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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

## Gen ed revisions approved

### Students vote no while faculty vote yes to changes in core curriculum

By **Melanie Schneider**  
Administration editor

The Council on Academic Affairs' vote to approve the revisions to the General Education proposal Thursday was turned

down by all three student representatives, but was approved by all eight of the faculty members.

Council members expressed mixed opinions concerning the vote, specifically the decision to delete the well-being cluster from

the core requirements.

Before voting, CAA Chair Bill Addison asked council members to look at the document as a whole instead of separating individual disagreements.

Student Senate member Mark

Davenport made a motion to reconsider the vote on the removal of the well-being courses from the core requirement classes because many students said the courses are

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## Mediator meeting sees no progress

### Time to grasp issues for both sides is needed

By **Melanie Schneider**  
Administration editor

Negotiations between the faculty union and the university's administration were unsuccessful Thursday after the first bargaining session with a mediator.

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois and the administration made no progress on the agreement of a contract, said David Radavich, UPI vice president and chief negotiator.

Bob Wayland, chief negotiator for the university, said the meeting went as well as it could have gone.

"We didn't really expect to make a lot of progress this evening," Wayland said. "The mediator needs time understanding the contract and how the parties stand on the issues."

Radavich said the teams had to inform the mediator of the outstanding issues and the history of the negotiations so far. The groups focused on the main issue of faculty and staff compensation.

"No progress was made, but we scheduled another session with the mediator," Radavich said.

The next negotiation session with the mediator will be on Dec. 2.

Wayland said he was very hopeful the teams would be able to make some movement toward middle ground or settlement.

Mediation is provided by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, which was requested by both teams on Oct. 27. Don Hampton, of Indianapolis, was assigned by the service to negotiate the university's contract. The mediator gives suggestions and advice to the bargaining teams, but has no decision making power.

Hampton was unavailable for comment Thursday.

One of the main reasons the contract has not been settled is the union's concern with low faculty and staff compensation. Faculty and staff compensation averages 11.8 percent below the national norms of peer institutions, and administrator's salaries average 15.5 percent above national averages.

The administration previously said they cannot overextend themselves by committing new resources that it does not have, or that it will not receive in the future from state allocations to promise faculty and staff salary increases.

## Giving thanks for traditions

### Holiday provides chance for bonding with family, friends and good food

By **Phil Carmody**  
Staff writer

Alcohol and Chicago sports always seem to work their way into the mix when the McClellands celebrate Thanksgiving on the Southside.

"It's like an old country reunion every Thanksgiving," said Brendan McClelland, a junior business major. "The last of them usually show up by noon, and once we're all together, God knows what's going to happen."

His parents and the 12 brothers and sisters between them are first generation Irish immigrants.

As soon as all of the McClelland's are in attendance, they huddle together and toast a year gone by with a shot of Bushmills. Once the traditional toast has been made, the women gather in the kitchen while the men focus their efforts on the McClelland liquor cabinet.

"They went through 10 bottles of J&B last year, the year before it was cases of Harps. Needless to say, the last couple of years have been a disaster," McClelland said.

McClelland recalled a Thanksgiving two years ago when one of his uncles was suplexed into an antique armoire while wrestling after an argument over which of the Bear's tight end, Cap Boso or James Thornton, had the nickname 'Robocop.'

Last year, he said his aunt went through a 57-inch big screen TV trying to break up a scuffle stemming from a dispute over whether it was Shawon Dunston or Mark Grace who slept with Ryan Sandberg's wife.

"Everyone gets drunk and usually something gets broken, but we eat like kings and it's never boring," McClelland said.

But Thanksgiving means different things for different people and no one celebration is the same as the next.

“Everyone gets drunk and usually something gets broken, but we eat like kings and it's never boring.”

Brendan McClelland,  
junior business major



Laura Strange / Staff photographer

Jake Pietkiewicz, a sophomore computer management major, loads belongings into his car before leaving town Thursday at the Lawson parking lot. Pietkiewicz is one of the lucky students to leave campus a day early to head home to celebrate Thanksgiving.

"We don't do anything all day," said Christian Garces, sophomore business major. "It's total relaxation."

Garces said her family believes spending time with loved ones is more important than a home cooked meal, so they have their Thanksgiving catered.

Regardless of tradition, one factor is always top on the Thanksgiving celebration

priority list for many students – eating well.

"My mom always cooks it up on Turkey day," said Dan Mutter, a junior family and consumer science major. "... 20-pound bird, stuffing, mashed potatoes, candy yams, all the goodies."

Mutter said he and his five brothers work up

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# Dragging death defendant guilty, faces possibility of death penalty

JASPER, Texas (AP) - The last of three white men to stand trial for chaining James Byrd Jr. to the back of a pickup truck and dragging him to pieces was found guilty of murder Thursday after insisting he was just a frightened bystander.

Shawn Allen Berry, 24, could join his two racist roommates on death row for one of the nation's grisliest racial crimes since the civil rights era.

The all-white jury took 10 hours to reach a verdict, and soon after began hearing testimony on whether Berry should live or die.

Berry's girlfriend wept even before hearing the verdict. Berry, wearing a "What Would Jesus Do?" wristband, calmly put his arm around her as they sat at the defense table.

Byrd, a 49-year-old black man, was beaten, hooked to Berry's truck with a 24-foot logging chain, and

“They were not swayed by emotion and did it on just the physical evidence, which showed he was guilty as the others. I feel extremely sorry for the Berry family.”

Clara Taylor,  
victim's sister

dragged by his ankles over three miles of a country road last year.

Berry's roommates, avowed white supremacists John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, were sentenced to die in separate trials earlier this year.

Prosecutors said Berry invited Byrd to join the three for a ride, helped chain him to the truck, and

then drove during the dragging.

Berry, however, testified that he tried to stop the attack until King warned him that a "nigger lover" could meet the same fate that awaited Byrd. Berry claimed that he was so scared he wet his pants and did nothing further to intervene. Berry also insisted it was King who drove the truck.

"We're disappointed, but what can I say?" said defense attorney Joseph Hawthorn. "The jury did their best to resolve the issues, and they certainly considered them for a long time."

Byrd's sister, Clara Taylor, said she was satisfied with the verdict.

"They were not swayed by emotion and did it on just the physical evidence, which showed he was guilty as the others," she said. "I feel extremely sorry for the Berry family."

## Approved

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important and should remain a requirement.

"I have to do my duty for the students of the university," Davenport said.

The classes, Nutrition and Well-Being, Principles of Human Health and Fitness for Life are the three classes that inspired 146 students to sign a petition to keep the courses on the integrated core requirement list.

The petition said the well-being cluster of classes were important for students who are starting to realize the importance of health awareness.

Debbie Barker, an academic advisor, said the three well-being classes were the most widely-chosen by students and she could not understand why CAA had chosen to remove them.

"I don't feel the courses or course content were evaluated before the decision was made to delete them," Barker said. "It has upset the students."

Addison said the student members of CAA and the students who signed the petition made a really good case for inclusion. The vote was close, 6-5, with six members

“The students made a very good case, but majority voted and that's the decision. I hope students feel they fought a good fight and they are ready to move on.”

Bill Addison,  
chair of Council on Academic Affairs

wanting to leave the well-being cluster out of the core.

"The council is not saying those aren't good courses. Those courses just don't fit the description of the modified segment," Addison said. "We heard a very articulate persuasive argument for keeping the courses in, and it was one of the toughest decisions we made which was evident by the vote."

In response to the petition signed by 146 students to keep the well-being classes listed as core requirements, Addison said it was not anything new from what CAA had received from the faculty members.

"The students made a very good case, but majority voted and that's the decision. I hope students feel they fought a good fight and they are ready to move on," he said.

Student Senate member, Melissa Riley said she was not ready to move on with the issue. She questioned why the student members of CAA did not have more say on the issues that pertain to student needs

and wants.

"Why do we serve on the council? What are we (students) here for? All the students voted 'no' to the revision," Riley said.

Marie Deming, professor of health studies, said she was upset because CAA did not even reconsider the vote after all three students voted against the proposal.

"The appalling thing is that the students aren't represented," she said.

Johnny Carter, a senior health studies major, said he was very upset about the courses being removed as a requirement.

"Social well-being is something all students can benefit from," Carter said. "College is already a transition and students need to learn about their social well-being."

The Mission Statement subcommittee and the General Education subcommittee proposed the revisions to General Education. The mission statement and the integrated core have been under review by CAA members since Sept. 23.

## Thanks

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an appetite before enjoying mom's feast by playing football in the backyard on Thanksgiving day.

"Three o'clock every year same time we go out into the backyard and beat the hell out of each other until there's no more light," Mutter said.

"People get hurt and people cry, but that's part of our Thanksgiving and tradition is important," he said.

These days, traditions seem to be, at best, relative when it comes

to Thanksgiving celebration.

Considering that the celebration, as most have been led to believe, was initiated by Pilgrims at Plymouth Plantation in the early colonial days is a myth, the variety in tradition is not a surprise.

"Thanksgiving is an English Church holiday brought to the British colonies of North America by Pilgrims," said Debra Reid, history instructor. "The stereotypes aren't as romanticized as they're made out to be."

The first proclamation of a day of Thanksgiving was made on June 29, 1676 in Charlestown,

Mass., Reid said.

"It's the oldest known proclamation of a designated day of Thanksgiving, but towns and settlements each set aside their own days as they saw fit the need to give thanks," Reid said.

After the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress established Nov. 28, 1782 as a day of Thanksgiving for the near certain victory over the British, Reid said.

It wasn't until the year 1863 that an annual national holiday was established by Abraham Lincoln on the last Thursday of November, Reid said

# police blotter

## Various citations

■ Lamario G. Wright, 18, of Rock Island was cited at 12:32 p.m. at 401 Lincoln Ave. on Tuesday for retail theft and possession of drug equipment.

■ Timothy N. Tryon, 18, of Ashmore was cited at 2:05 a.m. at 1801 Madison Ave. on Tuesday for battery and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

## Theft

■ Elizabeth Neumann, 23, of Andrews Hall reported Tuesday her Pontiac hood ornament was stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in an Andrews Hall lot.

■ Lee Allison Friedrich, 20, of Andrews Hall reported Monday the hood ornament form her Buick Le Sabre was stolen while it was parked in the Andrews Hall lot. The hood ornament was valued at \$100, a police report stated.

## Hit and run

■ Timothy Hiller, 22, of Douglas Hall reported Tuesday someone damaged the driver's side quarter panel of his 1999 Ford Escort. Hiller said he parked his car in the area north of Douglas Hall on Sunday and noticed the dent when he went to use it Tuesday, a police report stated. Police observed a dent and paint transfer in the damaged area and a scuff mark on the driver's side front tire, the report stated. The paint transfer appeared to be from possibly light blue, gray or white colored vehicle.

■ Christopher Stob, 20 of Taylor Hall reported Saturday someone damaged his 1993 Pontiac Firebird while it was parked in W lot. Police observed a large dent behind the driver's side rear wheel, a police report stated. The damage, estimated at \$300, appears to have been done by a second vehicle.

## Driving under the influence

■ Heather Steranski, 20 of Greek Court was arrested at 1:22 a.m. Tuesday at the 9th Street parking lot on the charge of driving under the influence.

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Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

# Clothesline strung up to help the area's needy

By Amber Williams  
Staff writer

Students and faculty are encouraged to rummage through their closets during Thanksgiving break to find old clothes and appliances that can be donated to the Clothesline Across Campus.

The program, sponsored by the Junior Greek Council, will run Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A clothesline will be strung in a square for people to drape any clothing they wish to donate. Appliances can be left near the clothesline as well.

"Anything you would take to the Salvation Army, we will take," said Ciera Bradley, program coordinator.

All donations will go to the Depot on the square where people in need can go to retrieve them.

The hours to donate will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 30 to Dec. 11 and 1 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 2.

An annual event, Clothesline Across Campus brought in a semi-truck-load of items last year, and the sponsors are hoping for even more success this year. This is the third year of the program.

"This is doing something for the community that gets students involved," Bradley said.

## Planes, brains and automobiles

Adam Disney, a junior at Decatur Eisenhower, Aaron Tietz, a senior at Decatur Eisenhower, and Paul Jarvis, a senior at Decatur Eisenhower, use their combined brain power to construct a paper airplane during the wild card competition of the high school engineering fair in the University ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The planes were entered into a competition to see which one flew the farthest. The plane being constructed here placed second out of over 15 contestants. Previous events during the day included an egg drop contraption competition, a tennis ball launcher contest and a homemade model cars that raced through a course.

# Local hunters discover man's remains

By Matt Neistein  
City editor

The remains of a Charleston man, who had been missing for more than two years, were found Wednesday by local hunters.

Police identified the remains as Michael B. Percy, of 1680 University Drive, through dental records. Percy was reported missing by his family on May 8, 1997.

At about 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, police received a call

that three deer hunters, whose names were not given in a press release, discovered possible human bones just west of the 2200 block of Douglas on the west side of Charleston.

The hunters led police to the

area, where a search turned up "skeletal remains of a human," according to the press release.

The Charleston Police Department and Coles County Coroner are currently investigating the matter.

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There will be no pool hours during the holiday week and no aerobic classes will be held.

**MYLES!!**

**HAPPY 21ST! I LOVE YOU, LINDSAY**

**Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Gina**

**I am glad to see you have not changed! Have a great day and I love you ~ Rose**

# Opinion page

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## Playing it safe

This weekend Eastern students will get a head start, taking to the roads a few days before students from other universities.

While they may have the roads to themselves this weekend, the week that follows will be one of the most heavily traveled weeks the nation sees.

Roads will be flooded with holiday travelers and, yes, college students headed to and from campuses all over the nation.

This is the time when all drivers, college-aged or adult, need to be careful and patient.

Many of the road construction sites that hung up traffic in August when students were migrating back to college campuses, are still there to snarl up traffic

### Thanksgiving break

Students should enjoy their week off for Thanksgiving, but should also be conscious of their safety.

in now.

Whether you are heading to St. Louis or Chicago, there is still a need to be careful.

Both metropolises

have their fair share of construction.

Single lane roads, compiled with weather conditions, can create dangers, not only for drivers, but for the construction workers as well.

Weather conditions also can pose a problem. This time of year can play havoc on the roads at the time when college students are doing the most traveling.

Drivers need to slow down and leave the proper following distance between other cars.

Drivers need to remember that they are not the only people on the road or the only people that are frustrated with the driving conditions.

The main objective is that everyone returns to campus safe and sound.

There is no worse way to celebrate a holiday than in a hospital or mourning a friend or loved one.

The holidays can be a joyous time, but students, along with other people, need to take repercussions to be safe.

Watch the speed limits through construction zones, and watch your speed during adverse weather conditions — just because the speed limit is posted as 60 mph doesn't mean that you can travel that fast.

All these safety precautions do not mean that you can't have a good time, just play it safe and make it back for the rest of the semester.

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

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### Today's quote

If we cannot end our differences now, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.

John F. Kennedy,  
35th U.S. President, 1917-1963

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# What's all this Y2K madness about?

Many people are skeptical about the the turn of the century — the new millennium. Will the power go out, will bombs go off and is the world going to end on Jan. 1? Will there be riots and looters? Or will it just be another regular, old day?

My main problem with the new millennium is the amount of advertising that emphasizes we all need to have millennium everything. Every commercial or advertisement seems to think their products will sell better if they have millennium written all over them. But how different are they?

I'm sure Hallmark has designed a line of greeting cards, candy and stationary just for the event. For all those WWF fans, Chris Jericho is hip to the millennium craze with his Y2J gimmick. Fruit Loops has a millennium cereal with marshmallow number twos, which creatively make lots of 2000s with all the loops or Os in the cereal. Oh, and make sure to pick up your millennium Barbie doll with her pretty black and silver dress and Will Smith's new album Willennium.

One of my favorite and probably one of the more creative commercials is the new Nike commercial that shows a man running through the city while buildings collapse, cars collide and planes fall from the sky. The commercial is a little scary, but if you're wearing Nike shoes, you can out-run all those problems. You know, "just do it".

The city of Chicago didn't miss out on the Y2-anything craze either with the millennium park and "the Milly"



Melanie Schneider  
Administration editor

"My main concern about the millennium is whether or not my computer is Y2K compliant ..."

dance craze. Supposedly someone with a bright idea came up with a millennium dance, much like the Macarena from what I hear, and nicknamed it "the Milly." Too bad the craze didn't even last until the millennium. I'm sure it was a great little number.

My main concern about the millennium is whether my computer is Y2K compliant, although that would be a pretty

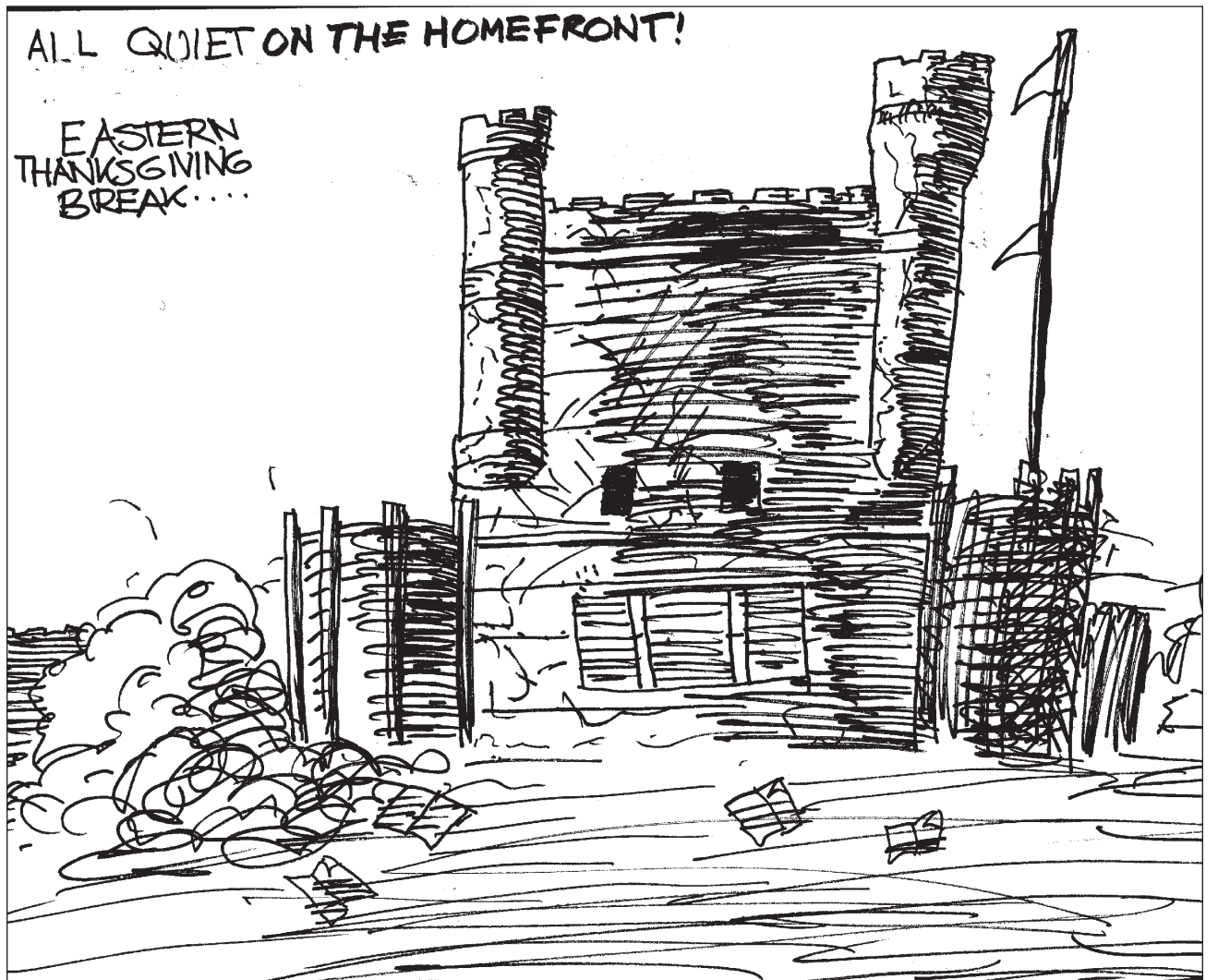
good excuse for late or missing research papers.

With all this hype about the new year, I'm starting to think about how I will spend the last few moments of the 20th century. I feel like there is so much pressure to have the best time of my life, probably because there is still that little fear that it might be the last few moments of my life.

New Year's Eve probably will be very similar to last year and every year before that. I will try to live up to Prince's song though because I'll be partying like it's 1999, even though I've been doing that all year long, so I guess there really is no difference. All this hype is just leading up to what? I guess time will tell...

Just remember when you are sitting around the table on Thanksgiving to give thanks that this is the last millennium we all have to go through. Oh, and have a happy Y2Thanksgiving and a very merry millennium.

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### Freedom of religion is a fundamental right

After reading Meghan McMahon's column titled "Keep church and state separated" in Monday's edition, I would like to respond to her assertion that posting the Ten Commandments is a violation of others rights, in particular the freedom of religion.

First of all, the Bill of Rights states that we shall have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. Since when is displaying an object of your own personal faith a violation of other's rights? In this age of steadfastly backing individual's human rights, one would think the freedom to worship a God in whatever way they choose would be a top priority. Instead, an act such as posting the Ten Commandments is seen as menacing and threatening to someone's sense of freedom. Why should such a display threaten someone if they are secure in their own beliefs? It is much more a violation of rights to suppress a person's desire to express their religion

### Your turn Letters to the editor

than it is for someone to merely look at an object on a wall.

Secondly, what is wrong with being surrounded by other people's beliefs? How else will this society ever overcome racism, intolerance, bigotry and ignorance? A sheltered world such as the one McMahon sanctions would be intolerable, and would only encourage the stagnation of a culture that has already closed its eyes and ears to so many important issues.

Displaying an object of faith reaffirms a belief in its worth. People hang pictures of their loved ones, but that doesn't mean they'd forget about them if the pictures weren't there. McMahon says hanging the Ten Commandments may annoy people, but should we be afraid of that? Does she mean we should tailor our opinions and convictions in such a way as to never offend anyone,

instead of standing up for what we believe in?

She comments that hanging the Ten Commandments won't make anyone obey them, but she's missing the point. Whether a commandment is obeyed is unimportant. What is important is retaining the right to display that symbol. Laws aren't always obeyed by people either, but that doesn't mean we should try to do away with them. Creating laws is what separates a working civilization from a chaotic mess. In the column, the claim is made that we should avoid offending others at all costs, even at the expense of our own religious convictions. Our country was founded by people who were champions of human rights. Don't let rights like the freedom to worship in whatever way we choose be taken away by a few ignorant people who are offended by those who take advantage of their precious freedoms.

Kelly Rush  
junior journalism major

# Faculty to speak out about negotiations

By Liew Lin Hai  
Staff writer

The Residence Hall Association Thursday discussed plans for faculty members to speak at residence halls about the negotiation process and the possibility of a strike.

Sarah Maubach from Taylor Hall said residents who are interested in finding out more information concerning the negotiation process should fill in the dates and

times that faculty members can come talk to them. Residents can also talk to their Resident Assistants if they would like faculty members to talk to them about the contract negotiations.

Residence halls will close at 8 p.m. today and will reopen at 1 p.m. on Nov. 28. Residents were reminded to clean out their refrigerators during "Clean Your Fridge Week."

Members were asked to con-

tribute ideas to the upcoming tree decoration at Old Main. RHA was assigned a tree to decorate for the holiday season.

Thomas Hall is organizing a "Christmas for Kids" program in which children will be invited to play in the basement of Thomas Hall on Dec. 12. Residents are invited to decorate the basement on Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.

The next RHA meeting will be held on Dec. 2 in Stevenson Hall.

# Man convicted in girlfriend's death, body missing

SPRINGFIELD (AP) - Daniel Gilbert could spend up to 65 years in prison for the killing of his 19-year-old girlfriend, even though her body has never been found.

Gilbert was convicted of first-degree murder and concealment of a homicide in the death of Chimene Ellena. Authorities believe Gilbert dumped her body somewhere near the Illinois-Wisconsin state line after killing her last May.

"While we haven't recovered a body, I hope this verdict lets Chimene's family bring closure to this tragic incident," Sangamon County State's Attorney John Schmidt said after the jury's verdict was announced Wednesday.

Prosecutors say Gilbert, 20, of Springfield killed Ellena at her apartment on May 27.

Robert Shuff, one of Gilbert's attorneys, said the

woman was killed as the two fought. Shuff argued for a lesser charge, such as second-degree murder.

But Assistant State's Attorney John Belz said there were no signs of a struggle in the apartment and no one testified that Gilbert suffered any injuries.

Belz told jurors that Gilbert made no attempt to call police or get help after Ellena's death, but was concerned only with getting rid of the body and leaving Springfield.

"He has lied repeatedly to police, he's skipped town to avoid prosecution, and he's skipped town to avoid the truth," Belz said.

Ellena was reported missing by her father, Richard Ellena of Wilsonville, on May 30.

Gilbert was arrested in Florida June 14 and returned to Illinois to face trial. He is to be sentenced Jan. 5 by Circuit Judge Leo Zappa.

# New York man allegedly worked as guard in Nazi camp

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department accused a 76-year-old Ellenville, N.Y., man of serving as an armed guard at two SS slave-labor camps in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II.

In a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Albany, N.Y., the department's Office of Special Investigations, which hunts Nazis in this country, asked that Mykola

Wasylyk be stripped of his naturalized U.S. citizenship on grounds he persecuted Polish and Jewish citizens at those camps.

Wasylyk, who owns and operates rental bungalows in Ellenville and has a second home in Northport, Fla., did not immediately return a message left Thursday at his New York home.

The government alleged he

served the Nazis as an armed guard of civilian prisoners beginning in April 1943.

From April to June 1943, he trained at the SS-run Trawniki Training Camp in Poland that prepared East European recruits to assist Germans in implementing

"Operation Reinhard," the Nazi campaign to annihilate Jews in Poland, the government said.

# daily briefing

## Belvidere students suspended over 'hit list' allegations

BELVIDERE (AP) - Two Belvidere high school students accused of compiling what school officials call a "hit list" have been suspended and could face tougher academic penalties at a disciplinary hearing later this month.

Belvidere police say they found no weapons and no reason to pursue criminal charges in the case. And one student who knows the two says the list was a prank.

But school officials in this Boone County community of 18,000 suspended the students for 10 days, effective Monday. And the teens face a Nov. 29 hearing at which the school board will determine whether they violated school policy and if they should face stronger penalties, ranging up to expulsion.

School officials would not identify the students or provide many other details, citing confidentiality requirements.

## Expelled students take alternative

DECATUR (AP) - Six high school students who faced

expulsion after a football game brawl began enrolling in alternative schools Thursday as the Rev. Jesse Jackson continued to press for their return to regular schools.

Jackson led five of the students and their mothers into the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education for a closed-door orientation session that was later joined by a sixth student and mother.

The students were to begin classes in one of the area's four alternative education programs Monday.

Five of the students were expelled for two years and the sixth withdrew from school after the Sept. 17 brawl. Another student who was expelled has moved out of state. Three of the students also face criminal charges.

## Alderman wants drivers off the cell phone

CHICAGO (AP) - Drivers would be banned from using cellular phones in moving cars, except in emergencies, under an alderman's proposal.

Under the ordinance proposed Wednesday by Burton Natarus, who has targeted everything from inline skating at Navy Pier to horse manure, violators would be fined \$25. A driver involved in an accident while talking on the phone would be fined \$100.

Hands-free phones would be allowed, as would talking while stopped.

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# Before there were computers, there were GIS

## Geographic Information Systems used in most fields, it is more accurate, flexible, objective and efficient

By Julie Bartlow  
Staff writer

Geographic Information Systems can allow users to collect, store and manage data as well as analyze change, said Lawrence Lewis, a professor of geography at Western Illinois University in Macomb Thursday night.

"GIS provides us with the information that is valuable and helpful to solve various problems and in the long run saves us money," Lewis said.

Lewis' lecture: "Data - The Fuel that Drives the GIS Engine," was a part of National Geography Awareness Week. Lewis talked about the many uses for GIS today and how data is associated with GIS.

"GIS is a new technology and has been around a number of decades before there were computers," Lewis said. "GIS is designed to solve problems."

Lewis discussed many differ-

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Lawrence Lewis,  
a professor of geography at Western Illinois University in Macomb

ent principles of GIS, which involve the use of computers, maps, images, digital products, GPS (Global Positioning Systems) text data and tabular data.

He said GIS is used in most or all fields, it is more accurate, flexible, objective, efficient and fun than the other methods, and that GIS is replacing traditional cartography.

"We can do experimentations and change things on our maps with GIS," he said. "GIS is multi-disciplinary. Agricultural people

use it for farming. City government uses it to plan new parts of cities as well as geologists, (who use it to for oil expiration locations. Virtually everyone uses GIS in this computer-based decade."

Lewis said the data in GIS is becoming more accessible and is inexpensive for Americans.

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Lawrence Lewis, a professor of geography at Western Illinois University in Macomb spoke to students Thursday night in Phipps Lecture Hall. Lewis spoke about how GIS provides scientists with the information to solve problems and save money.

# Seven is plenty: McCaughey septuplets turn two

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) - The Rev. Robert Brown knows the sight well - seven towheaded toddlers tumbling out of a white van on Sunday mornings and heading toward the door of the Missionary Baptist Church.

"All seven in a service?" the pastor says

with a grin, recalling the screaming and other noise. "It gets quite interesting, no doubt about it."

The McCaughey septuplets - Kenny, Brandon, Joel, Nathan, Alexis, Kelsey and Natalie - turn 2 today.

And for Kenny and Bobbi McCaughey, the parents of the nation's first living set of septuplets, it's been a year of joy and adversity.

The toddlers like Legos and playing with 3-year-old sister Mikayla on the playground

equipment in the back yard. Joel has the scratches on his face to prove it, after coming down the slide headfirst.

Their favorite food is corn puffs. And they like being pulled in a wagon by their dad and watching music videos.



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# FBI: Race still most frequent motive for hate crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Racial prejudice motivated more than half the 7,755 hate crimes committed in 1998 that were reported to the FBI, the bureau said Thursday.

As in 1997 and 1996, racial prejudice was the most common motivation for hate crimes, accounting for 4,431 incidents in 1998.

In order of magnitude, there were 1,390 incidents attributed to prejudice over religion, 1,260 over sexual orientation, 754 over ethnic or national origin, 25 over disabilities and five over multiple prejudices, the FBI said.

The 1998 data come from 10,730 law enforcement agencies in 46 states and the District of Columbia, representing 80 percent of the nation's population.

In 1997, there were 8,049 hate crime incidents, of which 4,710 were racially motivated. But 1997 data came from 11,211 law enforcement agencies in 48 states and the District of Columbia, representing 83 percent of the population.

There were nearly 300 fewer incidents in 1998 than 1997, but there were nearly 500 fewer police

agencies reporting in 1998.

Because the number of agencies reporting varies under the voluntary system established by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990, officials caution against drawing conclusions about trends in hate crime volumes between years. They say the figures provide a rough picture of the general nature of hate crimes.

In 1998, crimes against people accounted for 68 percent of the offenses, with intimidation the most frequent hate crime at 38 percent of the total. Vandalism and destruction of property accounted for 28 per-

cent of all reported offenses, simple assault for 18 percent and aggravated assault for 12 percent.

Thirteen people were murdered in 1998 hate crimes, with eight attributed to race bias and four to bias against sexual orientation. One murder was motivated by prejudice against ethnic or national origin.

Of the 9,722 hate crime victims, 80 percent were people and the remainder were businesses, religious organizations or other targets.

Of the total victims, 57 percent were targeted because of race, with

bias against blacks, the largest single category, accounting for nearly 38 percent of all victims.

Of the 1,720 victims of religious prejudice, more than 67 percent involved crimes against property.

In 1998, the largest segment of hate crime incidents occurred on residential property, 31 percent. Incidents in alleys, streets or highways accounted for 20 percent of total incidents, and another nine percent occurred at schools or colleges. The rest were at varied locations.



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## Student Council in the sun

Members of the Robinson high school student council discuss ideas Thursday afternoon in the Commemorative Courtyard. The council members, who were at Eastern for a high school student council convention, paired off and went to different seminars. They then shared their newly found seeds of knowledge with their fellow council members.

# House to act on bill, ensure disabled with benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) - After months of back and forth, the House readied a tax bill Thursday that President Clinton was willing to sign, combining it with a measure ensuring that disabled people can work without fearing loss of health benefits.

The tax bill, costing \$18.3 billion over 10 years, would extend several expiring tax breaks, including a five-year renewal of the tax credit for business research and development.

It is all that remains of the Republicans' prized \$792 billion tax cut, which Clinton vetoed

in September.

Attached to the tax break "extenders" bill, expected to go to the Senate later Thursday, was so-called "Ticket to Work" legislation ensuring that disabled people who work do not lose their government health coverage.

"Our plan would help thousands of citizens with disabilities return to careers full of life, independence and freedom," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

Both measures have broad bipartisan sup-

port, were negotiated with the White House and should easily pass Congress before lawmakers adjourn for the year. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said the disabilities bill "shows what Congress can do when we work together."

Among other things, the bill would authorize \$23 billion a year in Social Security Administration grants to states for programs helping the disabled find work, permit states to expand Medicaid coverage for those workers and more than double the length of time they can continue receiving Medicare while working.

# Court says Pump up the volume

## Law limiting cars' stereo volume ruled unconstitutional

SPRINGFIELD (AP) - Go ahead, hop in your car, cruise down the road and pump up the volume. The state Supreme Court says you can.

The court struck down a law Thursday that limits the volume on car stereos.

The law banned music loud enough to be heard 75 feet from the car, but that ban did not apply to vehicles making noise for advertising purposes.

The court calls that an unconstitutional double standard. It says such laws must apply equally to all noise, regardless of the content.

"The state provides no explanation as to why a noncommercial message broadcast at a particular volume poses a danger to the public, while an advertising message broadcast at the same volume does not," Justice Michael Bilandic wrote for the court.

By giving preference to advertising over other kinds of speech, the law violated the First Amendment, the court ruled. It also noted advertising usually is regulated more strictly than other speech.

The case originated with a 1996 traffic stop in Kankakee County.

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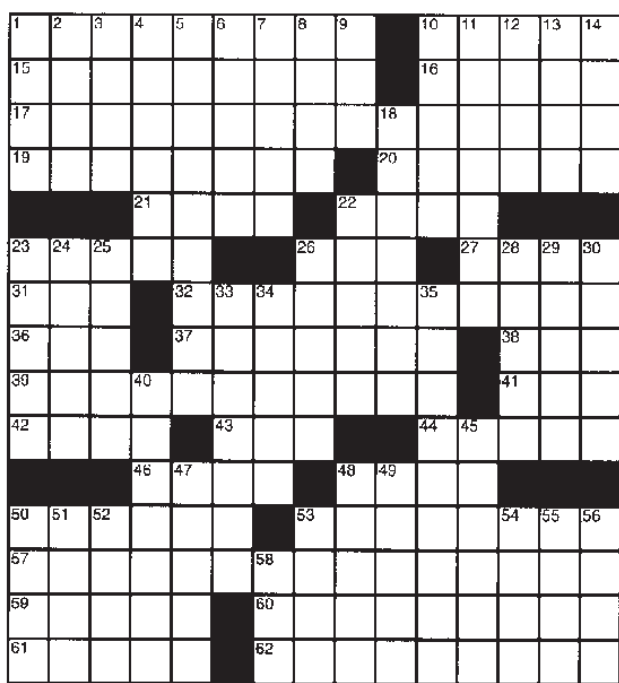
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# Panthers anxious to see new faces

## Eastern women's basketball team opens against Belmont Saturday

By Kristin Rojek  
Staff writer

The season opener for the women's basketball team is not only an opportunity for a fresh start, but also the first chance the women will get to play against new faces

After facing their own practice squad during their only exhibition game of the season, Saturday's game will give head coach Linda Wunder her first glimpse of the Panthers against unknown competitors.

"Any time you're in a game situation, you find out who makes the plays for you," Wunder said. "And with a rotation of players, which unfortunately isn't a lot, we can learn about the team in a game situation and see how everybody reacts."

Almost half of the line-up will be watching the action from the bench because of injuries and academic ineligibility, but the team is slowly returning to its normal size.

"We're dealing with a lot of factors, but we're going to try to

win every game we can, no matter how many players we have," Wunder said.

"And we're hoping to get better with every game."

Redshirt freshmen Brooke Gossett and Stacy Kingery have returned to the court, but after recently suffering injuries it is unknown how much they will be able to play.

"Getting Brooke back helped a lot, so we've made some adjustments back," Wunder said.

"It makes us more flexible, and that will help in the long run."

Senior Leah Aldrich-Franklin will not be able to play in the season opener this weekend, but her teammates say she is slowly recovering and is looking to return soon.

Without their leading scorer, and several players still on the bench, the depth is minimal and may play a factor in the three upcoming games against Belmont, Indiana State and Chicago State - all of which are within five days of each other.

"It'll be tough, but we can handle it," junior Renee Schaul said.

"We have to play with what we've learned through the practices we've had."

The Panthers will be on the road for their season opener against Belmont, but after suffering a loss at the buzzer last year



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Junior Portery Scott brings the ball up against a member of Eastern's practice squad in a scrimmage last week. The Panthers will see their first outside competition Saturday when they face Belmont.

to the very same team, Eastern buzzer with a three point shot, so hopefully that will be motivation enough to get out and play,"

Wunder said.

Monday the team continues on the road at Indiana State, finishing up competition just before Thanksgiving where they will face Chicago State on Wednesday at home.

"Indiana has a good program and a good team and Chicago State has a new coach as well," Wunder said.

"Every game will be a challenge, so we can't look past anybody."

Meanwhile, Easter has been executing their offense as well as ball pressure.

"We're working on man-to-man defense and ball pressure," junior Angie Russell said.

"We have help that we can rely on if we can't pressure the ball."

Despite the small numbers the Panthers are playing with, overall the team is overlooking those factors and Russell is excited to get the season started.

"It's great to go in and get a win to gain confidence and we hope we can try out all the things we've worked hard on and see if they work," Russell said.

"We have a good non-conference schedule and we're real excited to play other people."

"We're going to lace up and see how things go," Wunder said.

"We can't sit around and waste time because we're more limited, so what we do, we need to do well."

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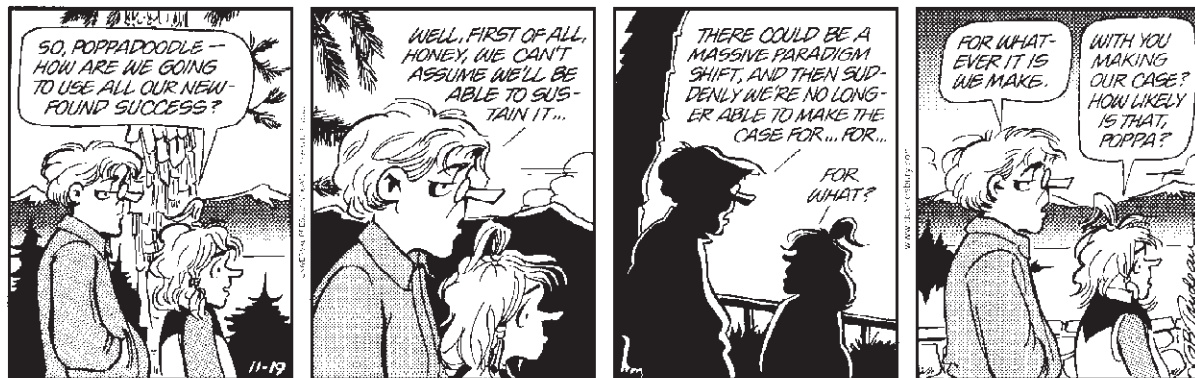
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# Panthers open at Iowa

## Eastern attempts to knock off No. 22 team in nation

By Anthony Braviere  
Staff writer

Eastern's men's basketball team opens up the regular season Sunday with a visit to Iowa as the Panthers attempt to keep up the recent trend of upsets in men's basketball.

The Hawkeyes come into the game as the No. 22 team in the nation. They got there by beating the top-ranked team in the nation, Connecticut.

"Playing Iowa is a very motivational thing for us," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said. "They are the No. 22 ranked team in the nation, and we'll be playing in front of a sell out crowd."

Taking on the Hawkeyes will be no easy task for the Panthers. They will have to match the speed of the Iowa offense.

"The feeling is we can compete with these guys," Samuels said.

With point guard Dean Oliver at the helm, the Hawkeye offense will be ready to go, led by Oliver, who is averaging 13.5 points a game in two games of the young season.

Iowa also has size down low that forward Merve Joseph and center John Smith will have to deal with in John Carl Williams and Jacob Jaacks. Both have played well in Iowa's games this season.

"Dean Oliver is very quick," Samuels said. "We'll have to keep him contained, and Jaacks has become a very focal point of their offense this season."

Although Iowa is one of the premier basketball programs in the nation, it isn't taking the Panthers lightly.

"It'll be a great atmosphere for both teams," Iowa head coach Steve Alford said. "It will be my first games coach at home and Eastern's first game of the season."

"But, I have great respect for Eastern. Coach Samuels has been there for 20 years, and has had some very good teams. And I'm sure this team is no exception."

The Panthers looked impressive in their two exhibition games, win-



Eric Wolters / staff photographer

Panther senior Michael Forrest attempts a jump shot with a defender in his face in Eastern's exhibition win over the Spectres last Sunday. Eastern faces Iowa this week.

ning both. They will have to have good guard play from both Kyle Hill and Matt Britton. The pair will have to play well to open up inside guys like Marc Polite, Joseph, and Smith if they want to beat the Hawkeyes.

"We'll have to have a balanced attack, and shoot the ball better," Samuels said. "Polite, Hill, and Merve will have to set the tone for our offense."

This is a big game for the bas-

ketball program at Eastern. A win would mean national recognition and a chance to have a stepping stone for bigger and better things.

"We can play with Iowa," Samuels said. "We've played at Purdue and at the University of Illinois. It would be a thrill for us to win, but the big thrill for us would be to be in the NCAA tournament."

The game will be televised live by WEIU. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

# Eastern wrestlers travel to St. Louis

## Panthers prepare for largest meet of the season

Dusty Cookson  
Staff writer

After Eastern's wrestling team saw four of its members place at the highly-touted Michigan State meet last weekend, the Panthers are looking for a repeat performance as they prepare to tackle the competition at Saint Louis University this weekend.

According to head coach Ralph McCausland, the upcoming meet will be the biggest and best competition his crew will tackle all year.

"It's a monster tournament," he said. "It's going to be outstanding."

The Saint Louis Open will be the largest tournament Eastern will wrestle in all year. But unlike the previous matches this year, Eastern will bring the entire team to the event instead of a select group.

McCausland said the tournament will host between 24 and 28 teams, including the likes of; Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin.

According to McCausland, the level of competition will be a little tougher.

"It'll be a little stiffer competition," he said. "It's a good time for everyone to showcase their abilities."

Eastern has seen its share of success already this season with a number of top three finishes. But McCausland and crew don't plan on letting down anytime soon. He said that he's continuing to look for improvement and progress in the level of consistency.

"It's been a good week of practice," he said. "We're just continuing to look for progress."

McCausland remains optimistic that transfers Louis Taylor and Mike Kelley can maintain their level of consistency. After Taylor won his class and Kelley finished third in his at Michigan State last weekend, the duo are looking to lead the way for the Panthers this weekend. McCausland said the junior college transfers are the ones that need to set the tone.

Although McCausland is content with his teams performance thus far, he's striving to maintain that high level of consistency throughout the remainder of the season.

"I don't want to come out of the gates, win the first race and then lose the rest," he said.

# Rematch

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Eastern could also face a very young Eastern Kentucky team. The Panthers defeated the Colonels in three games at home and in a four game-match at Richmond.

"Eastern Kentucky is a team that gets better every time they step on the floor," Epperly said. "They are well coached and they have nothing to lose in the tournament."

If the Panthers are successful in their endeavors, then they must face the winner of the other bracket in the championship, which is held at noon Saturday. SEMO is expected to make it to the finals in the other bracket but, they must first get past the winner of

the Murray State-Tennessee Tech match. Last season the Panthers were regular season champs, but suffered a loss on their home court to the Otahkians in the tournament finals. This year they will be looking to return the favor.

"If we face SEMO, we have to slow down its offense. It is going to be crucial that we do something with our blocking in an attempt to neutralize their attack," Epperly said. "We know we are capable of upsetting SEMO."

The Panthers will take the court this weekend with three members of being named to All-OVC teams.

Senior Meleah Cutler was named to the first team, while sophomore Leslie Przekwas was voted to the second team and freshman Karen Liss received All-Newcomer honors.

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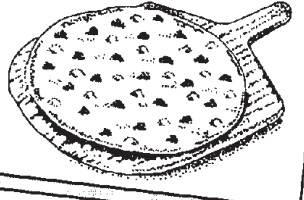
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**Choice cuts****Kyle Bauer**Sports editor  
email: cukmb12@pen.eiu.edu**Drop the chalupa**

University of Kansas defensive end Dion Rayford will sit out the last game of his collegiate career Saturday against Iowa State.

The 270-pound senior got stuck in the drive-thru window of a Taco Bell when he tried to charge employees who left a chalupa out of his order.

Rayford now faces charges of disorderly conduct, having an open container of alcohol and misdemeanor damage to property.

Rayford was going through the drive-thru at about 2 a.m. and when the employees neglected to give him the chalupa he ordered, he attempted to climb through the 14-by-46-inch window.

Needless to say, Rayford couldn't quite make it all the way through the window.

I know chalupas are good and all, but it doesn't sound to me like he really needed one. Maybe Rayford should have opted for the garden salad instead.

**Enough already**

The NBA season is only eight games old now, but Atlanta guard Isaiah Rider has already sat out two games because of suspensions.

The latest punishment came after Rider once again skipped a practice and once again received a one-game suspension.

Rider is not demanding a trade, but is seriously hinting at one. During Atlanta's recent road trip, Rider refused to start after saying he wasn't informed about lineup changes at the morning shoot around.

Rider has been demoted to a sixth-man role. Fred Brown will come off the bench to fill Rider's spot.

I don't know which is worse, putting up with Rider's antics or having the embarrassment of saying Fred Brown is one of your starters.

At least the Hawks can take consolation in one thing - Brown would be team MVP on the Bulls' current roster.

**Who's got next?**

Lennox Lewis is ready to defend his heavyweight belt against none other than Mike Tyson.

The only question Lewis has left to answer is if he can wait a year and a half to do battle with Tyson even if it meant Tyson's skills would further diminish.

Of course he would. And Tyson's skills would never diminish as long as he stays hungry for fresh meat.

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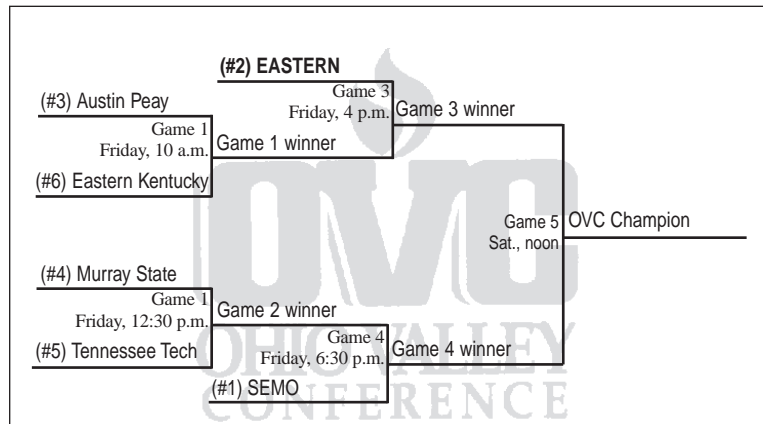
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**Panthers seek rematch with SEMO**By Troy Hinkel  
Staff writer

The season has boiled down to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for Eastern's volleyball team. A loss will end the season, while a win will get the Panthers into the OVC tournament finals and a hope of getting into the NCAA tournament.

Eastern (21-9,15-3) has prepared all week for the tournament and the hopeful rematch against Southeast Missouri in the finals.

In order to do this, Eastern and SEMO must survive the semifinals as the Otahkians will face the winner of Murray State and Tennessee Tech while Eastern awaits the winner of Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky.



SEMO has the advantage, currently riding a 19-match win streak, with 17 wins coming in the OVC, and owning home court advantage. The Otahkians will also have the mental

advantage after beating Eastern in each of the past three meetings.

Before the Panthers face SEMO, they must first focus on the Austin Peay Governors and the Eastern

Kentucky Colonels.

Austin Peay (21-10, 13-5) is the third seed in the tournament while Eastern Kentucky (13-18, 8-10) is the sixth and final seed.

The two teams face off at 10 a.m. for the privilege of playing the Panthers later in the day.

In the regular season, Austin Peay and Eastern split the season series with the home team prevailing in both matches.

"We have seen Austin Peay twice, but as long as we minimize our errors, pass well and play with defensive intensity we will do fine against them," interim head coach Andrew Epperly said.

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**Panther Watch****Massat taking passes, not credit**By Bill Ruthhart  
Associate sports editor

Heading into his junior season, wide receiver Paul Massat knew he would have the opportunity to contribute, but little did he know he would become the team's leading receiver.

Massat currently leads Panther receivers in touchdowns with three, receptions with 40 and total receiving yards with 451.

"I knew at the beginning of the year I'd be able to contribute, but the fact that I've been able to contribute so much is great," the receiver from Tinley Park said. "The coaches have given me a lot of opportunities and it feels good to contribute."

One of the reasons Massat has been able to step up and help the team so much is because the Panthers lost two key receivers at the beginning of the season.

"With Phil (Taylor) and Seth (Willingham), our two leading receivers from last year, going down in the same game, unfortunately it gave me the opportunity to get in there," he said. "There's no doubt them getting hurt played a big role in me getting the opportunity to catch the ball more."

Massat would rather dish out the credit for his success this season to those around him than take it for himself. And the Andrew High School product has had an experienced group of receivers to learn the tricks of the trade from in senior Rashaan Smith, junior Frank Cutolo and Taylor.

"Rashaan Smith, Franky and Phil have helped me out a lot," he said. "They're always pushing me and there's always a lot of competition between the four of us, which is always good."

"But it's never hostile," Massat said. "Everyone always has good intentions."

Massat believes playing alongside such talented receivers has helped him in the amount of success he's seen this season.

"We have a solid group of receivers and a lot of play makers," he said. "So other teams concentrate on them a lot and it gives me the ability to get open and make catches."

Massat also credits wide receivers coach Brian Jenkins for his success on the gridiron this season.

"My stats have doubled this year from the past two seasons and a great deal of that has to do with coach Jenkins," Massat said of the former receiver with the Atlanta Falcons. "He's a good coach and pushes you hard."

"He knows what you're capable of doing," he said. "And if you don't do it, he's on you,



Eric Wolters / Staff photographer

Junior wide receiver Paul Massat catches a ball in Eastern's loss to Western Kentucky Oct. 30. Massat leads the Panther receivers in touchdowns, receiving yards and receptions.

which is good."

The junior speedster also credits the Panthers' recent offensive scheme for the abundance of receptions he's had this season.

"The last few games we've been throwing the ball more than running, which is very unusual at Eastern since we have a run-based offense," Massat said. "But the fact that we're throwing the ball more gives me more opportunities."

Massat also believes the athletic ability of senior quarterback Anthony Buich has been a major factor in him excelling this season.

"Anthony is a great athlete and throws the ball very well," he said. "He's a big time play maker."

While Massat has seen good fortune on the field this season, the Panthers as a team haven't been so lucky. Eastern is currently 1-10 on the season, and just 1-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

But Massat says it's not the win-loss record that has made this season so hard to swallow, but the feeling of giving it his all and coming up short almost every week.

"For me, I love to go out and play no matter what," he said. "The fact that we keep losing hurts, but not the fact that we have a losing record. Because no matter what our record is,

we still go out and play hard every weekend," Massat said. "But the losing is what is hard."

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**Notes:** Saturday's game marks the Panther's final contest of the season ... Eastern is 1-5 in the OVC good enough for seventh place in the conference ... Eastern Kentucky still entertain hopes of gaining an at-large bid to the NCAA Division I-AA tournament ... The Colonels are 7-3 on the season, 4-2 in the OVC... EKV boasts the conference's second and third leading rushers in senior back tailback Derick Logan and junior Corey Crume.

**Next up:** The off-season