent this year. Whoever wins the league tournament will earn the only OVC bid to the NCAA tournament. Austin Peay, in first-place with an overall 18-10 record, will only hurt their resume with a loss against Georgia Southern on Saturday night. Tennessee-Martin head coach Bret Campbell, whose team plays Elon on Saturday, only has two games in the next two weeks, and would like his team's schedule spread out more consistently. However, he makes a valid point about the event. "I know there's a lot of different opinions on do we want to play those or do we not," Campbell said. "But I think when originally we started it, we all wanted to be a part of it." The time for the OVC to have all 11 schools involved in the event, and for the event to have 100 teams compete, needs to end. What was once a good idea to elevate and promote the premier mid-major teams has turned into a watered-down event with no motivation for most teams. Matt Daniels can be reached at 581-7936 or at mwdaniels@eiu.edu.

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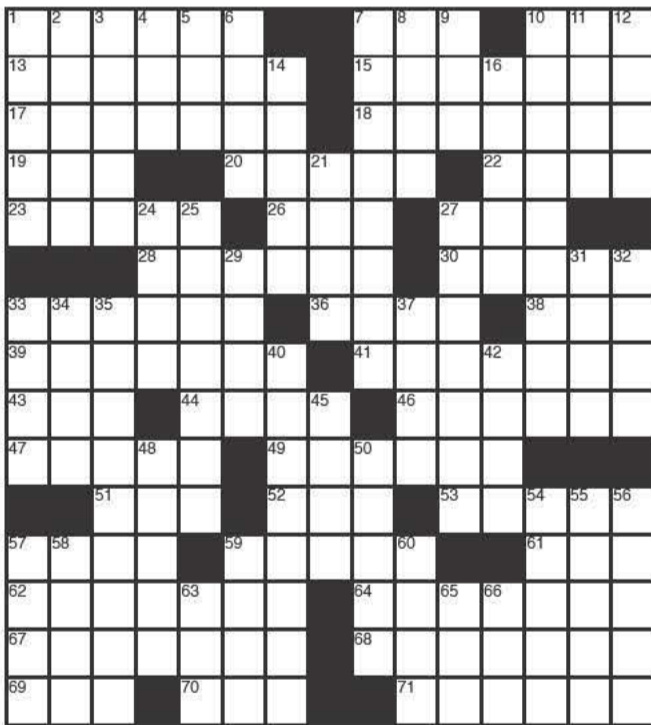
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OBE ERUTEYA

Top Cat is a weekly feature that displays one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the player and moments from the sporting event.

Out-jumping the competition

Senior from Chicago boasts best triple jump in conference this year

By Micky Deming
Staff Reporter

Obe Eruteya knows he is good enough to compete with anybody.

Last weekend, at the Iowa State Classic, he got a chance to prove it.

The senior from Chicago posted a mark of 50 feet, 7.5 inches in the triple jump and won the event.

It was his best triple jump of the season and the best by any Ohio Valley Conference athlete this season. The jump set an NCAA provisional mark.

The NCAA provisional mark is 50 feet, 6.3 inches.

The provisional mark means he is now on a waiting list to see if he can compete at the NCAA National Championships from March 15-16 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Eastern was one of more than 90 teams at Iowa State this past weekend, including teams from the Big Ten,



MOLLY CLUTTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior jumper Obe Eruteya won the triple jump this past weekend at the Iowa State Classic with a jump of 50 feet, 7.5 inches. That jump ranks as the best triple jump in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

Southeastern and Big 12 conferences.

"To go there and actually win an event is pretty awesome," said junior David Holm.

Eruteya said winning against competition from bigger schools is good for his confidence.

"Nothing can distract me from reaching my goals," he said. "If I stay focused and don't worry about other

individuals or other teams, I can compete with anybody."

Eruteya was confident in his ability to do well if he focused on his technique. During practice he has been working on his approach and running relaxed.

"I knew if I continued what I've been working on in practice, I was bound to do well," he said.

Although he had his best performance in the triple jump of the year, he said he can add to the it.

"Knowing Obe, he'll probably get (52 feet) by conference," said sophomore Ian Winston.

Eruteya likes having goals, but doesn't want to set a specific number as a goal for his jumps.

"I don't want to set a number to go for then be satisfied if I get there," he said. "My goal is to keep improving."

He does have specific goals: to be an All-American, to reach the Eastern record for high jump (7 feet 1 inch) and triple jump (51 feet, 6.5 inches), and to have the team win the OVC Conference Meet, which begins on Feb. 29.

Eruteya has had little time to celebrate his success at Iowa State with the conference meet so soon.

"Every day he wants to get better and prove to people he's a great athlete," Winston said. "It's only a matter of time before we see him do something amazing."

Micky Deming can be reached at 581-7944 or at jmcdeming@eiu.edu.

» Williams

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Williams said these experiences have helped him develop the ability to build strong relationships and become a leader. Strong leadership is a quality Williams expressed Eastern greatly needs in its athletic director.

"You cannot lead when people won't follow," Williams said.

He stated he would be able to provide an environment for success, beginning with himself, working its way down to the coaches, the players, and everyone in the Eastern community. He wanted to reward and recruit the "total student-athlete," someone who possessed strong academics, civic involvement and athletic performance.

Williams said he was drawn to Eastern because the athletic director has to report to the Office of Student Affairs, which displayed an integration in the university he appreciated. He also praised Eastern's academics and community.

"It's a perfect storm," Williams said.

However, the underlying theme behind all his plans for Eastern involved building relationships and motivating those around him. He also said Eastern needs to develop a niche, and not concede support that could be lost to Illinois, simply because of its status as a Big Ten school.

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BASEBALL | SEASON PREVIEW

Trying to make the unfamiliar, familiar

Just 12 of 31 players on roster returning from last season

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Brett Nommensen has a hard time noticing familiar faces from his spot in center field.

The junior is one of only three returning starters from last year's Eastern baseball team. And he's also the only returning starter that stayed at the position he played last season.

Junior Jordan Kreke, who had played mainly second and third base, is now the Panthers' starting shortstop. Sophomore Richie Derbak, primarily Eastern's second baseman last year, is now Eastern's starting catcher.

Nommensen can glance into the dugout and see the same scenario. New players.

A quick look to the left into the bullpen and Nommensen will see the same thing. New players.

Eastern will start the 2008 season with three games against Southeast Louisiana this Friday through Sunday in Hammond, La. And the Panthers do so with 19 new players on a team picked Tuesday to finish sixth in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Eastern head baseball coach Jim Schmitz said working the new players into the system was a worry during the fall, but the team had several functions, like softball games and bowling parties, to get the players more acclimated to each other.

"If you don't like each other or know each other well, and it takes half the season to get to know each other, well now you're behind," Schmitz said.

Nommensen said one of the biggest obstacles was the new players had to learn all the plays the team has for different situations.

2008 BASEBALL SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Time
•Feb. 22	at Southeastern Louisiana	6:30 p.m.
•Feb. 23	at Southeastern Louisiana	3 p.m.
•Feb. 24	at Southeastern Louisiana	1 p.m.
•Feb. 29	at Northwestern State	6:30 p.m.
•March 1	at Northwestern State	5 p.m.
•March 2	at Northwestern State	1:30 p.m.
•March 4	Olivet Nazarene	2 p.m.
•March 8	#Western Michigan	1:30 p.m.
•March 9	#Vermont	1:30 p.m.
•March 10	#IPFW	Noon
•March 11	#Bucknell	Noon
•March 12	#Akron	1:30 p.m.
•March 13	#Illinois State	9 a.m.
•March 14	#Northern Iowa	1 p.m.
•March 15	#Bucknell	9:30 a.m.
•March 18	Monmouth College	2 p.m.
•March 21	*Morehead State (2)	2 p.m.
•March 22	*Morehead State	Noon
•March 25	Southern Illinois	2 p.m.
•March 26	at Illinois State	3 p.m.
•March 29	at *Tenn. Tech	Noon
•March 30	at *Tenn. Tech	1 p.m.
•April 2	Chicago State	3 p.m.
•April 5	*UT-Martin (2)	1 p.m.
•April 6	*UT-Martin	1 p.m.
•April 8	Illinois College	3 p.m.
•April 9	Indiana State	3 p.m.
•April 12	at *Murray State (2)	1 p.m.
•April 13	at *Murray State	1 p.m.
•April 15	Illinois	3 p.m.
•April 19	*Jacksonville State (2)	1 p.m.
•April 20	*Jacksonville State	1 p.m.
•April 22	at Missouri	6 p.m.
•April 23	at Bradley	6 p.m.
•April 26	at *Samford (2)	1 p.m.
•April 27	at *Samford	1 p.m.
•May 3	*Southeast Missouri (2)	1 p.m.
•May 4	*Southeast Missouri	1 p.m.
•May 6	at Indiana State	5 p.m.
•May 7	at Chicago State	3 p.m.
•May 10	*Austin Peay (2)	1 p.m.
•May 11	*Austin Peay	1 p.m.
•May 13	Evansville	3 p.m.
•May 16	at *Eastern Kentucky (2)	Noon
•May 17	at *Eastern Kentucky	Noon
•May 21-24	OVC Tournament	
#Denotes Florida All-Star Challenge game in Bradenton, Fla.		
*Denotes Ohio Valley Conference Game		

But, Nommensen does point out an advantage.

"It's nice because the other teams we play might not know much about

(the new players) and how to pitch to them," Nommensen said.

Derbak said the team activities worked because they were not relat-

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ed to baseball, but rather to camaraderie and having a good time.

Derbak's head coach agreed.

"They seem to know each other," Schmitz said. "The moves we made, we made early, so they know and they feel comfortable with it. How we play together is something we'll figure out as we move on."

The Panthers will move on with six new starters. The biggest question at this point for Eastern is who will start in the corner outfield positions. Schmitz said four players, junior transfer Ryan Lindquist (Elgin Community College), senior transfer Kyle Wilson (Indianapolis), freshman Neil Wright and sophomore Curt Restko (a returning player), are competing for the two starting positions.

"The outfield is as wide open as can be," Schmitz said. "We don't have anyone that's kind of stealing the show."

Derbak said the uncertainty at different positions has created competition among the team.

"Each person has an opportunity to get a spot," Derbak said. "We know there's a job on the line. If you know for sure you're going to be a starter, you might get lackadaisical."

Nommensen said junior transfer Jordan Tokarz (Elgin Community College) is the only newcomer that has a set position.

"Everyone's got a shot, and whoever comes out and plays will get a spot," Nommensen said.

The Panthers strength might come in the infield. Tokarz is projected to start at second base. Schmitz said Tokarz has shown the most improvement of the transfer players.

"I think Tokarz and Kreke have

really worked well together," Schmitz said. "That's a hard match, the double play combination."

The Panthers have four players in competition for a starting spot at first base. Schmitz said that number is far too many.

The leading candidate is senior Evansville transfer Tristan Facer, who will also be the team's No. 1 pitcher. Schmitz said Facer has the chance to hit for power, and that is something Eastern needs.

"We'd love to have a corner outfielder hit the hell out of the ball, but we don't have it," Schmitz said. "(Facer) is able to really give us a little bit of pop at first base."

The starting third baseman is down to a two-man race between junior transfer Zach Skidmore (Parkland Community College) and freshman Sean Estand.

"(Estand) is really struggling," Schmitz said. "We haven't played a game, but in our scrimmages, he's struggling. Going into the season we don't like having as many question marks, but we do and that's what we have to deal with."

Freshmen will make up the bulk of the Panthers' starting pitching staff, besides Facer.

Josh Mueller and Mike Hoekstra, both freshmen, are also projected to be starters. Schmitz said Mueller would start Saturday's game against Southeast Louisiana.

"(I'm) definitely excited about the way he commands the strike zone," Schmitz said. "He keeps the ball down in the zone, and he really has a good mound presence."

Derbak said he relates well to the young staff because he was a freshman pitcher last year.

"We have a lot of young arms," Derbak said, "but we have a lot of talent."

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» Oakland

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"Oakland's got a lot of versatile guys on their team," said Eastern senior Tim O'Hagan. "In the 200-yard freestyle relay, it is going to be close, we got a good place last year for it. We hope to place second and give Oakland a run for their money."

On the women's side, sophomores Lauren Zillmer and Laura Nilsen want to continue their successful seasons in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle and

OAKLAND VS. EASTERN

-competitors to watch

OAKLAND

- Carolyn Routh – 4th seed in 500-yard freestyle (5:10.80); 10th seed in the 200-yard freestyle (1:57.29).

EASTERN

- Lauren Zillmer – 16th seed in 200-yard freestyle (2:00.45)

OAKLAND

- Chrissy Hager – 6th seed in the 50-yard freestyle (24.95); 9th seed in the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.76); 10th seed in the 100-yard freestyle (54.87)

EASTERN

- Lauren Zillmer – 11th seed in the 50-yard freestyle (25.41)

in the backstroke and 200-yard individual medley events, respectively.

"Nilsen's placed in the top eight for all of her events and Zillmer is in the top 16," senior Patty Young said. "I

expect them to do well, they should help out both individually and in the relays."

It will be difficult for the women's team to beat Western Illinois. Eastern

OAKLAND

- Riley Rigoli – 2nd seed in the 50-yard freestyle (24.58); anchor of 400-yard medley relay (Oakland's time of 3:51.42); anchor of the 200-yard medley relay (Oakland's time of 1:46.65), 5th seed in the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.07); 2nd seed in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:07.29); 4th seed in the 100-yard freestyle

(53.62); lead off for the 200-yard freestyle relay

EASTERN

- Patty Young – 7th seed in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.90)

OAKLAND

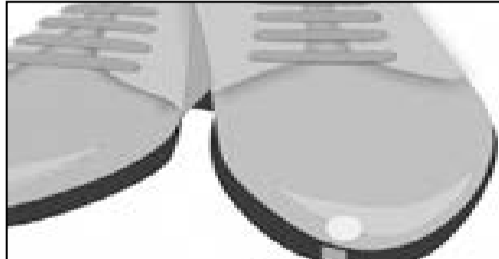
- Katie Wilke – 3rd seed in the 500-yard freestyle (5:08.05); 6th seed in the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.13)

lost to Western earlier in the season, 153-90.

"Oakland is usually far ahead, so coming in second would be a big deal because it would mean we would beat

Western which would be a big deal for us," Young said.

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MATT DANIELS

Time to bust this event

Jimmy Tillette knows where Louisiana Tech is located — and that's about all he knows thus far for his team's BracketBuster opponent on Saturday.

Tillette, Samford men's basketball head coach, grew up a Catholic in New Orleans. But Louisiana Tech, in Ruston, La., didn't fit into his travel plans as a youth because "it was Baptist country."

All joking aside, Tillette makes a good point about Saturday's extravagant BracketBuster event.

"Not a big fan of the BracketBuster," Tillette said. "I think it ruins conference play. The last thing you want at this point is a distraction."

The six-year event includes all 11 Ohio Valley Conference schools for the third straight year. A total of 100 teams are in the event this year, which starts Friday and ends Sunday.

The purpose is to give mid-major teams on the cusp of making the NCAA tournament more exposure late in the year. A crucial win for a team that's 19-6, like Wright State is in the Horizon League, and who faces Illinois State on Sunday in the event, could vault them ahead of a team in a larger conference.

Like in the case of North Carolina State, a team that's 15-11 from the Atlantic Coast Conference. But if the Wolfpack finishes with at least 20 wins, and Wright State doesn't win the Horizon League Tournament, analysts will argue for N.C. State to make the tournament as an at-large bid and keep Wright State out.

But the main problem with this event is the number of teams. The initial event in 2003 only had 18 teams participate, which were the premier mid-major teams in the nation.

Of the 18 teams that year, 11 made the NCAA Tournament, and Butler advanced to the Sweet 16.

The number of teams increased from that initial event to 46 in 2004 and to 64 teams in 2005. The big jump happened in 2006, with the jump to 100 teams.

With the increase in teams has come another advantage, or disadvantage, depending on what coach you talk to.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | SUMMIT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oakland has title locked

Panthers to challenge for second, third

By Ross Meister
Staff Reporter

Oakland has it is sealed.

The perennial conference champion is used to winning at the conference meet.

The Oakland men's and the women's swimming programs have won eight straight conference championships.

Though Oakland is favored to win this meet, it will be a battle for second and Eastern wants to contend for that spot.

The Eastern men's and women's swimming teams will be starting their three-day contention today at the Summit League Championships in Rochester, Mich.

Oakland's men's and women's swimming teams won last year's championships. The men's and the women's programs have won eight straight conference championships.

"Realistically, all the teams know that Oakland dominates the meet," said Eastern head coach Ray Padovan. "You have set times, but they are so dominant that first place is sealed. So after that we need to see what happens."

Oakland's team is built around a depth of seniors who lead the team not only by example, but also a great deal of leadership.

"Keys for us, as always, will be our seniors," said Oakland head coach Pete Hovland. "We do have a couple of swimmers ranked higher in some events than the individuals listed. However, when it comes to winning championships, you have to have great leadership. You have to have a core of individuals that can lead by example and that can make things happen. These individuals have provided this for us this year and will be the reason why this might be our best teams yet."

Hovland is expecting a lot from



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Eastern junior diver Kara Kooken dives during the 1-meter diving competition against Saint Louis at Lantz Natatorium earlier this season. The Panthers begin competition at the Summit League Championships today in Rochester, Mich.

Eastern.

"Ray's teams are always well

prepared when they do show up for the championships," Hovland

OAKLAND VS. EASTERN -competitors to watch for

OAKLAND

- Chris Tansel – 4th seed in 50-yard freestyle (21.25); 200-yard freestyle relay (Oakland's time of 1:22.60); 1st seed in 100-yard butterfly (49.12); 3rd seed in 100-yard backstroke (53.16); 4th seed in 100-yard freestyle (46.56);

EASTERN

- Tim O'Hagan – 10th seed in 100-yard butterfly (53.16)

OAKLAND

- Bryon Tansel – 19th seed in the 50-yard freestyle (22.41); 200-yard freestyle relay (Oakland's time of 1:22.60); 13th seed in 200-yard freestyle (1:48.01); 10th in 100-yard freestyle (47.86); 400-yard freestyle relay (Oakland's time of 3:01.32)

EASTERN

- Joe Ethington – 12th seed in the 100-yard freestyle (48.20); Matt Latham, 13th seed in the 100-yard freestyle (48.20)

OAKLAND

- Ryan Kish – 1st seeds in both 332.48 (1-meter dive) and 340.05 (3-meter dive)

EASTERN

- Joe Laird – 304.80 in 1-meter dive and 315.15 in 3-meter dive

OAKLAND

- Zoltan Horvath – 2nd seed in 200-yard IM (1:52.45);

EASTERN

- Matt Scalatine – 4th seed in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:13.27)

said. "I'm sure his two teams will be even more motivated this week with this being his last year. The surprise team that could take second in this meet is EIU, because of this being Ray's last season."

Even though Oakland's strength is going to be in the sprinting events, Eastern could make a showing in sprinting events on the men's side which could be good enough to beat out Centenary and Western Illinois for second place overall.

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ATHLETICS | ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

Latest candidate emphasizes people skills

Third of five finalists currently an athletic administrator at Connecticut

By JC Clark
Staff Reporter

Eastern's latest athletic director candidate sold himself as a people's person on Wednesday.

Vaughn Williams, currently the associate director of athletics/facilities management and planning at Connecticut, said he emphasizes communication, and building relationships and motivation.

"What are my strengths?" Williams said. "I invest in people."

He stressed mobilizing and uniting the Eastern community was the most important step toward success in the athletic department.

He also felt his history in athletic administration and the lessons he has learned throughout his career



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Vaughn Williams, Connecticut's associate director of athletics-facilities management and planning, discusses facilities on Wednesday afternoon in the Booth Library. Williams is one of five finalists for Eastern's vacant athletic director position.

put him in a position to effectively carry out these measures.

"I've been in senior management since I was 24," Williams said.

Williams started his career at Utah as a member of the senior management team in the athletic department, handling duties ranging

from travel coordination to overseeing concessions.

Williams also noted he knew about being a student athlete through experience, having started as a defensive back for Massachusetts prior to taking his position at Utah.

Williams moved on from Utah and took a position as the director of business affairs in the athletic department at Toledo when he was 27 years old.

The next stepping-stone of his career came when he when he was hired as the associate athletic director at Boston College, where he served until 2004 before moving on to Connecticut.

Williams stated his history in collegiate athletic administration also afforded him the opportunity to deal with noteworthy personalities, such as Rick Majerus, former head basketball coach at Utah, and current head coach at St. Louis University.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Today vs. Illinois Tech
7 p.m. — Lantz Arena

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Today at Summit League Championships
All Day — Rochester, Mich.

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2 p.m. — Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse

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Friday at Illinois State
7 p.m. — Normal