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## Cats' coach will be back

Panther men's basketball coach  
Rick Samuels set to have con-  
tract renewed.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

The sign in front of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Seventh Street tells of renovations underway, and has remained the same for almost a year and a half. Gov. Blagojevich officially released the funds for the \$46 million renovation project Monday afternoon.

# Governor unleashes \$46 million in funds for Doudna arts center

By Evan Hill  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Doudna Fine Arts Center's day has come. Gov. Rod Blagojevich released more than \$46 million in state funding for the project, bringing excitement to Eastern administrators.

"To say that I am elated would be the biggest understatement of the day," President Lou Hencken said.

"We've been working on it a long time. We also extend our most heartfelt thanks to our local legislators, Sen. Dale Righter and Representatives Chapin Rose, Roger Eddy and Bill Grunloh, for the tremendous support they've provided to Eastern and in working with the governor and his staff."

Most of the renovation project started in Fall 2003, but was held up after funding was stalled of a

lack of state funds available for capital improvement projects

Hencken said he had received word from "people very close to Gov. Blagojevich" that the funding could be expected any day and received official notice of the released funds just before 4 p.m. Monday.

"When completed, the state-of-the-art Doudna Fine Arts Center will not only benefit the students

and the university with its additional classrooms, but it will also be a place where the community will participate in the college's arts, theater and music programs," Blagojevich said according to the press release.

Hencken also said he believed the project would bring benefits to the area.

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## Budget cuts will be addressed to Assembly

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's recent proposal to cut Eastern's fiscal year 2005 budget by \$953,000 has administrators wondering what to do next.

Budget Director Jim Shonkwiler said although the governor made the proposal to cut Eastern's budget, it is not finalized.

"We're disappointed with the proposal but it's still a proposal at this point," Shonkwiler said.

According to Rebecca Rausch, spokeswoman for the governor, the proposed cut will need to be approved by the Illinois General Assembly.

"A series of legislative hearings will be held all spring on components of the budget," Rausch said. "The General Assembly will then vote in May."

Legislators can be contacted by universities facing cuts, like Eastern, and the proposal can still be changed.

"It's a Democratic process," Rausch said. "If (General Assembly) members want to add money back to the budget, the governor said they should also be willing to talk about where to find that revenue."

The final vote in May is likely to be the final say on the budget although the General Assembly could go into overtime if a decision is not met, Rausch said.

"For all intent and purposes, they should be done in May," in time for the beginning of the fiscal year on June 1.

During the legislative process, Eastern will have an opportunity to testify before the General Assembly to try to replace some of the proposed cuts.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said "we will have an opportunity to testify at both the House and Senate levels."

Administrators from Eastern will testify before an Illinois Senate subcommittee at the end of March, but a meeting with the House committee is still not scheduled, Cooley said.

Shonkwiler said when he found out the governor was proposing the nearly \$1 million cut, he began to contact other colleges.

"I started asking people at other schools what they had heard and a number of e-mails started flowing in to me," Shonkwiler said. "We learned (of the proposed cut) through a combination of things," including information on the General Assembly's Web site.

If the cut is approved it will mean more unfilled positions and strategies to save money, Shonkwiler said.

"Obviously we're going to have some more frozen positions," he said.

In the past, Eastern has curtailed



Jeff Cooley



Rod Blagojevich

## What you may not know regarding 'Fat Tuesday'

By Megan Neubauer  
STAFF WRITER

Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday," is traditionally the last festival or celebration before the beginning of the Catholic religion's Lenten, which was originally approximately 40 days of fasting until Easter.

This day, dedicated as early as mid-second century as part of the final celebration before fasting, has evolved from feasting and costumes to intense partying in both New Orleans and across the globe, according to the American Catholic Web site, [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org).

Mardi Gras traditionally occurs 46 days before Easter and can fall on any date between Feb. 3 and March 9 depending on the date of Easter.

The modern Mardi Gras celebration originated in France and was first introduced to the United States in 1699 when New Orleans

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—Lt. John Hatfill, UPD

became the location for the celebration of Mardi Gras.

During the 1820s, private-masked balls and decorated carriages became symbolic of Mardi Gras. In 1837, New Orleans hosted the first Mardi Gras parade. Mardi Gras is celebrated in a similar fashion in countries around the world.

However, a series of Mardi Gras events will be held throughout campus and in the surrounding community.

Stix manager Dave Heidemann said the bar already hosted Mardi Gras events.



GRAPHIC CREATED BY MATT WILLS

"We held our Mardi Gras celebrations last week and over the weekend," Heidemann said. "It was a great turnout and better than the previous years. We offered prizes and giveaways as well as drink specials."

The billboard outside of Stu's advertised their "Fat Stuesday" Mardi Gras activities and specials while Marty's is hosting Marty-Gras.

Lt. John Hatfill of Eastern's University Police Department said, "I can't recall that there have been any problems in the past with Mardi Gras."

He also said UPD will not have any additional coverage for Mardi Gras celebrations, but they will have officers on duty as usual.

"I imagine more students will be out, weather permitting," Hatfill said. "Go out and have fun and enjoy the event. We don't expect there to be any extra chaos."

Gateway Liquor store has also prepared for Mardi Gras. Emerson Rushing, a Gateway manager, said, "we have run a lot of sales and specials this week and over the past weekend."

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## Probing issues

Eastern Illinois University Professor of Latin American studies Hector Noeovich gave a lecture to Eastern students about the economic issues facing Latin America areas.

# Renowned percussionist will perform concert today

By **Brittany Robson**  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Eastern's percussion studies program will welcome one of the world's premiere percussionists to Charleston at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at McAfee Auditorium.

According to Terence Mayhue, instructor for the music department, Sandip Burman an Indian tabla player will perform along with his sister and a friend for a crowd of an expected 250 people. "Burman will play straight traditional Indian music. This is a once in a lifetime chance to see something like this. Most people won't see this again," Mayhue said.

It will be an evening of classical Indian music presented by one of the world's renowned

*"(Sandip) Burman will play straight traditional Indian music."*

—Terence Mayhue, instructor for the music department

tabla artists.

The concert is free and is sponsored by the Governor's International Arts Program of the Illinois Arts Council, the music department and the college of Arts and Humanities.

Burman is currently on tour and his appearance at Eastern had only recently been confirmed.

"We're very excited about

Sandip Burman's performance. This will be a rare opportunity to hear and experience one of the premiere tabla players in the world today," Mayhue said.

Mayhue said people attending the concert will be amazed at the level of mastery that Sandip brings to his music. Burman has performed with numerous notable musicians including the legendary Ravi Shankar. He recently performed on Bela Fleck's latest Grammy award-winning album "Outboard". Burman has worked with Danny Elfman and contributed to the soundtrack of Tim Burton's film "Mars Attacks."

Mayhue said available funds allowed the music department the opportunity to have Burman perform at Eastern.

# Workshop may help students find major

By **Jaclyn Gorski and Brittany Robson**  
STAFF WRITERS

Students frustrated with being "undecided" and looking for insight on establishing an academic path can turn to the "Choosing A Major" workshop.

Academic adviser Jennifer Reed-Lewis, said the workshop's goal is not to make students declare a major that night but to inform students of the negatives and positives of majors offered on campus.

Eastern offers 75 possible degrees and the committee sponsoring the workshop tries to offer a variety of majors during each semester's program, she said. Communication Disorders and Sciences, Pre-nursing and Dietetics programs are among those being presented during the workshop.

"Choosing A Major," sponsored by the academic advising center, academic programs for student athletics and the Gateway program, will feature student voices assisting the undecided. Approximately 15 graduate students will speak about their respective majors, Reed-Lewis said.

"Classes, internships, career possibilities and how the representatives chose his or her major

will be discussed," Reed-Lewis said.

Each of the panelists will present a realistic discussion during the workshop, said Cynthia Tozer, director of the Intercollegiate Athletics Operations.

A binder containing the findings, trends and salaries of certain majors' professions will be available at the workshop, Tozer said.

A list of top and high-demand majors will also be contained in the binder.

Tozer said the graduate student representatives are beneficial because students prefer hearing information through peers rather than advisors or instructors because the representatives have been through the courses more recently.

"The goal is to get students to start thinking about majors," Reed-Lewis said.

"The longer you wait, the longer you'll be here."

She said some majors take longer to complete than others, depending on the requirements of the specific department. Reed-Lewis said there are about 45 people expected to attend the workshop beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Faculty Senate to examine problems, suggest solutions

By **Kevin Sampier**  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate will hold its annual faculty forum Tuesday to discuss scholarships, international programs and community relations.

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the forum will begin with opening remarks from several faculty members across campus.

Dean of Library Services Allen Lanham will discuss "One Book, One Author," while Katherine Bartel, associate professor in the art department will speak about scholarly and creative activities, Carpenter said.

Included in her discussion will be topics such as poetry writing, plays, visual arts, writing music, musical performance, drama and costume design, Bartel said.

"The forum is a time for colleagues to come together and discuss topics of mutual interest," Carpenter said.

After opening remarks, members of the forum will break off into four discussion groups.

Senate Members Bud Fischer and Reed Benedict will speak about relations between Eastern and the community.

Carpenter said the forum, which has been going on for about four to five years, has been successful in identifying problems.

"Last year's (faculty forum) was very productive and educational," Carpenter said.

In addition to creating dialogue between faculty members, Carpenter said the forum serves to "get multiple viewpoints on numerous subjects."

Carpenter said the forum also reveals the diversity of the campus.

"I'm hoping for a good turn out," he said. "The public and students are welcome to come and participate in the discussions."

The faculty forum will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union in lieu of the regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting.

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# University to interview, hire new facilities director

◆ *Current acting director intends to continue work in facilities planning and management dept.*

By Dana Peterson  
STAFF WRITER

A search has just begun to permanently fill the position of director of Facilities Planning and Management.

The position is currently held by Gary Reed, who has been acting director since December 2003 when Carol Strode retired after 36 years at Eastern.

According to Julie Griffin, office system specialist, "applications for the position have just been received in the last few days. A screening committee will meet on Feb. 27 where they will review applications and recommend people to come in for interviews."

Potential candidates will interview with Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

Reed said it is possible he will

fill the position, but a nationwide search must first be completed.

"A field of applicants will be narrowed by the search committee and a recommendation made to the administration," Reed said. "The position will not be offered before that process is completed."

Regardless of Reed's job title, he said, "I will continue working for EIU in the Facilities Planning and Management department. I thoroughly enjoy it."

Whoever earns the position will be responsible for numerous areas.

"The duties include responsibility for all daily operations and maintenance activities and management of all resources supporting the university's physical facilities," Reed said. "Also included are major and minor construction and remodeling projects, campus motor pool and the central stores receiving and warehouse operation."

According to Griffin, "Eastern plans to have the permanent director start work on July 1, 2004."



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS  
Gary Reed (left) talks with State Rep. Tom Cross, Republican House Minority Leader, Sep. 16 outside of the plant.

# New study to examine Charleston water, ozone levels

◆ *State-of-the-art ozone technology will provide important data before new plant opens in 2005*

By Nora Maberry  
STAFF WRITER

A year-long pilot study on the implementation of ozone in the city's new water treatment plant has recently been approved to begin.

During last week's city council meeting, the city signed a rental agreement with Mitsubishi Electric Power Products for an ozone system. The city also approved an agreement with

CB&I contractors for filter equipment that will play an important role in the pilot study.

The study will examine the effects of the ozone the plant is adding to the water from the Lake Charleston Reservoir, said Dean Barber, resident engineer for the water treatment plant project.

Ozone is added to the water to improve water taste and control odor, Barber said.

The ozone technology is commonly found throughout the United States, Canada and Europe; however, it is fairly rare in Illinois, he said.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is requiring the water treatment plant to con-

## Ozone Study Starts in April

- ◆ The year-long study will end in March 2005
- ◆ The purpose of the study is to monitor the effects of the ozone substance that is added to the water to improve taste and odor
- ◆ A rental agreement with Mitsubishi Electric Power Products will allow the city to utilize high-tech equipment rarely used in Illinois
- ◆ The study will provide the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency with important data concerning the ozone technology

duct the pilot study to learn more about the ozone technology. The agency does not have much experience with the ozone technology

and wants data before they issue permits, Barber said.

Barber is currently designing the pilot study. It will monitor the effects of ozone on Charleston's water and also include protocol for the technology, test perimeters for the study of the ozone technology and concept descriptions of the technology, Barber said.

The new plant, which is currently under construction, is scheduled to be completed by April 2005.

The ozone technology is the only part of the plant that requires any additional work besides actual construction, Barber said.

The pilot is scheduled to begin April 1 this year. If everything goes according to plan, Barber said the study will be complete by March 2005.

# Student Senate: Members at odds over new UB requirement

◆ *Mixed feelings follow Senate's vote to lower GPA requirement for UB members*

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate has mixed reactions to the bylaw change of University Board's minimum requirement of grade point average for members.

After two weeks of discussion, the senate approved the bylaws Wednesday by a vote of 24-0-1.

The approved bylaws require a 2.0 GPA when the prior bylaws required a 2.25 for members to

join. UB Vice Chair Aaron Miller said the GPA requirement was changed to increase the amount of UB members. "We changed it so more students could get involved," Miller said.

Kyle Donash, chair for the External Relations Committee, said he thinks the requirement should not change. "I do not like to see standards being lowered," Donash said.

Many members said UB handles



Kyle Donash

a lot of money, so a 2.25 average would be better.

Sean Anderson, chair for the Diversity Affairs Committee, said they do handle money, but the changed GPA won't affect the money that much.

"It doesn't directly affect the student's money," Anderson said. Senate member Alecia Robinson said 2.0 grade point average should be acceptable because it's a standard university requirement

"You can graduate from Eastern Illinois University with a 2.0," Robinson said. "And as far as money goes, I know people in drug rehab who can count money."

Jeff Collier, chair for the Academic Affairs Committee, and

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—Alecia Robinson, student senate

Senate member Ryan Berger said it's good that the senate approves the bylaw changes because the UB should be able to run themselves.

"We're not their mommies and daddies here," Collier said. "Let UB govern themselves."

"UB should govern themselves," Berger said. "Do we govern what the Rec Center does? No."

Miller said she's happy senate discussed the matter because it was the only drastic change made to the bylaws.

"It's good they discussed it," Miller said. "It's a really important issue."

The only other changes to the bylaws are changes to committee names and other things that won't affect students in a large way.

"There were a few minor changes made, but nothing really that important," Miller said.

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## EDITORIAL

# Christ film critics too passionate

The movie "The Passion of the Christ" hasn't opened yet, but is already being widely discussed by movie goers, critics and theologians.

The movie, produced and directed by Mel Gibson, explores the final hours of the life of Jesus Christ. The highly publicized scenes of graphic violence involved in the crucifixion of Jesus are drawing the majority of the film's criticism.

As expected with most work touching on the topic of religion, "Passion" has clearly touched a nerve with Catholics, Jews, atheists and others.

Some in the Jewish community claim the movie portrays Jews in a negative light and will incite anti-Semitic feelings among the public.

These claims are all raised without most of the public ever viewing the movie.

"Passion" opens in theatres on Ash

Wednesday. Church groups across the country are buying blocks of tickets for the movie. Despite the violent death scenes and movie's rating, parents and church groups are planning on including children in these rented out viewings, arguing the movie's religious importance, according to an article Sunday in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

It's hard to believe the amount of attention the movie has received when parents are overlooking the violence because it relates to Jesus.

It seems like many believe the movie is skewing history when it is only offering an interpretation of the Bible.

The movie is not fact. It's a book adapted into a screen play like so many other movies. Granted the Bible is not an ordinary text since it is viewed as sacred scripture to millions around the world.

"Passion" is still just a movie like any other playing in the theaters.

For example, the book *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown has stirred hype and controversy over its content. It is looked at by many as fact. Similar to the media playing up Janet Jackson's breast exposure at the Super Bowl Halftime Show, the public gets swept up in entertainment, forgetting it is just that: entertainment.

Whatever opinions critics form about the movie, positive or negative, are irrelevant just as long as the public acknowledges and understands the substance is entertainment.

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

## OPINION

# Sports integral part of Eastern



Matthew Stevens

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The argument that we shouldn't have sports at Eastern is absolutely ridiculous and needs to stop immediately.

I also find it funny that the topic of this philosophical debate wasn't addressed during Eastern's football seasons with Tony Romo or when the basketball team made it to the NCAA tournament three years ago. It wasn't popular to bring it up then, but somehow it always comes up around this time every year when Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie raises the athletic fee for students' tuition it.

Like or not, universities are defined by their athletic programs, and it doesn't have to involve winning or losing. The individuals we recruit represent our university and are figures we like to present to the nation as much as possible. Nobody wants to talk about the public service our athletes are doing to represent our school.

Head coach Brenda Winkler and her volleyball players raise money to fight breast cancer every year; head coach Jim Schmitz and the baseball team perform a service for Habitat for Humanity.

People forget to mention how Eastern women's soccer program has made it to three straight NCAA Tournaments with a squad average close to a 4.0 grade point average.

On that note, nobody talks about the work Betsy Ralston does to keep our athletes aca-

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demically eligible, as well as making sure our athletes don't break some obscure NCAA regulations in a rule book that is twice as thick as the Chicago phone book. All these helpful and essential acts to the university community would be taken away if these sports were cut.

When we throw out the baby with the bath water, crucial things get lost in the translation. How about telling 22 coaches and a number of assistant coaches that they no longer have a job at Eastern? Not to sound selfish, but the question remains whether I'd be at this university if Eastern didn't offer sports. I won't lie to you, even if I was here and it suddenly happened, as sports editor I'd be upset over being out of a job.

We still have one of the lowest budgets in the Ohio Valley Conference and we spend half as much as Illinois State and Southern Illinois on our pro-

grams.

How about this? What if Eastern's athletic department did what the University of Illinois and Western Kentucky has done in the past few years? These two institutions decided to raise student fees for athletics to fund sports completely, not relying on state appropriated dollars.

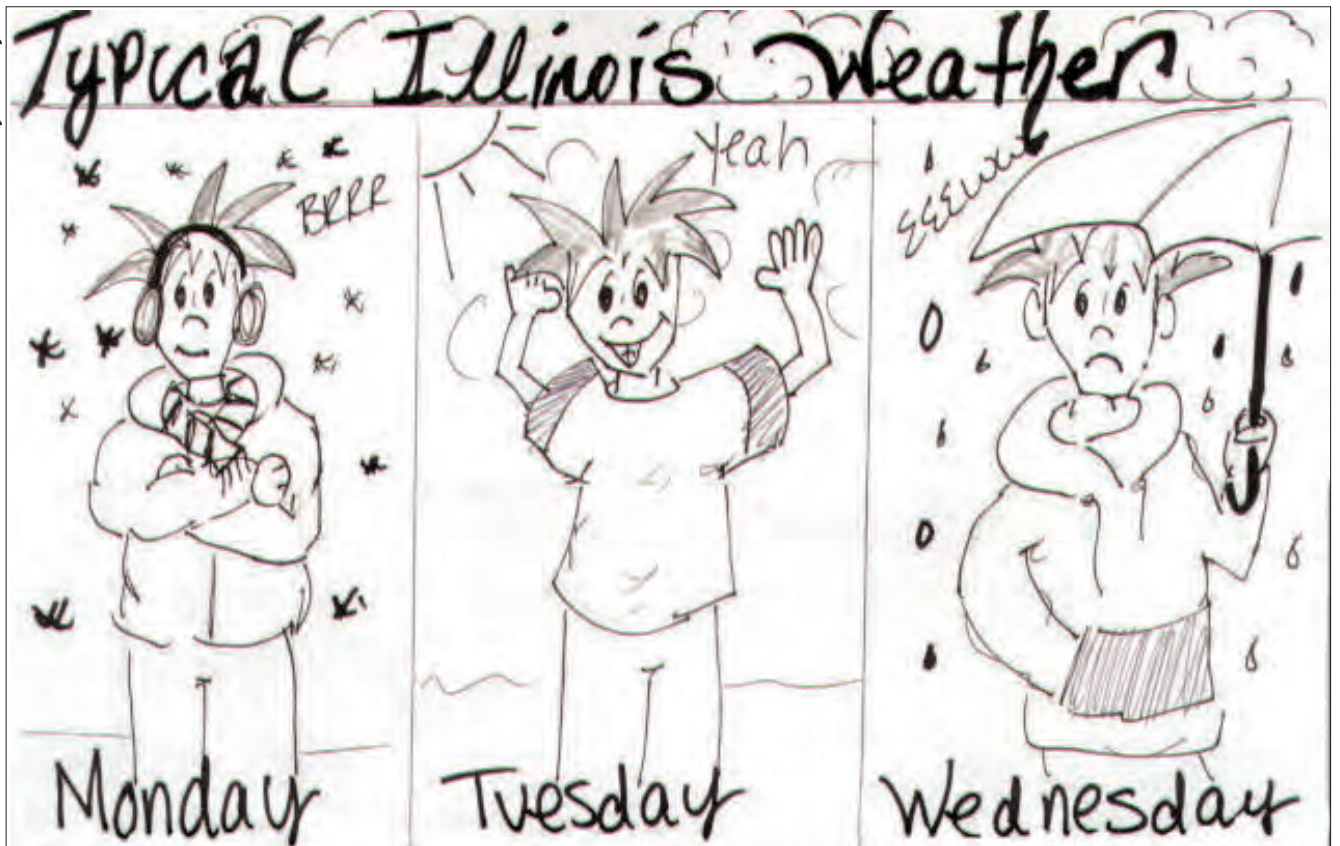
"As director of athletics, it would be morally wrong for me to ask the students to pay that much for our athletics," McDuffie said. "It's a matter of finding that balance between state money, alumni donations and fees."

There could be mass protests if that kind of decision was made forcing students to pony up that much money. I'm not saying one should be for or against an athletic fee increase, but it could be worse, and more people need to look at the other end of the spectrum.

"Everybody thinks that with the state appropriated money cuts taking place, athletics didn't get effected," McDuffie said. "That's just not true; we took a significant hit."

The fact of the matter is athletics are a part of our tradition and environment here at Eastern, and to say they shouldn't exist anymore is ludicrous. With a current president that is a former football referee, it's a philosophical argument that might never win here at Eastern.

Cartoon by Gia Hyos



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Democrats endorse Hynes for Senate

We, the EIU College Democrats, would like to take this opportunity to inform the student body that we have come out and formally endorsed Illinois State Comptroller Dan Hynes for U.S. Senate. He has shown a commitment to Eastern by visiting our campus twice in the last three months to discuss issues that concern us all.

Hynes has represented the entire state of Illinois, from Chicago to Cairo. As state comptroller, he assumed the responsibility of a fiscal agenda setting at which he has done a remarkable job.

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Remember, it's not just us,

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nate to have the opportunity to elect such a prominent individual as Comptroller Dan Hynes to the U.S. Senate.

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*Mike Woods,  
political science graduate student  
co-president, EIU College Democrats*

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ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

# IBHE will consider new degree programs

◆ *If passed, the seven programs will begin as early as this summer*

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Illinois Board of Higher Education will vote on seven new associate degree programs, which, if approved, could be offered at 10 community colleges.

The degree programs include six paraprofessional educator and one forensics specialist program, said Dan LaVista, executive director of the IBHE.

The programs are all associates of applied science degrees and will be implemented at community colleges across Illinois including: Illinois Valley Community College, Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail Community College, Olney Central College, Wabash Valley College, Kaskaskia College, College of Lake County, Moraine Valley Community College, Oakton Community College and Southeastern Illinois College.

LaVista said the courses would

not allow students to teach independently in a classroom but would allow them to assist teachers in a classroom setting.

The graduates of these programs would "give support to and assistance to the classroom teacher," LaVista said. They would be responsible for "preparing teaching materials, activities and small group discussions, but always under the supervision of the classroom teacher."

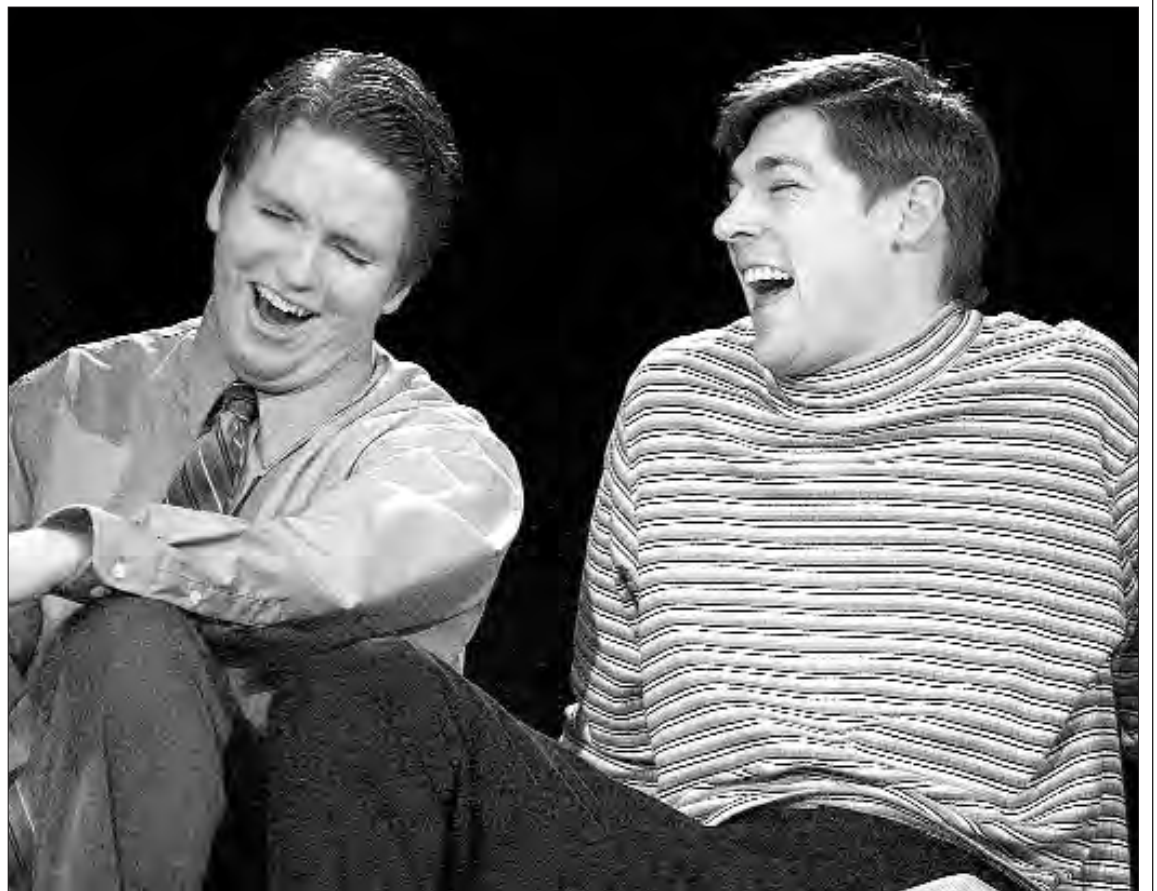
If the courses are approved, they will most likely take effect next fall but could be in place as early as next summer, LaVista said.

The courses have already been approved by the Community College Board, LaVista said.

IBHE Secretary Linda Oseland said the courses were held over from the IBHE's Feb. 3 meeting because of questions board members had.

"This agenda is a result of items that were pulled off that meeting," Oseland said.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education will meet via teleconference at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oseland said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

## A laughing matter

Jim O'Connor, played by Luke Gerdes (left), shares a laugh with Tom Wingfield, played by Timothy Travous, Jr., Monday evening during dress rehearsal for Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" at the Village Theatre on 18th Street. The show is at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available through the box office at 581-3110.

# Plans completed, costs calculated for Union renovation

◆ *Renovated Student Activities Center to debut next fall semester*

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The plans for the Student Activities Center renovations have been drawn up and the costs have been estimated.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said he will ask the Apportionment Board for an additional \$46,898.48 to pay for the multiple changes that will be made to the room.

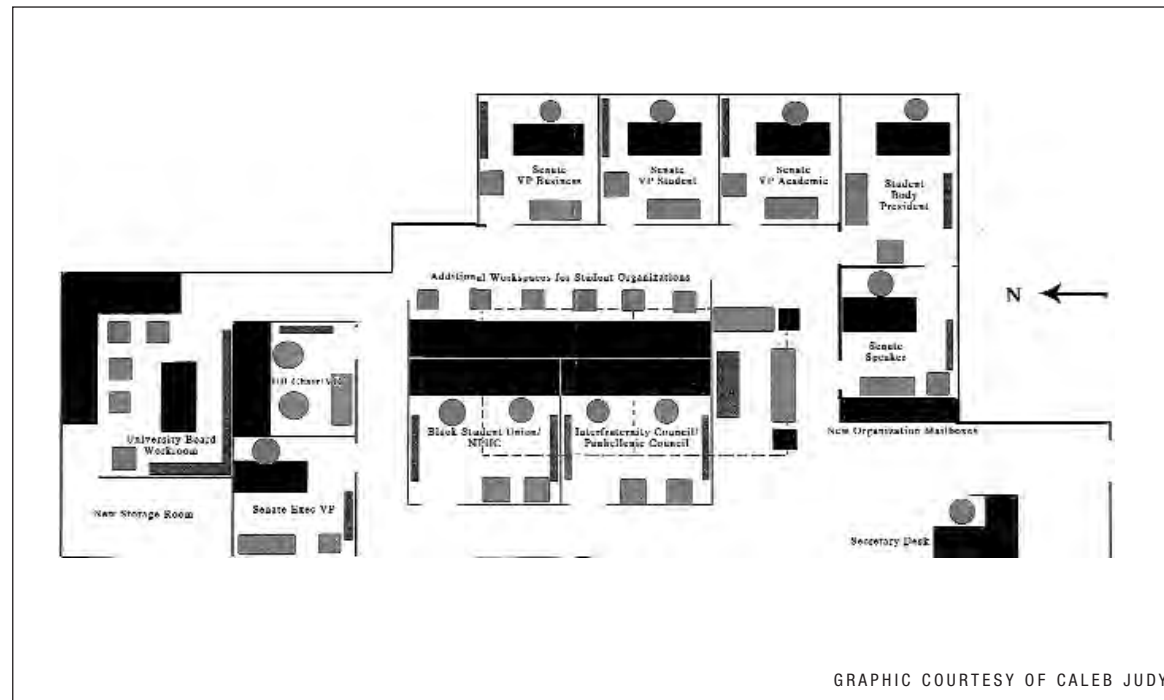
"It'll make our office more professional," Judy said.

The total cost of the project is \$76,898.48, but Judy confirmed with Shirley Stewart, vice president for Student Affairs, that \$30,000 will be used from the campus improvement fee.

"I've tried to find additional ways to fund the remainder of the project, and the only other source I can think of is the Apportionment Board," Judy said.

The room is located on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Deborah Black, construction project coordinator for Facilities Planning and Management, previously said the idea of the renovation



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF CALEB JUDY

The groups occupying the room on a regular basis are Student Government, University Board, the Black Student Union, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council and the Pan-hellenic Council. All Recognized Student Organizations have mailboxes in the room as well.

The Student Senate has five executive positions and the senate speaker; each has an office in the activities center.

Judy said each executive office will be increased by four inches.

Bill Davidson, student executive vice president, has an office in the activities center and said the renovations will be very helpful to every student that uses the room.

"It will be good for RSOs to have a central location for everything from mailboxes to computer usage," Davidson said.

Many students use the room every day and Davidson said the proposed renovations will make it more comfortable.

"Overall, it'll be a much more friendly environment," Davidson said.

The plans also include the removal of the "big yellow monster" in the center of the activities center, which holds office space for several groups that occupy the activities center.

tion is to make the center more functional.

"It will increase its usefulness," Black said.

The current plans will see the activities center fully renovated by sometime during the fall semester, but that is not certain, Black said.

Black said the room needs to be

worked on because it's getting outdated.

"We want to bring things up to modern design," she said.

Judy said everybody that uses the room will benefit because it will increase work space.

"It's needed very much," Judy said. "It's just due for an upgrade."

The budget Judy wrote out to

present to AB includes the payment of workers and objects like carpet and furniture will be added.

Carpenters, painters and electricians will all be needed for the renovations, Judy said.

"Almost everything in the Union is renovated," Judy said. "The Student Activities Center needs it."

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"It will pay back the state of Illinois many times over because of the increased space," he said. "When this is finished we will have additional classes and will be able to recruit more students."

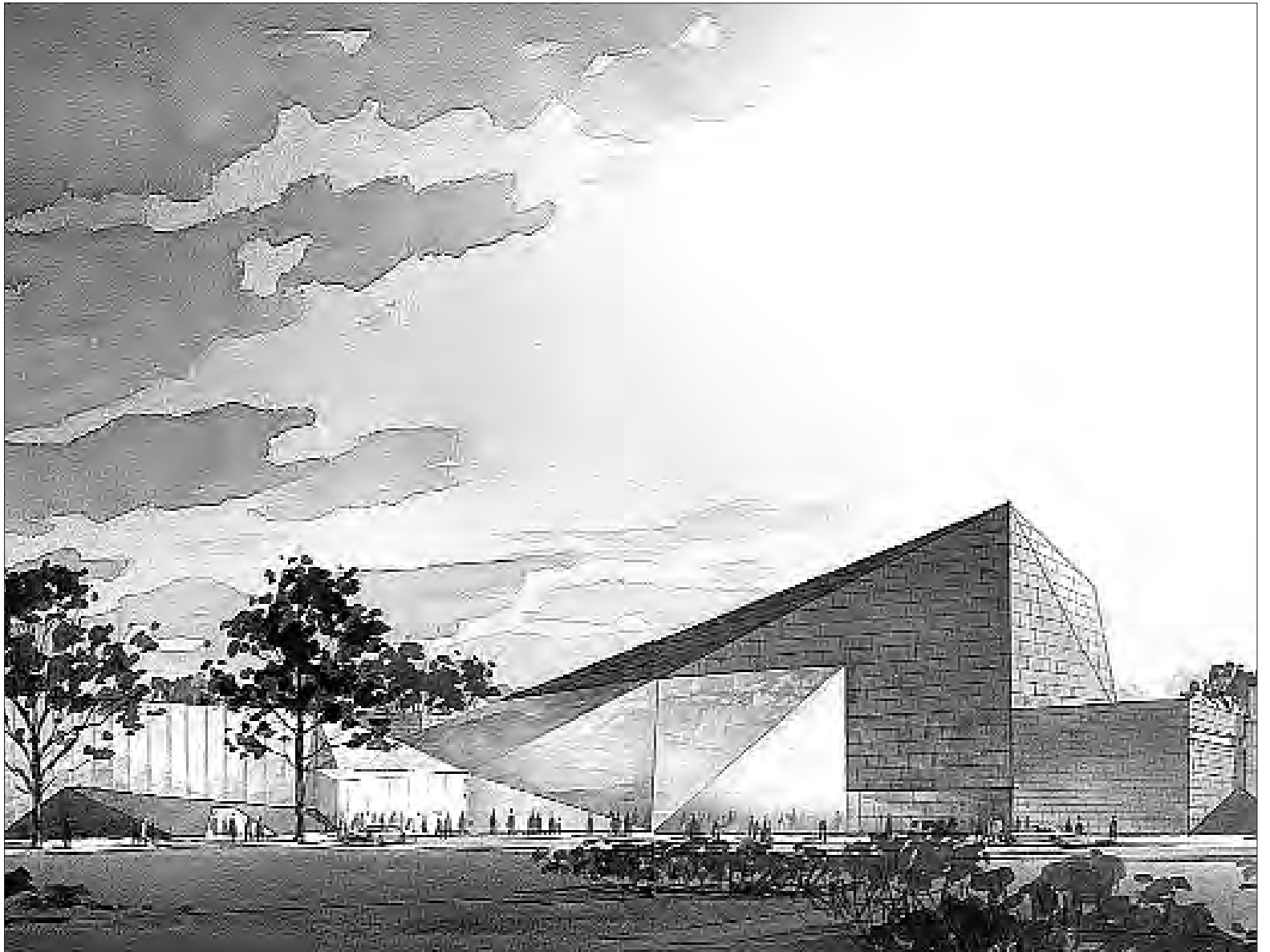
The improvements to Doudna will add 90,000 square feet to the existing 104,000 square feet, according to the press release. The plan also calls for electrical, plumbing and lighting upgrades, window replacements and asbestos removal.

In addition to the Doudna money, which will be used for renovation and expansion of the current structure, Eastern will also receive money for repairing and upgrading the electrical system for the entire campus, Hencken said.

Hencken said the next step was to make any needed revisions to the current plans and then to seek bids from contractors.

"Because of the economic climate, with not a lot of work being done, we should get some pretty good bids on this," Hencken said.

The next project of this magnitude relying on state funding is scheduled to be a new physical science building, but Hencken said it would not happen for at least five or six years.



ARTIST RENDITION COURTESY OF PHYSICAL PLANT

This artist rendition depicts what The Doudna Fine Arts Center will look like when all of the planned renovations are complete.

**Tuesday:**

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He also said they will be giving out beads in celebration of Mardi Gras.

"We have increased our sales slightly, but I think that everybody's also getting in Spring break mode around this time," Rushing said.

Many members of Eastern's Greek community also attended a Mardi Gras Celebration Monday. Pi Kappa Alpha and

Sigma Chi fraternities hosted a private function at Stu's Monday night.

Brenden Nevin, president of Pi Kappa Alpha, estimated the attendance at 300. "We're looking forward to showing the ladies the best possible Mardi Gras time at EIU," Nevin said.

Nevin said Mardi Gras t-shirts were purchased in advance by those interested in attending.

Mardi Gras beads, as well as prizes donated by distributors, were given out also.

**Cuts:**

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the work week to send some employees home early on Fridays and has consolidated classes in several buildings to save on air conditioning and electricity, Shonkwiler said.

"I suspect some of those strategies will come into play again."

As for how students will be affected if the cuts are approved, Shonkwiler said, "I'm hoping the students won't notice any impact

in the education they receive nor in the time frame they have to complete their programs."

Cooley said the governor's proposed cut was not expected and came as a surprise to the administration.

"At the governor's level, the reduction of \$953,000 will definitely have an impact," Cooley said.

"We have been cut about \$11 million in the last three years."

As for what those impacts will include, Cooley said it is still too

early to tell.

"It's very early in the process," he said. "The president wants to maintain educational quality at the institution and we're going to do everything we can to make that happen."

Students will likely feel the impact of a reduction in the form of building maintenance, like painting classrooms or a lack of new equipment, and tuition.

Because of these things, "It's going to impact the students," Cooley said.

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# Legislators offer DUI proposals

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Several bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly would attack the problem of drunken driving, and one of them proposes a literally colorful approach.

The bill proposed by Rep. Susana Mendoza, D-Chicago, calls for a "scarlet letter," a brightly colored license plate for the cars of repeat DUI offenders.

Mendoza told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch she wants those convicted of three or more DUIs to have a brightly colored license plate with the words "repeat DUI offender" on them to make their cars stand out from others while their licenses are suspended.

"In terms of public safety, you might drive a little more carefully when you see a distinct DUI offender plate," Mendoza said.

Under current law, an Illinois judge can issue a temporary driving permit for a DUI offender whose license has been suspended so the person can get to and from work. Mendoza said other drivers should know who those drivers are so they can protect themselves.

Susan McKinney, executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Illinois, said the plates would make it easier for police to stop those drivers and others who simply drive without a valid license.

"I definitely think it would deter people if they aren't supposed to drive," McKinney said. "The problem with DUI offenders is that up to 75 percent of them continue to drive."

The measure is one of several bills the Legislature will consider that would toughen the state's drunken driving laws. Among other proposals are:

— Reducing the state's blood alcohol limit from 0.08 percent to 0.06 percent, making it the lowest in the country.

— Imposing mandatory sentences for motorists who drive under the influence and cause the death of another.

— Establishing tougher penalties for repeat DUI offenders.

Rep. Annazette Collins, D-Chicago, is sponsor of the bill to lower the state's legal blood alcohol limit. Collins said she realizes pushing the bill through the legislature will be difficult.

## STATE NEWS BRIEFS

# Interim president to head ISU

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — Al Bowman was named Illinois State University's 17th president Monday, taking the reins of a school where he has spent his entire quarter-century career as an educator.

Bowman, 50, joined the ISU faculty after graduate school in 1978 as a professor of speech and audiology. He later headed the department and has been the university's interim president since last summer, when Victor Boschini left to become chancellor of Texas Christian University.

He officially takes over the \$230,000-a-year president's job March 1.

"We are poised to enter a new era of opportunity, but we need to admit that in this new era things will be different," Bowman said Monday after being named to the post.

Funding remains the biggest challenge at ISU, which would lose \$1.6 million in state support next year under a budget proposal unveiled last week by Gov. Rod

Blagojevich, Bowman said. He said undergraduate programs will need to become more efficient without losing quality. At the same time, he said he wants to improve ISU's standing as a graduate and research school.

Students and faculty said Bowman showed during his eight months as interim president that he could steer the school through lean economic times without sacrificing academic programs.

"He's exhibited the kind of leadership that's needed to take us to the next level," said Adam Ghrist, a senior at the university who serves on the Board of Trustees.

The board unanimously approved Bowman's appointment after the two other finalists withdrew their names from consideration Friday. Chairman Carl Kasten said the board had already decided on Bowman before Eastern Kentucky University President Joanne Glasser and University of Montana provost and vice president for academic

affairs Lois Muir pulled out of the race. Kasten said Bowman works well with donors and political leaders who control ISU's funding without sacrificing "his unwavering commitment to excellence" for students and programs.

Bowman's ability to listen to faculty and students overcame the presidential search committee members' concerns about his limited high-level administrative experience, which included only the interim presidency and a year as interim provost, said Lane Crothers, an ISU professor and member of the search committee.

"But his two years as interim president and provost have been strong," Crothers said.

ISU senior Matt Busey of Urbana said Bowman was clearly interested in the students.

"His main concern is the education of students and making this a prestigious program," Busey said.

# Joliet, Peoria dioceses release study results

Since the Joliet Diocese was founded in 1949, 113 credible allegations of child sex abuse have been made against 27 clerics, and since 1950, 14 Peoria Diocese priests have been accused of sexual misconduct involving minors, according to reports released by the dioceses.

The figures, which were released Sunday, are part of a larger survey ordered by U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops leaders to gauge the scope of molestation among priests. The national report is to be released Friday, but several dioceses have released their own num-

bers early.

In a letter released Sunday, Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch asked for forgiveness from victims and parishioners in the diocese, which includes Will, DuPage, Kendall, Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois and Ford Counties.

"Although this report is painful and embarrassing, once the full extent of abuse is known, it will help our efforts in preventing any future sexual abuse become even more effective," he wrote.

Of the 27 Joliet priests, 14 are on administrative leave, eight have left the

priesthood and five are dead. Almost half of all credible allegations were made to the diocese since 2000, but most instances of abuse occurred in the 1970s and 1980s.

In the Peoria Diocese, which serves 26 counties, five of the 14 accused priests are dead and the rest have been removed from public ministry. Church officials did not release the number of incidents, the number of victims or time frames of abuse.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# California politicians debate same-sex weddings

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The same-sex marriages that have drawn nationwide attention are sparking fresh rhetorical battles among California politicians and enthusiastic celebrations among the newlyweds.

On Sunday, key elected officials used some of their strongest language yet to discuss whether newly elected San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom overstepped his authority by allowing the gay and lesbian unions, which

critics say are against state law.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who wants the state to step in and stop the marriages, said in an interview on NBC on Sunday that Newsom's action could cause other local officials to flout the law.

"In San Francisco, it is license for marriage of same sex. Maybe the next thing is another city that hands out licenses for assault weapons and someone else hands out licenses for selling drugs, I mean you can't do that,"

Schwarzenegger said.

"We have to stay within the law," he said. "There's a state law that says specific things, and if you want to challenge those laws then you can go to the court."

Newsom, who appeared on CNN's "Late Edition," says the city is mounting precisely that kind of legal challenge. San Francisco has sued the state, saying the gay marriage ban violates the equal protection clause of the California Constitution.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer, a Democrat who may run against Schwarzenegger in 2006, said he's prepared to defend the state against San Francisco's lawsuit.

"What the mayor and others are hoping is that courts will change the policy," he said. "I don't think it's going to happen. I wouldn't expect that result, but I have a healthy regard for their theories even though it is not the law. We are obligated to defend the law, not some wished-for change in policy."

At the same time, an estimated 2,000 people, many of them newly married couples, gathered at a downtown hotel Sunday to celebrate the weddings with a mass reception party.

The guests of honor at the event were Del Martin, 83, and Phyllis Lyon, 79, who have been together 51 years and are longtime leaders in the city's lesbian community. Martin and Lyon married on Feb. 12 in the first ceremony after Newsom's decision.

# Flu strain found on Texas farm Stewart judge unsure

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A strain of avian influenza found on a Texas chicken farm is more dangerous to poultry than originally thought and has spread to live bird markets in Houston, officials said Monday.

The flu is not the same strain that has killed at least 22 people in Asia, said Dr. Ron DeHaven of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The highly contagious strain, found in Gonzales County in South Texas, poses little threat to people,

said Dr. Nancy Cox of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Nonetheless, as we move forward in this particular situation, we have to keep an open mind," Cox said.

On Friday, state officials said the outbreak was a low-pathogenic version of bird flu, meaning it posed little risk to humans and only low risk to chickens.

It was reclassified as high-pathogenic after genetic testing during

the weekend, DeHaven said.

It is the first time since 1983-84 that high-pathogenic avian flu has been found in the United States, DeHaven said.

Two other strains of bird flu have turned up in recent weeks in the East. One was detected at a farm in central Pennsylvania, and the other was found at two farms in Delaware and at live bird markets in New Jersey. None of those strains resembles the H5N1 virus that has jumped to humans in Asia.

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge Monday declined to rule on whether she would toss out any of the charges against Martha Stewart and her former stockbroker.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum postponed her decision after hearing a half-hour of arguments from lawyers for the defense and government. The lawyers worked well into the night Sunday to prepare papers on

whether charges should be dismissed

The prosecution rested its case Friday after 21 witnesses and 14 days of testimony.

Cedarbaum has appeared particularly interested in the possibility of throwing out the securities fraud count against Stewart, which accuses her of deceiving investors in her media conglomerate, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

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**Gilbert:****Daly's successful beginning, didn't result in him being golf's next star**

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came at the 1995 British Open, held at the famous St. Andrews Links. In the event, "Long John" took a 36-hole lead into the third round only to shoot a 73 and fall into fourth place. Playing under treacherous winds, Daly shot a 71 in the final round and won a playoff against Costantino Rocco to pick up his second major PGA Tour title.

Daly became the youngest player on tour with two major championship titles and was just the fourth American to win two majors before his 30th birthday, joining the likes of a few guys named Nicklaus, Watson and Miller.

But then on the verge of greatness Daly could not defeat his alcohol and gambling addictions. From 1996 to 2000, Daly had just four finishes in the top 10 and saw his World Golf Ranking slip to 507. In 2001, Daly found his old form again earning a career-high \$828,914, which placed him 61st on the money list. "The Lion" had four top ten finishes and eight in the top 25 to reach the top 50 in the world rankings.

However in 2002 and 2003, Daly seemed to lose it all again. Daly made just over half the cuts (12 of 21) during the 2002 season and fell out of the top 100 on the money list. In 2003, his golf faltered while his fourth wife (Sherrie) and her parents were indicted on federal charges of laundering more than \$1.2 million in illegal drug profits. Daly fell so deep that if he had another poor year in 2004 he could've lost his tour status. One of the great talents in the last 25 years of golf was on the brink of Q-School if he didn't get his act together.

But John Daly proved he can never be counted out. On February 15, 2004, Daly won his first event on the PGA Tour in nine years when he defeated Chris Riley and Luke Donald in the first playoff hole at the Buick Invitational. It wasn't easy for Daly (not that we should expect it to be) as he shot a 3-over 75 to force the playoff. We did, however, see the glimpses of greatness we expected years ago when his 100-foot sand save rolled four inches to the cup to set up an easy birdie for the win on the first playoff hole.

Daly's performance in San Diego will never be viewed in history as equal to the 1980 "Miracle on Ice." Nor should it, as Daly's win didn't make us proud to be Americans like the 1980 U.S. hockey team.

But John Daly's victory is exactly why we watch sports; to see our heroes, although sometimes fallen, reign supreme.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL****Panthers control their own destiny**

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern knows the formula for getting into the Ohio Valley Conference, win.

It's not exactly a complicated system because the Panthers need to win at least one and probably two road contests to earn the eight seed, possibly a seventh seed and qualify for the post season.

"All we've gotta do is win and we don't have to worry about anybody else," Wunder said.

However, if Eastern beats the Skyhawks then loses to Murray in the season finale, the Panthers can still get in if Southeast Missouri beats UTM. On the other hand, a loss in Martin, Tenn. ends

Eastern's tournament bid no matter the outcome at Murray State.

Coming off a 66-64 win on Senior Day against Eastern Kentucky where newly named OVC Player of the Week Lauren Dailey scored 21 points in her final performance at Lantz Arena. Wunder was happy for the other two seniors Allison Collins and Katie Myers as well.

"It was a great way for them to remember their last home game," Wunder said. "If any senior class deserves something that, it's those three."

Eastern needs to defeat Tennessee-Martin on Thursday along with beating Murray State this weekend to ensure a postseason spot. If that occurs, it doesn't matter

what else happens in OVC play because the Panthers would leapfrog UTM for the final spot.

"It'll be a tough task because these are two teams trying very hard to lock up a spot themselves," Wunder said.

Eastern has matched its highest victory total of eight since the 1997-98 team finished 12-15. One more OVC win would equal the most since '98 when they finished 10-8 in conference.

"This team is starting to feel more comfortable on the floor at the right time," Wunder said. "Our consistency can get better with turnovers but we are playing better."

The confidence level of the Panthers is starting to grow

and could be at optimum level if they put together a three-game winning streak before the OVC Tournament.

"The key with this team is feeling confident and focusing more on the little things that win a game," Wunder said.

Austin Peay looks to be the likely opponent for the Panthers in the first round of the OVC Tournament which could be a glass is half-full situation for Eastern. The Panthers are very aware of the fact that on Jan. 22 Eastern defeated the Governors 72-71 in Clarksville, Tenn. which gives them confidence going into that potential matchup.

"We know that we've done it before and in this league, it's been proven that anybody can beat anybody."

**Prior and Wood ready for call on opening day**

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Since Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker hasn't announced his starting rotation yet, Mark Prior has a suggestion.

"Woody, without a doubt," Prior said Monday. "He deserves it. It's his job."

Told of Prior's endorsement, Kerry Wood just laughed.

"He's making the decisions now?" Wood joked. "I wish (Baker) would go ahead and announce it so we could quit answering these questions. In my opinion, it doesn't matter who starts opening day."

Yes, being the opening day starter might prompt fierce competition on other teams. Or at least be a point of pride. The Cubs? They couldn't care less.

"I don't care if I'm No. 1 or No. 5 or in between," said Prior, who won 18 games

last year and finished third in voting for the NL Cy Young Award. "We all know what our jobs are."

Still, if Prior got a vote, he'd go with Wood.

"As much as it's Sammy's team, it's Woody's pitching staff," Prior said. "That's the way I look at it. He's been here the longest, consecutively since '98. He's been through so much in his career. He deserved a better record than 14-11 last year."

"I feel he deserves to be the No. 1 guy because he has that type of stuff."

But that's what makes this decision so intriguing. Wood does have No. 1 starter stuff. So does Prior. So does Greg Maddux. So does Matt Clement. And so does Carlos Zambrano.

All of the Cubs pitchers won at least

13 games last year and pitched more than 200 innings. Wood led the majors with 266 strikeouts, and Prior was right behind with 245.

"I think any one of our five could be an opening day starter for a lot of teams," Wood said. "It's hard to pick an ace. I just look at our staff as being an ace."

Well, somebody's going to have to start April 5 against Cincinnati. Baker hasn't given many hints about what he's going to do, but odds are it will be Wood, who has seniority on the staff and pitched the opener last year.

Baker could go with Prior second, but he has said having power pitchers back-to-back can reduce their effectiveness. Putting Maddux in between Wood and Prior would solve that, though.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Eastern women look to replace departed Liesen

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

A half dozen new Eastern players will attempt to go after four consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Championship and NCAA College Cup appearance.

The recruiting class includes two forwards, two midfielders and two defenders giving Eastern more balance on the depth chart going into the next season.

The Panthers need to replace three seniors including the Ohio Valley Conference's all-time leading scorer in Beth Liesen. For the eighth straight year, Eastern won at least 10 games in a season.

The Panthers finished 11-6-5 overall and 6-0-2 in OVC play. The tie against Samford in the OVC Tournament championship game, in which Eastern won in a shootout, extended its OVC unbeaten streak to 17 straight setting a school record.

Panthers head coach Steve Ballard hopes the group of incoming freshman will continue the tradition of winning into the future.

Eastern signed forwards Kellie Floyd (Chatham/Chatham-Glenwood) and Michelle Steinhaus (Lemont/Lemont); midfielders Jenny Bock (Naperville/Neuqua Valley) and Kathleen Hayes (Park Ridge/Maine South) in addition to Marissa Izatt (Mahomet/Mahomet-

Seymour) and Meghan Ryon (Peoria/Notre Dame) on defense.

"Overall, I think this is an excellent recruiting class," Ballard said.

Floyd enters her senior year having earned all-conference honors twice and all-sectional and all-state last spring. She plays for the Blue Eagles Premier club. Steinhaus, a member of the Darien Daredevils club, is a three-time all-conference and all-area selection.

"On their recruiting visits they were hosted by our current team. I think they will fit in extremely well with our returners," Ballard said. "This recruiting class is a very athletic and technically sound group. Their overall speed should help in all areas on the field."

Bock plays for the Windy City Pride, which also produced former EIU standouts Katie Quiter and Brooke O'Connell. Hayes, member of the Chicago Attack, also plays for a U-23 Palatine Soccer Club that includes former starters Diane Markus and Kendra Williamson.

Izatt and Ryon both earned all-conference and all-area accolades the past two seasons. Izatt is a member of the Little Illini Soccer Club while Ryon plays with the Sporting Futbol Club along with leading a traditional high school program in the Irish.



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Departed senior Beth Liesen looks to make a move against Jacksonville State this fall. The Panthers need to replace their highest goal scorer with recruits who they hope have the same kind of goal scoring abilities as players like Liesen. Over her time at Eastern, Liesen became the Ohio Valley Conference's leading scorer.

# Cardinals new addition looks forward to new season

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Jason Marquis is getting a fresh start with the St. Louis Cardinals, but he doesn't see it as a make-or-break opportunity.

The 25-year-old right-hander, acquired from Atlanta in December along with prospect Adam Wainwright and reliever Ray King for outfielder J.D. Drew and catcher Eli Marrero, threw batting

practice Monday in front of manager Tony La Russa and pitching coach Dave Duncan.

After going 8-9 with a 5.04 ERA as a starter in 2002, Marquis struggled last season. He made just two starts in 21 appearances and spent much of the season at Triple-A Richmond, where he was 8-4 with a 3.35 ERA. For the Braves, Marquis was 0-0 with a 5.53 ERA.

Now, he's projected to be the No. 5 starter for St. Louis, though that's not a given. St. Louis has three former starters — Jason Simontacchi, Dan Haren and Kiko Calero — waiting in the wings if Marquis fails.

"I intend to pitch to my ability and show them that I belong here," Marquis said. "I try not to put pressure on myself. I try to go out

there, give them what I have and let my natural ability and instinct take over."

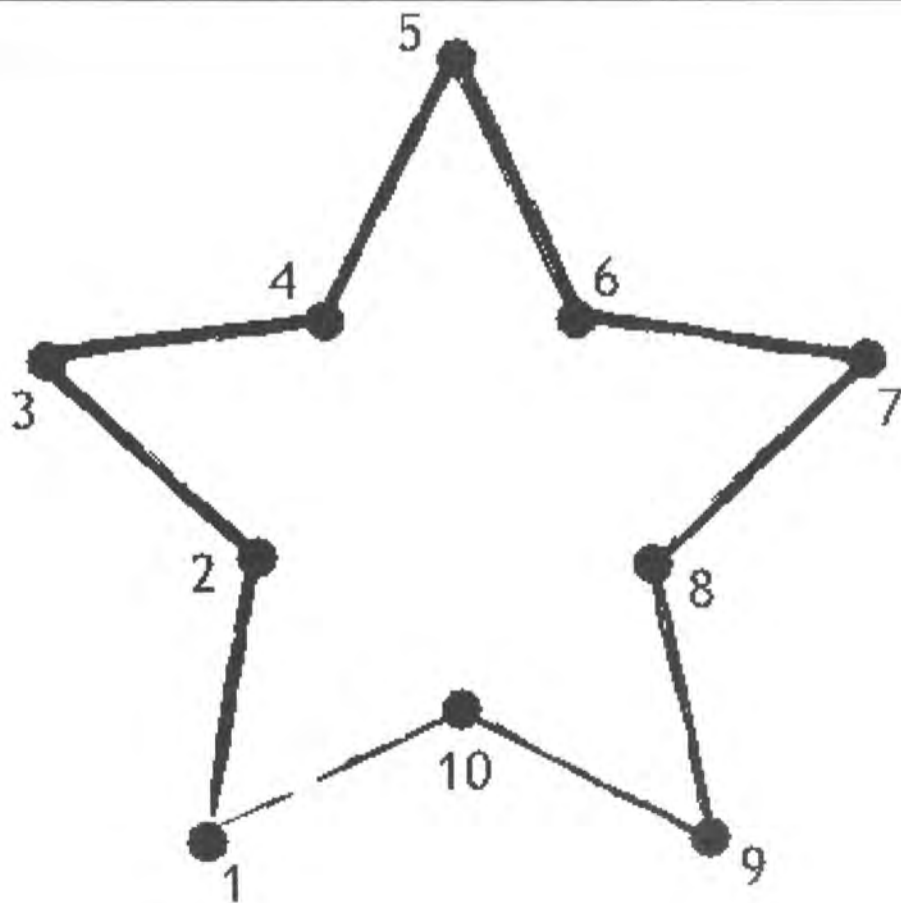
La Russa and Duncan like the potential for Marquis, whose fastball can reach 95 mph.

"It is a nice time in his career for him to put it all together and he will get that opportunity here," La Russa said.

"I expect Jason to take the ball 30-

plus times and give us a chance to win every time out," La Russa said. "He has youth on his side, he has talent on his side and he had some nice experience with the Braves."

Marquis threw batting practice for 15 minutes. Among the hitters he faced was Albert Pujols, an early camp arrival who last week signed a \$100 million, seven-year contract.



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	Baseball at La.-Monroe Tourney 2 p.m. Ruston, LA.
	Track & Field at OVC Indoors 3:30 p.m. Lantz Fieldhouse
SATURDAY	Track & Field at OVC Indoors 8:30 a.m. Lantz Fieldhouse
	W Bball at Murray St. 5:15 p.m. Murray, KY
	M Bball at Murray St. 7:15 p.m. Murray, KY



## TEERING OFF

Michael Gilbert  
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## A Daly struggle for 'Long John'

Every year in the world of sports it seems like we are treated to at least one feel good story. This being a performance that keeps the viewer glued to the television as a team or athlete overcomes seemingly insurmountable obstacles to be victorious.

In the last quarter century there have been many highly publicized triumphs which involved grit, determination and possibly even a little luck.

The movie 'Miracle' is a great example as it tells the story on one of the greatest upsets in sports when a group of United States' hockey amateurs defeated the mighty Soviets in the semifinal round of the 1980 Winter Olympics hockey tournament. No one gave the Americans a shot especially after the team had lost 10-3 in an exhibition game days before the Olympics started.

Sticking with the Olympics, on July 23, 1996, a group of seven young United States' gymnasts defeated the powerhouse Russians and Romanians to win the gold medal in a thunderous Georgia Dome. When an 18-year-old Kerri Strug landed her final vault on a sprained ankle it was the most dramatic moment of the Summer Olympics, if not the entire year.

With many of the students from Chicago or neighboring suburbs, it seems like we take the accomplishments of Michael Jordan for granted. After all, Jordan hit so many game-winning shots it's hard to keep count, but one during the 1997 NBA Finals sticks out like no other. Battered by the flu, Jordan went out in game five in front of a hostile environment to score 38 points including the decisive three-pointer against Utah to propel the Bulls to a 90-88 victory and their fifth NBA title days later.

Just over a week ago we were treated to another masterpiece in the sports world. While this achievement didn't unify a nation like the hockey upset, the gymnasts' gold medal or add to the legend of the greatest athlete to ever compete it certainly was the feel good story of 2004.

Golfer John Daly burst onto the PGA Tour in 1991 with hype only topped by Eldrick Woods. With his powerful drives, accuracy out of the bunker and humble personality Daly instantly became a fan favorite on the Tour. Daly's three shot win at the 1991 PGA Championship (as the ninth and final alternate in the field) showed signs that greatness could be right around the corner for "The Lion."

In 1992, Daly picked up another victory and had five top-10 finishes in 25 events played. He struggled in 1993, but seemed to regain form a year later when he won the BellSouth Classic after a magnificent second round 64. Daly's biggest win to date

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# 'He will be back'

♦ Eastern basketball coach Rick Samuels will be back on a "year-to-year basis," according to Eastern Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie

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Twenty-four years will not be the extent of Eastern basketball coach Rick Samuels' tenure with the Panthers.

The Panthers head coach's contract runs out at the end of this year. Samuels was awarded a three-year deal with Eastern in 2001 after he took a team with guards Kyle Hill and Henry Domercant to the NCAA Tournament as Ohio Valley Conference champions.

"Rick Samuels will be back next year."

—Rich McDuffie,  
director of Athletics

But since that season, Samuels has had teams that couldn't quite get over the hump in the OVC and make it to March Madness.

But the frustration was reaching the boiling point this season as the Panthers have gone 6-19 overall and just 4-10 in the OVC.

It didn't help Samuels that one of his worst seasons had come during his contract year adding to the increasing speculation about his current tenure at Eastern.

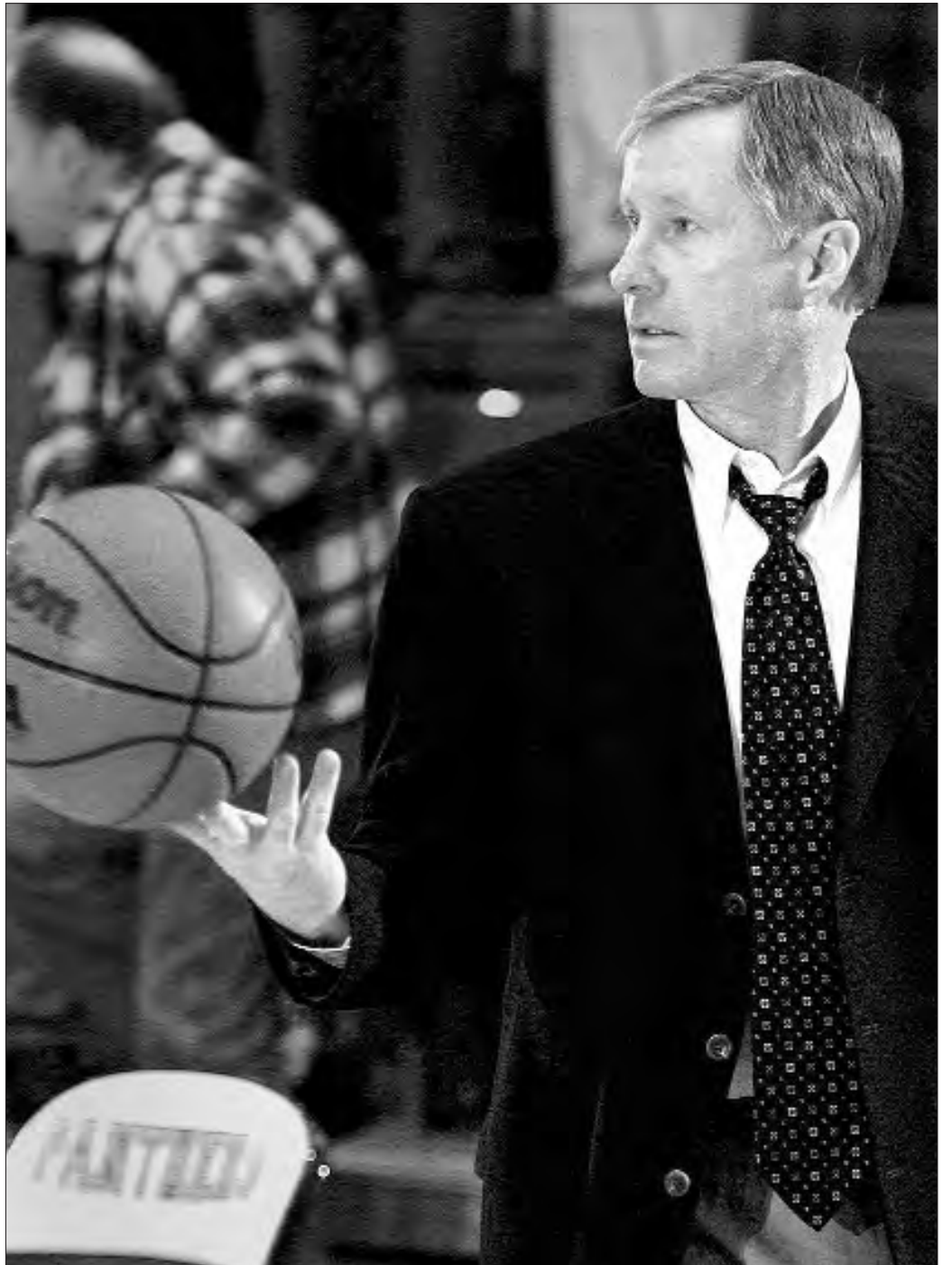
However, if rumors had started about the security of Samuels' position at the university, Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie made it clear that no change will be made on the men's basketball coaching staff now, or in the near future.

"It is true that he has a three year contract, and that (the contract) is up at the end of the season," McDuffie said. "But it's untrue to say he will not be back next season. Rick Samuels will be back next year."

Samuels contract in the future will be different than his last deal according to McDuffie.

"I speculate his contract will be on a year-by-year basis," McDuffie said.

This contract system is similar to what Samuels had been under most of his time at Eastern. The Panthers head coach had signed 21 consecutive one-year contracts before getting his three-year extension in 2001. Eastern has its back against the wall needing to win its final two games on the road and get a pair of losses at home to qualify for the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.



Eastern coach Rick Samuels flips basketball towards a referee after his team defeated Morehead State Thursday, Feb. 19 at Lantz Arena.

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## CLUB SPORTS

# Eastern club volleyball team finds success

By Dan Renick  
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The Eastern men's volleyball club has found success despite setbacks in funding and coaching.

The volleyball club is a Recognized Student Organization and doesn't receive any money from the school to operate. To make things harder, their volunteer coach and sponsor left to take a position at the high school level and they haven't found a replacement since.

Greg Johnson plays on the team and leads the organization of the team.

Johnson schedules the practices they have twice on off weeks and three times on match weeks. The players don't get priority on the courts in Rec Center, where they practice, so they have to squeeze in where they can Johnson said. He also admits he gets some help in the organizing.

"The guys just kind of looked to me to organize this but I get a lot of help from my teammates," Johnson said. "We pretty much leave it up to everyone."

Especially when arranging trav-

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—Greg Johnson,  
club volleyball player/organizer

## Team Background

- ♦ 2003 Midwest intercollegiate Division 2 Champions
- ♦ Current Record: 8-1 (only loss by forfeit)
- ♦ Next Event: March 6-7 @ University of Iowa
- ♦ Conference Champ scheduled @ Northern Illinois University March 27-28

el. Johnson said it's tough to get to the tournaments offered because of the lack of money.

They have managed to make it to some play dates this year, where they play several matches in a day but it is not considered a tournament. The club is boasting an 8-1 record this season with the only loss being a forfeit because they missed a match.

The team has 11 players currently and usually starts off with around 14 but the number dwindles as the season goes on.

Most of the players are from the Chicago land area, Johnson said, because there are few men's vol-

leyball programs in southern Illinois.

"I know there aren't a lot of guys who play but I know there's still talent on campus," Johnson said.

They are part of the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Division II that includes B teams from the Big Ten's Michigan State, Michigan, Ohio State, Indiana and Illinois. There are 13 teams, not all are B teams, in the conference and Eastern ranks among the best. They won conference last year and are second in the standings behind Ohio State right now.

"It's close but we're definitely at the top (of the conference)," club member Dan Scott said. "And we've added to the talent we had last year."

Scott, a sophomore transfer from Millikin, heard of the club team through word of mouth and trying out for the team was a top priority once he arrived on campus.

Eastern hasn't had chances to see some of the top competition because off the difficulty to travel, Johnson said.

Tournaments usually cost around \$120 to enter Scott said and with added costs of travel, are too expensive for the players to afford. The club is offered four tournaments a season to play in but Eastern hasn't participated in one yet and will get their first shot March 6 and 7 at the University of Iowa.

They are also looking to make another run at the conference championship this year. Eastern will compete at the conference tournament at Northern Illinois University on March 27 and 28.

"We expect to dominate conference and win it again," Johnson said.