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JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

An Eastern student pulls up his pants legs while attempting to cross a large puddle in front of Old Main Tuesday afternoon. Although workers from the physical plant were trying to clear the water with tractors between classes, the water would not recede. Some students called the puddle “the swamp” and “mini Lake Charleston.”

# Snow no problem for campus workers

Last week’s storm clean-up is under way in the area

By Matt Wills  
Web Technology Developer

The area’s recent hit by a snowstorm has left both the campus and city in a wet and wild situation.

“The weather has been rather extreme; we go from huge amounts of ice and snow and then we have a huge melt off,” said Dave Crockett, facilities maintenance manager. Crockett said there haven’t been any real problems other than having too much water to drain away. “Walking around in the slush, my shoes get soaked, it’s horrible,” said Levi Bulgar, a senior psychology major. But the slushy mess is just a side effect that

leads to clean up. “It’s a daily process, and people are working overtime to keep the drains open,” Crockett said. While the warm daytime temperatures of the last few days have been melting the snow, at night it freezes and blocks the drains again. The grounds crew at Eastern has been working significant shifts and large amounts of overtime trying to keep the drains open. They have been arriving at 3 a.m. and splitting

shifts to help get the job done. One of the many issues the staff is dealing with is parked cars on campus. Cars move several times each day, depending on class and work schedules, which interferes with snow removal. Crockett also said that during the snowstorms, some workers who live out of town had to check into hotels to stay safe and close to campus.

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CAMPUS | EVENTS

## ‘Hispanic’ means more than popular television shows



CARRIE HOLLIS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Angharad Valdivia speaks about the stereotyping of Hispanic women in the mainstream popular culture to a full crowd in the University Ballroom Wednesday. Valdivia was the keynote speaker for EIU Communications Day.

By Lakita Coleman  
Staff Reporter

Angharad Valdivia thinks it is difficult to reduce Hispanic women to a single identity. By studying these women, she said, we are studying the general population of the world. She showed Hispanics as a hybrid culture of all different types of ethnicities such as Mexican, Spanish, Columbian and many others. Valdivia was the keynote speaker of Communications Day, an event held by the communications studies department on Wednesday. She spoke about Hispanic women in mainstream popular culture. She used a comedic approach to get the audience to take a closer look at today’s contemporary culture and how stereotypes are presented in the media on TV shows such as “Dora the Explorer” and “That 70’s Show.” She also talked about border crossing. Once people get to the United States, they strip themselves of their culture, she said.

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CAMPUS | HEALTH

## Diabetes grant awarded

Eastern looking to kick-start health education program from diabetes grant

By Michelle Simek  
Health and Science Reporter

Paula Enstrom wants to see a change in attitudes about diabetes. About 20 million people have diabetes in the United States alone, but only about 14 million know it. That leaves 6 million people in the dark about the disease. It is something Enstrom wants to change. Enstrom, an employee at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, recently received a grant for about \$2,000 to start a diabetes health and education program at Eastern. “The grant would cover supplies and educational material for up to 30 people for a six-month period,” Enstrom said. “The goal of the program is to individually meet with diabetics and pre-diabetics to go over their lifestyles and set guidelines for a change both in their eating habits and exercise.” Diabetes is a disease that prevents the body from producing enough

insulin, a hormone that breaks down sugar into useable energy. Symptoms of diabetes include: excessive thirst and hunger, irritability and increased fatigue. Although testing for diabetes is easy, many are unaware because symptoms seem harmless. However, it can cause premature deaths because the disease can cause many other health problems. Depending on whether a person has Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, many factors can cause the disease, said Michelle Mathews, communicable disease coordinator for the Coles County Health Department. Genetics, along with previous obesity and lack of exercise may cause diabetes, but the key determinants remain a mystery. Pre-diabetics, individuals whose blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be considered diabetic, will benefit the most from the program, Enstrom said. “With 150 minutes or more of exercise per week and losing from 5 to 7 percent of their body weight, pre-diabetics can reduce their risk of diabetes by 58 percent in just three years,” Enstrom said.

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CAMPUS | RESIDENT HALL ASSOCIATION

# Who will lead RHA?

Residence Hall Association elections next week, winter olympics winner announced

By **Katey Mitchell**  
RHA Reporter

It is election time once again for the Residence Hall Association. Nominations for next year’s executive board will be held at tonight’s meeting. Nominations are usually held the week before the election.

During the nominations, a candidate must be nominated by two people in order to be considered running for a position. “Usually someone close to the person will nominate them,” said Carrie Mueller, RHA president. “But if someone from the general assembly thinks someone would suit the position, they usually put in a nomination as well. As long as the nominee gets a second nomination and accepts it, they are considered running.” Candidates must then prepare a speech and a one-page bid about their goals for the position that is put on the web server. The speeches are made on election night and the bid is put on the web server during the week before the elections. RHA positions are a hot commodity, as many people have already expressed interest. “People who have already shown interest should have contacted

BECKY WILSON | CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

“People always assume (nominations) take a long time, but it doesn't, especially if you get across what you meant to do.”

Carrie because she has each of the nominees talk to the person who holds the office they are interested in running for to see what it entails,” said Becky Wilson, national Conference Coordinator and Illinois Conference Coordinator for RHA. “Not many people are interested in my position because it involves a lot of travel, but there are at least a couple of people.”

FAST FACTS

» **What:** RHA meeting

» **Where:** NPHC in Greek Court

» **Why:** To hold nominations for executive board elections.

The winners of the election will be the 2007-2008 RHA executive board. Their terms will start in the fall, except the person who receives the position of treasurer, who will finish the rest of the current term. Current executive board members can run for re-election, but they have to be nominated by the general assembly like everyone else. It seems, however, that only one person from the current executive board is interested in running again, but it is for a different position, Mueller said. “I have been in RHA for two

years and I have not seen anyone hold a position for more than a term,” Mueller said. Mueller suspects that this week’s meeting will take longer than usual depending on how many people get nominated. Wilson, however, said that people tend to think the process is longer than it really is. “People always assume (nominations) take a long time, but it doesn’t, especially if you get across what you meant to do,” Wilson said. “I think (the elections) get a lot of people interested because people want to make up a good organization.” RHA will also disclose the winner of Winter Olympics at this week’s meeting. The winner has so far been kept under wraps. Also, Illinois Residence Hall Association is having a conference Feb. 23-25 in Edwardsville. The program is to promote leadership and programming abilities. Twenty-three students from Eastern will be attending the conference. At the meeting, the Eastern delegates will give a presentation for their bid to have the conference held at Eastern next year. Wilson will give last and final impressions before the delegation leaves on Friday.

CAMPUS | ILLINOIS RESIDENT HALL ASSOCIATION

# Bid to be placed for conference

Eastern hopes to host 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of Illinois RHA

By **Sheree Patterson**  
Staff Reporter

Freshman Brittany Kraft has gained confidence. She attended a conference in the fall that allowed residence hall assistants from around the region to meet and interact. She said the “amazing” experience helped her be more outgoing and, this weekend, she will attend an Illinois conference that should be more of the same. “I could tell immediately (after the conference) that I was more confident,” she said. Kraft is a Residence Hall Association representative for Andrews Hall. She is the bid-team chair and will attend the Illinois Residence Hall Association’s 2007 conference Friday through Sunday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The Eastern group will be bidding to host the event next year. It will be the 100th celebration of IRHA and Kraft hopes the oldest women’s residence hall in Illinois, Pemberton Hall, will be chosen for the host site. Eastern will submit a 30-page bid that includes information

CARRIE MUELLER | RHA PRESIDENT

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about the school, hotel and dining reservations, theme for the conference, philanthropy clause and information about Pemberton Hall, Kraft said. The president of Eastern’s RHA, Carrie Mueller, said she is looking forward to the event.

FAST FACTS

» **Who:** RHA bid team

» **What:** bid on hosting Illinois Resident Hall Association

» **When:** Spring 2008

» **Why:** to bring resident assistants in Illinois together to meet and interact for 100th year conference.

» **Where:** Pemberton will host IRHA of 2008 if Eastern wins its bid

“The energy, the upbeat atmosphere and the cheering is what makes me excited,” she said. The event will begin with a roll call on Friday. A short skit or dance will be performed on stage to kick off the

festivities. “It’s a way to get everyone pumped for the conference,” said Becky Wilson, national conference coordinator and Eastern’s Illinois conference coordinator for RHA. She said the leadership conference is a chance for students to make connections. Eastern will also put in a bid for program of the year, adviser of the year and for the Carlene Verastraete Award for outstanding service. Last year, Eastern won the Verastraete award and Julie Kendall won the adviser of the year award. Saturday is a day of programming where the group has an opportunity to submit a program they wish to present, Wilson said. Some of the programs RHA will submit will be a diversity program and a presentation on a fashion-show fundraiser. Autumn Durias, president of IRHA, said the organization is a “resource for schools that are affiliated, it lets them network with other schools, and bounce ideas off one another.”

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# Racism Issues Raised

**BSU proposes police panel, workshops to Hencken, Nadler**

By Beth Hackett  
Activities Reporter

Members from the Black Student Union met Tuesday afternoon with President Lou Hencken and Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, to discuss ideas for racial diversity awareness on campus. Nadler said he could not be more proud of how the BSU members are approaching the racism issue, and he commends their commitment to developing a series of programs which will affect the campus in a positive way.

Nadler said the first introductory meeting was very positive and reconfirmed the commitment to diversity.

“It is important for an institution to be able to look toward positive change for the future,” he said.

Proposals included developmental and sensitivity training, police department panel questions and workshops with professional speakers.

The idea for the meeting first came up at a student forum Feb. 7 at 7th Street Underground. During the forum, students went on stage and told stories of how they had experienced racism on campus.

Last semester Tim Wise, an anti-racism writer, came to Eastern to speak to students about racism and recognizing that it is still present.

“He gave a brilliant speech about how white privilege still exists, and as a white person, he found it important to try to make a difference,” said Sherri Smith, member of the BSU.

Smith said Wise has written many books and has spoken about cultural aspects and invisible tokenism. He said it is important to voice an opinion on this matter.

Smith said bringing Wise back to campus might be a good idea.

Another meeting will take place, but Smith is sure that these first few steps have been beneficial because of the significant changes that have already been made to the mission statement, including the mention of diversity on campus.



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student Senate member Sarah Shaw watches a presentation about the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Action Committee meeting, which took place earlier in the month at Lake Land Community College, on Wednesday evening in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Fee-increase proposal reviewed by committee

**Renovation projects on Old Main, McAfee temporarily on hold**

By Matt Hopf  
Student Government Reporter

As spring approaches, budgets loom on the horizon.

Jeff Melanson, chair of the Student Senate Tuition and Fee Review committee, presented how the budget process works.

Every spring, the Student Senate reviews each Apportionment Board-funded budget and proposed fee increase from Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs, Melanson said.

AB funds University Board, Student Senate, the Student Recreation Center and AB.

Student fee increases are submitted to Nadler who reviews it and sends it to the Student Senate Tuition and Fee Review Committee.

The proposal is presented to the committee who votes whether

### STUDENT FEES

Current list of fees students pay each semester:

- » **Activity fee:** \$102.03
- » **Health Service fee:** \$82.90
- » **Athletics fee:** \$81.05
- » **Student Insurance:** \$101.95
- » **Legal Service Fee:** \$4.72
- » **Computer Network Fee:** \$48
- » **Grant-in-aid/SEDS fee:** \$106.55
- » **Union/Bond Revenue Fee:** \$199.31
- » **Recreation Center fee:** \$69.50
- » **Camps Improvement Fee:** \$5.67 per credit

to recommend the fee increase to Student Senate.

An abbreviated version of the presentation is given to Student Senate. The Senate can choose to pass or fail the proposal.

If passed, Student Body President Sean Anderson would have to sign it or veto it. Then it is submitted to the Board of Trustees

who have the final say on whether the increase will happen.

In other business, Facilities Planning and Management gave a brief presentation on the services they provide campus.

Steve Shrake, manager of design and construction, told the Student Senate that the Doudna Fine Arts Center is 68 percent complete.

Renovation projects on Old Main and McAfee Gymnasium are currently on hold as the funds have not been released from the Capital Development Board, he said.

The Old Main renovation involves replacing the north entrance doors, windows in the center section and electrical service upgrade. It does not include the work that is currently going on in Old Main.

Also presented at the meeting was the report on the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee.

The Student Senate reached 30 members with the appointment of junior political science major Dan O’Farrell.

# Artist uses childhood as influence

**Alvarez uses today’s newspapers, common items to create art**

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
Senior Activities Reporter

Candida Alvarez tries to make a conscious effort of experimenting with art.

She has incorporated rubber bands, cloth, thread and nails into her paintings, and now she is incorporating journalistic photography into them.

“I’m very interested in opening up the dialogue on what painting and drawing is,” Alvarez said. “The idea of cloth is like a drawing and the idea of using rubber bands is to

add more color. I like being in the world and using stuff that is in the world.”

Alvarez said she does not want to limit herself to one way of creating art, and that is why she incorporates a variety of items into her paintings.

“I believe art is an active search and I don’t want to think that there are boundaries,” Alvarez said. “To say that I have a (certain) style means I have set up these parameters that I can’t cross.”

Alvarez spoke at the Tarble Arts Center on Wednesday in front of about 40 Eastern students and faculty.

She shared examples of her work, discussed what influences her paintings and explained her process of creating art.

“(Her speech) reinforced the whole idea that your influences can come from anywhere,” said Kyla Nance, a senior art major. “A lot of people don’t take that under consideration.”

Alvarez said that the memory of her mother’s Bible, which contained illustrations of the life of Christ, and coloring books influenced her paintings as an adult.

She said that the apartment complex where she grew up was also a major influence.

“There was something about the interior of that building and the fact that there was hundreds of people I did not know. I see that as a structural parallel to where my paintings evolved formally,” Alvarez said. “I was very interested in extending on how a painting can

be made.”

She said the structural parts of that apartment complex paralleled how she created paintings.

“It was very systematic and it moved through sequencing,” she said. “(Painting) in some way has a relation to architecture: how it is built up from parts.”

Alvarez takes photos from several newspapers and creates paintings from them.

She said that her close relation to photography fueled the idea of taking photos from newspapers and creating them into paintings.

“I’m intrigued by participating in the world. By being open to it, those things come into my work,” Alvarez said. “My engagement with the times that I live in is very important to me.”

CAMPUS

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## campusbriefs

**Eastern quits Recycle Mania, plans to compete next year**

Eastern has withdrawn from RecycleMania.

Recycling Coordinator Allan Rathe said Eastern withdrew because he did not have enough time to devote to the competition because of the retirement of his boss, the superintendent of grounds.

Rathe hopes to re-enter the competition next year.

“I will if I can,” he said.

The national competition, which pitted universities against each other to see which school could recycle the most, lasts until April 7.

This would have been the second year Eastern had been in the contest.

-Sarah Whitney, Senior Reporter

**Apportionment Board to look at budgets during meeting**

The Apportionment Board will begin assessing the budget proposals from the Student Recreation Center, Student Government, Apportionment Board and University Board at tonight’s meeting. This year the rec center asked for \$203,000, with more than half of that going toward student payroll. Student government requested \$41,000 with half of the money going toward Executive Tuition Waivers. AB has also requested almost \$21,000 for themselves.

AB Chair Levi Bulgar said budget time is the most important time for AB. It will take up the majority of AB’s agenda for the next month.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

—Zach Nugent, Apportionment Board Reporter

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# HPV vaccine will save lives

By **Liz Stoever**

Northern Illinois University

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. - Cervical cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented. Only recently have doctors discovered that a virus called human papillomavirus, often referred to as HPV, causes virtually all cervical cancer cases. Now that the FDA has approved a vaccine against HPV, preventing cancer will be even easier for women.

Politicians of states across the country are not taking this new discovery lightly. More than 20 states have introduced a plan to make the vaccine a requirement for girls at middle school age or younger. The vaccine, which commonly comes in three shots over a six-month period, will cost \$120 per dose.

Since most middle schoolers aren't even sexually active, parents are complaining that a vaccine for a sexually transmitted disease isn't necessary. Other parents seem to be outraged simply because they think they should be dictating what happens to their daughters and not the government.

What parents fail to notice is how common the virus is. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 80 percent of women will have a genital HPV infection by age 50. It also doesn't matter how much parents may try to keep their daughter chaste until marriage. Their daughters' decisions are out of their control, and these days, chastity until marriage is unlikely.

So why not be safe rather than sorry? Having a child vaccinated earlier ensures the child will not get the virus at any other time of her life. When middle schoolers receive the vaccination, not only are they protecting themselves, they are protecting their future sexual partners from getting the virus. This vaccine can stop the spread of HPV before it has the potential to get worse.

If women are given the chance to reduce their own risk and the risk of their daughters from getting infected with HPV, they should take advantage of it.

CNN reported Feb. 2 that Texas Gov. Rick Perry strongly stands behind his decision to make the HPV vaccine mandatory for girls entering sixth grade starting in Fall 2008, making Texas the first state to do so. Gov. Perry also plans to make the vaccine free for women ages nine to 18 who are not covered for the vaccine or not insured. Florida lawmakers also want to introduce this mandate along with 20 other various states.

Clearly, women who have not already been vaccinated for HPV will greatly benefit from doing so. There are no symptoms for the virus, so it is also beneficial to get tested not only for yourself, but for other people who it could potentially spread to.

In the long run, if a mandate for this vaccine is enforced, the numbers of women with cancer-causing HPV will be reduced exponentially. The sooner this mandate is enforced, the better. It is a decision that will ultimately save lives.

# Race should not be issue

Unless you have been living under a rock, you know Senator Barack Obama is running for president. Instead of focusing on campaign issues, the media is focusing on how Oprah loves him, he smokes (he's trying to quit) and he's black.

Yes, in case you didn't know, Obama is black.

This is not a campaign issue, no matter how hard the media tries to turn it into one.

Polls have been taken asking the public if Obama's full name, Barack Hussein Obama, could keep him out of the White House. Numerous articles have been written since Obama's Feb. 10 announcement asking, "Is he black enough?" or "Is America ready for a black president?"

Debra Dickerson, author of "The End of Blackness," has been touring radio and TV shows telling the audience that Obama is not black because his ancestors have not suffered through the horrors of slavery.

Why is this an issue? Why aren't his policies the issue?

Last weekend, Obama spoke at Claflin University in South Carolina. According to an article in the *Washington Post* by Eugene Robinson, reporters kept asking people the

"race" question. Maybe the reporters should have asked Obama supporters why they were there and why they supported him and not if they the candidate was black enough.

The article quotes Gilda Cobb-Hunter, a South Carolina legislator as saying, "People talk as if this is, like, some kind of option for him. When Obama looks in the mirror in the morning, what do you think he sees? There is no way that he has any confusion about being a man of color. I think this issue is being manufactured by people who want to set us off focus. I don't hear the national media questioning Hillary Clinton about being a woman."

This is true.

The media has somewhat touched on the fact that Clinton could be the first female president of the United States.

But no one has asked, "is she female enough?"

The media needs to quit focusing on the issue of Obama's race.

He's black. The public gets it.

His race does not affect his ability to make decisions on stem cell research, gay marriage or Iraq.

The media should tell us about his stance on

these important issues, as well as others, and quit focusing on the fact that he is black.

Tell us about his real estate deals with a Chicago developer that has been called into question. The Associated Press just did a story on his travel expenses in 2005-2006. His trips to Russia, Iraq and Kenya cost taxpayers \$28,000 – more than any other freshman senator. The article points out Obama does not take trips funded by private groups, which other senators do.

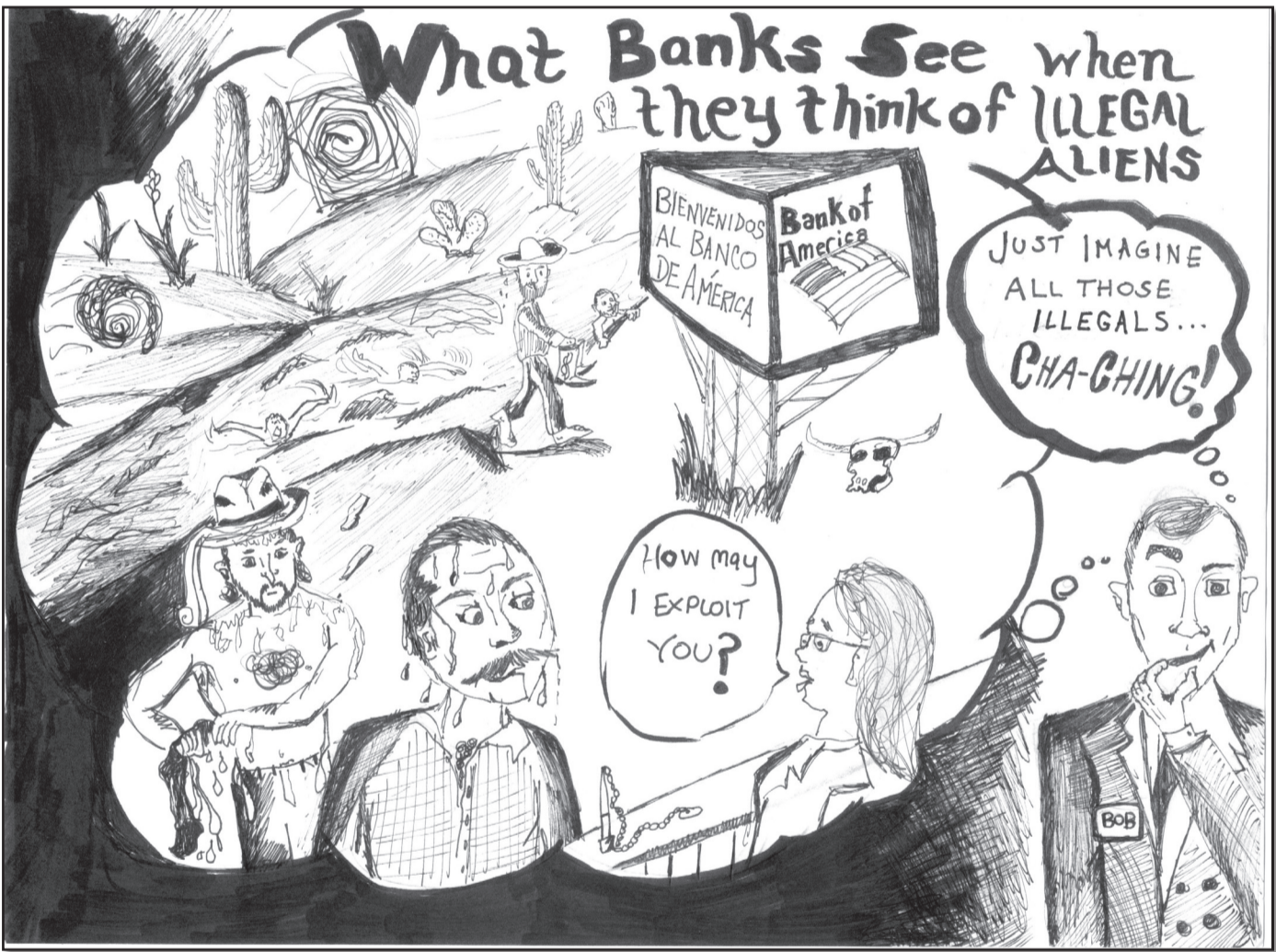
It says Obama took his family on a safari, which taxpayers did not pay for, and that the trips educated the senator on foreign policy issues, but fails to tell us what his stance is on any of these issues.

As the presidential campaign heats up, the media needs to make sure it does its job and educates the public about the candidates' campaign issues and doesn't just focus on the pop culture phenomena that surrounds Obama.

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

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | RICH LAKEBERG



YOUR VIEWS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Friends of different beliefs broaden perspectives

Maurice Tracy rasied some important issues that people these days are talking about in his Feb. 21 column "When a friend is not a friend," in *The Daily Eastern News*.

But I think he missed one main point.

The question shouldn't be whether or not I can have friends with different political beliefs and still maintain my "emotional health," but whether or not a friendship will help me define who I am and expand my horizons.

Having deep political conversations with people who think just like me, in which we all sit around and congratulate each other on our intellectual superiority, is a personal growth dead-end.

We can only truly define ourselves, our beliefs and our compassion when we compare ourselves to diverse opinions and learn from them.

Now, that requires a certain finesse with open-mindedness that might be hard to grasp at first, but trust me, you'll be glad you

tried.

Sure, in broadening your political social circle, you will have disagreements with your friends, and yes, they will vote against your guy in the next election, but there's a certain point when all grown-ups agree to disagree and move on.

This is a lesson that many of the political children in the spotlight today should learn before the lines of enmity are drawn any clearer.

Not only can you have a friend with differing political beliefs, but you should have them.

They are not untrue friends, and you aren't losing any emotional health.

Just like the plants we had in grade school, you must let yourself out of the dark box before you can grow.

**Emily Davis** | Sophomore English major

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FEATURED BLOGGER | KATIE ANDERSON

"Here in England the traditional celebratory activity for the last day before Lent was to eat pancakes."



» Slush

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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lindsay Loekle, a senior recreation administration major, walks across a wooden pallet crossing the puddle of water near the north entrance of Buzzard Hall Tuesday. “I don’t know how we would cross if someone didn’t put those there,” Loekle said.

“I had to take the long way around the parking lot today because of all the puddles,” said Logan Slipetz, a graduate student. Removal of the snow has not been a huge problem, but the ice and tree limbs have been. Limbs on campus were knocked down because of the weight of the ice and are now being cleaned up around campus, Crockett said. The city of Charleston has also encountered the same clean-up problems, including ice, puddles from melting slush and fallen tree limbs. “When it gets to the point when the salt won’t work, we’ll mix the salt (and) sand for really icy

situations,” said Quincy Combs, street superintendent for the city of Charleston. Combs said that most of the sand on the ground isn’t actually sand. It’s actually ground-up dirt from the road and car travel. “Piles of snow from the plows are blocking the storm inlets, which is preventing the water from draining,” Combs said. “We are going to have limb pickup this Monday due to the storm,” Combs said. “The limbs should be in 10-foot sections along the road for pickup.”

» Grant

FROM PAGE 1

The program was originally only for Eastern students. But because of little response, the grant money was eligible for a larger spectrum to use. Eastern students, staff, faculty and Charleston residents are all eligible for this program. Enstrom will instruct an educational course on campus on healthy eating habits and the effects of diabetes. If participants cannot make the course, Enstrom is willing to meet individually at Sarah Bush to accommodate everyone’s needs. Dr. Jill Owens, director of the Adult Fitness Program at Eastern, will help individuals with the exercise section of the program. “The Adult Fitness Program will set up programs, diets and will monitor participants as well as providing educational classes,” Owens said. Although the program has yet to start, Enstrom said membership is open at any time because some individuals do not know they have this disease or the initiative to join might be difficult for some. “People should take advantage of this program because hospitals would charge a pretty large amount for the services offered,” Owens said. “This information and



JESSICA CANTARELLI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Paula Enstrom, an employee at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, just received a \$2,000 grant to start a diabetes and health education program at Eastern.

guidance will help people change their lives with support and follow-ups to monitor their progress.” Although the grant money will run out after 30 participants, if the program has enough participants and achieves success, another grant might be awarded, Owens said. The program cannot begin until enough people are interested, Enstrom said. She hopes to start the program as soon as possible but needs about 10 people to jumpstart

it for spring. Testing for diabetes involves blood work and is available on campus by appointments through the Health Education Resource Center. Personal physicians can also test for the disease during normal check-ups. Recently diagnosed diabetics, pre-diabetics or people who think they may be at risk can call Enstrom at 258-2177 to sign up for the program.

» Hispanic

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“Blood crosses borders more than people,” Valdivia said, in response to those issues. Valdivia was able to show the price people pay when crossing over through examples of Jennifer Lopez, Salma Hayek, Shakira and Penelope Cruz, who are all of different descent. These women have colored their hair, lost weight and even changed the way they dress to fit into the American mainstream popular culture, Valdivia said. Valdivia, who is a professor in the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois, said that although newer stereotypes continue to emerge in the media, “there is change going on. We are not doomed.” Melanie Mills, a faculty member

in the communication studies department, attended the event and said that she had not read a lot about Hispanic culture prior to the event. “It is always good to stretch yourself a bit,” she said. Communications Day was a daylong event that featured seven sessions on various aspects of communication. The theme was “Reaching Out, Looking In: Globalizing Communication.”

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# Celebrating independence, culture

## Pageant promotes awareness of history, respect for women

By **Beth Hackett**  
Activities Reporter

More than the crown, it's about pride.

More than the evening gown, it's about traditional African garments.

More than the title, it's about leadership, independence and the whole experience.

A better understanding of the African heritage, history and a strong sense of leadership is gained through the experience of the Miss Black EIU pageant.

Whether looking on in the audience or being on stage wearing the crown, everyone can be cultured by this experience, said Isaiah Collier, assistant director of student life.

A celebration dedicated to not only the independence of women, but specifically black women, is one way in which the community can show its appreciation, said Thomas Battle, president of the Black Student Union.

Independence, respect for women, and awareness of the African descent, heritage, history and culture will all be major factors of the pageant, said Ebone Ashford, Miss Black EIU 2006.

One category in which the

contestants take part in is the presentation of African garments.

The contestants can buy a dress, draw their own design and have it made by a professional, or they may design and make the garb themselves.

Ashford said she designed and assembled the gown herself last year, and enjoyed doing so, as this portion of the pageant acknowledges the African culture.

Collier said making the preparations and participating in the pageant gives the contestants a sense of pride, even if they do not win.

Each contestant participates in various pre-pageant activities, such as selling ads to raise money, public

### 36th Annual Miss Black EIU pageant

**Where:** Grand Ballroom

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including the African garment section, talent, creative expression and an impromptu question.

Typically, proceeds from ticket sales are put into the Miss Black EIU account to be used for the next year's pageant.

The possibility has been proposed of splitting the money so that half would be placed into the Miss Black EIU account and half would go toward the newly formed BSU scholarship fund.

Ashford encourages students to attend and become involved with these pageants because it is "a very big experience."

"It's a lot of work: it's stressful, but it's fun when big results come out at the end."

relations activities, marketing, daily practices and a 10-minute interview in front of five judges.

"It is very stressful, but (the contestants) are very dedicated," Ashford said.

This year four contestants will compete in four categories

# Legacy of former Miss Black EIU remembered

## Edwards' 'Not in Our Town' campaign led her to speak at White House conference

By **Sara Rannells**  
Staff Reporter

Liz Halbert Edwards died young.

In December 2005, Edwards died of heart and lung complications brought on by meningitis. The Eastern graduate was 27 years old.

Edwards won the Miss Black EIU pageant in 1999. It was one of several accomplishments she achieved in her time at Eastern.

Miss Black EIU was an exciting accomplishment for Edwards, said Jessica Thornton, a junior communication major and Edwards' younger sister. "She was really proud of herself. After when she won, she was in tears."

Edwards graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication. She then went on to get her law degree in 2004 from Loyola Law School in Chicago.

While at Eastern, Edwards was involved in several organizations on campus.

She was a student senator in student government and a member of the Board of Trustees. In 1999, she won the Bock Public Speaking Contest.

At home, she worked to make a difference as well. She helped her hometown of Bloomington organize an anti-racism campaign called "Not in Our Town."

Edwards' biggest impact on Eastern, however, was her effort to stop discrimination and promote

diversity.

"She opened up a lot of people's eyes to discrimination on campus," Thornton said.

Edwards felt that it was important to bring this campaign to Eastern's campus.

She organized an open student and faculty forum, held in the University Ballroom, to discuss racism, Thornton said.

The "Not in Our Town" campaign led Edwards to speak at a White House conference on hate crimes, held by former President Bill Clinton in 1997.

Thornton recognized her older sister's passion for helping others by starting the Liz Halbert Edwards Scholarship in 2006.

In January, Thornton held a fashion show fundraiser and plans to hold at least two more fundraisers this semester.

In March, she is planning a basketball tournament called "Have a Heart, Give a Heart," and she hopes to put on a dance show in April to help raise money.

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# Record companies target colleges

## Music industry initiates nation-wide crackdown on illegal file sharing

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — College students who faced lawsuits for illegally sharing large music collections over campus computer networks increasingly risk being unplugged from the Internet or even suspended over lesser complaints by the recording industry.

In a nationwide crackdown, the music industry is sending thousands more copyright complaints to universities this school year than last. In some cases, students are targeted for allegedly sharing a single mp3 file online.

A few schools Ohio University and Purdue University are at the top of the list already have received more than 1,000 complaints accusing individual students since last fall.

For students who are caught, punishments can vary from e-mail warnings to semester-long suspensions from classes.

Ohio University said students caught twice sharing music online would face the same disciplinary sanctions as classmates accused of violence or cheating: suspension, probation or an assignment to write a homework paper on the subject. Ohio said no student ever has been caught twice.

“When they told me I freaked,” said Ryan Real of Louisville, an Ohio University sophomore who was accused in November of illegally sharing not music but a popular video game, “Grand Theft Auto,” over the school’s network.

Real said he was ordered to delete the game and the Bittorrent file-sharing software he was using from his computer before the school would turn his Internet connection back on.

“Everybody does it,” Real said. “The odds that you are going to get caught, it’s not something you think about.”

Classmates who also have been caught “still download illegally,” Real said.

At the request of The Associated Press, the trade group for the largest music labels, the Recording Industry

Association of America, identified the 25 universities to which it has sent the most copyright complaints so far this school year.

The group, which has long pressured schools to act more aggressively, said software tools are improving to trace illegal file-sharing on campuses.

“We are taking advantage of that technology to make universities aware of the problem on their campuses,” said RIAA President Cary Sherman. “They need to be sending a message to their students about how to live a lawful life.”

The top five schools are Ohio, Purdue, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Tennessee and the University of South Carolina.

The RIAA complained about almost 15,000 students at the 25 universities, nearly triple the number for the previous school year.

“They’re trying to make a statement,” said Randall Hall, who polices computers at Michigan State University, seventh on the list with 753 complaints.

Michigan State received 432 such complaints in December alone, when students attended classes for

only half the month.

Hall meets personally with students caught twice and forces them to watch an eight-minute anti-piracy DVD produced by the RIAA.

A third-time offender can be suspended for a semester; at least one student was targeted with three strikes so far this year.

“I get the whole spectrum of excuses,” Hall said. “The most common answer I get is, ‘All my friends are doing this. Why did I get caught?’”

The University of Tennessee requires second-time offenders to carry computers to a technology lab where popular music-sharing programs are deleted before Internet connections are restored.

A student subjected to a third complaint—which typically happens once each year—faces punishment that ranges from a formal reprimand to suspension.

Under federal law, universities that receive complaints about students illegally distributing copyrighted songs generally must act to stop repeat offenders or else the schools can be sued.

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### Lawyer: Illini player will plead innocent to accident charges

» CHAMPAIGN — Illinois basketball player Jamar Smith — charged with drunk driving and leaving the scene of an accident — turned himself in to authorities Wednesday.

Smith, a sophomore guard, was driving a Lexus in snowy conditions on Feb. 12 when the car struck a tree. Authorities say Smith and his passenger, teammate Brian Carlwell, had been drinking tequila and beer before the crash.

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NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUND UP

# Young leads Southern Illinois past Indiana St.

The Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – Tony Young scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half to help No. 13 Southern Illinois beat Indiana State 58-50 on Wednesday night and win the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title outright. Jamaal Tatum also scored 15 points for the Salukis (24-5, 14-3), who won their 10th straight. Marico Stinson led Indiana State (12-16, 5-12) with 17 points, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Sycamores' fifth straight loss. Southern Illinois held Indiana State to 33 percent shooting in the second half. The Salukis have won 12 of the past 13 games in the series and the last seven at the Hulman Center.

### Uribe allowed to attend White Sox spring training

SAN CRISTOBAL, Dominican Republic– Chicago White Sox shortstop Juan Uribe has received permission from a judge to attend spring training in Tucson, Ariz. amid ongoing legal troubles in his Caribbean homeland. Under the judge's ruling, Uribe no longer will have to appear in court twice a month for the remainder of the case. Instead, he must put down a \$15,400 deposit guaranteeing he will make his next scheduled court appearance, slated for March 17. "I am going to training tomorrow," Uribe told The Associated Press late Wednesday. "I feel satisfied with the court's decision and I am ready to present myself when it's necessary." A farmer, Antonio Gonzalez Perez, accused Uribe of shooting him after an argument near the shortstop's hometown. An Italian man who also was shot did not file charges. Uribe has denied involvement, and District Attorney Robert Lugo previously said prosecutors had seen no proof that Uribe was involved with the shooting. The 27-year-old shortstop hit .235 with 21 homers and 71 RBIs last season. He's due to make \$4.15 million this year.

### Dye will take less money to stay with White Sox

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) – Outfielder Jermaine Dye likes playing for the White Sox and sounds like he just might be willing to take a smaller paycheck than he'd get elsewhere to continue doing so. "I have always told (the White Sox) I am not out to break the bank," Dye, who is in the last year of a contract that will pay him \$7 million, said Wednesday. "I just want to be fair and whatever market value is. Of course, to be here, I will probably have to take less money." Dye, who finished the 2005 season as the World Series MVP and hit .315 with 44 home runs and 120 RBIs last year, could be one of the most sought-after free agents when his contract expires. "I love being here," Dye said Wednesday. "Chicago is a great place to play and the fans are great, my teammates are awesome ... The last two years have been awesome to me (and) hopefully they will want me here and bring me back."

### Chief Illiniwek performs in last game

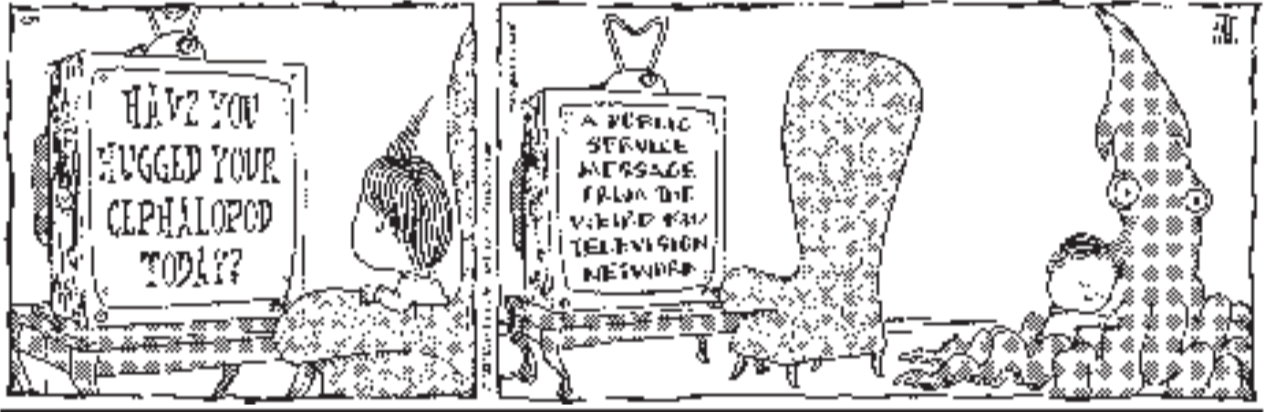
CHAMPAIGN – Just after the end of Chief Illiniwek's final performance Wednesday night, the giant screen above Assembly Hall showed a glimpse of something few, if any, Illinois fans had seen before. Dan Maloney, the graduate student who portrays the stern-faced and controversial American Indian mascot, stood in tunnel just off the basketball court, grimacing to fight back tears. After 20 years of pressure from activists who found the chief mascot offensive, the university last week decided to do away with Illiniwek and his dance after Wednesday night, when the Illinois men hosted Michigan in their final home game of the season. The school's decision led the NCAA to lift sanctions that had barred Illinois from hosting postseason sports since 2005. The NCAA had decided that Illiniwek was an offensive use of American Indian imagery. But, in the eyes of orange-clad students who waited outside

Assembly Hall in chilly weather for hours ahead of the game, the decision robbed the school of a piece of its history. Jonathan Bluenke, a junior from Crystal Lake, said Chief Illiniwek will be missed most on the football field at Memorial Stadium, where Illini fans haven't had much to cheer about the past few years. "If we were down by like 30, people stuck around for the chief," said Bluenke, who sat with another student in the cold shadow of Assembly Hall. "Honestly, that's like what you hear in the stands." But, while acknowledging he isn't a sports fan, one activist who worked to convince Illinois to get rid of the chief questioned whether a mascot was integral to the experience. "Does having a mascot or having a flag, does it change the devotion to the team?" asked John McKinn, a Maricopa Indian who is assistant director of academic programming for the school's Native American studies program. "I don't see why it would."

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1 Big name in menwear and cologne

7 Sticking points

15 Lightener

18 Fit of rage

17 Day spa treatment

16 Breaks

19 "Buckle up" or "Passengers, keep your heads off the floor?"

21 Sugar meat

24 Some contacts

25 Phoenix-to-Albuquerque dir.

28 Not in it for the money

26 Flag

29 Service \_\_\_\_ Train

32 Oblivion

33 L, B. or J.

35 Hardly low-star cuisine

DOWN

36 Jackie Robinson does it

38 Required

41 Stazed up

42 Fined ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme

1 TV ET

2 Meme (criminal intent, is law)

3 Bud

4 Clavated

5 Not very potent potato

8 Substituting for, with "of"

7 Kind of meat

8 It's to the left of J

8 "Ebbin Marbot" poet Christine

10 Stick on

11 Way to get home

12 Son of Ramona I

13 Not legs, or Jed

14 Part of CBS: Abix

20 Harvard's motto

21 Patch's best

22 Like cheap lipstick

23 Flat peppermint candy

27 So

28 Extra action

29 Canvas subject

30 "Pahr"

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31 Glimpse

34 Media co. symbol on the Big Board

35 1944 battle site

37 Group whose 1940 song "The Gypsy" was #1 for 13 weeks

38 Made every

43 Fast-food giant

45 Creature with a crest

46 Any of the Apartments

47 Young husband

48 Chesterfield, e.g.

51 Wall St. intris

51 Blow parts of French maps

52 "\_\_\_ you one?"

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FROM PAGE 12

That is the only way to accurately gauge how skilled a coach is and how worthy he is of an extension.

On Tuesday, *The Daily Eastern News* editorial stated they did not want the administration to give either Sallee or men's basketball head coach Mike Miller contract extensions after this season like they did last year.

I disagree.

Sallee will be in the final year of his contract next season and should not be a lame-duck coach, or a coach that does not know whether or not he will be back next year.

Miller has proven he can recruit as well as Sallee, with OVC freshman of the year Mike Robinson running the point and Romain Martin poised to win the award this season.

Sallee's freshman class has been equally as impressive with point guard Jessica Huffman almost a shoo-in to bring the women's OVC freshman of the year award home.

Young talent is how you build a program but it does not ensure wins. It is when young talent matures into experienced upperclassmen that wins should be expected.

So give Sallee and Miller another year on their deals and let them take their first recruiting class to its senior season.

But if Eastern continues to struggle when Sallee has graduated his first recruiting class, then it will be time to say goodbye.

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS | NOTEBOOK****Domination continues into playoffs****B-Level Bunker Boys demolish Sig Ballers 52-17 on Tuesday****By Chris Sentel**

I-Sports Reporter

The Bunker Boys, a men's B-level intramural basketball team, has been dominating teams all season.

The team continued that trend Tuesday night with a resounding 52-17 victory against the Sig Ballers.

The Bunker Boys took an early 9-0 lead and led at halftime, 38-13.

Intramural basketball has a mercy rule set so that anytime a team takes a 35 point lead, the game is ended no matter how much time is left.

"We actually haven't finished a game yet," said Brandon Merke, a freshman marketing major. "We've mercy-ruled every team we've played so far."

With their big win on Tuesday, the Bunker Boys have advanced into the quarterfinals of the men's basketball B-Level All-Campus Championship.

Merke said the reason the

team plays so well is because they are all friends and several of them played basketball together in high school.

He said the familiarity helps increase the team chemistry.

This is evident when one member attempts a no-look behind the back pass and another team member is there waiting for it. Merke said the team doesn't necessarily practice trick plays, they just know what to expect out of each other so the plays look fluid.

Many teams are prone to sitting their worst players while forcing their best players to play as long as possible.

The Bunker Boys don't buy into that philosophy; every player takes a turn sitting on the bench so that every player has a chance to play in the game.

**Basketball playoffs kick off**

Eastern's intramural basketball playoffs started this week and the championships will be held on Monday and Tuesday in Lantz Arena.

"We've used Lantz Arena the last four years in a row, it's been great in the past and we'd like to use it again," Linker said.

The men's A-level fraternity

and hall championships will be held on Monday.

The winners of those games will meet on Tuesday for the overall intramural championship.

Before intramural sports can use Lantz Arena, they first must have permission from athletics campus scheduling.

Linker said he does not foresee a problem with reserving Lantz since they have done it for the last four years, and there shouldn't be a scheduling conflict with the basketball teams.

**Foosball doubles starts soon**

Foosball is played by two people controlling little plastic soccer players using metal rods.

Each team has four rods: two defensive rods and two offensive rods.

A small ball is dropped onto the table, which is shaped like a miniature soccer field. The goal is to knock the ball into the opposing team's goal.

"There is 16 spots per day for doubles teams to sign up for in the tournament, we are expecting for most of those spots to be filled up," said Kevin Linker, intramural sports director.

**pantherbriefs****Panthers' doubles team nationally ranked**

» Freshmen women's tennis players Hayley Homburg and Natalie Martin are a nationally-ranked doubles team. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association ranks the duo, who are 5-0 in doubles matches, in a tie for 56th place. They are in a tie with eight other doubles teams in the country.

Martin and Homburg are 6-0 in the spring season in doubles action. The Panthers (4-2) play at noon on Saturday at Northern Iowa.

**Future freshman wins state wrestling title**

» Nick Nasti of Plano, and future Eastern football player, won the Class A state heavyweight title at Illinois High School Association Individual Wrestling Championships this past weekend in Champaign.

Nasti has signed with Eastern to play football in the upcoming season. He also enjoyed success this past fall in football, with Plano winning the 3A State Championship. Nasti led Plano with 22 touchdowns and also recorded 14 sacks.

-compiled by associate sports editor Kevin Murphy

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MEN’S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT JACKSONVILLE STATE

# Strained ligament won’t bench Martin

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

Romain Martin jogged alone. The freshman guard was away from the rest of the team during some of Tuesday’s practice at Lantz Arena.

Martin stopped occasionally to glance back at practice, listening to certain instructions from head coach Mike Miller or talking to one of his teammates.

Martin jogging and not practicing with the team wasn’t a form of punishment.

It was just a form of keeping him active while he deals with sprained ligaments in his right hand.

Martin suffered the sprained ligaments in Saturday’s game at Loyola of Chicago.

Martin said he suffered the sprained ligaments damage with about seven minutes to play in Eastern’s 66-43 loss.



Martin said he was screened, and while trying to fight through the screen, his hand stuck in his opponent’s jersey and it bent backwards.

Martin wore a dark blue brace on his right hand and did not participate in any offensive drills Tuesday.

He practiced Wednesday, participating in offensive drills with his right hand heavily taped and the brace off.

“Right now it hurts, but it doesn’t hurt to the point where I can’t play or can’t move it,” Martin said Tuesday. “I think if I can get it loose and heat it up, it’ll be all

GAME PREVIEW



Eastern  
(10th in OVC)

Jacksonville St.  
(9th in OVC)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Jacksonville, Ala.

EIU’s last game:  
66-43 L at Loyola of Chicago

JSU’s last game:  
74-61 L at Tenn. Chattanooga

right.” Martin said that men’s basketball trainer Ryan Collins told him the injury usually takes two to three weeks to heal. But Martin doesn’t have two to three weeks to heal.

He has only until tonight at Jacksonville State to see how well his non-shooting hand has recovered before Eastern (9-19, 5-13 Ohio Valley Conference) plays at JSU (8-20, 6-12) in a game the Panthers must win to keep their OVC Tournament chances alive.

The left-handed shooting freshman guard from Minneapolis and the Panthers’ leading scorer (14.8 points per game) heading into tonight’s game at Jacksonville State, hadn’t shot a ball since Saturday’s game at Loyola of Chicago, where the injury happened, before Wednesday’s practice.

Martin said he has been icing it,



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman guard Romain Martin has his wrist examined by athletic trainer Ryan Collins during Saturday’s game at Loyola of Chicago. Martin strained a ligament in his wrist but plans to play tonight at Jacksonville State.

as well as applying heat to the hand in order to get it ready for tonight’s game at Jacksonville State.

After tonight’s game at JSU, Eastern plays Saturday at Samford in its final regular season game.

The tenth-place Panthers have a slim chance of making the OVC Tournament and need to win these final two games to even have a chance. Having their leading scorer’s playing status for these two games undetermined before the

team left Wednesday for Alabama is the situation Miller is looking at.

“It may get better as we go,” Miller said. “We’ll just kind of address it as we go.”

Miller declined to further elaborate about Martin’s hand.

Martin’s roommate and fellow left-handed teammate Billy Parrish said the biggest adjustments in terms of shooting is getting his shot off quickly after catching the ball.

Sophomore point guard Mike

Robinson said if Martin is limited, Eastern will have to rely on increased bench production.

“Whoever that is, they’re going to have to step up Thursday,” he said.

Martin didn’t play in Eastern’s last game against Samford because of a suspension he served after being ejected against JSU for fighting. Now, he might be limited in his scoring role for the Panthers’ final two games against those teams.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE

# On the outside looking in

By Marc Correnti  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women’s basketball team may not feel fortunate to be where they are, but the Panthers also realize the abundance of opportunities that passed by.

Even with the missed chances, the Panthers still have an opportunity to reach the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament with a successful weekend in Alabama.

The Panthers open their Alabama trip tonight at Jacksonville State and conclude the regular season Saturday at Samford.

While focusing on Jacksonville State and Samford on the court, the Panthers (9-18, 6-12 OVC) will keep an eye on the scoreboard to keep track of Eastern Kentucky.

Eastern Kentucky (10-17, 7-11), who remain one game ahead of the Panthers for the eighth and final playoff spot, travel to Austin Peay tonight and Tennessee State on Saturday.

The Panthers know they have to take care of their own business, but they also know that luck could play some role in Eastern gaining its second consecutive postseason berth.

It’s hard to tell which Panthers team will show up in Alabama. In Saturday’s 70-67 loss to Murray State, Eastern played one of its best games of the season only to collapse in the final minutes, giving away another victory.

“When we’re good is when we’re tough,” said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. “We tend to bury ourselves when we’re fragile.



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore guard Ellen Canale (right) and the Panthers have to win both their games this weekend to have a shot at the OVC Tournament.

In our minds, we’re already in the conference tournament. We got to win to keep playing. It’s as simple as that.”

Even though the Panthers own the tiebreaker over Eastern Kentucky, a trip to Alabama may be the worst thing. Since Jacksonville State and Samford joined the OVC three years ago, the Panthers have yet to beat the Gamecocks and were routed by 22 points at home against Samford.

“The fact that we’re still alive is amazing,” Sallee said. “We all feel like we’re more talented than we are, but I look at all the young kids who don’t have a clue on how to

beat a top team in the league and it worries me.”

While Sallee said you can “write a book” on the all the Panthers’ implosions, the most telling chapter in that book would be turnovers and shot selection.

In the closing moments of games, the Panthers tend to throw errant passes or rush shots early in the shot clock.

“There’s a lot that goes into it,” Sallee said. “We’ve got three freshmen playing the point guard. Our go-to post player is a sophomore. But, we haven’t done a good job of understanding time and score.”

SOFTBALL | REPLACING KAROS

# Graduation leaves hole in Panthers’ left infield

## Eastern has to replace two-time All-OVC selection at third base

By Patrick Vitt  
Staff Reporter

The biggest question entering this off-season was how the Panther softball team would fill the void at third base.

Two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection Rachel Karos’ graduation last spring created a large hole in Eastern’s lineup, leaving the Panthers to replace Karos’ 2006 team-leading batting average of .362 and 67 hits.

At the Feb. 17-18 UCA Tournament, the Panthers employed the junior transfer Allyson Nolte and freshman Denec Menzione combined for seven RBIs during the five-game stretch, including a grand slam from Nolte.

Head coach Kim Schuette knows duplicating Karos’ play at third will be tough to replace, but likes what she sees in the replacements.

“From what I have seen in practice and the tournament, what we have in Denec and Allyson are two hard workers who hopefully can step into Rachel, stop and contribute,” she said. “Rachel was an excellent player and will be tough to replace, but now we move on and hopefully with more streaks.”

In 2006, Karos hit safely in 18

straight games, the longest streak in the OVC in 2006 and an EIU record.

Nolte, who transferred to Eastern from Lake Land College and is the back-up catcher, already has experience playing against collegiate competition and prefers to look at the pressure to replace Karos in a positive light.

“Playing at a junior college has helped me most get used to the mental side of playing in college instead of high school,” she said. “What we have to do is to try and ignore the previous pressures and just go out on the field and help the team.”

Add the pressure of being a freshman to the task of replacing a two-time All-OVC selection. However, coach Shuette has no hesitation with putting a freshman into the starting lineup.

“I have no problem ever starting a freshman at any position, because I think once you are good enough to be on our team it does not matter how old you are,” she said.

The departure of Karos creates a competition for the position between the two. However, Menzione realizes competition for the position will be beneficial to the team.

“Competing for the position is good because in trying to get there, we push each other and, in the end, whoever starts there will be because they worked hard at making the team better,” she said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

TONIGHT at Jacksonville State |  
7:30 p.m. Jacksonville, Ala.

TRACK AND FIELD

FRIDAY at Ohio Valley Conference  
Championship | Lantz Fieldhouse

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FRIDAY at Evansville Tournament |  
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THE EXTRA POINT

Sallee  
deserves  
more time

Brady ball: Year three.  
That title has graced the cover of the game releases this season for Eastern women's basketball.

The expectations were high for head coach Brady Sallee and the Panthers in his third season as head coach.

Year one was forgettable and year two showed promise. Year three was supposed to be when Sallee's young team, strengthened by his great recruiting, put everything together and competed for the Ohio Valley Conference title.

It has not happened.  
Heading into the final weekend of conference games, Eastern is in ninth place in the 11-team OVC and needs two straight wins in order to sneak into the postseason tournament.

Eastern will play Jacksonville State in Jacksonville, Ala., and Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

Eastern has struggled on the road and two games to finish the season in Alabama, with so much on the line, is hardly an ideal situation.

But regardless of the outcome, there should be one definite for next season.

There should be a Brady ball: year four and, hopefully, year five.

In his third season, Sallee still has some players from the previous coaching staff and his first recruiting class are only sophomores.

Forward Rachel Galligan and guards Ellen Canale and Megan Edwards should be allowed to graduate in two years with the same coach.

Sallee, despite his three-year record of 29-54 overall and 18-36 record in conference play, deserves to lead Galligan, last year's OVC freshman of the year, and the sophomores in their senior season.

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TOP CAT | ROBYN MACKIE



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This week's Top Cat, Robyn Mackie, hit .500, had six RBIs and a homerun during Eastern's opening tournament last weekend at the Central Arkansas Tournament in Conway, Ark.

Improving each season



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Despite her prolific stats to start the season Mackie said she doesn't worry about the numbers.

Junior has nearly matched  
2006 RBI total in five games

By Anthony Katsivalis  
Staff Reporter

An anonymous author once said, "Practice as if you are the worst, but play is if you are the best."

That is exactly what junior utility softball player Robyn Mackie has done this season. She has put in hard work early in the season, working on her hitting technique, which has shown in her performance this season.

Many college athletes believe that it is difficult to make improvements late in their sporting careers. Mackie is proving that to be false as she continues to grow with each season.

This past weekend was proof with Mackie leading Eastern to a 3-2 record at the Central Arkansas Tournament while hitting .500 with a home run and six RBIs. Last season, Mackie only had eight RBIs in 48 games and hit .203.

Senior right fielder Katy Steele notices the improvement Mackie has made already this season.

"She has been practicing hard this season, working on her hitting," Steele said. "She has become a dynamic hitter and it is obvious in her performance, especially this weekend. She is really starting to shine."

Mackie started playing softball when she was just 8 years old.

Her older sister, Heather, got her interested in the sport and has helped her with her game ever since.

"My older sister was like my mentor. She was always helping me with my game," Robyn said.

Heather played softball at Truman State in Kirksville, Mo.

Robyn also has an identical twin sister, Karyn Mackie, on Eastern's softball team.

The two were recruited as a package: Karyn as a pitcher and Robyn as a catcher.

It seemed appropriate considering these women have always played on the same team.

Sibling rivalry is almost expected, especially in sports, but teammates seem to believe it's non-existent with these sisters.

"You might assume there are times when they don't get along, but that is not the case," Steele said. "They get along well on and off the field. They are like best friends."

An obvious chemistry on the field is also there between the twins.

Karyn recalls a specific moment last year where her sister came through for her.

"Last year pitching, [Robyn] won the game for me," Karyn said. "She hit the winning run in a big game and I got the win."

The season has just started and Robyn has already reaped the rewards of her new outlook on the game.

"From last year to this year, my attitude has changed," she said. "It's more about the team and less about myself."

But hitting .500 certainly helps both.



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Robyn Mackie often catches for her twin sister, Karyn, in games. The pair were recruited together out of Lafayette High School in Wildwood, Mo.