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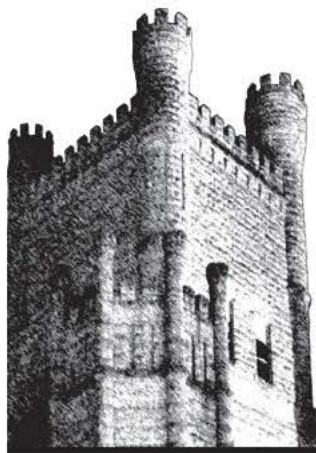
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Artist brings African life to central Illinois



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Dr. Alfred Olusegun Fayemi, of Nigeria, speaks about his art in Tarble Arts Center Tuesday evening. Fayemi presented "Windows to the soul: Photographs celebrating African women," a collection of his photographs taken throughout Africa over the past 25 years.

Speaker presents women of Africa

BY PAT SCHILLO
STAFF REPORTER

Alfred Olusegun Fayemi, a Nigerian artist, lectured on his exhibit "Women and Children in Africa: A Photographic Portrait" Tuesday night in the Tarble Arts Center.

Fayemi focused the discussion of the night on the women of Africa, titling the discussion, "Windows to the Soul: Photographs Celebrating African Women."

He showed pictures in his slideshow presentation portraying

African women in their everyday life.

The photographs also had to be taken in an everyday environment to get the full effect.

"These photos are not positive, they are normal pictures taken of normal people," he said.

This was a point that Fayemi tried to reiterate to the audience when he was questioned about the types of pictures that he had taken.

"The women that were shown in the photos seem like they are

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Photos illuminate African culture

BY KATHERINE ROCHE
STAFF REPORTER

The black and white photographs of African women and children hanging in the Tarble Arts Center gave viewers a peek into the lives of African people.

With portraits, group shots and scenic pictures lining the walls, viewers see life in Africa in a positive light, with women and children depicted as

hardworking, full of life and rooted in tradition.

In honor of Black History Month, "Women and Children in Africa: A Photographic Portrait," by Alfred Olusegun Fayemi is on display at now through Feb. 26.

Fayemi, a photographer for almost 25 years and a native of Nigeria, has been nominated by Onaiwu Wilson Ogbomo, director of Eastern's African American Studies program,

to exhibit the lives of African women and children through the camera lens.

Kate McCabe, a senior special education major, said seeing the pictures made her realize how similar Nigerians' lives can be in comparison to American's lives.

"I think we're lucky to catch a glimpse of a life that is so different,

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Rebecca Vaughn, a senior art history major, looks over some of Dr. Fayemi's prints, which will be on display in the Tarble Arts Center until Feb. 26.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston resident David Maurer does research in the Charleston Carnegie Public Library on top of a set of printed schematics of future renovations. A scale model of the renovations is also on display in the entrance to the library.

Charleston Library undergoes face lift

Renovations to triple space, add 39,000 books and parking lot

BY ROB SIEBERT
STAFF REPORTER

Immense change awaits the Charleston Public Library.

The more than 100-year-old city staple is in a process that will add a new 22,000-square-foot addition to the building, tripling its current size.

Ground has already been broken on the building's west side as well as across Fifth Street, where unused houses are being demolished to make way for a new parking lot.

These changes are being made because of an inadequate amount of space to accommodate the library's current needs, said Sheryl Snyder, Charleston's library director.

"Nine thousand square feet is very small for the library size needed for Charleston," Snyder said.

Snyder said with the various types of resources the library provides, such as books on

"They're at the point where when they get a new book, they actually have to take another one off the self."

LARRY RENNELS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

tape, books with large print, brail books for the blind, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes, there simply is not enough room.

"They're at the point where when they get a new book, they actually have to take another one off the shelf," said City Council member Larry Rennels.

While the library has roughly 51,000 books, Snyder estimates that with the new addition, that number will rise to 80,000 in five years.

The number of publicly accessible computers will also rise. There are 10 available, but

Snyder expects that number to double with the addition and eventually triple.

The addition to the library will allow it to keep up with advances in modern technology, Snyder said.

"We hope to be ready for it, and have room for it," she said.

The new addition will also allow the library to expand its children's center, institute a new meeting room with expanded hours, and provide a drive-by book drop for visitors.

Following the construction of the new wing, the library's current space will also be revamped. The building's boiler will be removed in favor of more energy-efficient heating. This will free up space used for pipes, and allow for a more wide-open area. New flooring will also be installed.

"The whole place will have a cleaner, brighter look," Snyder said.

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KATEY MITCHELL
SOPHOMORE
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"... the girl is being sung to by robotic mannequins ... in a manner befitting a lullaby"

This weekend I was bunkered down in my room, and while in the middle of a mini-movie-marathon weekend I came across a movie that was so unbelievable, so trippy ...



CHRIS WALDEN
SOPHOMORE
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"I receive immense satisfaction from defeating a monstrous enemy with my teammates."

You'd think it was obvious why we play video games. We play to have fun, to temporarily escape from the drama of our real lives. But how we go about having our fun is achieved in different ways ...

WTF?

Skin magazine uses MySpace

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind.— "MySpace or yours?" Although it may seem like a cheesy pickup line, it is actually the tagline Playboy is using for its newest campaign: The search for the girls of MySpace. The company is hoping to tap into the viable college-aged community presented within the popular Web community.

And with membership on MySpace always growing, Playboy executives hope the campaign will be a good way to build familiarity with the Playboy brand, as well as cast new women into Playboy's publications.

Michael Sprouse is the senior vice president of marketing for Playboy Entertainment Group. He said reaching the college community is definitely one of Playboy's goals for entering the MySpace community.

"Absolutely one of the big goals for us in this is to reach

out to the college-aged kids," Sprouse said. "We know that MySpace is a popular thing for a lot of college kids, and we definitely hope that college kids embrace our brand and embrace the fun things we're doing."

Playboy is making it clear that the project is not in conjunction with MySpace.

Representatives from MySpace did not wish to comment publicly on Playboy's project, but released the following statement: "Playboy is acting independently on this promotion. MySpace has absolutely no connection to it."

However, there is a connection to MySpace, as Playboy has said part of its viral marketing strategy with the promotion has been to purchase ads on the Web site for Playboy and Playboy's group within MySpace: Playboy Talent Scout.

A STEADY HAND



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Beth Potts, a junior 2D studio art major, applies stop-out to a soft-ground plate in order to make an etching in the printmaking studio of Art Park West on Tuesday afternoon.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Engineers invent new laser

BY MIKE THEODORE
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN—Two University of Illinois engineering professors have developed a new laser, which can process mass amounts of information at an unprecedented rate. Milton Feng and Nick Holonyak Jr., professors of Electrical and Computer Engineering, combined their expertise to develop the idea for a new transistor, which would combine the traditional electrical current with a laser beam.

A traditional transistor enables electrical devices to control the flow of electricity, but is limited in speed because the device only has two inputs and one output. This new transistor laser can process information at the speed of light.

"We realized we immediately had something really important," Feng said. "This may be one of the biggest and important inventions of the College of Engineering."

In 2004, the Department of Defense funded their research with a grant worth \$6.5 million. The department is interested in processing confidential information quickly and securely, Feng said.

Dartmouth professors help NASA 'Stardust'

BY SAMANTHA ACKAH
THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH)

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H.—Two Dartmouth College professors will soon have the honor of participating in NASA's ground-breaking \$168.4 million Stardust project to analyze interstellar dust particles collected from the Wild 2 comet.

Susan Taylor, professor of earth sciences and scientist at the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory facility, will work with Charles Daghljan, director of Dartmouth's Electron Microscope Facility to examine the particles gathered from the comet.

The Stardust project began with the 1999 launch of the Delta II spacecraft, which made two solar orbits and flew past the comet's nucleus. During its seven-year journey, the spacecraft collected tiny particles of dust in a substance known as aerogel.

Upon landing in Jan. 2005, NASA scientists collected these samples, which have since been distributed to a number of laboratories around the world.

Ethanol fuel efficiency studied at U. Missouri

BY JEFF GREEN
THE MANEATER (U. MISSOURI)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — Although research on ethanol and other alternative fuel sources is in its prime and companies are competing more than ever to find an efficient substitute to burning gasoline, the University of Missouri has been focusing on studying the economic side of the research, said Greg Horstmeier, a College of Agriculture spokesman.

"We don't really have anyone working in terms of ethanol mechanics," Horstmeier said. "The big work in Missouri is on the economic side."

No research is being done at MU on the mechanics of burning ethanol. MU has done much research, however, on the efficiency of ethanol and whether it is worth the time and money spent on adapting it as a fuel source, Horstmeier said.

Galen Suppes, of the College of Engineering's chemical engineering department, is one of the many MU professors who is working in the field.

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SPEAKER BREAKS MOVES, STEREOTYPES

BY NICOLE WESKERA
STAFF REPORTER

Before he unpacked his cultural baggage, William T. Lewis stood up in front of his audience and kicked off his speech Tuesday night with some break-dancing.

An audience of nearly 50 watched as Lewis busted a move before delving into his speech, "Unpacking My Cultural Baggage" in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom.

Lewis spoke about the idea of oppression and privilege by comparing people with glasses to people without glasses.

"For 30 years, I didn't have to think about glasses. I didn't have to know what it was like for my colleagues to wear glasses. I was privileged," Lewis said.

He challenged the audience to think about how America shuts down on holidays like Christmas and Easter.

Lewis showed a short film about third-grade teacher Jane Elliot and her experiment about oppression with her class in 1968.

The class was told by Elliot that children with blue eyes were smarter, cleaner and better than children with brown eyes.

She had the brown-eyed children wear a collar so everyone could tell

from afar that they had brown eyes. A day later, the children with blue eyes started picking fights with the brown-eyed ones.

The children with brown eyes didn't perform as well in class as the children with blue eyes because they were wearing the collars.

The next day, Elliot made the blue-eyed children wear the collars and reversed the roles.

The audience was shocked by how quickly the children turned on each other.

"It's amazing how quickly you accept someone else's opinion of yourself," said Jan Sung, an employee at Booth Library.



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William T. Lewis, director of diversity initiatives at Indiana University, and Thomas Battle, a junior accounting major, discuss the film they watched on Jane Elliot's experiment "A Class Divided."

Supreme Court refuses to hear college press freedom appeal

BY AMANDA DUGAN
STAFF REPORTER

The Supreme Court announced Tuesday that it would not hear an appeal in the case of *Hosty v. Carter*, involving the violation of college students' freedom of the press.

In January 2001, three student journalists sued Governors State University after the dean of students told the newspaper's printer to hold issues until a school official had given approval to

the contents.

"We are disappointed the Supreme Court chose not to hear the case, the court could help clarify confusion this decision will create," said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Virginia.

The Student Press Law Center views the decision as potentially significant.

James Tidwell, journalism department chair, said he holds the minority views on this case in that he believes it will not have a large impact on

student press rights.

"The only issue involved is whether or not the dean could be personally held responsible for the contents of the paper," Tidwell said. "(By the ruling) she did have qualified immunity."

Tidwell said there the case would not have a huge impact on the student media.

"In my opinion, (people are) overplaying the importance of this case," Tidwell said. "If you focus on the decision of the case, (Carter) could not be held personally liable for damages. No

more, no less."

The paper, *The Innovator*, contained news stories and editorials disapproving of the administration.

The students asked for damages and won their original case.

The school appealed the decision and won on June 20, 2005.

The students' appeal of that decision was denied a writ of certiorari by the Supreme Court today, meaning the appeal will not be heard.

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

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COMMENTARY



KRISTOPHER JONES
GUEST COLUMNIST

EVERYBODY NEEDS SOMEBODY SOME TIME

Last semester, I decided to treat myself to a nice dinner at Cody's in Mattoon for successfully making it through my first semester as a graduate student in the English department.

"A table for one," I tell the hostess as she led me to a booth where I sat in solitude. As I ordered my drinks and appetizer, I notice a big crowd came in. They took up at least five tables and a booth. I think they were all undergraduate students who lived in a dorm; freshmen maybe?

I looked around and saw they are having a ball. I was happy for them, yet saddened for myself; almost to the point where I faltered and caved to tears. Not one of them knew what it was like to be like me in that moment of time because they all had their friends there with them. Would I have it any different? Of course not. No one should feel outcast; such an atrocity should not be wished upon anyone.

Yet, time and time again, I often sit in solitude, outcast from society. I am not angry or spiteful, but I hurt like any normal human being would.

"No one should feel outcast; such an atrocity should not be wished upon anyone."

Being an Aspie, which is a coined term for someone who has Asperger's Syndrome, a high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder, this scenario is pretty

much common, and one that I have gotten used to over the years.

Asperger's Syndrome is a "Pervasive Developmental Disorder" characterized by severe and sustained impairment in social interaction, development of restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior, interests and activities.

Aspies often exhibit behaviors that set them apart. They often use good grammar and vocabulary, speak in stilted and repetitive patterns, speak with flat and emotionless voices, keep conversations about themselves, obsess over complex topics, prefer concrete thinking and display social awareness, but display inappropriate reciprocal interaction.

So, in a judgmental society, which doesn't perhaps even care to understand such a complex condition, it is easy to write someone like me off as strange, odd or eccentric. Sure, autistic people are different. We see things different from most people. I, for one, can see insecurities, false bravados or other defense mechanisms people showcase on a daily basis.

I know when someone is sad, angry or lost, but some people with Autism Spectrum Disorder have difficulty expressing empathy. It's not that I don't care about other people, I just don't get it; I have a learning disability when it comes to people. I can't read them, therefore, they don't understand me. Even the most innocent of actions can be suspicious to someone of my condition.

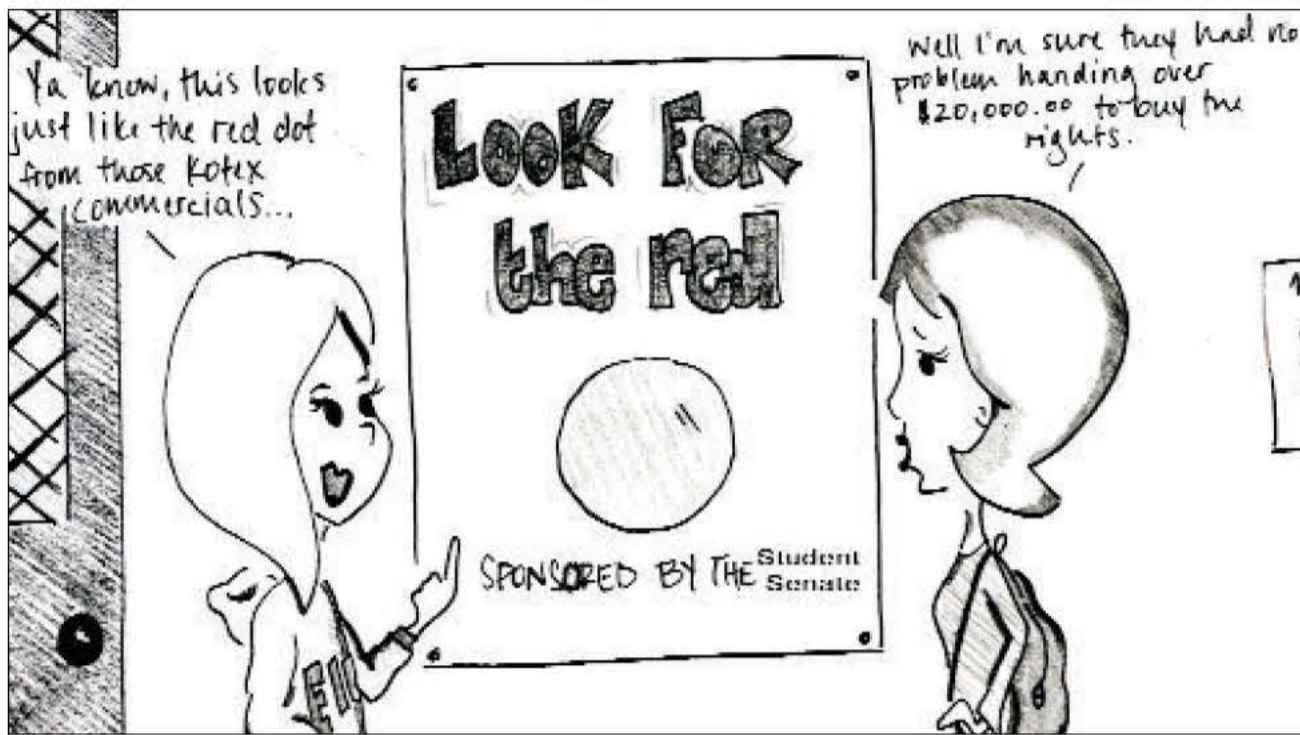
I am not the only person with autistic characteristic traits. I can only imagine what people who have severe autistic traits go through on a daily basis; some don't care to be touched, some can't stand a certain color and some throw temper tantrums if a room is too crowded or there is too much light. I am not that severe, and I am grateful.

Famous Aspies include: Nobel Prize-winning economist Vernon Smith, comedian/actor Dan Aykroyd, and 1980's new wave icon Gary Numan (Cars).

My purpose in writing this piece is not for anyone to feel sorry for me. I am immune to any unwanted gestures of sympathy. Yet, my purpose is to encourage people to reach out to others who may feel lost and lonely too.

Jones is a graduate student in English.
The DEN reserves Wednesday columns for guests.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KYLA NANCE



EDITORIAL

'Red dot' doesn't mark the spot

Cole Rogers, Student Senate chair of the student relations committee, hopes to improve student awareness of the Student Government by giving campus a case of the chicken pox. Big red dots will now grace Student Government posters around campus as the new Student Senate symbol.

Somehow, we don't think a large red circle will do much in the way of increasing student awareness.

"It is focused along the lines of the smile-face with Wal-Mart," Rogers said. "We would like for the red dot to be associated with Student Senate."

While the dot will stand out and will get students' attention, we were reminded of a certain Kotex ad campaign for feminine care products. In those ads a "red dot" is used to symbolize a woman's menstrual period. Kimberly-Clark's Kotex brand started the blunt, but unique, ad campaign in 2000.

With that being said, Student Government might want to try going a different direction or maybe cutting the ad campaign altogether. Since Eastern's main athletic color is blue, a blue dot may work just the same. How about the letters SG written into a superman-esque logo? Whatever they decide, the red dot – though it won't be easily forgotten – will not work as a symbol for Student Government. There is a chance students will start to relate a red dot to Student Government, but many will most likely be reminded of the same Kotex campaign.

The aim of the campaign is to distinguish Student Senate flyers

At issue

The Student Government's Big Red Dot campaign.

Our stance

The campaign could be a good idea, but it probably won't help as much as the Student Senate would like. The Big Red Dot idea might remind people of the Kotex advertising campaign for feminine care products.

from ads posted by other campus groups. In the Feb. 1 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, Eric Glenn, Student Senate member, said there is minimal interaction between students and the senate.

"This campaign is the stepping stone to Student Government's success with the students here at Eastern."

While the Student Senate is displaying good intentions in this campaign, it doesn't seem that a student would suddenly start going to Student Senate meetings after seeing a large red dot on a Student Senate flyer.

The current plan is to design one banner, graced with the red dot, and place it on one bulletin board on campus. Then Rogers will move the banner every week to a different location on campus, to assure a high number of students sees it.

If the senate is concerned with increasing interaction between Student Government and the students, then one poster probably won't cut it. When an ad disappears, a student will most likely forget about it or assume the ad wasn't needed any longer.

The best idea for the senate would either be to go full force into this campaign, with multiple posters and using a more original and more approachable symbol, or just drop the campaign altogether.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLUMN ABOUT SPEEDING MISSES THE POINT

I'm writing this in regard to the column about speeding in the Feb. 10 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*. While I agree with the writer's opinion that people should drive more slowly, I think she missed the point. There are too many drivers out there that are intimidated by reckless, speeding drivers, myself included. But I have better reasons for driving slowly.

At the end of my sophomore year of high school, I lost four classmates in one

terrible car accident. Over a year ago, a good friend of mine, whom I had grown up in church and school with, and her boyfriend were also killed in a car accident. Furthermore, I've been in two hit-and-run accidents that weren't my fault. The first time, I had three friends in my car that could have been killed, and the lady who hit us just drove away. These experiences caused me to become a slow, cautious driver, and I am often subject to ridicule, such as dirty looks, every time I drive.

My point is, drivers shouldn't just drive

slow to avoid getting a ticket. Speed limit signs are posted and should be obeyed for a reason – to keep innocent people from being hurt.

I want to caution all drivers to remember that their choices behind the wheel do affect the people around them. The deaths of my friends will affect me, and all their families and friends, for the rest of our lives.

SERENA HEATH

SOPHOMORE, ENGLISH MAJOR

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Faculty Forum reveals strategy to make Eastern No. 1 choice

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern may not be at the top of the list for high school students looking to get into college, but the Faculty Senate plans to change that with the help of the Eastern community.

Members of Eastern's Faculty Senate questioned faculty, staff and a few students Tuesday about ways to make Eastern more appealing to prospective students.

At the senate's annual Faculty Forum, senate members and people from the Eastern community discussed the university's image, academics and ways to improve them to turn the university into a student's first choice.

Many of the participants at the forum said they think Eastern is often not a student's first choice. Despite what some may think, many students do choose to go to Eastern above any other school.

Amanda Steber, a sophomore chemistry major, said she chose Eastern because of the academic advantages the university offers.

"I'm in the honors college, and the classes are small," she said. "Even the non-honors classes are small, they are not all in a lecture hall."

In planning the forum, the senate had hoped to have a large turnout in order to create different groups made up of many students, faculty and staff members in order to get the perspective of every group on campus.

The four groups at the forum were smaller than the senate had hoped. Five students joined the 10 senate members and 20 to 30 faculty and staff members in attendance.

Chelsea Frederick, student vice president for



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Chelsea Frederick (far right), student vice president for academic affairs, talks to faculty members about why she believes students choose other Illinois schools first over Eastern during a breakout session on academics at the faculty forum in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the MLK Union Tuesday afternoon.

Academic Affairs and student representative on the Faculty Senate, said the decision to go to Eastern is often based on where a person's friends go.

Frederick's group decided that to make Eastern a first choice school, they needed to know which schools were first choice schools.

"(Usually it is) University of Illinois, Illinois State University and Northern Illinois

University," she said.

The comparison of Eastern to the UIUC was popular among the participants at the forum.

Student Senate member Ben Marcy said he gets the impression many students see Eastern as a temporary place to go.

"(Eastern) is a place to go for a few years and then transfer to U of I," he said.

Jeff Ashley, vice chair of Faculty Senate, fol-

lowed what Marcy had said.

"(It's like it's the) U of I and then everything else," he said.

Lynne Curry, Faculty Senate member and professor in the history department, said she disagrees with the idea that many students go on to UIUC.

"It's very rare (for history majors to transfer)," she said, adding that many of the majors at Eastern get a teaching certificate with their history major.

Some of the ways Curry and Marcy's group discussed to improve Eastern's image when compared to UIUC was to stress the small class sizes.

This small class size leads to more interaction between students and teachers, which is something Steber said she likes.

"All of my teachers are really nice," she said. "I really like them."

One way Marcy had to improve the image of the university was to offer more events and activities for students to do.

"What's there for students to do after class," he said. "Not much. That's why students (drive) to Champaign."

Curry opposed this idea and said the faculty members at Eastern hold events and lectures, but students rarely attend.

"What is it that you want us to do for you?" Curry said, adding that events held by faculty are going to be academic. "We're not going to (hold) a wet T-shirt contest."

At a previous meeting, members of the Faculty Senate said they plan to take the ideas gathered at the forum and discuss them with the administration to find ways to improve the university's image.

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City's Tourism Board honored for donations

BY KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Charleston's Tourism Board was honored with a plaque from the East Central Illinois Antiques Farm Equipment Club during this week's 13-minute long City Council meeting.

For the past six years, the board has provided funds to for the East Central Illinois Antiques Farm Equipment Club's Antique Farm Tractor and Equipment Show. Tuesday night's meeting granted the club \$850 for the show.

"The show attracts people from all over the United States and Canada," said Director of Tourism Jeanette Clark.

This year the show is July 21, 22 and 23 at the Coles County Fairgrounds displaying tractors and equipment of a different manufacturer each year. This year will be Massey Ferguson.

The City Council also approved tourism funds of \$250 for the National Modified Midget Nation Race in August.

Both these events bring in visitors to the city. When the National Modified Midget Nation Race was here three or four years ago, all the hotels in Charleston were booked, Clark said.

The money from hotel/motel tax is used for the tourism funds. The funds in return are used for advertisements and promotions for such events,

Mayor John Inyart said.

Two leases were renewed for Special Olympics of Coles County and Michael Sullivan Consolidated Services. Both companies lease office space on the second floor of City Hall.

Inyart appointed two members to the Firefighters' Pension Fund Board. The positions of city manager and fire chief of Charleston were appointed.

An added ordinance included authorizing execution of permanent easement. This would allow the city of Charleston to maintain the run-off of the pool that is on the school district property.

The city does not need to purchase any land, but the easement allows them to uphold the land, city attorney Brian Bower said.

The city also approved four raffle permits for:

- Fox Ridge State Park Foundations
- Charleston High School Junior Class Charleston High School Junior/Senior Prom
- Charleston Knights of Columbus
- Charleston Elk's Lodge.

ELECTIONS PROCESS TO BEGIN

Changes in place for the elections commission

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Today students can start picking up applications for the elections commission, which fires up the Student Government election process for this semester.

The elections commission is in charge of keeping order and fairness during this time, as well as choosing where the voting polls will be, said Student Speaker Sean Anderson.

In the past, the student body president was in charge of the commission. Working Student Body President Ryan Berger said the senate has changed the elections commission by handing the responsibility for the group to the Student Life Office.

"There is a change in how Student Government holds elections," Berger said. "Before (this semester), the student body president picked individuals to be on commission and then the senate would vote."

Berger said he supports the change because there is too much room for political bias if the student body president is in charge of the group.

Berger said the commission is responsible for making sure all the polling places open on time, have unbiased workers, have at least one person working at them for the full eight hours, and have enough ballots and no one is violating the campaign regulations.

"As far as I know, Ceci Brinker (director of Student Life) is looking into supplying a graduate assistant to review applicants for the election commission, and then senate will confirm those people," Berger said.

Berger said there are four or five positions on the commission, which are specific positions, but he wasn't sure of the particular titles for the commissioners.

Any student can apply to serve on the commission, and Berger said students who are unbiased are the first choice.

Last semester changes were made to the elections commission, Berger said. They are constantly trying to improve the way elections are run.

"We're trying to reach out to more students and get more people involved," Berger said. "The problem is it's a service, but its not very rewarding," Berger said. "Running is much more exciting than serving on the elections commission. (Being on the commission, we were) riding on golf carts through the snow; it takes a lot of energy and determination and it's one of those things that you don't realize how much work goes into it until you're actually doing it."

Anderson said applications for senate positions will be available on March 8.

"These are for people who are interested in running for senator positions, as well as executive positions," Anderson said.

Applications will be due by noon April 7 and won't be accepted for any reason after that time.

Berger said he expects campaigning to begin within the next two weeks at the latest.

"People only have eight weeks, so they can get in between 8 and 10 student organizations," Berger said. "(But) sometimes people don't do anything and they still win."

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Student Senate Agenda:

◆ Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson said the possible allocation for Unity Week might be a concern at this week's meeting. (This item will be) doing the most for the students, and involves the most amount of money.

Items to be voted on:

- ◆ Allocation of \$6,000 from the Apportionment Board to the Student Government for hosting events during Unity Week next month.
- ◆ Student Government will receive \$1,205

toward the purchase of supplies, while \$4,795 would pay for professional services.

- ◆ Line item transfer of \$425 for a typewriter purchase for the Account Technician.
- ◆ Line item transfer of \$98 for the purchase of food from the upcoming Apportionment Board budget proposals meeting.

Business to be discussed:

- ◆ Possible placement of 11 by 17 inch maps to indicate the shuttle bus stops on campus.
- ◆ Possible line item transfer of \$2,000 to pay faculty involved in the University Board Program EIU Uncovered.

LIBRARY:

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Project will take 24 months to finish

Construction on the new building is tentatively scheduled to begin in late spring or early summer.

Mayor John Inyart said he estimates that the project will take 18 to 24 months to complete, depending on the weather.

Snyder notes that thus far, the weather has been cooperative, and she hadn't anticipated the project being at its current state before next month.

When construction does begin, the library will continue to operate normally,

though visitors may experience some minor inconveniences.

"Our goal is to keep the library open at all times," Snyder said.

The expansion project was approved by the voters during the elections last April, and was given a \$7-million referendum.

While the public may sometimes be divided on certain issues during the elections, Charleston citizens were for the most part in favor of expanding the library, Rennels said.

Overall, Snyder said she is optimistic about the library's future.

"I think it will be very beneficial to Eastern students," Snyder said. "As it definitely will for our local public."

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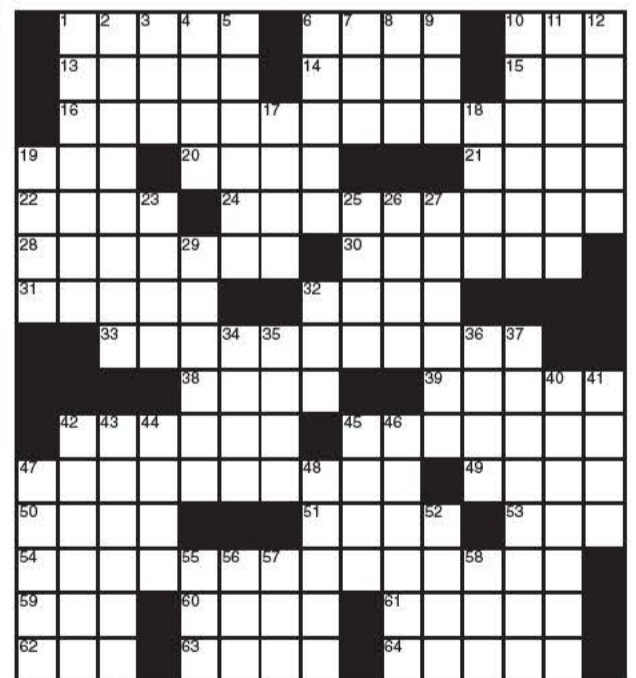


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WEDNESDAY EIU CALENDAR

<p>FACULTY DEVELOPMENT 2 p.m.</p> <p>"Culturally Responsive Teaching for the 21st Century Learner" - Strategies to reach students who may not share the same ethnic social backgrounds. 1895 Room, MLK Union</p>	<p>TECHNOLOGY 1 p.m.</p> <p>Citrix - A workshop to expose participants to the concept of application servers. CATS Training Lab, McAfee 1214</p>	<p>TECHNOLOGY 2 p.m.</p> <p>MS Excel 2003, Intermediate I - A workshop in Excel XP discussing organizing spreadsheet data. Booth Library e-classroom, Room 4450</p>
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African art depicts African women's lives

very happy doing what they do," said freshman Kevin McCann.

Women were shown doing any-

thing from selling fruit on the street to fixing a car.

"The African women seem to be very strong from what the pictures showed," said McCann, who favored the celebration pictures most.

"The number of jobs that the women do with a smile is the thing that surprised me the most about the pictures," said Dan Inzinga, a sopho-

more physical education major.

"I liked how he (Fayemi) made the women look happy in all of the pictures," he said.

More of Fayemi's work is hanging up in the Tarble Arts Center, showing not only the women that were in his presentation, but also displaying pictures of African children and the environments they live in.

PHOTOS:

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Photos inspire honest depiction of African heritage

yet has very similar aspects," McCabe said. "Although it is a different environment, you get a sense that we all have similar day-to-day struggles."

Megan O'Farrell, a senior journalism and sociology major, said Fayemi's work is very insightful because it allows audiences to see different elements of African life.

"He took you to a place in the photograph that couldn't be really


expressed by words," O'Farrell said. "I liked the one called 'Prayer Time.' It had this almost real feel to it that immediately drew you to the subjects' eyes, the way it was in black and white really made the veil (the subject) had on her head stand out."

O'Farrell said she thinks other students will benefit by going to see the photography.

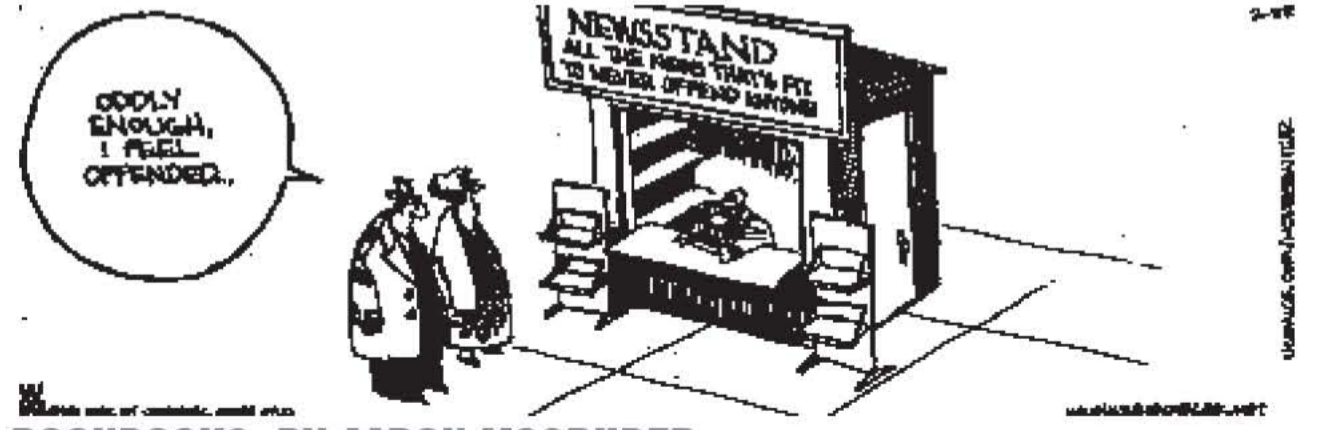
"I think people would get a true and honest sense of what Africa is and how much it meant to the photographer to try and capture it using his lens and share it with the rest of the world," she said.

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Freshman trades distance for speed

for a club track team and the shorter races began to appeal to her.

"I really wanted to run the 200-meter dash. I told my summer track coach I liked it," Nwordu said. "He told me to tell my school coaches, and after I ran it, they kept saying 'do you know what you just did? Do you know what you just did?'"

She ran so well that she became one of her team's top sprinters.

She likes the shorter races because

they finish quick, and said that she is now spoiled and will never run the mile again.

From then until the end of her high school career she focused on the 200- and 400-meter races. Now at Eastern she has been thrown into the 60-meter dash as well.

"It's over as soon as the gun pops," she said.

The coaches don't mind either. Her times are some of the fastest on this year's roster.

"If you put me in something I think I will be able to give you my best," Nwordu said in reference to the challenges of running a variety of races. "When I run, if I'm not in the position I want to be, I'm not happy at all. If I have one bad race, I take the anger and put it into the next one."

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VIOLET NWORDU, FRESHMAN SPRINTER

Nwordu comes from a background of very intense competition. She knows there is always somebody faster, so she is always pushing for more.

"I hate feeling like I could have run harder. If my time drops, that's good. If I get a first place but a bad time, I am embarrassed," Nwordu said.

Nwordu has always wanted to be one of the "good people, the ones you remember."

"I want those (freshmen) who come next to have to work harder (to beat

her records)," she said.

Nwordu likes competition and has been accepting challenges since she was a child. When the boys wanted to race her in grade school she said, "Let's go."

When coaches tell her that her time is not where it needs to be, she will run for the new goal.

Her father, Akahmbari Nwordu, describes his daughter as young, vibrant, and a very nice young lady, who has a lot ahead of her.

"I am most proud of her courage and determination," he said.

Nwordu's goal for her college career is to become an algebra teacher because of the challenges it offers, she said.

As far as track, she wants to place well at conference this weekend in Nashville, Tenn., and run a 57-second leg in the 4 x 400.

Nwordu wants to let other schools know that Eastern still has a sprinter to look out for despite the absence of Alicia Harris, named 2004 Indoor Athlete of the Year.

She has moved across an ocean, learned a new language, survived the cruel world that can be middle and high school and is now adjusting to a challenge many students at Eastern face - living at college.

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The art of radio is lost

sees a huge difference between broadcasting on radio compared to television.

"With radio, you're basically trying

to paint a picture with words," he said. "With TV, you're trying to complement the plays that are going on."

Which is what Scully does.

He simply tells his listeners what is happening and does not make himself bigger than the game.

And that is the key, Turner said.

"Basically I just try to be informative and not stray too far from the topic," he said.

I guess I was spoiled growing up listening to Jack Buck and Mike Shannon on KMOX broadcasting Cardinals game. The duo made Cardinals' fans feel like they were a part of the crowd at Busch Stadium or whatever Major League Baseball park the team was playing at.

When Buck passed away three and a half years ago, more than 10,000 people braved the hot and humid St.

Louis summer weather to pay their respects at Busch Stadium.

"I spent hours and hours listening to Jack Buck growing up," said Bradd, the radio play-by-play announcer for Eastern men's basketball the last 18 years and football for the last six.

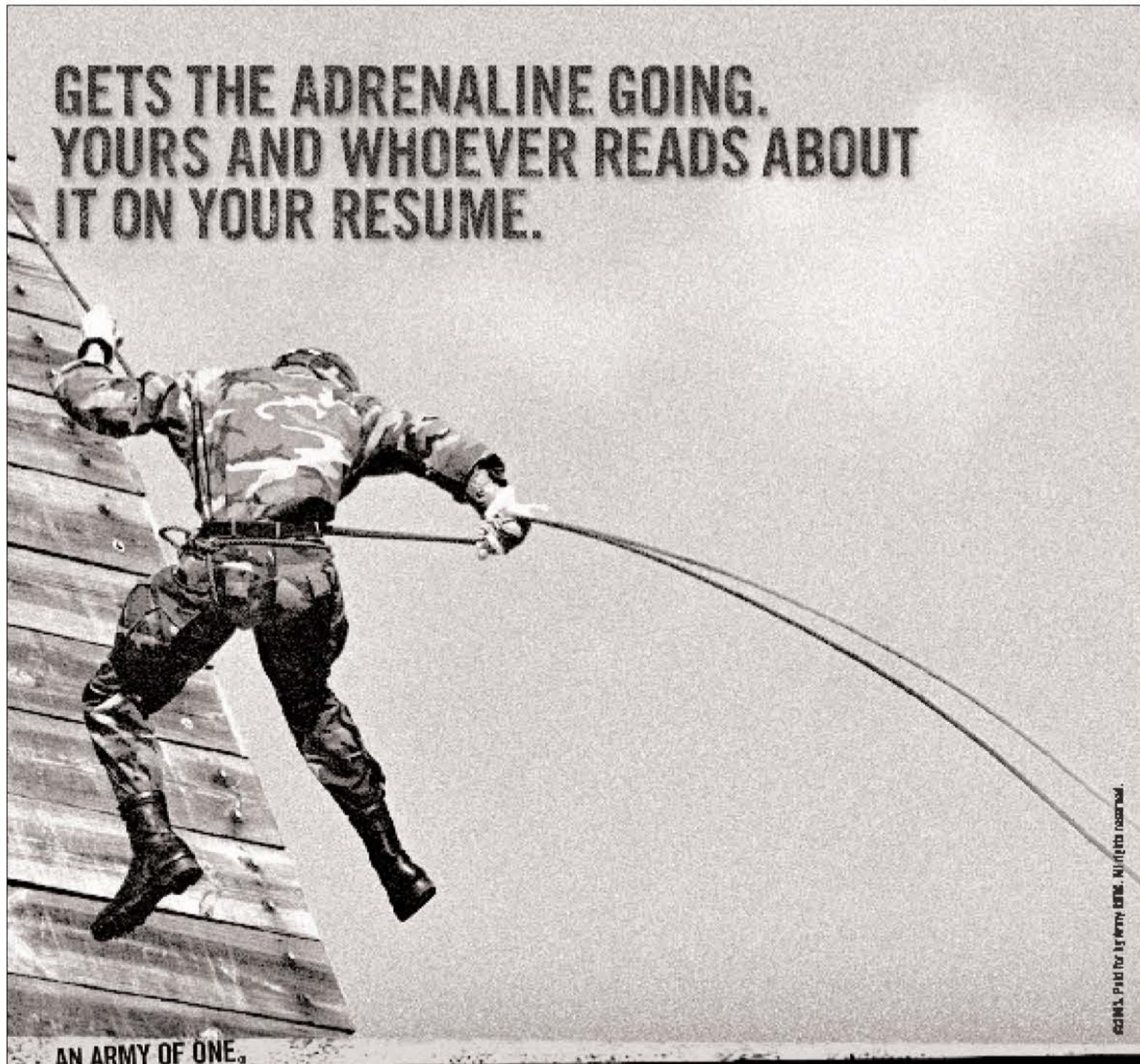
Yes, announcers today like Dick Enberg, Ron Santo and Marty Brennehan may mispronounce

words, identify players incorrectly or say the wrong score.

But the work that older announcers have done and the memorable moments they have broadcast should be cherished—because who knows when they'll be gone.

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HE'S GOING THE DISTANCE

Eastern needs senior Dan Strackeljahn as they try to reclaim the OVC indoor title

BY DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF REPORTER

Running a competitive collegiate mile is never easy. Especially when an athlete also competes in the 3000-meter run and the distance medley relay.

That's the life of senior Dan Strackeljahn, one of the many Panthers who are competing this weekend in the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

When looking toward the upcoming conference meet, Strackeljahn expects the competition to be exciting.

"We ended up losing the conference in outdoor track last year to (Southeast Missouri)," he said. "This year we've got to get it back."

In order to bring the OVC title back to Eastern this season, Strackeljahn and the rest of the Panthers will each have to compete

at their fullest potential.

Being able to do this means putting time and effort into their training throughout the season.

His training has simulated the level of intensity that will occur while competing, he said.

"I really don't know what any of my races are going to be like so I just got to battle and the rest of the teams got to battle so we can pick up points where ever we can."

DAN STRACKELJAHN
EASTERN SENIOR DISTANCE RUNNER
ON THE OVC CHAMPIONSHIP

Athletes also must have a mental desire to win as well as be aware of how they feel physically while competing.

Strackeljahn has remained relatively injury free, leaving physical health as a minor concern. All that is left is men-

"It's been putting in some miles and I've been doing a lot of intervals at the pace that is my goal pace for the mile," Strackeljahn said. "I've just been getting my body ready to run that pace that I need to."

Training is only one of the keys that will be needed in order



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior distance runner Dan Strackeljahn placed first in the mile run during the Friday Night Special at Lantz Fieldhouse. Strackeljahn's time of 4 minutes, 8.13 seconds was a personal best.

tal, Strackeljahn said.

"I really don't know what any of my races are going to go out like so I just got to battle and the rest of the teams got to battle so we can pick up points where ever we can," Strackeljahn said. "It's just going to take competitiveness."

Long distance coach Geoff Masanet is in agreement with the mental factor.

This week's training revolves around Strackeljahn's confidence, he said.

"There's not much more we're going to do this week to make him race better on Saturday other than just make him feel good and confident," Masanet said.

Head coach Tom Akers also agrees that little more is needed for Strackeljahn's success.

"I think Dan has already done what it's going to take to be successful," Akers said. "He's a leader on this team by example, he works hard every day, and he's got a great attitude."

"All of this hard work that he put in through the summer and fall on up through this winter has been showing as his times continue to drop a sign of things to come."

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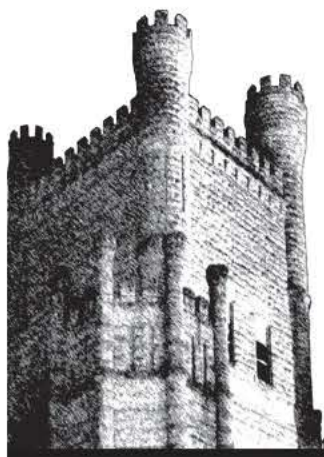
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FRIDAY	WOMEN'S TENNIS AT NORTHERN IOWA	TBA

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TRACK AND FIELD

Quick adjustment to college

Early transitions prepared freshman sprinter for Eastern

By KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Ogechi Nwordu has a lot in common with other freshmen on campus.

She lives in a dorm, goes to class, is afraid of the dark and hates the cold weather. Violet, as she is known around here, is a member of the women's track team. Like many athletes, before Nwordu was recruited to Eastern, she did not even know it existed and still cannot find Charleston on a map.

But Nwordu has a background quite unlike the average freshman.

She was born in Nigeria, in a small village called Ndashi. There were seven huts and around 30 adults living there.

"You would see a big block of woods and then another village," Nwordu said. "The other villages were a little bit bigger."

Her native language is Ebo. When she moved to Houston at age 10, she had to learn "everything," she said.

"I don't think it took me more than two months to learn English," Nwordu said. "I think English is the easiest language in the whole entire universe."

However the rest of her early adjustment was not so easy. She found herself across the world and alone.

"When I came here they put me back in the fifth grade because I couldn't speak English; I had a horrifying 10th grade until high school

experience," she said. "People don't know what it's like to be from a different place, what it's like to be different."

Nwordu was the only black person in an all-Hispanic school. Talking about this early time is still very hard for her today.

She persevered and made it to West Side High School in Houston where she became involved in sports.

"The number one reason to join up sports for me was to not be alone, I hate being alone," she said. "I would be at school after everyone had gone home, still practicing."

Nwordu had practice from 3 to 6 p.m. and then went to a club track team's practice until 9 p.m.

If you ask her what she runs, she'll tell you she doesn't really know.

She began her high school career in the mile and two-mile races, building up endurance. Then her sophomore year she asked the coaches to put her in a sprint race.

Micki Karacek, one of Nwordu's track coaches in high school, said Nwordu started out slowly. When she entered the track program she had no experience.

"It took her a while to come around," Karacek said. "But she was wonderful, a hard worker. She came to practice and did whatever was asked of her."

After working hard and improving dramatically, Nwordu was recruited



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman sprinter Violet Nwordu speeds down the track during the 200-meter dash, setting a season-best time for the indoor track team, with a time of 25.77 seconds during the Friday Night Special in Lantz Fieldhouse.

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OUT OF BOUNDS

MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Another sports voice lost

The sports world lost someone special on Monday.

No, not an athlete — a broadcaster.

When Hall-of-Fame announcer Curt Gowdy died from leukemia, the sports broadcasting world lost a legend.

Gowdy was the man behind the microphone for the first Super Bowl, Ted Williams' last home run and the infamous 'Heidi' contest between the New York Jets and Oakland Raiders in 1968.

His passing is not a total shock because he was 86 years old. But, with each year, more and more sports broadcasters in radio and television who helped make sports the national-media whirlwind that it is today are either retiring or dying.

"The older guys are the most famous because of what they've done," said Ben Turner, the play-by-play voice for Panthers' women's basketball and baseball for three years. "It's difficult for new guys to come up with new catch phrases."

Pittsburgh Steelers radio broadcaster Myron Cope had been calling games for the team for 35 years when he retired before the start of the 2005 NFL season.

Toronto Blue Jays radio broadcaster Tom Cheek died last October after a battle with cancer. Cheek broadcast every single Blue Jays game from the team's inception in 1977 to the middle of the 2004 season—an amazing run of 4,306 games.

The Cubs lost two great broadcasters in the span of six months in 1998 in Jack Brickhouse and Harry Caray. It was the only time a Cardinals fan could feel sympathy for the Cubs. Most Cub-bashers never got tired of hearing Caray say the Cubs were five games out of fourth place.

But seriously, the pioneers of sports broadcasting are slowly fading out. Vin Scully has been broadcasting Brooklyn Dodgers and Los Angeles Dodgers games for the last 56 years.

Hearing Scully describe a fly-ball out is purely poetic. He doesn't do too much to over-hype the game (i.e. Dick Vitale or John Madden).

Eastern men's basketball play-by-play announcer Mike Bradd

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BASEBALL

Panthers change attitude with the weather

Eastern uses unusual warm weather in preparation for season

By ERIC HILTNER
PHOTO EDITOR

Taking full advantage of a mild January and February, the Eastern baseball team has been practicing outside as much as possible.

"Being outside helps for hitting," head coach Jim Schmitz said. "You get better feedback outside and it's more fun."

Schmitz, who has coached the team since 1995, is trying to become the program's winningest all-time coach. The first win the Panthers get will be his 300th. That will put him ahead of Tom McDevitt, who won 299 games from 1978-88.

Scheduling practices is tough when trying to work around the weather and the times always change, Schmitz said.

If the weather is nice, the team either practices on the football field or at Coaches Stadium.

If not, then the team practices in Lantz Fieldhouse where they tend to concentrate more on fielding drills than batting.

So far, the team has only practiced one day for three hours in Coaches Stadium, and the pitchers have had only one day on the mound.

"It's difficult being outside one day then inside the next," red-shirt freshman Ross Jeske said. "You just got to deal with it."

The team scrimmaged 22 innings in the Fieldhouse on Saturday and Sunday.

"Practices have been going pretty good, better than previous seasons," junior third baseman Ryan Campbell said.

Campbell thinks that the scrimmages help out quite a bit.

"A lot of the guys think they are ready for batting and pitching," Campbell said. "It really gears us up for the season."

Even though the season has not started, the team already has its eye on the postseason.

"The goals for the year as a team is to be 9-9 going into Ohio Valley Conference play," Schmitz said. "We want to go 18-9 in conference and .500 nonconfer-

ence. If we get 33 wins, it will be a very good year."

Thirty-three wins is an ambitious goal for a team that went 17-39 in 2005.

"We are working harder because we struggled last season," Campbell said. "(This season) we are shooting for a No. 1 or 2 seed going into the OVC tournament."

Left-handed pitcher Jeske is looking forward to this season.

"Last year, I didn't live up to my expectations, this year I have something to prove," Jeske said.

As a motivational tool, Schmitz has taken the OVC logo painted on a locker room wall and covered it up with 18 blocks. He plans on taking one block down after each conference win.

Coach Schmitz's main concern is winning the conference. But he believes that winning against other state teams really helps with the team's recruiting and credibility. The players remain focused on the conference championship.

"This team, as opposed to last year's, shares a common goal of winning the OVC. It spreads down from the seniors to the freshmen," Jeske said.