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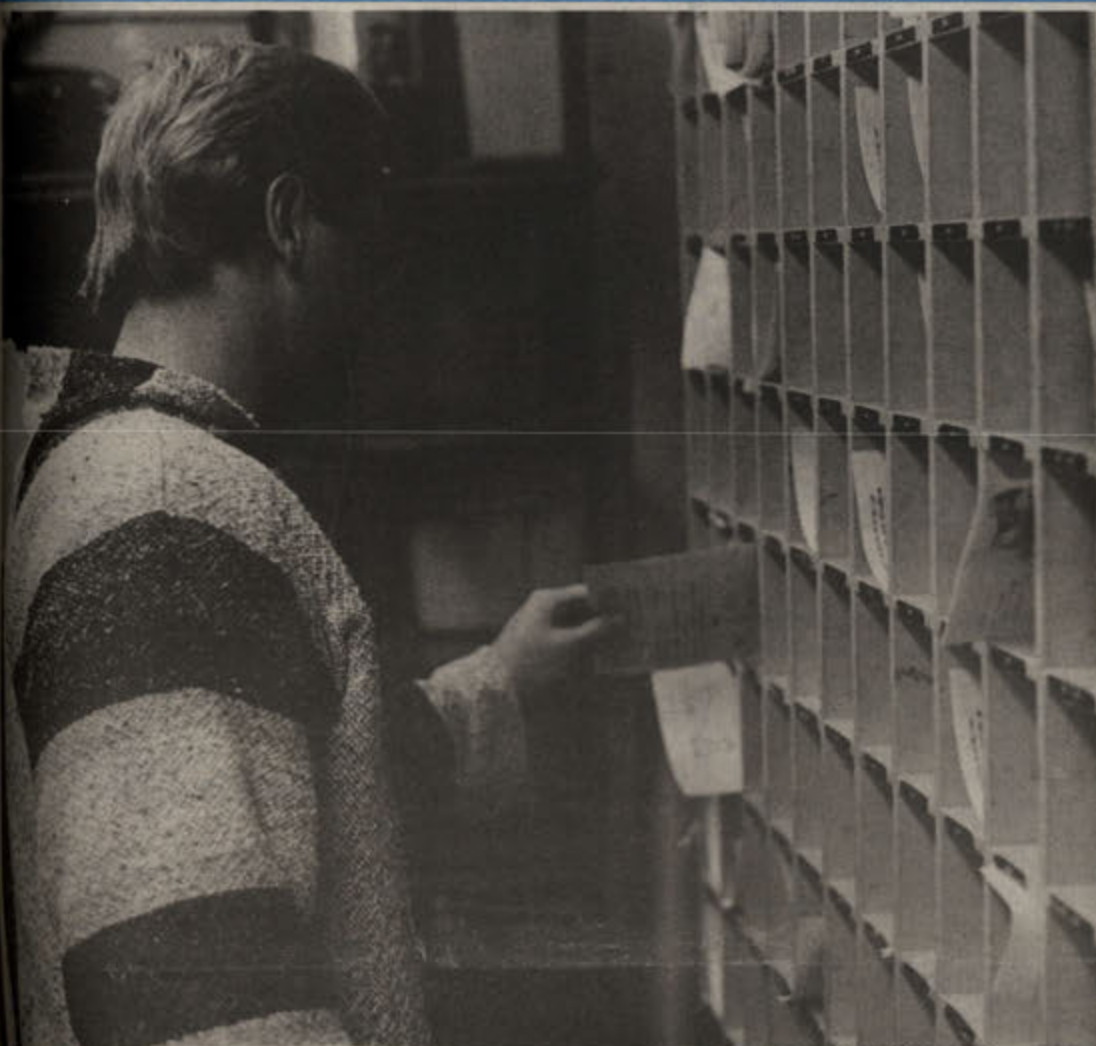
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The postman always rings twice?

Resident Assistant Glenn Hughes, a junior business education major, puts a flyer into a students mailbox in Commons Hall on Sunday afternoon, prior to the students returning from Spring break.

Plant questions Blair Hall stability

By CHRIS SEPER
Administration editor

The discovery of a sagging floor has halted work on a \$49,000 renovation project in Blair Hall, causing an outside engineer to check the areas for structural soundness and sparking concern over the physical plant.

While constructing interior walls and converting classrooms into offices on Tuesday, physical plant workers discovered the floor was not level by about two and a half inches, causing Physical Plant Director Carol Strode to call in an outside engineer.

"It wasn't noticed until they began to put the interior walls up," Strode said. "It did not set level."

Physical plant foreman Ken Coffey said the trouble was discovered in room 212 when carpenters putting in dry wall and 2 X 4 boards noticed the gap in the floor.

"Our major question was why wasn't this checked out by our

three engineers that are employed by Eastern," one anonymous source said. "Why wasn't it checked out before we began the job?"

Physical Plant engineer Ed Adams, when asked about the problems at Blair, opted not to comment, saying "we always go through one person that's (Strode)."

Gary Reed, another physical plant engineer, when asked, said he was not involved with the Blair Hall project.

"They hadn't known (about the sag) before, but some people felt that they should have," a second anonymous source from the physical plant said. "We were doing construction when this was discovered."

The second source added that in one room 75 percent of the room was done before the check was called for.

Strode said the sag in the floor had been there for awhile and the outside engineer was doing a double-check to make

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Petitions due Monday for government elections

By ELLIOTT PEPPERS
Student government editor

Monday is the deadline for submitting petitions for the April Student Government elections. Elections Chair Matt Greider said all petitions are due at 4 p.m. Monday. Petitions became available March 13 and should be returned to room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Center.

Greider said students who apply for the Student Government

executive positions must get 100 student signatures and students who apply for senate seats need 25 signatures.

"All the (Student Government) executive positions are available," said Brett Gerber, chief of staff. The executive positions include student body president, executive vice president, financial vice president, Board of Governors student trustee and chief of staff.

Gerber said 19 seats are open in the Student Senate - 16 one year seats and three one semester

seats.

With petitions due at 4 p.m. Monday, so far only one official party, the Progress party, has emerged for the elections. It is headed by BOG student trustee Brian Riordan who is running for student body president.

Senate member Amy Jobin, who is a member of the Progress party, said she is running for executive vice president on the 14-member party.

Apportionment Board Vice Chair Ron Carmona is running

for financial vice president, Senate member Dana Wulff for chief of staff and Senate Speaker Tony Wielt for BOG student trustee. Jobin said a separate election is held for the speaker of the senate.

According to Greider, only one position, executive vice president, has had more than one student apply for the same position.

Greider said although it doesn't seem like another party will appear, he wouldn't rule it out.

Joey's Place and Burrito Heaven become two in one

By LAURA DURNELL
News editor

On Monday, Eastern students and Charleston residents will find two of Charleston's Chicago-oriented restaurants at one location.

Joey's Place, 405A Lincoln Ave., and Burrito Heaven, formerly of 615 Monroe Ave., have merged and are now located at Joey's Place located in the University Village. Even though the establishments are keeping their individual names, Joey's Place owner Damon Teverbaugh and Joey's Place and Burrito Heaven is now one business.

"It just makes a lot of sense," Teverbaugh said. "We compete for a lot of the same students, and we felt that since both our menus are Chicago-oriented they would go well together."

Both Joey's and Burrito Heaven officially opened Sunday and will be open Monday, Wednesday and Sunday until 11 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 2 a.m. The business opens at 11 a.m. everyday.

Both Teverbaugh and Burrito Heaven's owner Scott Smith had talked about merging for quite sometime, but made the decision a few weeks ago to "just do it," Smith said.

Smith said the move occurred over Eastern's spring break and went smoothly.

"Really, Damon has everything to make the food here, we just took my recipes," Smith said. "I use tomatoes, he uses tomatoes. I use lettuce, he uses lettuce."

"We've intergrated everything into the space we (Joey's) have

right now," Teverbaugh said.

To order food from Joey's or Burrito Heaven, the customer can call either 345-2466 or 345-HEVN.

Currently both Teverbaugh and Smith are still discussing ways to work out running both business, but said so far they "don't see any major problems."

"It will take some time to get it the way we want it," Teverbaugh said.

Teverbaugh said a really good reason for the merger was to bring in both local residents and college students into the same location.

"Scott was doing really good business with the townspeople, and I do good business with the college students," Teverbaugh said. "By putting them together we could bring in more people."

Police continue investigation of Friday shooting

Charleston police are continuing an investigation into a shooting Friday evening at White Hen Pantry, 200 Lincoln Ave.

A 21-year-old Charleston woman was arrested early Saturday morning at the convenience store following a domestic dispute in which a firearm was allegedly discharged, according to a Charleston Police Department press release.

The incident occurred at about 11:30 p.m. Friday.

The woman is being held at the Coles County Safety and Detention Center pending a court appearance on charges of criminal damage to property, reckless conduct, unlawful use of weapons and possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owners Identification Card.

The Charleston police were releasing no further details Sunday.

—Staff report

Tax returns offer something new

By MICHELLE BOWMAN
Staff writer

Taxpayers will have a unique opportunity this year to support alcohol and substance abuse prevention by filling in an extra box on their tax return.

By filling in a dollar amount on line 15j, the Voluntary Contribution Section of the IL-1040 Illinois

Individual Income Tax Return, individuals can contribute money to the Illinois Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

The money contributed to the Illinois Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse will go towards community groups that are able to apply for youth drug abuse program grants.

The tax program is a welcome

sight to currently funded grant programs, as Sandy Beaumont of the Central East Alcoholism and Drug Council's InTouch office in Mattoon said "any amount of money will help".

Organizations will have an opportunity to access the funds to help with programs already in progress and help the effort to start new ones.

Civil service names award recipient

By CASSIE SIMPSON
Campus editor

The selection committee for the Civil Service Employee of the Month named Betty Jane Hall as the February 1992 recipient of the award.

Hall, a secretary in the Counseling Center, has been employed at Eastern since 1973.

"She performs her job very efficiently and very courteously," said Linda Moore, director of personnel services.

Moore said Hall will receive the traditional photograph, a certificate, balloons and a goodie

bag as part of her honor.

Every month the selection committee chooses a civil service employee from the nominations that are sent in from any faculty or staff member.

The faculty or staff member fills out a form and returns it to the committee at the Human Resources Office, 204 Old Main.

"The committee screens the nominations and selects an employee for the award," Moore said. "Whether it is a secretary, a gardner or an accountant, if anyone has done an exceptional job, they can be nominated."

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Plant questions

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sure the floor is sound.

"We're just checking," Strode said. "(The sag) has been there for years but were just checking if it will be sound. We don't have any reason to believe it won't."

Although Strode did not know the exact name of the company the university was using, she did say the company has been used before.

The outside engineer came last week, Strode said, and will have the results later in the week.

"A major thing that we have a problem with is that they pay three engineers and have had to bring in an outside engineering firm," the first source said. "We have a problem paying that kind of salary (approximately \$50,000 each). It's kind of an added expense, and it's better to hire an outside engineering firm and not

have one on campus."

Coffey said action was taken when the workers realized the walls were not level.

"We knew the floor did have a little bit of a sag," Coffey said. "We weren't aware of it being a bad sag. It wasn't able to level across. When we found that out I had my guys stop on our construction."

Coffey said he then informed Strode of the problem, suggesting a couple of temporary solutions. After Strode, Adams and physical plant worker Debbie Black surveyed the area, Coffey said he was informed an outside engineer would be informed of the problem.

"It didn't set good with me," he said.

Although results of the structure test are still unknown, Strode said problematic results could cause anything from furniture

rearrangement to added construction.

"We would find a way to make it structurally sound (if there is a problem)," Strode said. "This may have been like this because it's a classroom, we just have to check to make sure.

"It would just depend (on what happened)," she added. "If anything, file cabinets may need to be placed around the edge of the floor."

The cost of the structural check was categorized by Strode as "minimal."

The second anonymous source said he had heard that Strode was attempting to "keep all this quiet" concerning the problems in Blair.

"That's what's caused two-thirds of the problem (at the physical plant) - keeping all this quiet," the source said. "There's nothing wrong with people knowing the truth."

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Faculty elections draw 273 voters

By CHRIS SEPER
Administration editor

More than 50 percent of eligible faculty voted in the faculty elections Thursday, March 19, with the actual results being released at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

A total of 273 eligible faculty voted in the semesterly elections concerning senate appointments, positions on the Council of Academic Affairs as well as other committees and questions about the university.

"The Faculty Senate approves all of the results," Bill Addison, senate member in charge of elections, said. "It's basically just a formality. Until the faculty senate approves the results of the election, it really doesn't become official."

Exact number of voters were unavailable on Friday, March 20, but were tabulated during spring break.

The Faculty Senate meeting to approve the members is 2 p.m. Tuesday at the BOG Room in Booth Library.

Senate approval was labeled as a procedural thing by Addison and he doubted that any of the members elected would be turned down by the committee. To his knowledge, no candidate that was elected had ever been turned down by the senate.

Although 60 percent of eligible faculty took part in last semester's faculty election — which included a vote concerning confidence in President Stan Rives — Addison said the approximate 52 percent that did turnout this semester was still "pretty good."

"The elections were a little bit different (last time)," Addison said. "That was a special case."

Addison also noted that voters this time had to go to the polls and vote, unlike the past election where the faculty was able to vote from their homes.

"It was a lot easier for people, and we had a better turnout," he said. "People who have to vote are less likely to vote if they have to go somewhere and vote in person."

Advisory committee cites search criteria on Monday

By CHRIS SEPER
Administration editor

Eastern's Presidential Search Advisory Committee will discuss the criteria for presidential candidates at their Monday meeting, following a meeting they had with Board of Governors Chancellor Thomas Layzell March 23.

The committee's meeting last Monday had members voicing concerns and asking Layzell questions about the search process, according to David Carpenter, chair of the committee.

Monday's meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. in the BOG Room of Booth Library. Due to guidelines outlined in the Open Meetings Act, the search committee meeting is closed to the public.

"(Members will be) talking about the suggested qualifications, experience, background and character traits," Carpenter said, speaking about the upcoming meeting.

Various members of the search committee put together lists of the most important qualifications for the president, which Carpenter said he combined into one long list.

"It'll be a long list that will be widdled down by the committee to the most important specifics," he said.

In a two and a half hour discussion with Layzell, Carpenter described his meeting with the committee as a "forthright exchange of ideas and concerns" assuring the members that "a strong president for Eastern is a strong president for the (Board of Governors)."

According to Carpenter, Layzell said the opinion that he wants a puppet at Eastern is "ridiculous" and Layzell said he does not intend to manage Eastern from the BOG's Springfield office.

"(Layzell) made it clear that trust works two ways," Carpenter said, "and he will work with the committee as much as the committee desires, to assure the committee members and its constituents that the search is one that can be believed in and trusted."

All changes and modifications suggested by the committee will also be taken under consideration by Layzell, Carpenter added.

Layzell was unavailable for comment Sunday concerning the meeting.



DAN KOONCE/Photo editor

Driving for the bucket

Charleston resident David Joines Sr. and his son David Joines Jr. from Indianapolis play basketball Sunday afternoon on the basketball courts behind Carman Hall.

Proposed loan gains momentum

By CHRIS SUNDHEIM
City editor

A "universal" federal student loan proposal co-sponsored by Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., continues to gain momentum on Capitol Hill despite a veto by President Bush as part of the middle-income tax cut package.

The proposal, termed Income Dependent Education Assistance, may go to a conference committee as early as this week when education committees from both chambers meet to compromise on the Higher Education Act.

David Carle, a Simon spokesman, said Simon voted against several of the nearly 12 amendments to the bill but supported the final tax cut package to which his plan was attached.

Carle said despite the White House veto, the federal student aid plan gained substantial strength by its Senate passage.

"It was clear that it (the tax cut bill) would be vetoed," Carle said. "Our aim was to get it past the Senate."

The House passed its version of the Higher Education Act Thursday following the Senate's approval of its own bill last month.

The loan program, if approved, would eventually offer



Paul Simon

maximum annual loans of \$5,000 to any undergraduate and \$15,000 to any graduate student. The loans, administered through the U.S. Department of Education and local financial aid offices, would come directly from the federal government.

The House's original draft of the Higher Education Act included the direct lending feature but not an income-contingent repayment plan, as supported in the Senate.

Under that plan, the amount of students' monthly payments would hinge on their monthly income. Simon's plan calls for repayment through the Internal

Revenue Service.

Carle said the direct lending portion of the proposal remains the "hottest topic," but called the addition of the income-contingent feature of the House bill "a step forward."

"(The compromise) will concern the scope of the program," he said. "The whole issue is really still open."

Unlike its Senate counterpart, the \$500 million House bill is not planned to replace other current federal loan programs, like the Stafford loan.

However, Simon's plan is aimed at ultimately replacing the Stafford loan and others.

Even if IDEA legislation is passed by Congress and approved by President Bush, both proposals only start a four-year trial period with 500 universities.

The 500 schools would be selected by Secretary of Education Sam Skinner to represent a realistic cross-section of American higher education.

After that period, Congress could decide whether or not to continue and expand the loans.

The Senate's IDEA proposal now under debate is a modified version of a bill Simon co-sponsored with Sen. Dave Durenburger, R-Minn. Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., has also contributed to its latest changes.

Business Development Center offers workshops

By STEVE LYSAKER
Activities editor

Eastern's Business Development Center will offer six evening workshops in April for anyone interested in increasing computer, business relations and business supervision skills.

According to Allen Messenger, director of regional business services, the workshops are based on research and certain skills local businesses want employees to have in order to better compete against other businesses.

The workshops are aimed at businesses of all sizes and people who want to polish or learn certain skills in the business field.

"These workshops are designed to help businesses in the area compete more effectively and to help individuals polish

and build useful skills for their fields," he said.

The workshops' series begins with "Intermediate WordPerfect 5.1" held on April 7 and 8. Messenger said this is an advanced course open to individuals who have knowledge in WordPerfect and desire advanced skills.

This workshop will concentrate on such aspects of WordPerfect as outlining and integrating graphics, Messenger added.

On April 8 and 9, the workshop "Successful Selling" is offered. Messenger said this is an advanced and intense course in selling skills. He added this workshop teaches a "low-key" and "no pressure" approach to selling.

Another workshop, "Improve Your Personal Leadership Skills," is also held April 9. This course focuses on problem

solving and learning leadership behavior that will reflect positively on the employees, Messenger said. The leadership course also provides participants with ways to become better organized and improve motivational qualities.

A workshop dealing with improving business writing skills is held on April 15 and 16.

Messenger said participants in this workshop learn to write with a focus on the reader. He added the course helps students express their ideas effectively through memos, letters and reports.

Two separate workshops, "Advanced Supervision" and "Intermediate Lotus 1-2-3," is held on April 21 and 23, Messenger said.

"Advanced Supervision" is designed for managers or supervisors who have previous experience in management but

want to structure their skills to do a more productive job, Messenger said.

The "Intermediate Lotus 1-2-3" is aimed at those who have completed an introductory course in Lotus 1-2-3 and want to learn more advanced features of the computer system, Messenger said. He added the course includes hands-on learning of functions such as combining worksheets and advanced graphics.

Messenger said the fee for the workshops is \$65 for one three hour workshop or \$90 for a six hour workshop. He added the fees should be received no later than five days prior to the workshop and anyone needing information should contact Messenger at 581-2913.

"We've had pretty good success in the past," Messenger said. "These workshops really help individuals polish and build the business skills they need."

OPINION 4 page

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MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1992

Decision on lake island property is long overdue

We think the Charleston City Council needs to be prompt in making its decision on the leases at the lake island property.

Commissioners have wrangled over the decision since early in the year and, through largely unavoidable delays, have had to put off any binding motions until their April 7 meeting.

The lake island tract is a city-owned subdivision of more than 20 lots located on a peninsula in Lake Charleston. Concern recently has regarded what city engineers and lake officials fear is sewage leaking from some of the homes' septic systems into the reservoir and erosion sediment coming off the island's northern shore.

The leaking sewage material drains into the lake causing ecological problems of low oxygen levels and poor taste and odor, according to City Engineer Mark Dwiggin. Council members have considered a number of options aimed at solving the crisis but have yet to take any solid action.

They are now awaiting word from Steve Vorris, a part-time city appraiser, on possible courses of action with the leases. Discussion at the council meetings has centered around buying some of the more troublesome leases from residents, offering displaced tenants lots on another shoreline and ultimately selling the remaining lots — placing most of the area under private ownership.

The appraisal question is crucial to any solution since any council action moving residents might require the city to purchase homes on the lots. Any appraisals must be accurate but appraisal bids presented thus far range from \$17,000 to \$18,000.

Dwiggin told commissioners last month that they could require replacement septic systems to be installed at leaking sites, link the subdivision with the city sewer system or construct a small treatment facility for the tract.

It is likely the solution ultimately will be a combination of all these proposals.

The April 7 meeting agenda will also feature a presentation by Lake Charleston officials on a lake study done in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Lakes program. The study was to examine erosion and other problems at the reservoir. Lake Charleston has lost nearly 25 percent of its total capacity to erosion in recent years, with some of the sediment coming off the island. Between the study and the appraiser's comment, the council should be able to plan a solid course of action and resolve the lake island controversy in the coming weeks.

Bopo the clown for president

Bopo for president!
When a press release, including pamphlets and buttons came in to *The Daily Eastern News*, I didn't think I'd seriously vote for a clown for president. Not only a clown, but a cartoon clown. He's not even real.

But he's got my vote.
After reading the pamphlet sent to us, I realized Bopo had some pretty good ideas about what a presidency should be all about.

Sure, he offered some silly suggestions, like the right to have a funny hairstyle, and "the right to be incurably loony and hopelessly positive about ourselves."

But Bopo, the Magic Clown, has a point. How can a person lead an entire nation if he can't laugh at himself. A president is going to make a lot of mistakes in four years (just ask Richard Nixon), and he needs to be able to laugh at himself when mistakes do occur. The public is going to laugh at him enough, he may as well be able to join in.

Really, if a person is going to overcome mistakes and the serious problems that affect a country's welfare, he must like himself enough to laugh at himself and then move on.

Bopo also stands in favor of "the right to throw rotten casaba watermelons at presidential candidates who evade the issues." Now, who can argue that point. No politician is going to want rotten watermelon all over his \$1,000 suits, so candidates may be more likely to actually address the real issues. Either that, or invest in cheaper suits.

Although I'm not usually in favor of the "mud-slinging" campaigns, the type that usually garners the most attention and results, Bopo's version of the mud-slinging works.

"When elected, I will institute economic programs that, unlike my opponents, have some resemblance of reality," his pamphlet says.

Now Bopo has hit on a key issue. He says it's time to stop blaming foreign politicians for the state of our economy. "We should be blaming our



Jamie Riley

own politicians. We must also realize that in spite of our elected officials, America has the ability to overcome the most dire economic conditions."

If the great United States can stop worldwide aggression and throw an entire army out of a nation thousands of miles away, it seems entirely plausible that we should be able to throw the recession demon right off our own backs.

Although Bopo doesn't offer any methods of settling our torrential economy, at least he realizes it's time to start taking responsibility instead of laying blame.

If only Ron Reagan and George Bush had recognized the quickest solution, although not the most pleasant alternative, is to tackle the problem and not ignore it.

The economy is the most important issue in the election. The United States need a leader who is willing to work for the best interest of the citizens of the United States — not Kuwait or Israel or anyone in Central America.

Of course, I'm not advocating the United States cut all foreign aid. Some of the aid we give is beneficial. But come on, who can really justify a 3 percent budget callback of Illinois universities when the U.S. is giving the equivalent of over a thousand dollars a week to every Israeli citizen? I don't believe that Israeli oil is more important than the education of anyone in the United States.

Think of it this way. If the United States spent the money it gives to Israel on education, we could have engineers and scientists to create more economical, natural and safe ways of getting energy than through oil.

Since we are all college students, teachers and administrators, education should be quite high on our list of priorities.

Bopo probably recognizes this. So if Bill Clinton or George Bush don't pick up on this, Bopo has my vote.

And, like Bopo's Campaign Committee President Chuck the Gnome says, Bopo's a clown and he admits it! "Voters won't have to wait until after he's elected to find out."

Jamie Riley is features editor and a guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.



Your turn...

News headline makes wrong impression

Dear editor:

We would like to express our disappointment in the choice of headline that was used in the March 17 article entitled "Peace Meal director placed on three month suspension." Mr. Strader is NOT on suspension, but rather has been placed on probation, but the conflict between the headline and the article left the reader wondering what Mr. Strader's status is. Certainly, probation and suspension do not have the same meaning.

The Peace Meal staff has made every effort to cooperate with the investigations. The negative reporting that Peace Meal has received is

frustrating to say the least. The negative reporting has made it easy for people to lose focus on Peace Meal's purpose, which is to serve senior citizens. In spite of the negative publicity and investigations over the past few months, Peace Meal has continued serving its seniors and managed to open two new sites.

Jane Johnson
Kathy Ferguson
Vicki Irby

Is Weaver's bill a bunch of hype?

Dear editor:

The proposal of Mike Weaver to abolish the Board of Governors raises some questions. There is not a question that the present situation is

intolerable. The problem arises from the fact that the last two governors both of Mr. Weaver's party have made appointments to the board using the concept of political patronage. Thus Board members are ignorant people with little knowledge of what such a board should do. In fact they have created a staff that is by arrogance out of ignorance. The result is an empire-building staff with no knowledge of education with little interest therein.

It is not clear whether Weaver is serious about the abolition of the board or this is just election year hype. Equally unclear is whether Weaver has the clout and legislative skill to achieve the goal.

There ought to be a better way than burning down the barn to get rid of the rats. If this is the only way to achieve the desired goal, then everyone should support the effort.

Donald L. ...



DAN KOONCE/Photo editor

Down the ramp

At left, Eli Limacher Sr. helps his son Eli Limacher Jr., a sophomore political science major, roll his motorcycle off the trailer before parking it Sunday afternoon in the Thomas Hall parking lot.

City project will move to second phase

By CHRIS SUNDHEIM
City editor

The Charleston City Council gave final approval Friday to a Mattoon construction company to continue with work on the E Street improvement project funded primarily by state and federal money.

A.J. Walker Construction Co. submitted the lowest bid for the second phase of the project at \$593,882 and council members accepted that figure Friday morning in special session.

Bids were advertised by the Illinois Department of Transportation because federal and state funds account for 75 percent of its budget. The city must pay the remaining 25 percent.

This phase is the second in a three-step procedure to reconstruct E Street into a north and south ravine running from Lincoln Av-

enue through a ravine near the fairgrounds to State Street, or Illinois Route 130. Work remaining from phase one includes paving E Street from Harrison Avenue to Madison Avenue.

The second phase will construct a box culvert, similar to a bridge, over the Town Branch, a creek running through uptown Charleston. It will also complete the preliminary dirt work necessary to build a street across the ravine.

The third phase will cover the culvert and surrounding area. This may not be completed until 1996 or 1997 because the funds come from the Federal Highway Administration, and the city only receives an annual award that alone may not be enough to finish the work.

Commissioners also approved a resolution Friday that advertises for bids on electrical work to be done at the Rotary Community Pool, 906

15th St. in construction of a new mini-golf course, batting cages and a clubhouse.

A resolution rejected at the council's regular Tuesday meeting called for the bids to be waived in favor of awarding the project to Twin City Electric of Mattoon which completed most of the existing electrical work for the \$30,400 project.

In other business last week, the Charleston City Council:

- Passed a resolution allowing Vesuvius U.S.A., 955 N. Fifth St., to discharge waste effluent from the company's plant into the city sewer system.

The waste was previously required to be collected in drums and taken to a hazardous waste landfill. Gary Brinkmeyer, superintendent of the waste water treatment plant, said Vesuvius approached him several months ago about the

option. Brinkmeyer told the council he conducted tests on the treatment plant's systems at 100 times the actual concentration of waste to be certain the discharge would not interfere with their normal operation.

Brinkmeyer added that the resolution calls for a daily discharge of 100 gallons out of the treatment plant's daily intake of 3 million gallons.

"I don't feel at all nervous about accepting this waste," he said. "It's a small quantity and relatively innocuous."

Commissioners said they hoped to give Vesuvius an economic boost with the move since the corporation would no longer have to pay to ship its waste elsewhere.

- Passed a resolution protesting the state's reduction of motor fuel tax allocations used to maintain city streets.

Nominations for award due Friday

CASSIE SIMPSON
Campus editor

Nominations for the Hobart Heller Scholarship are due Friday, April 3 in the office of Glenn Williams, vice president for student affairs, 115 Old Main.

People interested in nominating students for the Heller scholarship need to pick up a form from Williams' office and return it by Friday. The campus community can nominate an Eastern student for the scholarship, established in honor of Heller, who retired in 1967.

Heller was the first vice president for academic affairs at Eastern.

"Anyone can nominate, but there are limits on the qualifications for the nominee so that a freshman isn't nominated," Williams said. "They need to be in their senior year and need to have completed 50 percent of their work at Eastern."

Other criteria include scholarship, responsibility, sense of purpose, growth, service to the university community during his/her first three years and give promise service and leadership.

The nominee must be a junior preparing to enter his/her senior year at Eastern and must stay enrolled full-time during that year.

Williams said the scholarship was established in 1968 by a group of students who wanted to honor Heller.

"Hobart Heller retired Oct. 1, 1967," Williams said. "I think that this scholarship was brought together by some guys who lived in a farmhouse where the east parking lot of Lantz is now. It was the first cooperative living quarters."

Williams added that Heller was the Dean of Men and in about 1940 agreed to be house father (for the men living in the farmhouse).

"Heller actually slept there in the house and the guys started to really like him," Williams said.

Williams said that when Heller retired he left Charleston and went back to Pennsylvania where he died in the mid-70s. After his death, the men who lived in the farmhouse got together and wanted to do something special for Heller. They contacted Williams to establish a scholarship in his honor.

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Bill Clinton acknowledges his past marijuana usage

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged for the first time Sunday experimenting with marijuana "a time or two" while attending Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar more than 20 years ago.

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown, Clinton's lone challenger for the nomination, responded "No" when asked during a television appearance with Clinton whether he has ever violated drug laws.

"Why don't you lay off this stuff," Brown added. "What you did 20 years ago is not relevant." Over the last two years, Clinton has been asked numerous times whether he ever used drugs. He elaborately avoided a direct answer, saying he never violated state or federal laws.

On Sunday, a reporter noted how he told the *New York Daily News* he never violated "the laws of my country" and asked if he ever violated international drug laws.

"When I was in England I experimented with marijuana a time or two and didn't like it," the Arkansas governor said. "I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again." Clinton was at Oxford from 1968 to 1970.

In the last presidential campaign, Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr. and former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt acknowledged smoking marijuana in their youth. Other candidates denied ever trying the drug.

Those questions arose in late 1987 when Douglas Ginsburg withdrew his Supreme Court nomination after disclosing he had smoked marijuana with his students at Harvard University.

The disclosures had little impact on the campaign, but it marked the first time the presidential race included people of the generation that grew up with recreational drug use.

Later, in an interview with CBS's "Up To The Minute" program, Clinton said he made the disclosure because "no one had ever asked me the direct question before ... and I really do believe that public people really do have a right to some privacy."

Asked if he knew he was breaking English law when he smoked marijuana, Clinton said, "I assumed it was against the law, but when we got there they told us that as long as we did it inside our apartments or whatever nobody would hassle us. ... But I was not into that."

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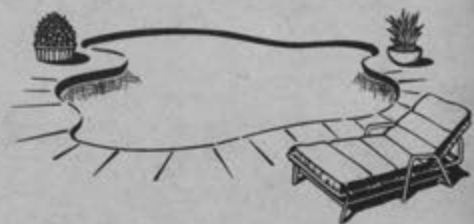
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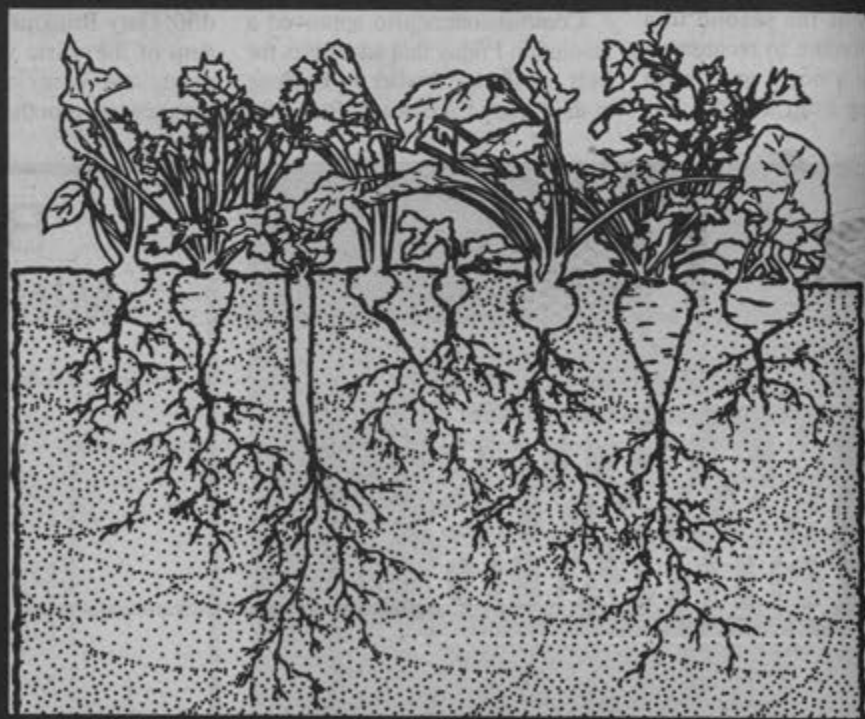
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Hodge to give Weaver a run for his money

by CHRIS SUNDHEIM
Editor

Despite a solid sweep of the primary polls on March 17, state Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, may face a tougher-than-anticipated challenge come November in his bid to keep the 106th District seat.

Democratic challenger Carolyn Hodge of Paris, who ran unopposed in the primary, received 7,450 votes — only 1,111 less than Weaver.

Hodge said Friday she wasn't surprised by the final vote tallies.

That (the election figures) is "I'm in the race," she said. "I'm running because I feel I can win."

She added some of her support in the primary may have come from Republicans voicing discontent with Weaver by voting for her or her Republican opponent, the Cornwell of West York.

However, Weaver said Friday he won't take any contest for granted.

"Anybody who is familiar with politics looks at the numbers," Weaver said. "I don't take anybody lightly."

Weaver attributed part of Hodge's success to the low voter turnout, estimated at about 32 percent, and partisan crossover votes.

"It's really hard to draw concrete conclusions (from those low figures)," he said.

He said he anticipates 50 percent voter turnout in the general election, adding that more cast ballots would clearly define the race.

There are only two ways to run scared or lose," Weaver said.

Throughout the district, Weaver received 8,561 votes, Hodge 7,450 and Cornwell 1,687. Hodge edged out a victory in Vermilion County by 400 votes.

Weaver saw the most support in Edgar County with 4,827 votes, fol-

lowed by Edgar County returns with 2,097 votes. Hodge received 3,640 votes in Coles County and 1,492 votes in Edgar County.

Hodge declared her candidacy in early November and has based her campaign on the "forgotten" middle class.

Both candidates agree on the importance of resolving Illinois' current budget crisis, particularly where education is concerned.

"The leadership in Springfield has caused the current budget crisis," Hodge said. "Maybe it's time for a few new faces there."

Weaver said educational funding ranks near the top of his work and campaign agenda. He added his bill to eliminate the Board of Governors and the Board of Regents demonstrates his commitment to streamlining the state's budget.

"I think (the BOG bill) is indicative of what I'm trying to do — to get rid of the bureaucracy," he said.

Weaver said he finds Hodge's bid "interesting" but contends her campaign contains few solid issues.

Hodge charged that while Weaver has touted himself as an "education legislator" he has not done all he could to further Illinois schools. She said Weaver has increased the education budget but not at a level that keeps pace with the economy and rising costs.

Hodge said she plans to continue her campaign unabated through the summer.

"We have a relatively strong organization, and we'll be aggressively campaigning and taking our message to the voters — every single one," she said.

Weaver is headed back to Springfield early next week to further attend to budget matters and said he will likely spend weekends back in the district campaigning and talking with constituents.

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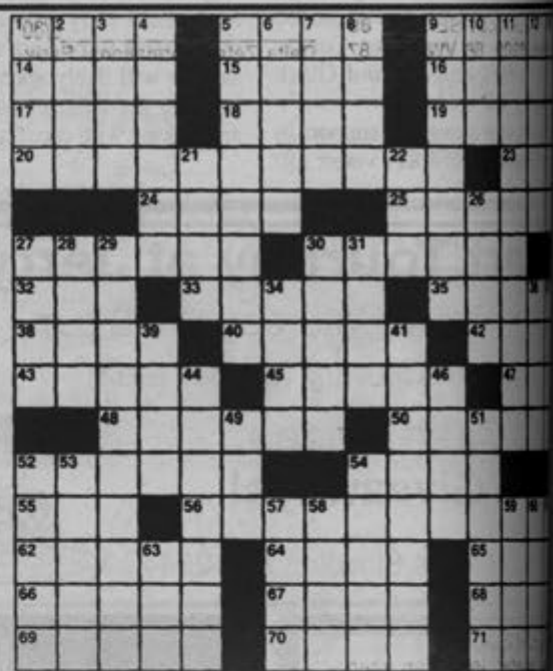
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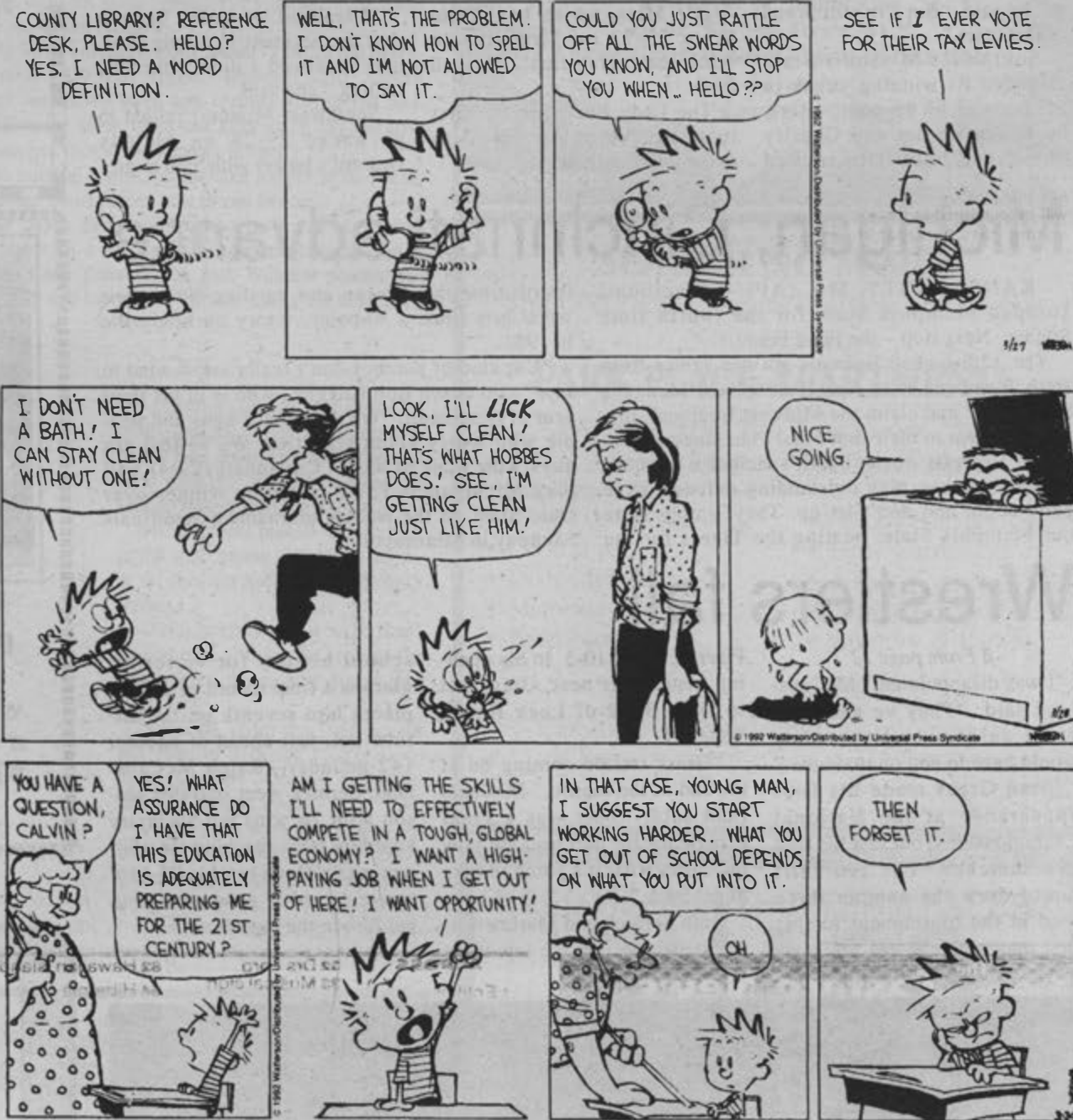
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Lady Bears move on to Final Four

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) Mississippi coach Van Chancellor said Southwest Missouri State had a point to make Saturday night.

"They got on a mission to prove they weren't an eight seed in this country, and they proved it," he said. "But I'm still proud of this team."

Southwest Missouri State extended its winning streak to 21, boosted by 16-point efforts by Karen Rapier and Charity Shira, and beat fifth-ranked

Mississippi 94-71 in the NCAA Midwest Regional finals.

The 10th-ranked Lady Bears (31-2) earned a berth in the NCAA Final Four at Los Angeles next weekend against Mideast champion Western Kentucky.

Ole Miss, which beat Penn State 75-72 on Thursday to reach the region final, finished 29-3.

The Lady Bears are the first team seeded below No. 4 to make it to the finals.

Mississippi dominated the first nine minutes of play, taking a 19-11 lead with 13:21 to play, and getting the Lady Bears into foul trouble early.

Rapier found herself on the bench and staring up at the scoreboard.

"I realized we hadn't been in that predicament in a long time, and I realized I didn't like that feeling," she said.

Southwest Missouri rallied to go ahead 29-28 on Melody Howard's basket with 5:46 to go.

Michigan, Cincinnati advance

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Cincinnati stopped Memphis State for the fourth time Sunday. Next stop - the Final Four.

The 12th-ranked Bearcats got big games from Herb Jones and Nick Van Exel to beat Memphis State 88-57 and claim the Midwest Regional title, sending them to their first Final Four since 1963.

The Bearcats' roster doesn't include a marquee player, but they play outstanding defense, have good depth and don't let up. They simply wore out Memphis State, beating the Tigers for the

fourth time this season and handing them their worst loss since a 30-point victory by Louisville in 1981.

"I'm kind of numb. I don't really know what to say," said coach Bob Huggins, who is in his third year at Cincinnati. "We don't have egos and people who worry about statistics. We've just got guys who want to win." Cincinnati (29-4) will play Michigan, a 75-71 overtime winner over Ohio State, in the NCAA tournament semifinals Saturday in Minneapolis.

Wrestlers fall

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"I was disappointed," McCausland said. "They've had such great careers and that they would have to end on that note."

Stan Gress made his first appearance at the National Championships, but lost his first two matches. The red-shirt junior drew the number three seed in the tournament for his first match. Gress lost to Travis

Fiser of Iowa, 10-5 in his opening match. His next, Gress lost to Dale Budd of Lock Haven State 5-1.

"Gress started coming on at the end of the season," McCausland said. "This was a great experience for him because now he knows what it's going to take to get back."

Both Serbick and Marlow finish their career in the top 10 in

school history for victories. Marlow's final record of 102-52 places him seventh on the all-time list, just ahead of another 142-pounder—Ralph McCausland. Serbick went into this season with 76 wins but an injury kept him from reaching the 100-win mark. However, his 93-43-4 career record is good enough to put him in the top 10.

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Strong showing for men's tennis

MATT MAHARG
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team returned from its spring break from Kissimmee, Fla. with a 3-2 record after its first match against the College of Willamet in which it was rained out.

The victories, which improved the team's record to 14-4, included an 8-1 decision over Cleveland State, a 6-2 win over Montana and a 7-2 victory over Eastern Michigan. The two losses were to Oberlein College of Ohio and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Both of the scores were 6-3.

"Things went pretty much true to form of our performance," said Eastern coach John Bennett. "We had a couple of matches to teams that were just a little better than us."

Bennett added that both of those matches were closer than the score indicated because there were a couple of matches that went three sets before the winners lost.

"I thought George Macey played really well, but he lost a match against a Cleveland State player because he was just simply worn out," Bennett said. "Otherwise, he probably would've won that one."

Macey's only other loss was to the top player from Oberlein.

Aside from the rain the first couple days, conditions were pretty windy until the last day, Thursday. On this day the team played two matches and spent about ten hours doing it.

"We were out there from about 11:00 in the morning until 9:00 that night," Bennett said. "Even though we didn't have any classes during the day, we still were more worn out after each day because the matches took considerably longer."

"On outside courts, points take longer to be decided and the court forces you to run harder."

The team is scheduled to be back in action Monday with a 3:00 match against Rose Hullman College from Terre Haute, Ind. Weather permitting, the match will be moved into the Lantz Fieldhouse.

Eastern

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giving up two runs, one on two hits with four walks.

Spiller threw the no-hitter, looking for somebody to step up to something big for us and Conner did the job," Callahan said.

The Panther bats woke up in the sixth inning as they sent 11 batters to the plate and exploded for eight runs in the inning.

Davis lead off the inning with a single and Jetel, who sacrificed Davis to second base pushed a bunt past the pitcher, reached on the pitcher's throw to first base.

Lance Allen drove in Davis and Jetel on a double. Brooks followed with a RBI base hit. Jesus Salazar reached base on a single. Legaspi then drove in Brooks to left field.



Todd Davis

Rick Royer walked to load the bases for Davis. Davis picked up two RBI's on a Texas leaguer down

the right field line for his second hit of the inning. Jetel then drove in Davis on a double in the left center-field gap, but was later picked off second base to end the inning.

The Panthers picked up two runs in the sixth inning and added another in the top half of the seventh inning.

Davis went 4-for-4 with three singles and a triple. He crossed the plate three times and drove two runs.

"Overall, from the first day of the season through (Saturday), Todd has been our most consistent hitter," Callahan said.

"He hasn't been day in and out the best hitter, but as far as taking good swings and showing discipline at the plate."

Rain cancelled Eastern's double-header with Valparaiso Sunday.

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Wrestlers fall short of personal goals

By RYAN GIUSTI
Staff writer

Two of the winningest wrestlers in Eastern history ended their career last week in Oklahoma City, Okla. at the NCAA National Wrestling Championships, both falling short of personal goals to place among the top wrestlers in the nation.

Seniors Ray Serbick and Dave Marlow both ended their collegiate career by going 1-2 in the National Championships March 19-21, while junior red-shirt Stan Gress went 0-2 while gaining some experience for next season.

"It was kind of disappointing for them," Eastern coach Ralph McCausland said of the three wrestlers.

Serbick was making his second straight appearance in the National Championships

and last year went 1-1 in the tournament at his 134-pound weight class. The unseeded Serbick opened up this year's Championships by losing a close 7-5 match to the number eight seed, Lunden Campbell of California State at Fullerton.

Serbick then came back in his next match to beat Ohio's Eric Kimball 7-4. Kimball beat the number nine seed of the tournament the match before. The win kept alive Serbick's hopes of placing. But those hopes were dashed in his next match when he lost by pin fall to Jody Jackson of Virginia. Serbick had beaten Jackson before in a tournament earlier in the year.

"I thought he wrestled well," McCausland said. "Things just didn't fall into place for him."

Serbick was disappointed by the way he ended his career.

"They were all close matches," Serbick said. "I was very disappointed to wind up my career like that. I thought I could have done a lot better than what I did."

The match against Jackson contained some controversy. Jackson grabbed hold of Serbick's head gear, a move which is illegal. However, the violation went unnoticed by the referee and allowed Jackson to pin Serbick.

"It was a wild match, and the official didn't control it very well," McCausland said.

Dave Marlow also went 1-2 in the tournament, failing to reach his goal of placing in the top five in the nation at 142. Marlow, who was also making his second straight trip the National Championships, opened up the tournament by winning his first match against Tom Onorato of West Virginia University, 4-0 in overtime.

Marlow then advanced to face the number

two seed of the tournament, Chris Owens of Oklahoma State, and lost 9-5. Owens went on to be a finalist. Marlow then lost to Harris from Tennessee-Chattanooga, 3-2 in another overtime match. Harris went on to win his next match and finish eighth in the nation at 142.

"I felt I wrestled real poorly, even in the match I won," Marlow said. "I don't know what happened, I felt I was ready."

Marlow was not happy with how his career ended.

"It was kind of tough this year," Marlow said. "Before, I could always say 'they always next year'."

McCausland said he was disappointed to see two seniors end their career the way they did.

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Eastern ends break with split

By KEITH FARROLL
Associate sports editor

After a disappointing spring trip, Eastern's baseball team opened up its Mid-Continent Conference and home season splitting a doubleheader with Valparaiso Saturday at Monier Field.

The Panthers, who went 1-6 down South on their spring trip, had a no-hitter thrown at them in the first game with a 7-0 loss to the Crusaders, but woke up their bats in the second game with an 11-2 route to compile a 7-16 overall record.

Valparaiso senior pitcher Eric Spillers no hit the Panthers in the first game to even his record at 2-2. The perfect game was eliminated when Valpo third-sacker Mike Garcia booted a Brent Howard grounder. Howard was later thrown out stealing.

The no-hitter was almost ruined in the sixth inning as Jason Jetel ripped a grounder down the third base line, but Garcia redeemed himself by making a diving stab and throwing Jetel out at first base.

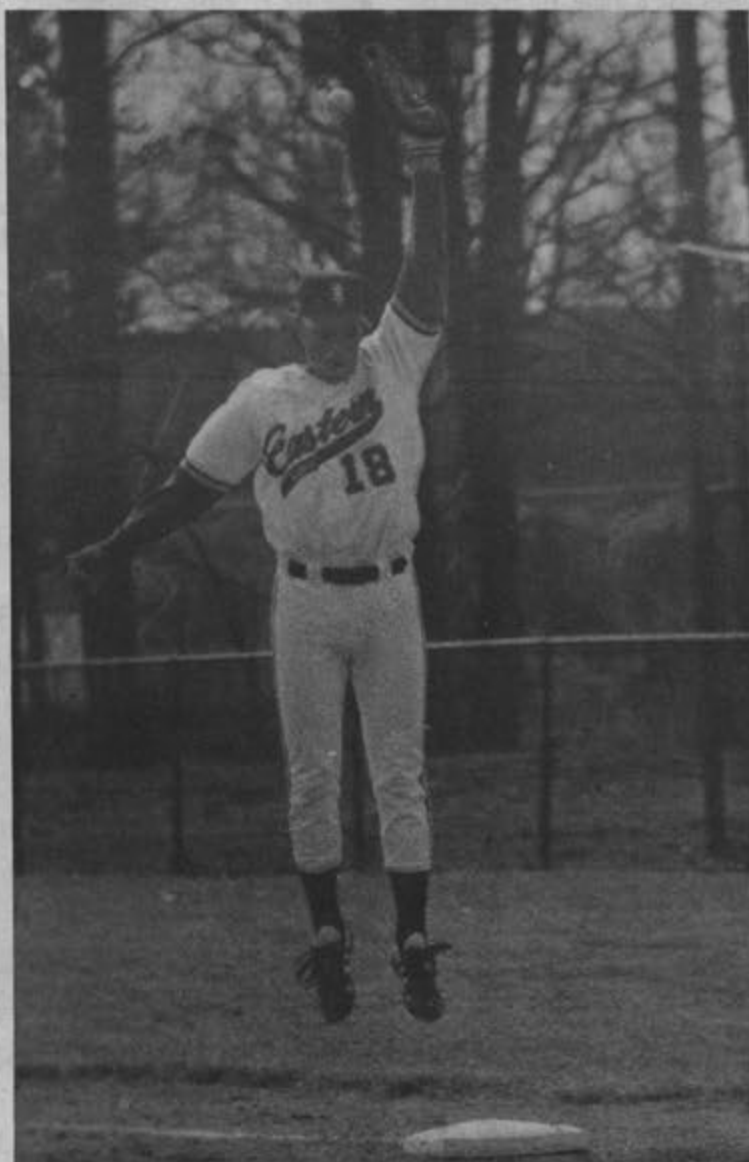
Spillers also got in trouble in the seventh inning when he walked Chris Clarke and Todd Davis stepped into the batter's box with two outs, one out away from the complete game, no-hit, shut out.

Davis, with the wind blowing in from center field, made a bid for a homerun. Crusader center-fielder Jeff Snyder, though, made a running catch crashing into the fence temporarily injuring himself to preserve the no hit.

The entire Crusader team then celebrated the no hit out in centerfield congratulating Spillers and huddling around Snyder.

"I wouldn't say he is the best pitcher we have seen this year, but he pitched as well as anybody against us," Callahan said. "You don't have to be overpowering velocity-wise or have a Bert Blyleven curve ball to beat people in baseball. He had total command of the plate. The way he pitched he deserved nothing less of a win or maybe even a no-hitter."

Panther starting pitcher Steve Lemke pitched five and two



CARL WALK/Senior photographer

Keith Mierzwa loses control of third baseman Tad Smith's throw in the fifth inning of the first game of a doubleheader against Valparaiso at Monier Field Saturday. The error on Smith, which should have been the third out of the inning, sparked a five-run inning. Eastern lost the first game 7-0, but turned around to win the second game, 11-2.

thirds innings giving up seven runs, only one being earned.

The trouble started in the fifth inning with two outs and runners on first and third base and the Panthers were down 1-0 when Snyder hit a routine ground ball to Tad Smith, who turned it into to a high throw to first base which fell out of Keith Mierzwa's glove, allowing a runner to score, 2-0.

"Our team defense is brutal," Callahan said. "Our infielders just haven't done a good job. They are killing us. For the most part our outfield has done a good job."

The play proved to be even

more fatal as the next hitter, Marc Waite, drove in a run on a base hit, 3-0.

The next batter, Joe Luce, ripped a double into left centerfield driving in two more runners, making the score 5-0.

The Crusaders added two more runs in the sixth inning off Lemke.

In the second game, the combination of Callahan making some adjustments in the lineup and starting pitcher Mike Conner putting together a complete game put a tally in the win column for the Panthers.

Conner silenced the Crusader lineup as he pitched seven

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Softball team starts season on down side

By RYAN GIUSTI
Staff writer

The start of the 1992 season was a long time in coming for the Eastern softball team. Maybe it could have waited a little longer.

After having their first four regular season games cancelled due to weather, the Panthers started the season going 2-9 on their spring trip through the South on March 20-27. But despite the poor record, head coach Beth Perine did find some positives in her team's performance.

"We're probably the most optimistic 2-9 team you are ever going to meet," Perine said. "It was a very successful trip in many ways."

Eastern started its week long road trip in Shreveport, La. to take part in the Patterson Invitational. The Panthers lost their first official game of the year to Stephan F. Austin University, 6-0. Eastern then lost to Nichols St. and dropped two 2-1 decisions to Oklahoma City and Northwestern State.

The Panthers then recorded their first win of the season by beating conference rival Southwest Missouri State. Coli Turley picked up the win by pitching six scoreless innings and Chris Koehl pitched the seventh inning earning the save.

"That was a big win for us," Perine said. "We had gone the first day and played very hard against teams who had 20 or more games under its belt."

The Panthers then moved on to Texas to take on Stephan F. Austin in a doubleheader. Stephan F. Austin again got the better of Eastern, taking advantage of some costly Panther errors and swept both games. In the first game, the Panthers committed five errors to blow an early lead, and lost 6-1.

The second game was an even tougher defeat. Two first inning errors allowed a SFA run to score off the starting pitcher Koehl. Koehl then went on to allow only an infield single the rest of the



Aimee Klein

way, but the Panthers went out 1-0.

"We had opportunities to come back in that game and we didn't do it," Perine said. "They chewed them out pretty bad (in the loss) because it was the only time on the trip where people were trying to do it individually instead of as a team."

Eastern then lost a pair of games to Sam Houston State Wednesday and then lost a game against Texas A&M Thursday. But in the next game, the Panthers won 4-1 to finish the trip on a winning note.

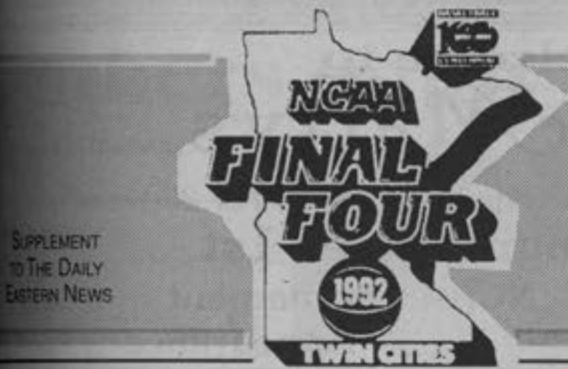
The game went into extra innings and Koehl went the distance to pick up the win. Freshman Nicole Chappell crossed the plate with the winning run in the ninth inning. Freshman Amy Klein's triple

"That game just showed us sticking together made a difference," Perine said.

"Overall it's hard to record not to be disappointed with a 2-9 record, but I am optimistic."

Perine said Klein was the team's most consistent throughout the road trip.

Tammy Stice and Turley started hitting well toward the end of the trip and Debra also hit well.



Sweet Dreams



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff Photographer

Eastern's 1991-92 basketball Panthers gather in their traditional pre-game huddle before their NCAA Tournament first-round game against Indiana on March 19 at the Boise State University Pavilion in Boise, Idaho. The appearance in the 64-team tournament was the first ever for a Division I Eastern team. The Hoosiers won 94-55.

Panthers reach goal with first NCAA bid

By CHRIS BOGHOSSIAN
Staff writer

When Eastern's basketball team began its 1991-92 season, head coach Rick Samuels and his Panthers had one goal in mind: Earning a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

After a 5-0 start, Eastern suffered a major setback when Rod McKinnis — one of its five seniors — injured his knee. His career was finished, and the Panthers were heading into their toughest stretch of the season.

The injury forced Samuels to shuffle his lineup and rotation for the next two months, and Eastern — picked by most to finish second in the Mid-Continent Conference — ended their regular season just one game above .500 at 14-13.

The Panthers tied Wright State for fourth place in the league and were the fifth seed heading into

the conference's postseason tournament. They would need three straight wins to reach their goal.

They did it.

For the first time in Eastern's Division I basketball history, the Panthers earned an automatic bid into the 64-team NCAA Tournament.

In his 12th year, the 43-year-old Samuels and his team achieved what had never been accomplished before. The Panthers would meet the Big Ten's Indiana Hoosiers in the first round.

The Hoosiers won 94-55, but Eastern started a new chapter in its history book.

For seniors Barry Johnson, Dave Olson, Steve Rowe and Kaven Martin, juniors Eric West and Derek Kelley, sophomores Curtis Leib, Troy Collier and Kevin Robertson, and freshmen Derrick Landrus, Andre Rodriguez and Louis Jordan, a dream came true.

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Memories from Boise

Die-hard support group makes trip to Idaho

By KEN RYAN
Sports editor

BOISE, Idaho - Despite having a number of difficulties on the trip to Boise, Idaho, for Eastern's first-round game in the NCAA Tournament against Indiana, the Panthers' support group didn't let the problems take away from the excitement of going to The Big Dance.

The group, which left early in the morning on game day (March 19), included Eastern's Fast Break Band, the Cheer Team and the Pink Panthers, as well as President Stan Rives and Community Relations Director of Athletics Bill Veech.

The trip began with a bus ride to Lambert Airport in St. Louis. On the way, the group ran into some heavy snow that resulted in the bus arriving 40 minutes late. The flight was then delayed one hour, 30 minutes until airport officials could clear off the ice on the plane's wings.

But once the plane was ready for takeoff, Panther excitement built. Members of the Pink Panthers sang verses of the Eastern fight song to warm up for their halftime appearance.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so I'm looking forward to seeing them," said Pink Panther Monica Carey.

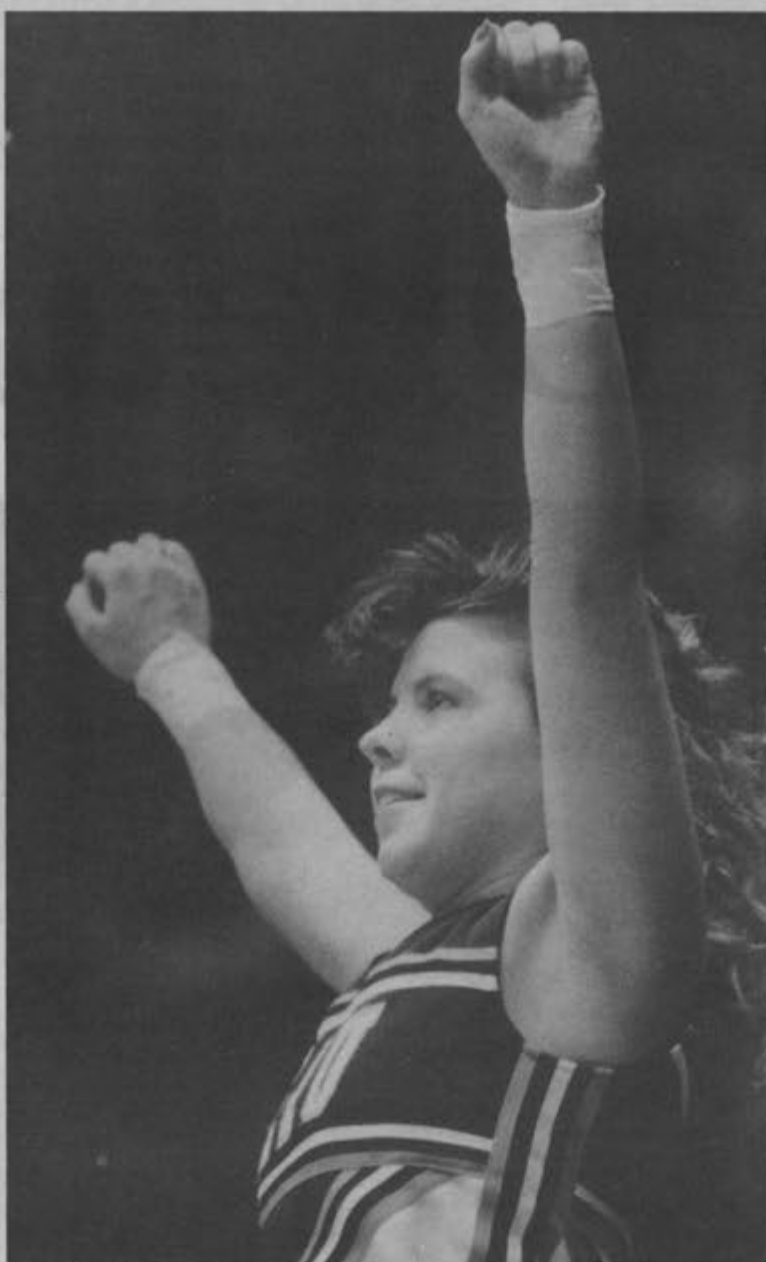
Another Pink Panther said that just playing a team like the Hoosiers was a big deal.

"We're excited about going because we support them," Angie Betourney said. "We feel like we were a part of the team and we've never played Indiana before, so it'll be neat."

Rives said he was happy the team was representing Eastern for the first time.

"I think it is super that the team is participating," Rives said. "I'm just proud that they're playing in the NCAA Tournament, and it's a great opportunity for them to do something that Eastern has never done before."

Members of the Cheer Team,



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff photographer
Junior Shannon Barber tries to rally the crowd during a timeout in Eastern's 94-55 loss to Indiana in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on March 19 at BSU Pavilion in Boise, Idaho.

which supported the team all season at home and on the road, also made the trip to Boise. Dave Loebach said that going to the tournament was a big thrill.

"I've been a basketball fan all of my life," Loebach said on the way to the game. "So watching the team when they were having a rough time, and now they're here where they wanted to be -

it's great."

Theresa Cooper, a tuba player in the band, perhaps summed up the trip best when she said the outcome of the game was not important.

"We have to support them," Cooper said. "And whether they win or lose, it doesn't matter. It's just an honor for us and the team to be here."

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Panthers enjoy two weeks of March Madness

CHRIS BOGHOSSIAN

The Dream. It all started on March 8, 1992.

Rick Samuels and his Panthers were in Cleveland for the Mid-Continent Conference Postseason Tournament, the winner of which would earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Eastern was the No. 5 seed in the eight-team tournament after a 9-7 regular season conference campaign. It would be a fourth-seeded Wright State in the first round.

The Panthers won their last game of the year – but barely. A Steve Rowe basket in the final seconds to give them a 94-93 win over lowly Western State in the finale.

Although, they didn't play at their best, it was a win, something to build on for the conference tourney. And the Panthers knew that they needed to put three solid, consistent games together to reach their goal.

Personally, I'm going to do everything possible to come out on top," said forward Barry Johnson before the team left for the Cleveland State Convocation Center. "It's been a dream and aspirations of mine to go to the NCAA Tournament." The Dream began.

... in the conference tournament opener on March 8, Eastern State jumped out to a 19-11 nine minutes into the first half, but Eastern battled back to tie the score at 25, then outscored the Raiders 13-10 in the half's final 4:30 to take



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff photographer Eastern's coaching staff – (from left) Dave Weber, Rick Samuels, Mike Church, George Morgan and Brad Clark – look on from the bench during the Panthers 94-55 loss to the Indiana Hoosiers in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Boise, Idaho.

a 38-27 advantage into the locker room.

The second half began as the first ended, and Eastern extended its lead to 49-30. Wright State, though, wasn't finished, closing its deficit to 56-51 with about eight minutes left in the game.

But the Panthers – ignited by four 3-pointers from senior sharpshooter Dave Olson – finished strong and won 84-72. It was a mild upset, considering the teams' seedings, but they split their two regular season contests.

Rowe finished with a game-high 25 points, Johnson added 16 and 12 rebounds, and Olson chipped in 14 to lead five Panthers in double figures. Junior Eric West – Eastern's sixth man – dumped in 11 points, while sophomore Curtis

Leib put in 10.

"We handled their pressure defense pretty well," Samuels said of Wright State. "They surprised us with that, but it didn't become a factor in the game."

"The thing about that game was David Olson's four 3-pointers almost right in a row there in the second half that really gave us the impetus to win the game and have it not be a close game."

The Dream remained a possibility.

... Next, though, would be the Panthers' biggest test – a second-round matchup with league champion and No. 1 seed Wisconsin-Green Bay, the tournament's favorite, on March 9. Eastern had beaten Green Bay

just once in the teams' last five games and lost both times to the Phoenix in 1992.

But the Panthers played as well as they had all year. They led from start to finish and shot 54 percent from the field (26-46) en route to a convincing 75-65 victory. Eastern broke a tournament record for 3-point shooting, hitting 12 of its 17 shots from behind the arc for 71 percent. The 12 baskets from that range also broke a previous tourney mark.

Olson continued his torrid pace from long range, canning six of his 10 3-point attempts to set a new tournament record. He finished with a game-best 23, while Rowe added 14 and Kavien Martin and Johnson 12 apiece.

Perhaps most gratifying was the way in which Martin, the

Panther point guard, shut down league MVP Tony Bennett. Bennett finished with 20 points but hit just 7 of 18 shots from the floor.

"I think that game really demonstrates what we were capable of doing in that we really played well at both ends of the floor," Samuels said. "I think Kavien Martin's determination not to let Bennett get the ball in a position where he could easily score was really a factor in that game."

"Everybody was so well focused. We did make some adjustments as to what we wanted to do, and the kids really picked up on them, in terms of executing against their defense."

The Dream continued.

Eastern was one game away from receiving its first Division I NCAA Tournament bid in the university's history. But it needed to top Illinois-Chicago's Flames in the tournament championship before it started celebrating.

The Flames, the tournament's No. 3 seed, were a group of good athletes who, when they were hot, could hit from all over the court. But March 10 wouldn't be their night.

Instead, it was Eastern's. A Martin 3-pointer gave the Panthers an 8-5 lead early and they never trailed again, clinching their automatic bid to the NAAs. A dunk from West gave Eastern a 33-19 lead, and the Panthers took a 45-37 advantage into intermission behind Rowe's 16 points.

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Hoosiers blaze past Eastern in tourney's West Regional

KEVIN RYAN

Staff editor

BOISE, Idaho – The Indiana Hoosiers proved to be too much for Eastern's basketball team to handle in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Boise, Idaho.

The Panthers – making their first appearance in the tournament – came out nervous for the March 19 contest and appeared to be intimidated by the higher-ranked team in the country and the West Regional's No. 1 seed. Indiana won 94-55.

"I think we played a really good team," said Eastern coach Rick Samuels. "I think that they came out of their shooting slump. It's not a case where we look on our face necessarily. We played against a very good team."

Indiana built a quick 10-0 lead in the first half and increased its advantage to 56-27 at the half behind freshman Alan Meeks and sophomore Johnson. Bailey's 14 points

... one point in the first half, the Panthers went on an 8-0 run highlighted by two 3-pointers from senior sharpshooter Dave Olson – to cut a 16-point deficit to 62-22. That was as close as Eastern would get, however. The Panthers appeared to

GAME SUMMARY

have stopped the Hoosiers on their next possession when Indiana guard Greg Graham missed a jump shot from the baseline and the ball went out of bounds. But after one referee ruled that it was Eastern's ball, the call was reversed.

Indiana capitalized with a 21-0 run that gave it a commanding lead, and the Hoosiers never looked back.

"At halftime, we were at the point where we knew we weren't going to win the game," Samuels said. "Our focus in the second half was, 'Let's see how much of a game we can make it. Let's see if we can get it close, if we can get it under 20, under 15.'"

"When we were unable to do that in the second half, obviously I wanted to give everybody I could the experience of being in the tournament."

The Hoosiers – who shot 37 percent in their previous three games – converted on 62 percent (36 of 58) from the field on the night, while Eastern converted on just 19 of its 56 attempts for a 34 percent clip.

Eastern didn't play as well as they did in the Mid-Continent Conference Postseason Tournament – in which they

swept three teams to earn an NCAA automatic bid, and senior guard Steve Rowe said he thought he knew why.

"I don't think we were as relaxed as we were during the conference championships," said Rowe, who finished the game with 10 points. "I think we had a little added tension, and it showed."

Senior forward Barry Johnson, who scored a team-high 11 points, said that the team was probably overwhelmed by playing the Indiana Hoosiers and taking part in the tournament.

"I would say it was a combination of both – us not being used to the surroundings and this type of setting and atmosphere," Johnson said. "I also have to give credit to Indiana's defense."

Henderson led all scorers with 19 points, followed by Bailey's 18, Eric Anderson's 13, Graham's 12 and Calbert Cheaney's 11.

Despite the lopsided loss, Johnson said he was just glad that his team was able to reach its goal of going to the NCAA Tournament.

"For the five seniors, we've never accomplished something like this," he said. "This is great. We've gotten this far and no other Eastern team has accomplished this before."



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff photographer Eastern's Eric West dribbles around Indiana's Todd Leary towards the basket during the Panthers' 94-55 loss to the Hoosiers.

Eastern (17-14)

Collier 0-1 0-0 0, Rowe 2-8 6-8 10, Martin 1-5 1-1 3, Johnson 4-11 3-3 11, Landrus 3-4 0-0 9, Jordan 2-6 1-1 5, Olson 2-8 0-0 6, West 1-2 0-0 2, Rodriguez 1-5 0-0 2, Kelley 0-0 0-0 0, Robertson 0-0 0-0 0, Leib 3-6 1-2 7. Totals 19-56 12-15 55.

Indiana (24-6)

Graham 4-6 2-2 12, Reynolds 2-3 0-0 4, Bailey 7-10 2-3 18, Meeks 1-2 0-0 2, Nover 3-7 0-0 6, Leary 1-1, Cheaney 1-1, Anderson 4-6 4-4 13, Cheaney 5-6 0-0 11, Henderson 7-12 5-7 19, Lindeman 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 36-58 15-18 94.

Halftime: Indiana 56 Eastern 27. 3-point goals: Eastern 5-14 (Rowe 0-2, Martin 0-2, Landrus 3-3, Jordan 0-1, Olson 2-6. Indiana 7-11 (Graham 2-4, Bailey 2-3, Meeks 0-1, Leary 1-1, Cheaney 1-1. Rebounds: Eastern 23 (Johnson 4), Indiana 40 (Anderson 11). Assists: Eastern 11 (Rowe 3), Indiana 22 (Meeks 8). Total fouls: Eastern 17, Indiana 18.

Indiana's head coach – a Knight to remember



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff photographer

Indiana head coach Bob Knight calmly watches his team play Eastern in first round action at the BSU Pavilion in Boise, Idaho.

By CHRIS BOGHOSSIAN
Staff writer

BOISE, Idaho – As if the pressure of a first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament wasn't enough, Eastern coach Rick Samuels went up against one of college basketball's best – and most controversial – coaches in Indiana's Bob Knight.

Knight, who has guided the Hoosiers to three national championships in his 21 years as their general, met Samuels at halfcourt before the game's tipoff. The two shook hands and engaged in some small talk before the March 19 contest in Boise, Idaho, in the Midwest Region of the NCAA Tournament.

"It was just kind of congenial conversation," said Samuels, who completed his 12th year at Eastern's helm. "He said 'You had a great run through the (Mid-Continent Conference Postseason) Tournament. Your

He's a great coach, and I respect his program. . . . I don't think he made a difference.

Eastern coach Rick Samuels on Indiana's Bob Knight

kids are playing well.' That kind of thing.

"We talked about playing each other in the future sometime on a regular season basis. He's anxious to come to Charleston. We discussed the possibility of us playing in one of his tournaments, things like that."

But Samuels, whose Panthers lost 94-55 to Knight's Hoosiers that evening, said the fact that he was going head-to-head with one of the game's most successful coaches didn't intimidate him.

"He's a great coach. I respect his program," said 43-year-old Samuels. "Regardless of who we are going to play in the tournament, we knew we were going to play one of the top teams in the country, it would have been somebody that has a great program."

"I don't think (Knight) made a difference. In fact, I was more comfortable in this game. I really knew what to expect."

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Panthers didn't beat themselves; Indiana's talent was key factor

BOISE, Idaho – Eastern, beat Indiana?

In the hours leading up to the historical meeting, I had tried to convince myself that it wasn't possible.

On March 15, the NCAA Selection Committee announced that the Panthers' first-ever Division I tournament appearance would be in Boise, Idaho, against Bob Knight's Indiana Hoosiers.

During the four days and nights before the March 19 contest between the two schools, I found myself thinking about only one thing – The Game.

Could Eastern possibly upset the Hoosiers – the Midwest's second seed – in the tournament's first round? Probably not, I thought, but I had been wrong before.

A week earlier, I didn't think that Eastern would even be in The Big Dance. I didn't think the Panthers would win the Mid-Continent Conference Postseason Tournament.

Eastern, after all, had a 14-13 overall record at regular season's end and looked less than impressive in its finale against Western Illinois – the league's second worst team – at Lantz Gym four days earlier.

It took senior guard Steve Rowe's last-second basket to give the Panthers a win over the Leathernecks, and even if they would beat Wright State in the conference tournament opener, I didn't believe they could beat Green Bay.

I was wrong. Eastern swept through the Mid-Con tournament with ease, beating fourth-seeded Wright State, top-seeded Wisconsin-Green Bay and third-seeded Illinois-Chicago by 12, 10 and 15 points, respectively.

Those wins in Cleveland clinched what less than a week earlier didn't seem possible: An automatic bid into what I consider the world's premier sports spectacle – the NCAA Tournament.

Now, though, the task became more difficult. Eastern would have to go up against one of the nation's best teams – Indiana – in the Midwest Region's first round.

Well, Indiana dominated in a 94-55 drubbing of the Panthers, who dropped out at 17-14. The dream ended, but not without making history.

Why were the Panthers so nervous? Knowing that a national television audience was tuned in was enough.

Add to that more than 12,000 fans packed into Boise State University Pavilion and more than 100 members of the media surrounding the court.

And if that wasn't enough pressure, the simple fact that this was the NCAA Tournament – the Big Dance, The Show – is enough to make anyone light-headed.

But those weren't the real reasons why Eastern couldn't compete after cutting the Hoosiers lead to 30-22 with more than six minutes left in the first half.



Chris Boghossian

simple – Indiana.

The Hoosiers, after all, were the nation's fifth-ranked team entering the tournament. The only thing stopping them from gaining a No. 1 seed in the tournament and the Big Ten title was their loss to Purdue.

Top programs draw top athletes. The level of Indiana's players is one notch above Eastern's – from top to bottom. The Hoosiers' powerful roster includes Calbert Cheaney – an Associate Press third team All-American selection, Damon Bailey – last year's Big Ten Freshman of the Year, and Eric Anderson – a former Illinois Mr. Basketball – who comes off the bench as a senior. Pretty impressive.

And Indiana capitalized on its opportunities. It converted on its fast breaks. It turned missed Eastern baskets into open jump shots. It turned a reversed call – which would have given the Panthers the ball with a chance to cut their deficit to five points – into a basket that started a 24-1 run to put Eastern out of reach.

Indiana had experience on its side, too. It was making its seventh consecutive NCAA appearance and 12th in the last 13 years. All of its non-freshman players had taken part in an NCAA Tournament.

None of Eastern's players – or coaches, for that matter – had. While Eastern was on top of the world for making the tournament's 64-team field, Indiana was upset that it didn't earn a No. 1 seed, and that it had to travel all the way to Boise, Idaho, to play its first-round games.

All week, I believed that if the Panthers played as well as they did against Green Bay, they might have a chance, if Indiana played poorly. Eastern would need solid passing, few turnovers, good ball control, better than average shooting and intense defense to have a chance.

The Panthers didn't get any of those things, but not only because of their nervousness and hesitant play early. The Hoosiers came out ready to put any upset bids out of reach early. And they did.

Indiana – who advanced to the Final Four with its win over UCLA Saturday – forced Eastern to make bad passes. The Hoosiers forced off-balanced and bad shots, most coming with a hand in the face.

Their quickness and athletic ability forced Eastern turnovers, and their experience and calmness allowed them to keep focus and play their game.

So instead of blaming the loss solely on Eastern's performance, remember that it was going up against one of the best programs in college basketball today.

Thursday, March 19, 1992, was just another day for Indiana and its Hoosiers, another stepping stone toward a possible national championship.

Thursday, March 19, 1992, wasn't just another day for Eastern and its Panthers. It was a day – a week and a season, for that matter – that will live forever in Eastern Illinois University history.

– Chris Boghossian is a staff writer for The Daily Eastern News.

Memories of NCAA will last a lifetime

BOISE, Idaho – The Dance is over for the Eastern basketball team.

But that one day of playing with the elite teams in the country, that one day of playing against a coach of Bobby Knight's magnitude and that one day playing on the same court as stars like Shaquille O'Neil, Alonzo Mourning and Calbert Cheaney will not soon be forgotten at Eastern Illinois.

The Panthers did something that has never been accomplished in 84 years of Eastern basketball, 12 of which have been at the Division I level: They went to The Show.

Eastern can proudly claim that they were the top state team in Illinois this year. And while the University of Illinois Northern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago and all other state teams were sitting in front of their television sets watching the NCAA Tournament, Eastern Illinois was in Boise, Idaho, playing the Indiana Hoosiers on national television (prime time, but Dick Vitale would say).

Even Mid-Continent Conference regular season champion Wisconsin-Green Bay and the Bennett boys, Dick and Tom, who Eastern beat in the semifinals of the Mid-Continent Conference Postseason Tournament – were home from their visit to the National Invitational Tournament in time to watch the Panthers. The Phoenix bowed out in a first-round loss in Manhattan.

Sure, Eastern lost, and a loss always hurts no matter where you are playing. But going into the tournament, the Panthers knew that a No. 15 seed, which Eastern was, had won one time in 27 games, so their chances of beating the Hoosiers were not good. They would have to play a perfect game and it was just not to be.

Still, the Panthers went into the contest with the belief they could win. They knew that it would take a miracle, a David vs. Goliath performance to knock off the mighty Indiana Hoosiers. The result: A lopsided loss. The defeat, however, little to dampen what the Eastern basketball team accomplished.

The players turned an up-and-down season, which hovered around the .500 mark for most of the year, and dug deep in their hearts to put out some extra determination and effort. Hard work resulted in Eastern reaching the goal that every basketball team across the nation starts out the season with: only 64 actually accomplish. They made it to the Big Dance.

Just making the NCAA Tournament has put Charleston on the map. Journalists and fans all over the country want to know more about the city, the home of Eastern's Panthers. Phones were ringing off of the hook at the sports information office with people wanting to know where Charleston is and how many students attend the institution, among other things.

So when the players and fans look over the game film, TV replays, or just remember bits and pieces from the contest, they shouldn't look at it and talk about how Indiana dominated the matchup.

Instead, the players should be proud that they represented the institution in its first-ever appearance in the tournament. Everyone involved – players, coaches, administrators and fans – should be proud that on March 19, 1992, they took part in one of the biggest events in Eastern Illinois history – the NCAA Tournament.

– Ken Ryan is the sports editor of The Daily Eastern News.



Ken Ryan

Young guns

Underclassmen see valuable court time in 1st round game

By KEN RYAN
Sports editor

BOISE, Idaho - There weren't too many good things about Eastern's performance in its 94-55 loss to Indiana in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, but the Panthers were able to take a look at their future.

And if the young players' performances are any indication of things to come, Eastern's first-ever appearance in the tournament won't be their last.

Head coach Rick Samuels had three freshmen and two sophomores on the court for the game's final 10 minutes. Rookies Derrick Landrus, Andre Rodriguez and Louis Jordan and second-year man and Troy Collier were all inserted into the contest with Eastern trailing by 34 points.

Curtis Leib, the team's starting center as a sophomore, remained on the court and saw the most court time (28 minutes) of any Panther.

The young team showed no signs of intimidation by the highly regarded Hoosiers and allowed Indiana to increase its lead by only five points while they were on the game.

"These are all the guys who are going to need to play in future seasons for us," Samuels said. "But it's tough for them to go in there when we're down 30 or 40 (points) and try to play hard. I thought Landrus showed a lot of courage."

The inexperienced Panthers did not go in against Indiana's scrubs, either. Hoosier coach Bob Knight kept in three of his starters and the team's sixth man, Eric Anderson, until the final buzzer.

Landrus, a Charleston native who led the state in scoring as a high school senior last year at 31.2 points per game, connected on all three of his attempts from beyond the 3-point arc and finished with nine points.

"When he's really comfortable, when he doesn't feel pressured, he can really show you

what he can do - that was the case (in Boise)," Samuels said of Landrus, a 6-2 guard from Charleston. Landrus also had one assist, a rebound and registered two steals on the night.

"It was a good experience playing that type of club," Landrus said. "I don't know if there was any way we could have stayed with them the way they played. Hopefully next time, we can take it a notch further and win a game in the tournament."

Leib, a 6-7 post man from Flora, hit three of his six shots from the field and finished with seven points and one rebound.

Jordan, a 6-5 forward from Oak Park, played 20 minutes and scored five points. The Oak Park-River Forest High School product grabbed three rebounds and had an assist.

Rodriguez, a 6-7 forward who comes from the same hometown and high school as Jordan, received 16 minutes of court time, scored a basket and pulled down two rebounds.

In seven minutes, Collier - a 6-1 guard from Danville - didn't score, but he took only one shot. He dished out an assist and had one rebound.

Sophomore Kevin Robertson also saw some time on the floor. The forward from Joliet didn't take a shot in his two minutes of playing time.

"Our younger players are more talented than our seniors were," Samuels said. "Our seniors had great experience, obviously. But our younger kids are a more talented group in terms of athletic ability and basketball skills - Jordan and Rodriguez, Curtis (Leib) and Derrick Landrus."

"Some of our young players faced something that can really be a factor for us in the future. If they're hungry, they'll want to come back to the NCAA Tournament."

Leib seems to think the Panthers will be there again - soon.

"It's something to really look



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff photographer

Eastern freshman Louis Jordan drives around Indiana senior Eric Anderson in the Hoosiers' 94-55 win on March 19 at the BSU Pavilion in Boise, Idaho. Jordan was one of a handful of Panthers who saw valuable court time in the NCAA Tournament's first round.

forward to my next two years," he said. "With all the freshmen on the team, that's something we've got to strive for next year because we got a taste of it a little bit."

"We know what to look forward to now. We just have to play like we can play, and I think we have a good chance to get back there next year."

Even the seniors, who looked at the appearance as a stepping stone, think Eastern's program can only improve.

"After the game, the first words that came out of my mouth were to the younger guys, and I told them that we made the first step, and they can take it one step further," said point guard Kavian Martin.

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Rick Samuels

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and Derrick Landrus.

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Mike Church and Brad Clark
(graduate assistant).

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Mike Ryan

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Rowe, Dave Olson, Kavian
Martin and Rod McKinnis;
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Knight

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from them. We watch them on TV on a regular basis. We knew basically what to expect."

And Knight, as usual, had a run-in with one of the officials during the game. With less than five minutes remaining in the second half and his team leading by more than 30 points, an official called one of Knight's players for charging.

Knight didn't like the call, grabbed the ball and stood on the court, arguing with the referee. After exchanging some comments, Knight finally gave the official the ball back and — after a few more words — sat down.

Knight faced the national media after the game, and as he tends to do more often than not, answered questions in his own sarcastic way.

Bob Knight on Indiana shooting 62 percent from the field:

"Our shooting obviously was the best it's been in a long time, and there's a reason for it. I brought in a friend of mine to talk to our team who has had a fairly long connection with the CIA. He's an expert in Chinese torture.

"To get over the mental problems we had with our shooting, we have not allowed our players to eat since the Purdue game on Sunday (March 15, four days before the Indiana-Eastern game), and we've only allowed them to sleep two hours a night. Other than that, this guy has used water torture that the Chinese perfected. I really can't go into great detail with it, because he still has the connection with the CIA. They don't even know that he came to Bloomington (Ind.). He came undercover. He was very good at it."

The win over Eastern put Indiana in a March 21 match-up against Louisiana State University, and a New Orleans television reporter tried to ask Knight about the next game but had little success.

Reporter: Coach, maybe you could touch on looking ahead to LSU.

Knight: I haven't seen LSU play one second of basketball this year.

Reporter: Could you make reference to the last time the teams met in 1986?

Knight: I'd have to look at our roster, but I don't think any of our players are still here, and I don't think any of theirs are.

Reporter: What about you personally — what do you remember from 1986?

Knight: How old are you? (Silence). Do you know?

Reporter: Yes.

Knight: Do you mind answering my question?

Reporter: I'm not here to answer your questions.

Knight: Well, fine. That's OK. I was trying to carry on a little conversation. I just wanted to know how old you were. I don't have to be here to answer yours, either.

Reporter: Is that your answer?

Knight: Is that yours?

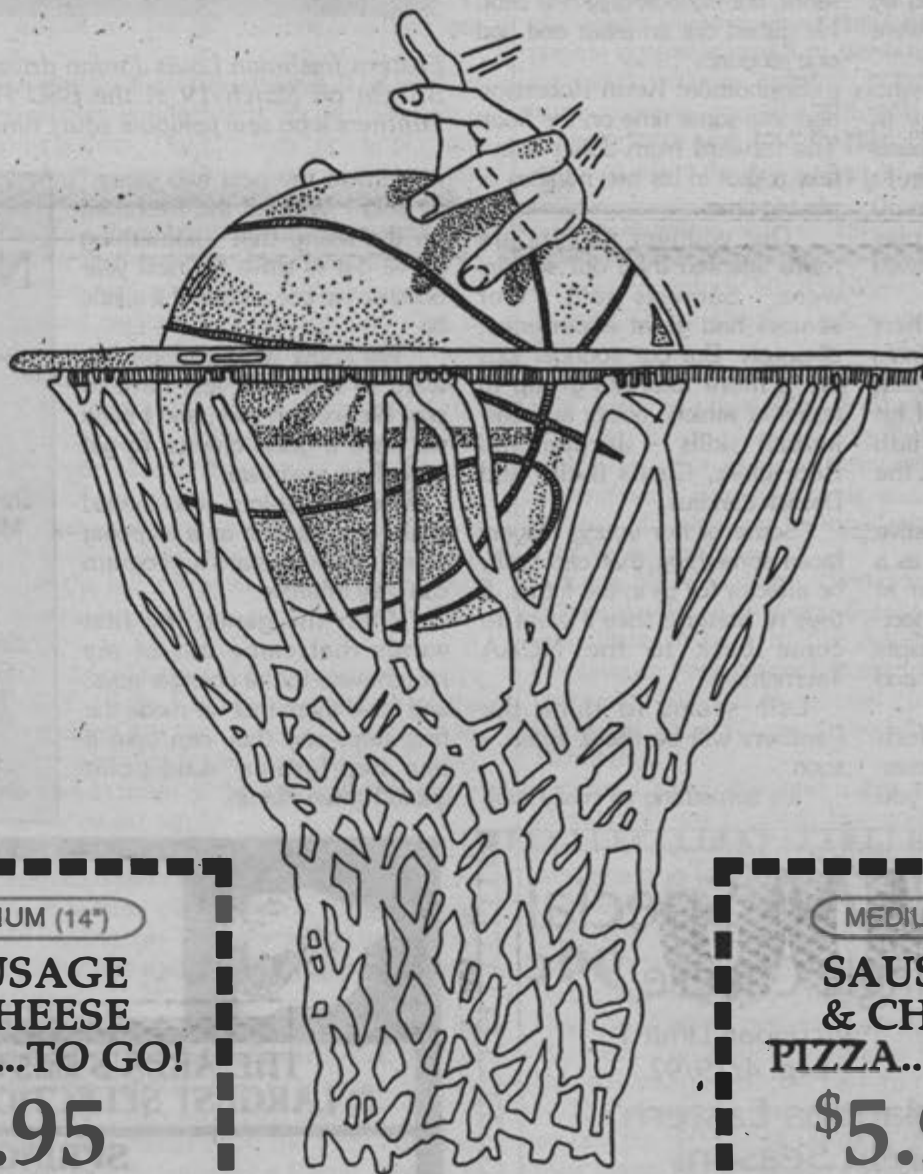
Reporter: Yes.

Knight: Well then, that's mine.

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Staff Writer

BOISE, Idaho - Perhaps Louisiana State head coach Dale Brown best summed up what was on the minds of most visitors who traveled to Boise, for the West Regional of the 1991-92 basketball tournament.

After his team's loss to Indiana in the second round, Brown faced national media in a traditional post-game press conference, and had nothing but praise for the region's host city.

"I just want to thank the people of Boise for a superb job," Brown said. "If (the NCAA) sent us here 10 years in a row, I'd love it."

The tournament games took place at the Boise State University Pavilion, a 12,200-seat facility located in the center of the campus, which holds about 12,700 students.

The city that surrounds the campus is filled with attractions that range from a The Greenbelt 20-mile riverfront pathway that runs along the Boise River, to the Bogus Basin - a ski area that has some of the best night skiing in the country.

The visitors guide lists dozens of stores at which to stop, including a marketplace and a mall, and a variety of taverns that feature live entertainment throughout the night.

Boise Eastern coach Rick Samuels said the people of Boise - population 128,000 - made the

tournament site a success.

"I think they did a superb job," he said. "It's obviously a community that understands it's important for the entire community to put those kinds of things on. They have community support to do it right. They had cars for all the dignitaries. It was done right."

Samuels and the Panthers received a taste of the community's friendliness first hand. When the team arrived at Boise Municipal Airport, it was greeted by dozens of fans from the city who congratulated the players, asked for autographs and wished them luck in the tournament.

"The growth (of the city) is new - it's all in the last 20 years. The people there are less inhibited. When you have a scarcely populated area, people feel they can be more friendly. And I think the community enjoys having that kind of thing going on. They enjoy people coming in. They want to show off."

And Boise's hospitality has paid dividends. It has been highly regarded as one of the six cities of the 1990s by *USA Today*, one of America's safest cities by the *Washington Post* and one of the 10 best cities in which to raise children by *Parenting Magazine*.

"That's a school that we compete with," Samuels said. "That's a school that's supposedly our level in football, our level in basketball, and there's a big difference (between BSU and Eastern)."

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Panthers reflect on tournament appearance

By CHRIS BOGHOSSIAN
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BOISE, Idaho — Picture playing in front of more than 12,000 fans in a stadium you've only seen once before. Add about a dozen CBS television cameras that are airing live to a nationwide audience.

Put a team that is making its first NCAA Tournament appearance in the school's Division I history against a university renowned for its basketball success, not to mention its three national championships over the last 16 years.

That was the setting for Eastern's Panthers when they faced fifth-ranked Indiana in the Midwest Regional at the Boise State University Pavilion on March 19.

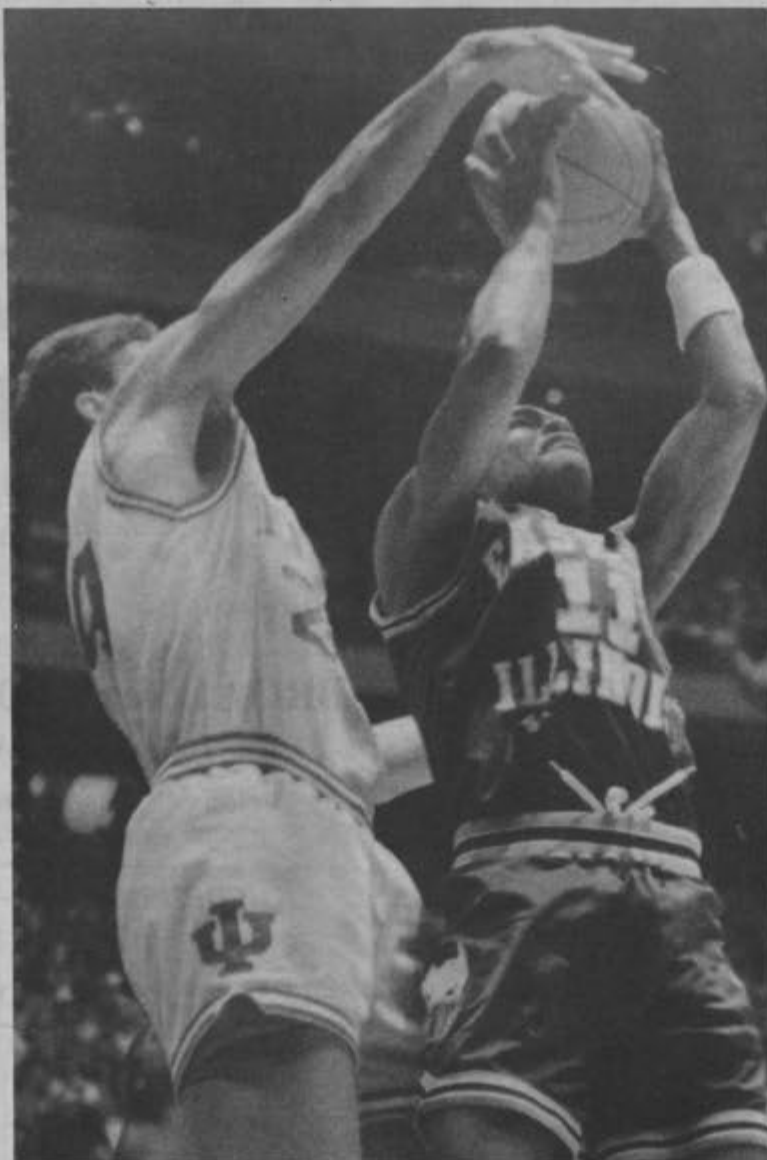
Eastern entered its first-ever tournament as the region's No. 15 seed, while the Big Ten's Hoosiers — the second seed — were making their 16th appearance in 21 years under head coach Bob Knight.

Added up, those factors played a big part in Eastern's 94-55 loss to Indiana, most of all in the Panthers' slow start that set the tempo for the remainder of the game.

"I definitely wish the outcome would have been different," said senior guard Steve Rowe, who finished with 10 points. "But I thought that we came out and played 100 percent. We had jitters in the first part of the game, and that was the key factor."

"I think it was the fact that we were in the national tournament. I think it finally set in and hit home with most of the guys, because it did with me. I guess it got contagious. I guess it was just the first time being there and experiencing it."

What Eastern experienced in the game's opening minutes wasn't fun. The Panthers missed their first seven shots from the floor and Indiana jumped out to a 10-0 lead early, and the



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff photographer
Indiana's Matt Nover gets a hand on Steve Rowe's shot attempt during the teams' first round matchup in the NCAA Tournament on March 19 at the BSU Pavilion in Boise, Idaho.

Hoosiers rolled on to victory.

After an 8-0 Panther run cut Indiana's lead to 30-22, the Hoosiers exploded offensively with a 24-1 run that put the game out of reach.

But the jitters Rowe referred to were a result of a week full of events that highlighted Eastern's biggest basketball event in its Division I history.

After winning the Mid-Continent Conference Postseason Tournament — which gave

them the automatic NCAA bid — the Panthers were the main attraction at Eastern and in Charleston. Between welcome home and seedings parties, autograph signing sessions and a group of fans in Boise greeting its plane at the airport, Eastern lived in the limelight for 10 days.

"It was something else," said sophomore center Curtis Leib, who scored seven points in 28 minutes on the floor. "We were all riding on cloud nine after win-

ning the (tournament championship) game.

"All week, it was kind of hard to concentrate on school because we were thinking about it. We were the centers of attention, and it was a great feeling."

But those good thoughts turned to nervous ones when the Panthers stepped on the court for the opening tipoff of the Indiana game. Why did Eastern, which had played against ranked teams such as Nebraska and Missouri in the regular season, open the game so intimidated?

"I think there were a couple of reasons," said senior forward Dave Olson, who scored six points on a couple of 3-pointers in the game. "We got nervous because we had never been there before. Playing a team like Indiana's another reason. Against us, they came out of their slump and they're playing well."

Senior point guard Kavian Martin, who had three points, four rebounds and an assist, said the attention the team received in Boise made him realize its accomplishment.

"The first thing that struck me was fans that we didn't know were cheering for us (in Boise), asking for autographs and congratulating us," Martin said. "They gave us just as big a reception as everybody else. Everywhere we went, kids wanted autographs."

"Being there, practicing in front of about 2,000 fans — that was a big part of it, (and) being

on CBS — seeing Bill Walton in the first row and all the people you see on TV."

Even head coach Samuels, whose 12th Eastern team finished at 17-14, said the atmosphere of the tournament had an effect on him.

"My nervousness was based upon, 'Look at this.' I'm looking around and seeing the fans and the CBS cameras and all those things," Samuels said. "And I have trouble trying to see things in perspective."

"I was nervous and caught up by the atmosphere. You realize you're there — you put that aside. But you learn."

Barry Johnson, who finished with a team-high 11 points and three rebounds, said the team's appearance marked the beginning of a new era in Eastern basketball.

"For the five seniors, we never accomplished something like this," Johnson said. "It's great. We've gotten this far, and no Eastern team has accomplished this."

For the entire team, the experience is one it will never forget.

"It was a dream come true," Olson said. "That's one thing I've always wanted to do, and it was just to go (to the tournament)."

"We started something that they can only build on. We were the first ones there, and it was something that nobody else would do."



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March 19, 1992: A day for Eastern's Panthers

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The few Eastern fans who took the long trip to Boise, Idaho, made sure the entire crowd at the Boise State University Pavilion knew their Panthers were in the NCAA Tournament.



Eastern seniors Steve Rowe (left) and Barry Johnson face the media at the post-game press conference. Rowe, CBS' Chevrolet Player of the Game for Eastern, scored 10 points in the loss, while Johnson led the Panthers with 11.

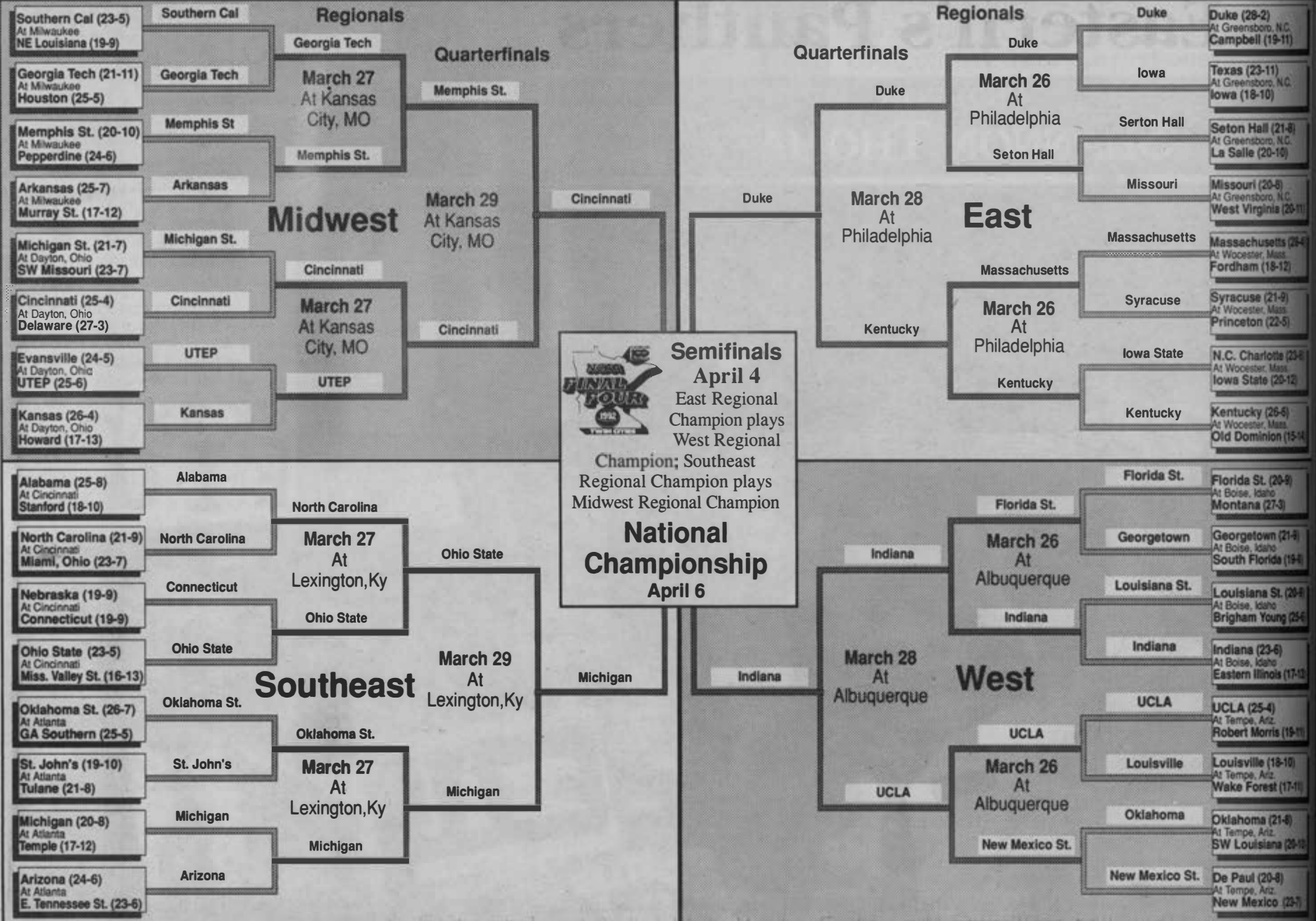


Sophomore center Curtis Leib (above) shows his intensity while stretching before Eastern's tipoff against Indiana in first round action of the tournament's West Regional.



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Eastern enjoys two weeks of March Madness

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In the second half, it was Leib who stepped up, netting 11 of his season-high 17 points after halftime. He hit all seven of his shots from the field, and Eastern won on several UIC runs for an 80-68 win.

Rowe, who pulled down 11 rebounds, again led all scorers with 22 points and grabbed tournament MVP honors. West added 13, Martin 10 and Johnson - who was named to the all-tournament team - nine with 10 rebounds.

"I think our kids sensed that they had a great opportunity to win it," Samuels said. "I wanted to take advantage of it. I think that was the key - they really wanted to be the team."

Certainly Curtis Leib was a factor. He got big baskets at times when we needed to stop momentum."

The Dream turned into reality.

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The Panthers returned to Charleston on March 11 and were greeted with a police escort and the city and a welcome home celebration. About 500 fans rallied in Lantz Gym as Samuels, Charleston Mayor Lane Lanman, President Stan Rowe and a handful of others congratulated the team and the city for its first-ever NCAA

"I just think that particularly a group of seniors - certainly we were the most instrumental in winning the tournament - that we did have a real chance to win it," Samuels said. "The team's Mid-Continent tournament performance. "They



SHANNON THOMAS/Staff photographer

Eastern sophomore Curtis Leib (left) and senior Steve Rowe watch from the bench late in the Panthers' loss to Indiana.

were experienced in that they had been in the semifinals in the tournament a couple of times, and they knew what it would take to win the tournament."

Now, though, the team - Samuels and his staff included - was entering territory in which it had never been.

The Panthers had to wait until Sunday, March 15 (four days), to learn who they would face in the first round, and where they would have to travel for their matchup. Eight regional sites were possible: Milwaukee and Dayton, Ohio in the Midwest; Cincinnati and Atlanta in the Southeast; Tempe, Ariz., and Boise, Idaho, in the West; and Worcester, Mass., and

Greensboro, N.C. in the East.

Samuels' hopes of playing close to Charleston were washed away when the NCAA Selection Committee announced that the Panthers would have to travel 1,700 miles to Boise - the farthest of all sites - for a first-round game against Indiana.

The announcement came on national television, and Eastern supporters, coaches, players and administrators gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for a seedings/pairings party.

Eastern was named a No. 15 seed and would have to face fifth-ranked Indiana, a No. 2 seed, on Thursday, March 19, in the first

round of the Midwest Regional.

"It's a special feeling for the whole program," Samuels said. "We felt like we had done something of importance by being the first team going to the NCAA Tournament."

After practicing Monday, the team took a bus to St. Louis Tuesday morning and then hopped on a plane that took it to Boise after a stop in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Panthers were greeted at Boise Municipal Airport by a group of fans and autograph seekers, and the attention didn't stop there.

At Wednesday's practice, about 4,000 fans watched from the stands in the Boise State University Pavilion as Eastern practiced for the big game. That was followed by a 30-minute press conference in which the team had to face more than 100 members of the media from around the nation.

"I don't think it was the atmosphere at our school that effected us as much as the atmosphere in Boise," Samuels said. "I didn't realize that our kids would be as much of a celebrity as they were in Boise. The site may have had something to do with that."

Less than 30 hours later, the Panthers would start a new chapter in Eastern basketball.

The Eastern-Indiana match-up was the second of the night, as Louisiana State and Brigham Young matched up in the opener. Eastern's game was set for 9:30 p.m. CST. CBS would televise the game live.

The Dream came true.

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Eastern started out nervously,

missing its first seven shots, and the experienced Hoosiers capitalized by taking a quick 10-0 lead. They extended their lead to 30-14, but then Eastern relaxed and slowly cut the lead to 30-22 on two free throws from Rowe.

On Indiana's next possession, the Panthers had apparently stopped their opponents when Greg Graham's missed jumper went out of bounds. The referee closest to the ball ruled it in Eastern's favor, but the official at halfcourt ran in, and after some conversation, reversed the call in Indiana's favor.

Indiana again took advantage, this time distributing its knock-out punch with a 24-1 run over the next five minutes. The Hoosiers led by 29 at the half and went on to post a 94-55 victory.

Johnson led the Panthers with 11 points and Rowe, who was Chevrolet's Player of the Game for Eastern, added 10 in the loss that closed Eastern's 1991-92 season at 17-14. Samuels, though, looked at the positives of the tournament bid.

"It's not only good for our program; it's good for our entire school," he said. "We felt like it was something special. I think that's part of it. I think we need to enjoy those things (the welcome home celebration, the seedings party, the autograph signings). I think that was good for our kids because we needed to feel the sense that it was a special accomplishment."

"In terms of our basketball program, I think it gives us a hunger. From a coaching standpoint, I want to do it again - I want to get there again."

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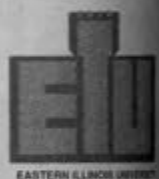
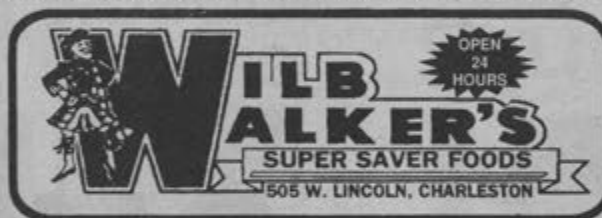
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