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CITY | ENTERTAINMENT

A WEEKEND FULL OF RAGE, COMPASSION

Strong audience, actor interaction surprises some

By Emily Zulz
Activities Reporter

In Jeffrey Lynch's first acting role, he tackled an "aggressive" part in "Twelve Angry Men."

The Charleston Community Theatre's production of "Twelve Angry Men" opened this weekend in Tarble Arts Center to a full house Friday night.

Lynch, Eastern's associate dean for the College of Arts and Humanities, described his character, Juror 3, as a "know-it-all" and a "total jerk."

But for Lynch, who grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., the character was not hard for him to portray.

"I know a lot of guys like this," he said.

Lynch said anybody brought up in Brooklyn would recognize his character.

Lynch was one of 13 characters in the play, which comprised 12 jurors and one guard.

The 12 jurors are stuck in a small, hot room until they reach a decision. A boy is accused of murdering his father and the jurors have to decide if the boy is guilty. The jury's initial vote is 11-1, with Juror 8 having doubts against the evidence that every one else is quick to believe.

A long table and 12 chairs sit in the center of the room. A small pad of yellow legal paper and a pencil sit at each spot. A small table with a



Al Joyner, who plays Juror Number 9, speaks up about his objection to a "guilty" vote in during the production of "Twelve Angry Men" Saturday night at Tarble Arts Center.

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plant and a water dispenser make up the rest of the simple set.

The audience sits around the mock jury room in an arena setting.

Gail Richard, director for "Twelve Angry Men," purposely set the room

this way.

She said she wanted the audience members to feel as if they were actually in the room with the jurors.

"The audience caught so many things because they're right there,"

said Richard, professor and chair of the department of communication disorders and sciences.

Lynch said performing the play was a different experience in front of an audience.

He compared acting to teaching. "You pick up energy from the audience, just like you pick up energy from students," Lynch said.

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CITY | PUBLIC BUILDINGS

LIBRARY OPENS DOORS, BOOKS

By Jordan Crook
City Reporter

Danyul Schwartz came across the reopening of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library on Sunday and was excited with what he saw.

"It's really impressive, what they have done with it," he said.

Schwartz, who usually visits the library three times a week while in town, said the feature he liked the most is the wide selection of computers it offers on the first and second floors.

He was also impressed with the amount of space now offered in the foyer of the library and the new areas the additions offers library-goers.

Schwartz was just one of more than 300 area residents to come to the library opening Sunday afternoon.

Library Director Sheryl Snyder and Library Board President Eric Huddleston said the number of people who showed up surprised them.

"I've heard so many comments from people," Snyder said. "But (the number of people) is more than I

even thought would come out."

She said community interest and eagerness about the project along with Sunday's sunny weather were among the reasons so many people came to the opening.

Snyder said the library had a long line of people waiting to get in when doors opened at 1 p.m., as well as a constant stream of people entering.

Snyder gave guided tours of the new addition to interested community members.

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STUDENT LIFE | ATTENDANCE

Manges won't return, will stay out East

Student declines option to enroll in Eastern for Fall '08

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Associate News Editor

An Eastern student has opted not to return to the university.

Jill Manges moved to Arlington, Mass., about a month ago, where she is living with friends.

Manges experienced a flashback, a symptom of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, while trying to leave her classroom in Coleman Hall on Sept. 5.

Manges was offered a medical withdrawal after a judicial hearing determined she had violated the Student Code of Conduct by disrupting class. She signed the withdrawal Sept. 20.

Her story was covered in the Dec. 26, 2007 issue of the *Chicago Tribune*.

She had the opportunity to return to Eastern for the Fall 2008 semester – but didn't take it.

Manges said she plans to attend college in Boston after she works in the area for a year.

"I'm just going to work for

a year, start applying for colleges in the fall and I'll probably start school in the spring semester," Manges said.

She does not want to go to college now because of expensive out-of-state tuition fees, she said. By working for a year, she will gain residency in the state.

She did not have any problems with students or faculty at Eastern; the only problem she had was with the administration, Manges said.

Her boyfriend and friends still go to Eastern, but she decided to move to Boston because she wanted to get out of Illinois, she said.

"I've always loved the East Coast," she said. "I've wanted to move to Boston since December 2006 and, at that time, I just figured I would move there after I graduated from Eastern."

She said she does not yet know what colleges in the Boston area she will apply to.

She does not know if she will be making trips to Eastern to see her boyfriend and friends because it is time-consuming and expensive, Manges said.

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Student involved in accident

Listed in good condition at Carle Foundation Hospital

Stephen G. Clark, a biological sciences graduate student, was involved in a head-on collision with a semi-truck Wednesday.

The accident happened north of Greenup in Cumberland County.

Clark, 28, was transported to Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. Clark was listed in good condition as of Sunday, a hospital spokes-

person said.

Clark shattered both kneecaps and broke his femur in the accident, said Amanda Poffinbarger, a biological sciences instructor.

According to the Illinois State Police in Effingham, Clark was traveling in a 1991 Geo Prism northbound on Illinois Route 130 seven miles north of Greenup. Clark swerved to miss a deer and crossed into oncoming traffic. Clark's vehicle collided head-on with a southbound semi-truck driven by Timothy M. Aebly, 41, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Clark graduated from Eastern in

2006 with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. Clark is a teaching assistant for biological sciences instructor Eden Effert. Clark teaches Biology 1001 labs on Tuesdays.

Effert will teach the labs this week, Poffinbarger said. The department has yet to determine who will teach the labs in the future.

"He is expected to make a full recovery, but it is going to take time," Poffinbarger said.

— Compiled by Nora Maberry, News Editor and Stephen Di Benedetto, Associate News Editor

EIU WEATHER

MONDAY  57° 43° Breezy T-Storms 5 15-20/40	TUESDAY 52° 17° 	WEATHER BRIEF Today will be a nice change from last week's arctic blast. Expect breezy conditions to prevail throughout much of the day with wind gusts reaching 40 mph. Chance of thunderstorms tonight. For more information, visit EIU Weather Center at www.eiu.edu/~weather
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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

'No Country for Old Men' big winner at SGA

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "No Country for Old Men" solidified its Academy Awards prospects Sunday by taking overall cast honors alongside Javier Bardem's supporting-actor prize at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, which may stand as the highlight of Hollywood's film-honors season if the writers strike undermines the Oscars.

Past Oscar winners Daniel Day-Lewis of "There Will Be Blood" and Julie Christie of "Away From Her" won the lead-acting honors.

Actors bid fond farewell to one of TV's most-acclaimed series ever as "The Sopranos" swept the dramatic categories, grabbing the lead-acting honors for James Gandolfini and Edie Falco and, minutes later, the overall cast award.

Ruby Dee won supporting actress for "American Gangster." She shared fond thoughts of her late husband

and frequent acting partner, Ossie Davis, who died in 2005.

For comedy series, Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey were the lead-acting winners for "30 Rock."

Super Bowl ads expected to combine old and new

NEW YORK — The price for a 30-second advertisement in Sunday's Super Bowl is up again, to \$2.7 million.

But only the largest of television's "events" — such as the Super Bowl — have the muscle to pull in tens of millions of people in real time.

Tire maker Bridgestone Firestone North America, has two spots and sponsorship of the halftime show. One ad features a car accelerating toward Richard Simmons as he dances on a road at night. In the other, a woman screams as the car she's riding in approaches a squirrel nibbling on an acorn.

Other big advertisers are ven-

turing back to the Super Bowl after long absences. Audi, a subsidiary of Volkswagen AG, is coming back to the game after nearly 20 years, with a Godfather-themed spot. Coca-Cola Co., whose main brand was back in the game last year for the first time since 1998, will have three or four spots this year.

Spoof tops Stallone's latest 'Rambo' endeavor

LOS ANGELES — The epic spoof "Meet the Spartans" narrowly conquered "Rambo" to nab the top spot in the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The 20th Century Fox movie, which lampooned last year's epic blockbuster "300," took in an estimated \$18.7 million in its weekend debut.

It edged out "Rambo," a Lionsgate release starring and directed by Sylvester Stallone, which took in \$18.2 million.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

EIU Reads introduces new book



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The EIU Reads Program encourages students to become active readers, as it provides an intellectual experience to accompany lectures. The new book that incoming freshmen are required to read for next year is "Mountains Beyond Mountains." See Page 3 for further coverage.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Governor's son makes prison-themed game

The Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — The son of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius is peddling a board game titled "Don't Drop the Soap," a prison-themed game he created as part of a class project at the Rhode Island School of Design.

John Sebelius, 23, has the backing of his mother and father, U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary Sebelius. The governor's spokeswoman, Nicole Corcoran, said both parents "are very proud of their son John's creativity and talent."

John Sebelius is selling the game on his Internet site

for \$34.99, plus packaging, shipping and handling.

The game also goes on sale starting Jan. 31 at a shop called Hobbs in the college town of Lawrence.

"Fight your way through 6 different exciting locations in hopes of being granted parole," the site says. "Escape prison riots in The Yard, slip glass into a mob boss' lasagna in the Cafeteria, steal painkillers from the nurse's desk in the Infirmary."

The game includes five tokens representing a bag of cocaine, a handgun and three characters: wheelchair-using "Wheelz," muscle-flexing "Anferny" and business suit-clad "Sal 'the Butcher.'"

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PROGRAMS | READING

New book for EIU Reads

Novel is notable choice by *New York Times*

By Sara Cuadrado
Campus Reporter

Bonnie Irwin believes the new EIU Reads book will teach incoming freshmen the importance of finding their passion.

"If you are passionate about an issue or a cause, your job will not be a job, but something you really enjoy getting up and doing every day," said Irwin, dean of the Honors College.

The book for this coming year is "Mountains Beyond Mountains."

The book follows the story of Dr. Paul Farmer, who chooses to make a difference in the world by using his education to help others, Irwin said.

"He has had a rather unusual life, which we think students will find interesting," Irwin said.

The novel, by Tracy Kidder, is a non-fiction, biographical work set in Haiti and Boston. The novel, published in 2004, was a *New York Times* Notable Book.

Irwin, along with Bud Fischer, associate chair of the biological sciences department, chose the book for the upcoming year.

Members of the EIU Reads committee ask faculty for suggestions, Fischer said. They consult with other universities' reading programs and read many themselves.

"We discuss the options and decide which book will offer the most to our students," Fischer said.

Irwin said students receive the book and homework questions when

they are on campus for EIU Debut, the summer orientation program.

Faculty and staff lead book discussions during EIU Prowl.

Robert Augustine, dean of the graduate school, served as a discussion leader last year and said he plans to do so again this year.

"This program has my full support because it helps our incoming students focus on preparing themselves for the level of discussion, analysis and multiple views that will be expected in college courses where their student colleagues may come from a variety of cultures and backgrounds," he said.

Augustine was impressed with the preparation and commitment the students in his discussion section brought to the experience.

Irwin said the committee will

work on different questions for students to answer to lead into better discussion ideas. She said the events will also be different from last year because it is a new book.

Other books they considered were "Kite Runner," "The Curious Incident of the Dog at Nighttime" and "The World Without Us," Irwin said. Irwin and Fischer are now looking for more books to review and consider for 2009.

They are confident in their selection this year.

"We would like our students to have fulfilling lives, and Dr. Paul Farmer is a great example of someone who figured this out while he was in college," Irwin said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Alumni night coming soon during games

On Feb. 7, The EIU Alumni Association is sponsoring Alumni night during the men's and women's basketball games at Lantz Arena. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Alumni Association Members attend for free. Tickets include game entry into the Lantz hospitality suite with bottomless appetizers and soda from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and prizes.

Get tickets through the Alumni Services Office by Thursday.

Tours for getting to know Booth Library

Booth Library is offering general library orientation tours.

The tours take place 6 p.m. on Mondays, 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and 2 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 27. Tours begin at the north entrance of Booth Library and last about 45 minutes.

Last call for tickets for heritage banquet

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the African-American Heritage Banquet. Tickets must be purchased at the Gateway Office, Room 2170 Blair Hall. Prices are \$15 adults and \$8 students.

The banquet is Feb. 1, with a social at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The Kenyetta dancers will perform.

Opportunity to see "Stranger than Paradise"

Eastern Film Society will show "Stranger than Paradise" tonight at 7 p.m. in Coleman Auditorium.

The film is about a character in New York who gets an unwelcome visit from his cousin.

Applications available for arts grant

Students participating in music, theatre arts and visual arts are eligible for the Jaenike Fund.

The fund encourages the presentation of arts performances, exhibitions, lecture/demonstrations and related programs to new or underserved audiences in the east-central Illinois area.

The fund is administered by the College of Arts and Humanities.

Contact Michael Watts at 581-2787 or at mwatts@eiu.edu for more information.

Study Abroad information sessions

From noon until 12:30 p.m. today an information session about the Study Abroad program will be held at room 2165 in Blair Hall.

Participants can sign up for the session at www.eiu.edu/~edabroad.

—Compiled by Nora Maberry, News Editor and Stephen Di Benedetto, Associate News Editor

BASKETBALL GAMES | DANCE

Local children show off skills at halftime

By Karla Browning
Staff Photographer

As the halftime buzzers sounded for the men's and women's basketball games Saturday night, girls between the ages of 4-12 took the floor.

The girls were part of the Little Pink Panther dance clinic.

The clinic is a project that allows the Pink Panthers, Eastern's dance team, to work with younger children interested in dance, said Lisa Dallas, Pink Panther coach and adviser.

However, the dance clinic does not just function as a workshop for young girls.

"It also serves as a fund raiser for our team to help us afford equipment and uniforms," Dallas said.

To learn the routine, girls between the ages of 4-7 met in the Student Recreation Center Saturday morning to prepare to perform during halftime of the women's basketball game that evening. Girls between the ages of 8-12 met later in the day to learn their performance for halftime of the men's basketball game.

They were separated into four groups and learned a dance to a song featured on the movie "High School Musical."

"(High School Musical) is really popular among kids and, at the same time, we had fun making the dance

More Online

Online Interactive Editor Dylan Divit shot video from Saturday's clinic. Check it out at www.dennews.com

up," said Pink Panther Nicole Adami.

At least two Pink Panthers choreographed each routine.

"We just have to simplify the routine as much as possible, and sometimes we had to make it harder or make it easier, based on the girls' attention spans," Adami said.

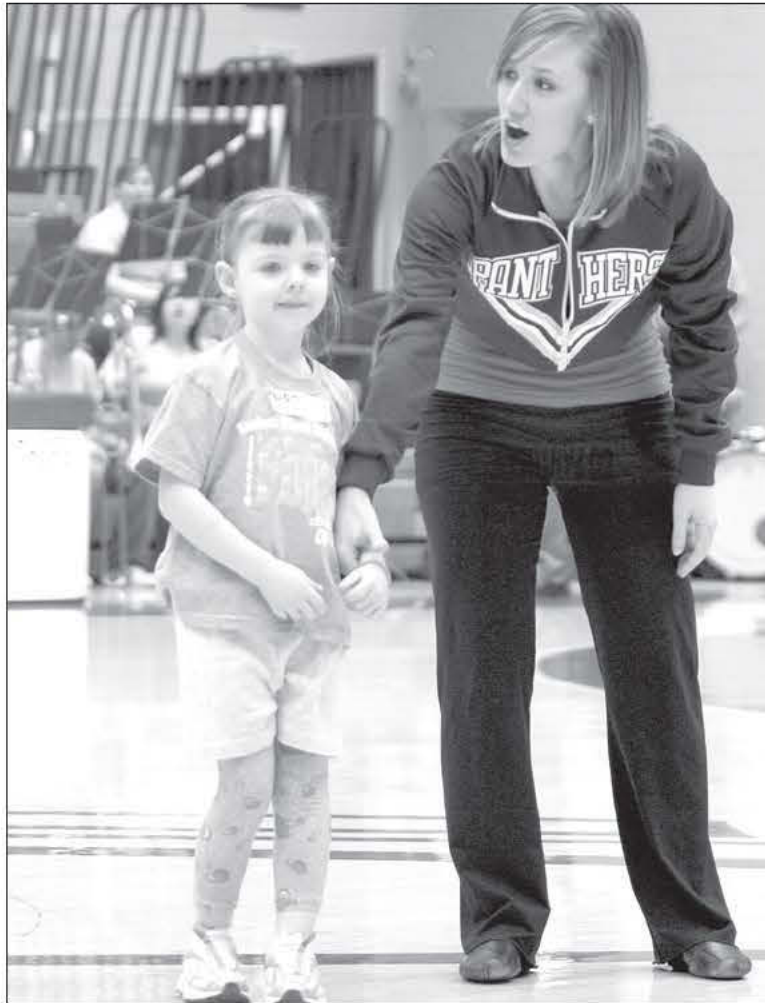
After each 45-second performance, the girls exited the gym floor with smiles on their faces.

"It was weird because everyone was there, and you didn't want to mess up," said 7-year-old Natalie Tribble, of Charleston.

Many girls participating in the event joined for their love to dance.

"When people tell you you're a great dancer, then it makes you want to dance more," said 6-year-old Sabrina Alcorn, of Tuscola.

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Erin Supple, a sophomore business major, instructs a Little Pink Panther.

CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

New senate committee positions filled

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

Six senator positions are filled.

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick said she had few applicants to choose from, but she is glad to have also appointed senate members to her two vacant committee chair positions.

Both Cristin Prince and Jarrod Scherle were appointed to the senate as members and as chairs. Prince is the new chair of the student University Development and Recycling committee.

Scherle is the new chair of the student housing committee. He told the senate he will open a line of communication to the Residence Hall Association immediately because he is the current standing RHA president.

Scherle's position does not pose a conflict of interest unless he becomes a member of the Student Govern-



KARLA BROWNING | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sara Shaw and Keith Darby shake hands after the student government meeting Wednesday in the Union. Shaw won the runoff election against Darby, who now serves as an appointed on-campus senator.

ment Executive Board, said Ceci Brinker, student government adviser.

"It's good to know there is RHA representation on the senate," Brinker said. "I see this as a good thing for both organizations."

Student senate member Ryan Kerch is also an officer of another organization: lecture coordinator for University Board. He presented the Bill Nye resolution to the senate Jan. 16. Kerch was one of three senate members who abstained from the Nye vote Thursday, which passed 18-1. More applications for senate positions were submitted.

Ogulnick has scheduled interviews and plans for filling the positions this week. However, Ogulnick said she does not have to fill all the positions if she does not feel applicants are qualified.

Three positions remain vacant.

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IMMIGRATION AND THE LAW

U. Texas — Two months after New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer shelved his controversial plan to issue drivers' licenses to illegal immigrants, the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch voted last Tuesday to bar illegal immigrants from being able to rent residential property.

Spitzer's plan was not new — seven other states allow illegal immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses, and Michigan reversed its policy last Tuesday to outlaw the practice — but it was revolutionary.

Although he faced mountains of opposition, Spitzer outlined a three-tiered license program through which illegal immigrants could acquire legitimate forms of identification from the state, and he compared the democracy of his hypothetical process to buying a pass for New York City's subway system. "I don't think it is a privilege any more than buying a MetroCard is a privilege," Spitzer told *New York 1 News*. "When we walk down into the subway system to buy a MetroCard, no one says, 'Prove you are a citizen'; no one says, 'Where did you grow up?'"

Despite his pragmatic intentions, the resistance to Spitzer's plan was staggering. The governor decided to choose his battles wisely, relinquishing his idealistic model before the fight became bitter.

The chasm between those who happened to be born here and those who don't deserve to be here because they didn't happen to be born here widened when the motion in Farmers Branch passed unanimously.

Such feelings are a live nerve in Texas, where border cameras and throngs of vigilantes still can't fully deter hopeful foreigners from coming to America through Texas, which needs these immigrants more than it wants to admit.

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Drawn from the news | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't push aside Bush's
last State of Union Address

With all the bustle in the 2008 presidential race, President Bush's last State of the Union Address during his time as president of the United States has been pushed aside.

Americans are busy trying to decide whether "a change we can believe in" is more important than experience.

Meanwhile, our president is putting the final touches on a speech tonight that will address problems ranging from the state of Homeland Security to how he plans on stimulating a sickly economy.

Not even Republican presidential hopeful John McCain is planning on attending the State of the Union Address.

He plans to stay in Florida and continue his campaign trail.

The 2008 campaigns have taken most of our focus and energy, but President Bush is planning to address serious issues that Americans should consider.

As Bush's eight-year term comes to a head, his priorities are stimulating the economy, countering terrorism and protecting the homeland.

Right now, the Homeland Security advisory system says the national threat level is elevated.

He looks toward the future and wants to make sure we are as safe as possible when it comes to imminent terrorist attacks.

The scale ranges from low, guarded, elevated, high to severe, so we have currently driven half way up the scale.

In his State of the Union Address, Bush will disclose plans to re-authorize a program called the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

This act will monitor communications between Americans and people in other countries who are believed to have terrorist ties.

The act would allow monitoring without first obtaining a warrant from a special court.

The FISA was originally enacted in 1978 and allowed for electronic surveillance and physical searches without warrant.

Original opposition to the FISA was that it violates the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Citizens who were originally bothered by the USA Patriot Act still worry that acts of this nature take away the American citizens' civil liberties and privacy.

But these security measures are only precautionary.

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** President Bush will be delivering his last State of the Union Address of his eight-year term.

• **Stance:** The president will be addressing important issues that should not be ignored.

Talk of the FISA is yet another reason to tune into the State of the Union Address.

Also on the mighty agenda is to come to a Middle East peace agreement where Bush looks forward to a solid democracy to take root.

And since he is making the journey to Africa next month, Bush will also be addressing AIDS and how to fight global hunger.

Bush's plan to revitalize the economy is to create more jobs through an economic stimulus plan that would give provisions to unemployed people if passed as is.

Republicans originally rejected this stimulus plan because they felt a deeper tax-cut was needed.

Bush would also like to provide faster tax relief with a permanent tax cut to encourage Americans to spend more freely.

On the docket as well will be a health-care plan that would give patients a bill of rights and will

begin a program that gives uninsured workers credits to buy health insurance.

Bush also plans on increasing spending on veterans' health and increasing Medicare for seniors that would cover prescription costs.

More youth-oriented, though, are Bush's plans to implement new safeguards in 401K pension plans so younger workers can choose a more stable social security plan.

Bush will also be pushing for Americans to volunteer more of their time and get involved with the new U.S.A. Freedom Corps.

According to Whitehouse.gov, Bush has lofty goals in his hopes to accomplish "extending American passion throughout the world," through this program.

And as for the environment, Bush wants Americans to commit to conservation and he would like to concentrate on technology and cleaner energy to avoid dependence on foreign oil.

The president's State of the Union Address should not be ignored.

Even though a presidential candidate like McCain has decided to opt out of attending the State of the Union Address tonight to concentrate on his campaign doesn't mean the rest of us should ignore it, too.

Bush, who has a 66 percent disapproval rating and who many Americans can't wait to leave office, has one final chance to address the nation. You should listen in.



MATT DANIELS

Reeder's
biggest test

Bodie Reeder could be labeled a free spirit. That was evident to me the first time I spoke to him back in mid-August.

Eastern's quarterback told me a story about his only season of college football at the University of Wyoming.

He red-shirted, didn't play the entire year, but enjoyed the scenery and the mountains because he's an avid snowboarder.

Fast forward nearly five months later and his actions off the field have drawn more attention than his solid play this past season. Reeder was arrested Jan. 11 for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol. The 21-year-old from Ivesdale faces a Class A misdemeanor for his alleged actions, and a possible fine of up to \$2,500 and worst case scenario, up to a year in county jail.

Some college students drink. It's a fact of life. And in some situations, college students drink, grab their car keys and get behind the wheel.

This is what Reeder did. No, he did not kill or injure anyone. But that isn't the point. The possibility for those actions increased when Reeder chose to drive while under the influence.

Reeder's teammate and favorite passing option this past season, Micah Rucker, knows the consequences of those actions.

A drunk driver killed his girlfriend one year ago, Jan. 28, 2007.

Rucker used that personal loss and started Respect for Youth, a student organization against underage drinking, binge drinking and drinking and driving.

Reeder and Rucker are good friends who even co-hosted a radio show last semester. It's shocking and sad that Reeder would put himself in a situation like he did in the early morning of Jan. 11 because of his friendship with Rucker.

Accountability is a trait Reeder has.

After he replaced starter Cole Stinson in the third quarter of a close game against Illinois State in mid-September with the Panthers losing by seven, he showed incredible poise and rallied Eastern.

The Panthers trailed 24-21 in the final minute, but had the ball in Illinois State territory and a field goal or touchdown seemed inevitable.

But Reeder fumbled the snap at Illinois State's 20-yard line.

Illinois State recovered and won the game. Afterwards Reeder said, "It was a dream turned into a nightmare. It started off great. We were moving the football; things were clicking. I fumbled it. There's no getting around it."

It was a moment I won't forget. A college athlete took responsibility for a mistake. It doesn't happen too often.

Now, Reeder has to do the same following his arrest for a DUI. It won't be easy. Public opinion about him has already swayed, to an extent.

Comments on dennews.com have reached the extreme of saying Reeder should be suspended for the 2008 season.

He'll have to deal with the possible legal consequences for his decision, plus any football-related punishment.

Reeder again has to take accountability for his actions — albeit, more serious actions this time than any football mistake he's ever made.

Let's just hope he doesn't fumble it away.

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RSO | ACTIVITIES

Event unites locals, students

'One Campus-One Community' brings RSOs to Hilltop Center for rounds of bingo

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

Time was all they asked for.

At Saturday's One Campus-One Community event, residents of three assisted living homes valued that time to talk about past accomplishments, time to talk about their children – and time to play a friendly game of bingo.

The event featured 55 Eastern students from numerous registered student organizations.

"I think we showed these people that (residents) in the Charleston area and all of us from the university care about senior citizens," said Keith Wise, vice president of the Black Student Union. "This made me (think) about my own grandmother back home, and how I need to talk to her as much as I can because these moments are precious."

Every resident eventually won twice and only twice. After listening to his bingo partner talk about her

granddaughter, Wise gave his two prizes to her – thought he was later reprimanded by a nurse for doing so.

"Putting that extra smile on someone's face and making them laugh can go a long way because when you get in these types of situations, we tend to not smile or laugh as much anymore," Wise said. "Bringing some joy and happiness, even for just a second, can really help them and that's what we tried to accomplish today."

Delver Glen, activities assistant at Hilltop Convalescent Center, said the students were helpful even after bingo was over.

Many of the residents stayed in the dining hall to celebrate a birthday, and Eastern students delivered the cake and juice to the remaining residents.

"It's good to give back and remember where we came from because we're going to be in this place eventually and by us showing up now, hopefully, others will be inspired to come and give back in the future," said Omar Solomon, director for BSU's public and marketing affairs.

BSU does regular community service by tutoring students in local elementary schools, Solomon said.

Other organizations that participated in Saturday's event were the Resident Hall Association, the Latin-American Student Organization, the EIU College Democrats, several Greek organizations and student government.

"This is not something we have to do, but it's not taking up our whole Saturdays to hang out here and have fun," said BSU president Charrell Barksdale.

Rich Higginbotham, chair of the One Campus-One Community committee and student vice president for student affairs, said he considers the event another success for the committee.

"I really feel like there was a lot of great interaction between the residents and the students," Higginbotham said. "I think both groups appreciated the time."

And time was the only price the students had to pay for participating in the event and the lives of the residents.

"The residents were very happy that the students were here to spend time with them, and everyone had a smile on their face today," Glen said.

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CAMPUS | CRIME

Student's charges decreased

By Cathy Bayer
Police and Courts Reporter

An Eastern student's criminal charges were reduced Friday morning from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Derrick L. Johnson, a 21-year-old junior journalism major from Glen Carbon, was charged with aggravated battery with great bodily harm after he was arrested in connection with punching another student. He pleaded guilty to a charge of battery Friday at a felony hearing, reduced from aggravated battery, stemming from the fight Nov. 29, 2006.

The victim, Daniel C. Bustamante, 23, suffered a broken jaw in two places. At the time, both listed their address as the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house. Bustamante graduated

from Eastern in May.

A warrant for Johnson's arrest was issued May 1, 2007, and he was arrested July 30, 2007, according to courthouse records.

Johnson was interning with the Barack Obama campaign in Iowa when a background check revealed a warrant for Johnson's arrest, according to the *Des Moines Register*.

Aggravated battery is a Class 3 felony and carries a punishment of imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and not more than five years.

The defendant's attorney, Mark Bovard, and assistant state's attorney Eric Nuemann reached an agreement to reduce the charge. Judge Gary Jacobs accepted the plea agreement and deferred judgment on the plea. If Johnson does not comply with his plea agreement, he faces a

conviction. Battery is a Class A misdemeanor and carries a punishment of up to one year in a county jail and a \$2,500 fine.

The agreement states Johnson will plead guilty, have six months of court supervision, pay \$500 in court costs, complete 40 hours of community service, and obtain a mental health evaluation within 30 days and comply with any recommended treatment.

Johnson will have no conviction if he completes his agreement by July 7. Johnson has no criminal history. If he complies with the agreement, he will have the crime expunged from his record. The next hearing is set for 1 p.m., July 7 in the Coles County Circuit Court.

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CITY | COMMERCE

HOTEL, SHOPPING CENTER IN PLANS FOR CHARLESTON

Mayor Inyart says construction plans for hotel are not yet complete; seeks a developer for increase of opportunities for the young

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

A new shopping center and hotel will be constructed in Charleston.

Mayor John Inyart made the announcement at the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce dinner during the State of the City Address on Saturday.

The 20-25,000 square ft. shopping center could house national and local businesses with construction expected to begin in the spring, he said.

The 68-room hotel will house 2,000 square feet of meeting space, an indoor pool, and will also offer a restaurant.

Construction plans for the hotel are not yet complete, Inyart said.

A goal to increase recreational opportunities for those under 21 years old has not brought a commitment from a developer, but Inyart said he has talked about the goal with developers.

Possible recreational venues could include a skating rink, a movie theater or a family entertainment center.

"I'm convinced a very nice facility could do well," Inyart said.

At the Jan. 16 Charleston City Council meeting, the city agreed to have Coles Together hire Buxton ID, a retail research company, to conduct retail development research for Charleston and Mattoon.

During his address, Inyart said he read through a portion of the report from the company. Buxton ID reported retail spending within a 30-minute of Charleston amounts to \$1.6 billion each year.

Also, in 2007 Charleston saw \$12 million in private construction.

"Hopefully it will be even higher in 2008," Inyart said.

Inyart announced projects that include the replacement of the Jackson Avenue bridge near the intersection of Division Street and the widening and resurfacing of Fourth Street from Polk to Madison avenues.

Construction on the bridge is expected to start in February and the utility work on Fourth Street is expected to start in March with the resurfacing beginning in May.

He also congratulated Coles Together and the Mattoon staff, which landed the FutureGen project and that he is confident it will be built as planned.

Diane Hoadley, the president of the chamber, also spoke at the dinner.

She said the number one concern of the chamber is to maintain a healthy business environment.

After Hoadley passed the gavel to incoming president Mike Brown, he described the chamber as a big band.

"No one person can make the sound of the band," he said.

He said the chamber should continue making "noise" and support Charleston.

Also at the dinner, William E. Hill, the retired Charleston School District superintendent currently serving as interim, was awarded the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

Barb Jakubowski was recognized as Diplomat of the Year and Pro-Mow Lawn Care, Inc. was given the Small Business of the Year Award.

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ENTERTAINMENT | UNIVERSITY BOARD

LAUGHTER ESCAPES EASTERN'S 'DUNGEON'

Comedian jibes at student life, school's architecture

By Eun-yong Park
Staff Reporter

Comedian John Mulaney entertained the crowd in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Friday by telling jokes students could relate to, and switching from scripted jokes to improvisational jokes.

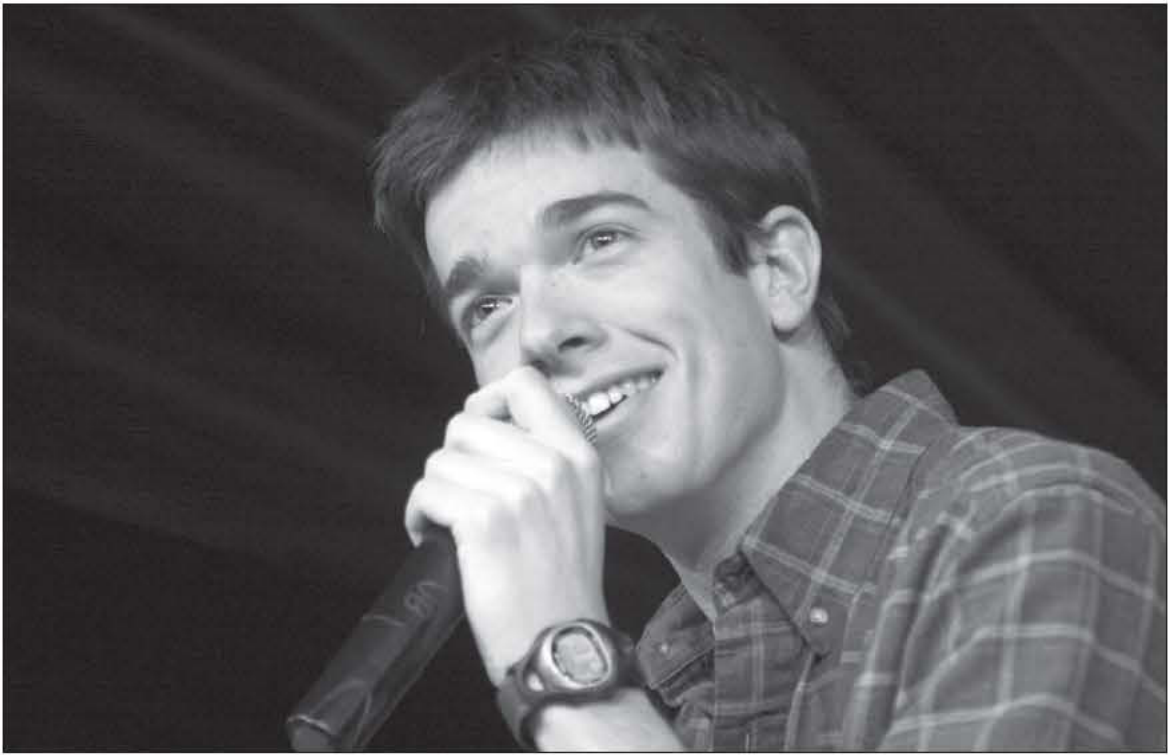
"I liked him a lot, and he was interactive with the crowd," said Chelsie Young, a sophomore psychology major.

Before Mulaney took the stage, Joe Munde, a comedian traveling with Mulaney, opened for him.

"Not all the crowds are as welcoming as at this school," Munde said. "Some even stay silent when they don't agree with the issues we approach."

He talked about issues such as homosexuality and his Jewish heritage, which the audience seemed to enjoy.

He joked about his educational career in high school and as an Eng-



KARLA BROWNING|THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Comedian John Mulaney performed Friday night at 7th Street Underground in the basement of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union. Mulaney can be seen as a regular contributor on VH1's "Best Week Ever."

lish major in college – making fun of the students in the audience who have the "useless" major.

Drug abuse and social networking Web sites such as Facebook.com were among the topics.

Old Main was a part of Mulaney's interactive performance, when he asked the students if they "ever got

so high they thought they were the king" of the castle.

As a part of his improvised bit, Mulaney skimmed through *The Daily Eastern News* and compared Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich's haircut to a 7-year-old's haircut.

"He was really, really funny," said Lenze Davis, a sophomore premed major. "The material he spoke about was great."

The comedian complimented the school for having a venue like 7th Street Underground.

"The ceiling is very low, and the atmosphere is great," Mulaney said.

But when the comedian got wind of Bill Nye The Science Guy coming to Eastern, and that he would be performing in the Grand Ballroom of the Union, Mulaney responded that he was worth only so much to be put in the "medieval dungeon."

Mulaney is currently on a tour and has visited seven other schools prior to performing at Eastern.

"Out of all the schools we've visited, this was the most awesome show we've done," Mulaney said.

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ENTERTAINMENT | RAFFLE NIGHT

New advertising avenues bring in more students

Facebook, MySpace increase turnout at basketball games

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Chad Franks wanted to reach out to students in a different way for the On Campus Resident Appreciation Night.

He said he did that with the number of students he saw on Saturday at Lantz Arena for the Eastern women's and men's basketball games.

Franks, Eastern's housing and dining services' marketing and promotion specialist, put the event on MySpace.com, Facebook.com and made sure it was on the rotation on Eastern's Web site.

"It was something different I tried to get it out to the students," Franks said.

Franks directed the 29th Annual Eastern Housing and Dining Night, where prizes were given to on-campus residents who attended the basketball games.

Franks began work on the promotion of the night when he arrived back for the spring semester.

He said, ideally, he wants to host the event on a Thursday night.

"Student numbers could have a larger turnout, but being it's a game on Saturday, students have other events they're attending," Franks said.

The Eastern women's basketball team won its game, 68-52, and 1,038 fans attended. The Eastern men's basketball team also won,

66-65 in overtime, with 2,445 fans attending – that is the highest number of fans for the men's team this season, and the second highest for the women's team.

"Everybody comes and watches the games, and we announce these raffle ticket prices throughout the game," Franks said.

Franks, in conjunction with athletics, gave away numerous prizes to the students, including a high-definition LCD flat screen color TV, a recordable DVD player, and other prizes.

"I think it's just a good way for the staff to get together outside the work setting and have some fun together," said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining. "They bring their families. It's just a good time for everybody to come out and

socialize."

Housing and Dining workers also received gifts, but because Eastern does not allow them to go out and buy prizes, Franks and his assistants asked for donations in the city of Charleston.

Franks said True Value donated an \$80 power drill, and Ace Hardware donated a ratchet set.

Franks said the department of athletics also donated tickets so the housing and dining staff could practically come for free.

Pizza Hut donated 30 pizzas for the night, and all were gone, which Franks said was unusual.

The winners of the grand prizes were also announced Saturday night.

The grand prize winner was Mal-lory Devens, who received free room and board for fall.

The male winner of the double room as single room upgrade was Timothy Gall.

The male and female winners of a free room were Kevin Kazmierowski and Hope Nottmeyer.

More than 900 students were eligible, which was up from last year's total. Hudson said fewer than 800 students signed Early Bird contracts last year.

"I hope it's a reflection of people with their on-campus experience," Hudson said. "Good growth, so we're excited about that."

Students who sign up for the Early Bird Contract receive priority housing and an extra \$100 in Dining Dollars for the next semester.

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CITY | COURTS

Abernathy's court date changed

Staff report

Jason A. Abernathy, 33, the man arrested in alleged connection with the attack on a Charleston resident, won't be in court again until late February.

Abernathy was arrested and charged with aggravated domestic battery. He's accused of beating Charleston resident Gina L. Giberson on Oct. 16 at her home at 211

Fourth St. and causing severe injuries to her head and face. Giberson spent about two weeks in a coma.

Abernathy's next hearing is set for 1 p.m. Feb. 22.

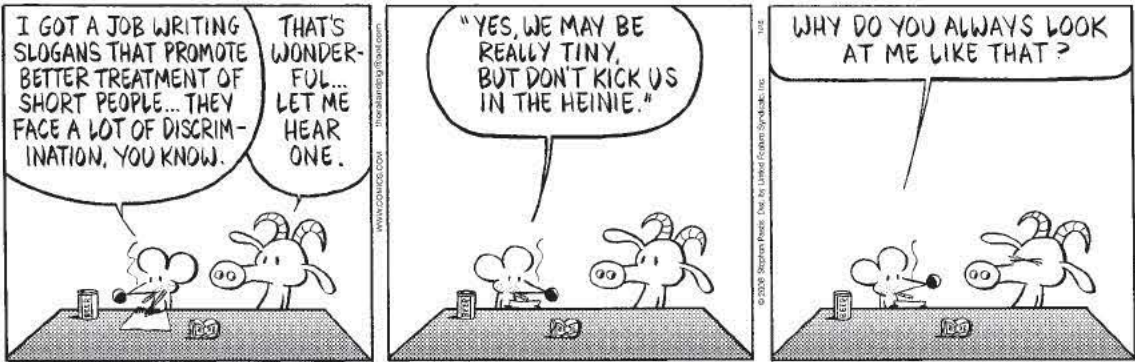
Abernathy's trial on a drug charge, possession of methamphetamine, is 9 a.m. March 3. It was rescheduled because Abernathy's defense attorneys wouldn't be available Feb. 5,

the trial's original date.

Abernathy was arrested May 2, and his bond was revoked in November.

Because of Abernathy's criminal record, if convicted of aggravated domestic battery, he'll face a prison sentence of six to 30 years. The drug charge carries a two- to 10-year prison term.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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5 Letter-shaped structural piece

9 Lesser-played half of a 45

14 Elementary particle

15 Vex

16 Gucci alternative

17 Upstate New York city and spa

20 Remote areas

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22 Head for

23 The boondocks

24 Honeymooners' destination

28 Alternative to .com or .edu

29 Fix, as brakes

30 Jacob's twin

34 Track events

36 Asian New Year

37 Leaves port

38 Bygone U.S. gas brand

39 Mother _____, 1979 Peace Nobelist

41 Napkin's place

42 Former president of Harvard

45 Kodak, Pentax and Nikon

48 The "L" in S.&L.

49 Is wild about
- 50 Mythical island that sank into the sea

54 Comic who played Robin Williams's son in "Mork & Mindy"

56 Auto route from Me. to Fla.

57 1930s migrant

58 Smell _____ (be suspicious)

59 Groups of spies

60 Fails to keep pace

61 Without: Fr.

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2 Hawaiian cookout

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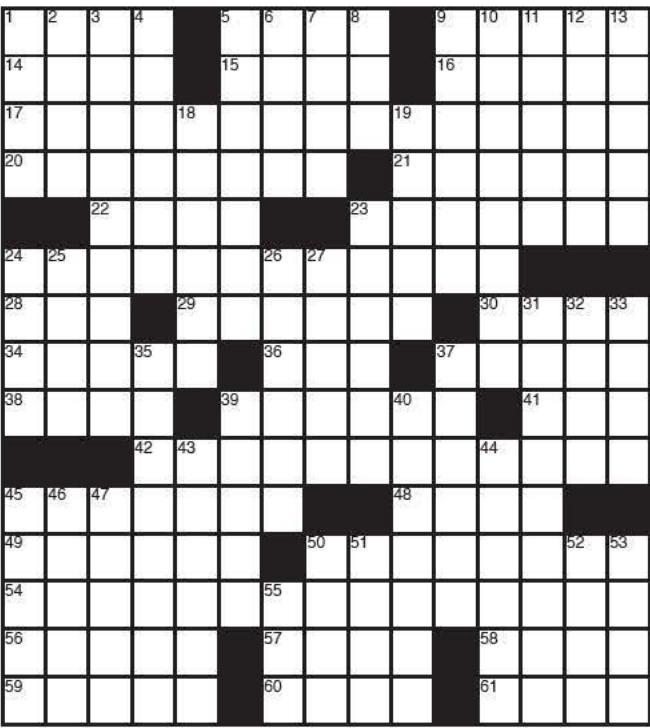
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PUZZLE BY RICHARD CHISHOLM

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27 Passionate

31 Time before talkies

32 Banned orchard spray
- 33 Letter carriers' grp.

35 Broad-minded

37 Pago Pago resident

39 Garbage

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44 Powerful rays

45 Louisianan of French descent

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CAMPUS | ACADEMICS

Writing Center welcomes all

Tutors see increased use around time of midterms and finals

By Heather Holm
RHA Reporter

Students can bring anything, even love letters, to the Writing Center.

"The center can help anyone that walks in, from freshmen to seniors – even graduate students and faculty – on any matter that concerns them," said Arwen Tyler, a second-year English graduate student.

Along with help with school assignments, the center also helps students or faculty alike with cover letters, résumés and even, if the student chooses, love letters.

The writing center, located in room 3110 in Coleman Hall, has 10 tutors available, including seven females and three males. The tutors are English graduate students working on their master's degrees.

The reason for the higher proportion of females is probably because the major demographic of the English department is female, Tyler said.

Despite being able to bring anything to the Writing Center, not as many students show up to the center at the beginning of the year as at other times of the year.

"We don't get as many students in the beginning of the semester because they don't know about the center or haven't had a lot of assign-



JULIETTE BEAULIEU | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Andy Eichel, a graduate assistant in the English department, helps Mitsumi Takei, a senior communication studies major, with her paper in the Writing Center on Thursday.

ments yet," Tyler said. "It gets busier from mid-terms to the end of the year."

The center currently averages 2-4 appointments per hour, and the center takes walk-in appointments as well. Later in the year, when the center is busier, walk-in appointments are less likely because students with regular appointments get priority.

"There is no time when we prohibit walk-ins. However, walk-ins

are less likely because students make appointments more often," said Kristy Van Amerongen, second-year English graduate student.

So far, only 41 students were served by the Writing Center this semester. Last year, 1,101 students' needs were met.

"In a really busy week, we get around 90-100 students; in a mild week, we get around 60 students; and in really light weeks, like in

the beginning of the year, the numbers are around 25-30 students per week," Tyler said.

The center does not grade papers, and it does not evaluate papers for a class. The center does feature different stylebooks that students can use at their own discretion. The books cover APA and MLA formats. The center will also soon have an Associated Press stylebook.

Sherica Jefferson, a sophomore

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•Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

nursing major, has already visited the Writing Center this semester.

"I thought it would be a good idea (to come to the Writing Center) because my English 1000 course teacher recommended it," Jefferson said.

The center does not require students to bring in a hard copy of their assignments.

Students can bring in their syllabi or assignment sheets and talk about ideas for their paper. However, for research papers, sources on paper should be brought in.

One tutor said he believes professors should encourage students to utilize the center but should not require students to bring papers into the center as a part of their curriculum.

Students who are required to come to the center could feel resentment, and not much will get done during their session, said Corey Taylor, a second-year English graduate student.

"Students should be encouraged to come in here to get a better grade of their papers," Taylor said.

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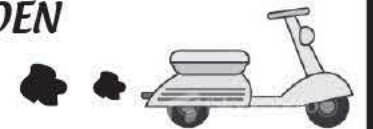
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TECHNOLOGY | NETWORK

Upgrading by 1.9 versions

New WebCT to keep school supported, in line with future

By Barbara Harrington
University Reporter

When Antoine Thomas was an Eastern student, he said distance learning was a big help.

Distance learning is interaction that occurs outside the classroom environment.

In addition to working toward a degree during his time at Eastern, Thomas worked to support himself and take care of his brother.

For Thomas, time management was essential.

Thomas, the training development specialist for the center for academic technology and support, said online interactive tools helped him keep up with coursework by allowing him to access course materials and resources at any time.

Now that Eastern is preparing for a WebCT upgrade, Thomas said he is anxious and excited.

“As a student that was once here, I think WebCT allowed me a lot more flexibility,” Thomas said. “Whenever you need something, you always have access to it, whether it’s a syllabus or a handout. The new version has even more features that will help students.”

The Board of Trustees approved a WebCT upgrade in September, and Thomas said the university is in the process of upgrading its hardware and software.

The upgrade from WebCT Version 4.1 to WebCT Version 6 is a result of a company merger.

Blackboard, a company that makes course management systems similar to WebCT, bought out WebCT and announced it will discontinue its support for version 4.1.

Because Blackboard will be discontinuing its support for Eastern’s current version of WebCT, Thomas said the university had to come up with an alternative to the current system.

The new system chosen by the university is WebCT Campus Edition Learning System 6, a new version of WebCT developed by Blackboard.

Thomas said this new version of the system includes features from Blackboard, and the university will now have the support it needs from the company.

Other schools that used version 4.1 are also switching to the new WebCT.

Lake Land Community College has already made the transition.

Thomas said WebCT Version 6 includes new features to enhance usability. Every time students log onto WebCT, their recently updated grades for each course will appear on the homepage.

A calendar with deadlines for courses will also appear on the main page. Thomas said students will be able to add personal appointments and reminders to this calendar, as well.

He said he thinks the new “Who’s Online” feature will be especially

helpful to both professors and students.

The feature allows students to chat with anyone from their course and section who is on WebCT at the same time. Students can chat with a group or one person.

“You can talk to your friends; you can ask them questions,” Thomas said. “But if your teacher is online, you can talk with them instantly and address concerns.”

Volunteers who would like to work with the new system will have the opportunity to use WebCT Version 6 as part of a pilot test in March.

By summer, Thomas said the university hopes to be running the old and new versions of WebCT parallel.

Teachers will be able to choose which version of the program they would like to use. If everything goes as planned, only WebCT Version 6 will be running in fall.

Thomas said WebCT will be accessible at all times during the transition.

Training sessions for those wanting to learn how to use the WebCT upgrade will be available in March, but Thomas said the new system is not a complete change from version 4.1.

“Nothing is extremely different,” Thomas said. “It’s just the use and location of certain tools that has changed.”

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LECTURES | POLITICS

Kazakhstan moves to the forefront

Ex-Soviet state experiencing major growth

By Cari Wafford
Staff Reporter

Michael Frachetti wants to convince students there is more to Kazakhstan than Borat look-alikes and gypsies.

Frachetti, an assistant professor in the department of anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis, will be on campus today to present his lecture “Living on the Edge.”

The lecture focuses on the studies of mountain pastoralism in the Kazakhstan area. Pastoralism is the branch of agriculture concerned with raising livestock.

“Part of the responsibility that world has is making an understanding of the history and cultural framework of an area,” Frachetti said. Frachetti worked for 10 years understanding and studying the nomadic herds that live and farm in the mountains and deserts of Central and Eastern Asia.

A recent economy boost also makes Kazakhstan a hot bed for topics of interest, he said.

According to the CIA world fact book, Kazakhstan is rich in valuable natural resources.

Among the resource supplies of gold, copper and uranium, Kazakhstan is a major deposit for petroleum, coal and iron ore. The nation has experienced 8 percent or more growth for the last seven years.

Frachetti said he believes that areas rich in resources should be explored. Exploration could open up a part of the world that was closed for so long, he said.

The rising economy has put Kazakhstan at the top of the major players for world resources, more than all other Central Asians states combined.


“Not having a long-term perspective – or no understanding – of that type of region is dangerous,” he said. Frachetti teaches “From Country to Heavy Metal,” “Ancient Civilizations of the Old World” and “Landscape of Archeology” at Washington University.

Eastern’s anthropology department invited Frachetti to lecture for the first time on campus.

“This is a great opportunity to build regional relationships,” Frachetti said.

The lecture will take place today at 1 p.m. in Room 1103 of Blair Hall.


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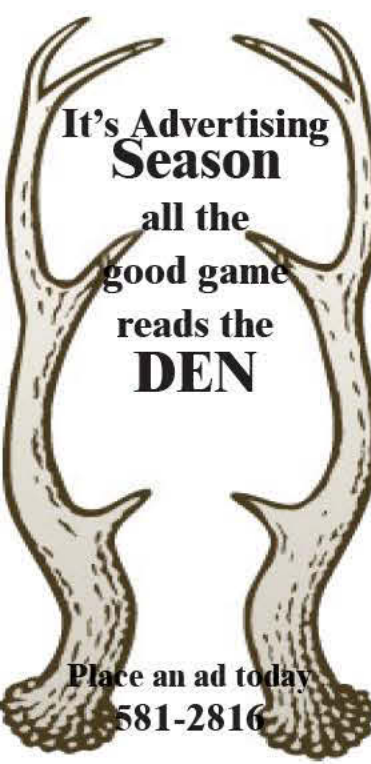
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NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Suns pull away from Bulls in the fourth

The Associated Press

NBA

CHICAGO — Amare Stoudemire scored 24 points and Phoenix pulled away early in the fourth quarter to beat Chicago, 88-77, on Sunday.

Leandro Barbosa scored 13 and started a 12-0 run in the fourth with a baseline drive and two 3-pointers, sending the Suns to their sixth win in seven games.

Stoudemire shot 9-of-16, while Shawn Marion added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Kirk Hinrich did all he could to keep the Bulls in the game, finishing with 31 points — the second time in less than a week he scored more than 30.

Cavaliers 98, Lakers 95

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James scored 14 of his 41 points in the fourth quarter, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the short-handed

Los Angeles Lakers Sunday for their 12th win in 15 games.

Kobe Bryant scored nine of his 33 points in the final period, and also had 12 rebounds and six assists, but it wouldn't be enough to keep the Lakers from losing their third straight to match their longest losing streak of the season.

Magic 96, Celtics 93

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu nailed an off-balance 3-pointer with time expiring to lift Orlando over Boston, which played without Kevin Garnett.

Dwight Howard had 18 points for Orlando, wile Paul Pierce scored 24 for Boston.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NORMAL — Dinma Odiakosa and Osiris Eldridge both scored 15 points as Illinois State edged past Indiana State 65-62 on Sunday afternoon.

The Sycamores (10-9, 5-4 MVC)

were led by Marico Stinson's 22 points. Stinson tied the game with two minutes left at 59 with a 3-pointer.

But Eldridge finally put the game away for Illinois State (15-5, 7-2) when he hit a 3-pointer with 37 seconds left.

Duke 93, Maryland 84

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — DeMarcus Nelson scored 19 of his 27 points in the second half, Gerald Henderson added 23, and No. 4 Duke rallied to beat Maryland Sunday night.

James Gist scored 26 and Bam-bale Osby had 20 points and 15 rebounds, both career highs, for the Terrapins (12-8, 2-3).

Michigan State 77, Michigan 62

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Drew Neitzel and Kalin Lucas each scored 18 points to help the Spartans (18-2, 6-1 Big Ten) match their best

20-game record in school history.

The Wolverines (5-15, 1-7) have their worst 20-game mark since 1981-82.

Michigan didn't have a double-digit scorer until there was 5:16 left and Manny Harris made two free throws and finished with 11 points. Anthony Wright also scored 11.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Tina Charles scored 22 points, including nine during a 22-4 run in the first half, to lead top-ranked Connecticut to an 81-64 victory at No. 16 Notre Dame on Sunday night.

Oklahoma 65, Georgia 57

NORMAN, Okla. — Courtney Paris set the Big 12 rebounding record en route to her 78th consecutive double-double.

Paris had 18 points and 14 boards to surpass the previous Big 12 record of 1,316 set by Baylor's Sophia Young.

NHL

ATLANTA — Boston Bruins forward Marc Savard scored the winning goal with 20.9 seconds left Sunday to lift the Eastern Conference to an 8-7 win against the West in the league's All-Star game.

GOLF

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods built an 11-shot lead Sunday and won the Buick Invitational title by eight shots.

Woods finished at 19-under 269 to win the tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

FIGURE SKATING

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Evan Lysacek won his second straight crown at the U.S. Championships on Sunday, despite having the same score as Johnny Weir. Both finished with 244.77 points.

But Lysacek won the tiebreaker – the free skate – 162.72 to 161.37.

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OVC MEN'S STANDINGS			Saturday Night's Results:		
School	Overall	OVC	Tenn. St. 73, Tenn. Tech 72		
Austin Peay	13-8	9-2	Murray St. 86, SE Missouri 85		
Murray St.	12-7	8-3	UT-Martin 81, Jacksonville St. 70		
Morehead St.	9-10	7-5	Samford 63, Austin Peay 49		
E. Kentucky	9-10	6-5	E. Illinois 66, Morehead St. 65		
Tenn. State	9-11	6-5	Tuesday's Schedule:		
SE Missouri	11-11	6-6	Austin Peay at Southeast Missouri		
UT-Martin	10-12	6-6	Tenn. Tech at Morehead St.		
Samford	9-11	6-6	EKU at UT-Martin		
Tenn. Tech	9-13	6-6	Jacksonville St. at Tenn. St.		
Jacksonville St.	4-16	2-10			
E. Illinois	3-17	2-10			

OVC WOMEN'S STANDINGS			Saturday Night's Results:		
School	Overall	OVC	Tenn. St. 69, Tenn. Tech 56		
E. Illinois	11-9	10-2	Jacksonville St. 64, UT-Martin 52		
SE Missouri	14-6	9-2	Samford 64, Austin Peay 46		
Samford	15-6	8-3	SE Missouri 81, Murray St. 74		
Murray St.	13-6	7-4	E. Illinois 68, Morehead St. 52		
Tenn. St.	9-11	6-5	Thursday's Schedule:		
E. Kentucky	10-7	5-5	Murray State at Austin Peay		
Jacksonville St.	9-12	6-6	Samford at Tenn. St.		
Morehead St.	7-13	5-7	Eastern at Jacksonville St.		
Austin Peay	5-14	2-8	Tenn. Tech at UT-Martin		
Tenn. Tech	3-18	2-9			
UT-Martin	4-17	1-10			

NATIONAL SPORTS		
HOCKEY		
AHL All-Star Game 		
6 tonight on FoxSports Midwest from Toronto		
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma 		
8 tonight on ESPN from Norman, Okla.		
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
California at Pacific 		
10 tonight on ESPN2 from Pacific, Calif.		

MEN'S TENNIS
Saturday in Fort Wayne, Ind.
Eastern 7, Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne 0
Records: Eastern (1-0); IPFW (0-5)
Singles
1. Rutherford (EIU) def. Filho (IPFW) 6-0, 4-6, 6-0.
2. Stedman (EIU) def. Kuschke (IPFW) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.
3. Nestrud (EIU) def. Gonzales (IPFW) 7-5, 6-1.
4. Bush (EIU) def. Jones (IPFW) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.
5. Gama (EIU) def. Sigvad (IPFW) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
6. Marler (EIU) def. Salgado (IPFW) 6-0, 6-2
Doubles
1. Thomas/Bush (EIU) def. Filho/Jones (IPFW) 9-7.
2. Rutherford/Stedman (EIU) def. Kuschke/Sigvad (IPFW) 9-7.
3. Nestrud/Gama (EIU) def. Gonzales/Salgado (IPFW) 8-5.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Sunday in Champaign
Eastern 6, Valparaiso 1
Records: Eastern (1-0); Valparaiso (0-1)
Singles
1. Sasidharan (EIU) def. Schwartz (VALPO) 6-0, 6-2.
2. Martin (EIU) def. Sajevic (Valpo) 6-0, 6-4.
3. Homburg (EIU) def. Keifer (Valpo) 6-3, 6-0.
4. Huck (EIU) def. Gustafson (Valpo) 6-1, 6-2.
5. Harmazy (EIU) def. Wingstrom (Valpo) 6-2, 6-0.
6. Antrobus (Valpo) def. Larson (EIU) 6-4, 6-3
Doubles
1. Martin/Homburg (EIU) def. Keifer/Schwartz (Valpo) 8-2.
2. Sasidharan/Huck (EIU) def. Wingstrom/Gustafson (Valpo) 8-0.
3. Harmazy/Larson (EIU) def. O'Reilly/Sajevic (Valpo) 8-4.

MEN'S TRACK
Saturday at the Armory in Champaign
Illinois Invitational
Team Scores
1. Illinois 208, 2. Southern Illinois 134, 3. Eastern 113 , 4. Illinois State 78, 5. Lincoln, (Mo.) 45, 6. DePaul 34
Top Eastern finishers
1 mile run 1. Trent Hoerr, Illinois, 4:13.00. 2. David Holm, EIU, 4:13.85.
800-meter run 1. Scott Phelps, Illinois, 1:53.61 2. Jason Springer, EIU, 1:53.74. 3. Chris Wesson, EIU, 1:55.99. 4. Justin Helpingstine, EIU, 1:57.32
1,000-meter run 1. Brian Bearid, Illinois, 2:30.62. 2. Wes Sheldon, EIU, 2:30.72. 3. Kevin Adamowski, EIU, 2:33.16
3,000-meter run 1. Dan Strackeljahn, Un-attached, 8:40.47. 2. Rob Pykosz, Illinois, 8:44.13. 3. Tyler Bradford, SIU, 8:58.01 4. Ryan Hoklas, EIU, 9:09.51. 5. Aaron Iuan, EIU, 9:11.43
60-meter hurdles 1. Josh Gist, Illinois, 8.31. 2. Mike Embry, EIU, 8.44. 3. Thomas Evans, EIU, 8.47. 4. Cody Wisslead, Illinois, 8.59. 5. Kris Gehrke, EIU, 8.69
Triple jump 1. Obe Eruteya, EIU, 14.86 me-ters
High jump 1. Alex Straughn, Illinois State, 2.09 meters. 2. Greg Shroka, Illinois, 2.04 me-ters. 2. Drew Holl, Illinois State, 2.04 meters 4. Ty Vanderkerkhove, EIU, 1.94 meters. 4. Ian Winston, EIU, 1.94 meters. 4. Kris Gehrke, EIU, 1.94 meters.

WOMEN'S B-BALL
Eastern 68, Morehead State 52
<small>EASTERN (11-9, 10-2 OVC) Kluempers 1-3 0-0 2, Galligan 5-7 4-4 14, Canale 2-7 3-4 9, Edwards 1-3 2-2 5, Sims 6-9 0-0 15, Huffman 3-7 4-6 10, Sturtevant 0-1 2-2 2, Thomas 2-4 1-2 5, Kloak 1-2 4-4 6, Totals 21-43 20-24 68. MOREHEAD STATE (7-13, 5-7 OVC) Rayburn 5-13 1-2 15, Pittman 1-7 0-0 2, Bozeman 7-19 6-7 23, Combs 1-7 2-2 5, Flynn 0-1 0-0 0, Lindsey 1-1 0-0 2, Mingo 0-2 0-0 0, Smith-Williams 2-12 0-0 5, Totals 17-62 9-11 52.</small>
<small>Halftime: Eastern 34-30, 3-pointers: Morehead State 9-27 (Rayburn 4-7); Eastern 6-14 (Sims 3-3, Canale 2-4). Turnovers: Morehead State 18 (Bozeman 6), Eastern 18 (Sims 4). Fouls: Morehead State 17, Eastern 15. Techs: Morehead State TEAM. A: 1038.</small>

WOMEN'S TRACK
Day at the Armory in Champaign
Illinois Invitational
Team Scores
1. Illinois 197, 2. Southern Illinois 116, 3. Tennessee State 77 4. Illinois State 72, 5. Eastern 56 , 6. Lincoln, (Mo.) 54, 6/ Northern Illinois 48, 7. DePaul 40
Top Finishers
1 mile run 1. Chantelle Groenewo, Illinois, 5:11.57. 2. Stacy Hague, Illinois, 5:12.74. 3. Megan Hoelscher, Southern Illinois, 5:14.34. 4. Kirsten Lang, Illinois, 5:15.67. 5. Erin O'Grady, EIU, 5:17.03.
3,000-meter run 1. Terah Cheatham, De-Paul, 10:25.05. 2. Stephanie Hughes, De-Paul, 10:37.33. 3. Maggie Mulchrone, Illinois, 10:40.51 4. Terasita Williams, EIU, 10:43.85.
Long jump 1. Bianca Stuart, SIU, 6.10 meters. 2. LaNeisha Waller, Illinois, 5.94 meters. 3. Jenna Uhe, EIU, 5.50 meters
Triple jump 1. Melissa Bates, Illinois, 12.02 meters. 2. Mikeya Nicholson, SIU, 11.92 me-ters. 3. Lanika Horn, TSU, 11.70 meters. 4. Jenna Uhe, EIU, 11.62 meters
Shot put 1. Liz Wanless, NYAC, 17.68 meters. 2. Aja Evans, Illinois, 16.25 meters. 3. Kenitra Woods, Unattached, 15.26 meters. 4. Brittany Riley, SIU, 14.65 meters. 5. Kandace Arnold, EIU, 13.91 meters
Weight throw 1. Brittany Riley, SIU, 23.14 me-ters. 2. Rickael Roach, Illinois, 17.06 meters. 3. Meagan Guenther, NIU, 16.39 meters. 4. Kan-dace Arnold, EIU, 16.15 meters.

MEN'S B-BALL
Eastern 66, Morehead State 65 (OT)
<small>EASTERN (11-9, 10-2 OVC) Catchings 3-9 2-2 9, Byrne 4-5 4-4 12, Cisse 4-6 2-3 10, Willhite 0-4 1-2 1, Anthony 4-7 6-6 16, Lasee 5-9 0-0 13, Myers- Kyles 1-2 0-0 2, Martin 0-3 3-4 3, Parrish 0-0 0-0 0, Darlack 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 21-45 18-21 66. MOREHEAD STATE (9-10, 7-5 OVC) Stallworth 2-8 2-2 7, Buchanan 5-9 7-7 17, Faried 4-11 2-3 10, Steward 4-13 1-2 11, Stojakovic 1-4 2-4 4, Coleman 0-0 0-0 0, Harper 2-6 0-0 4, Lamb 4-10 0-0 12, Totals 22-61 14-18 65.</small>
<small>Halftime: Eastern 30-28, 3-pointers: Morehead State 7-25 (Lamb 4-10); Eastern 6-16 (Anthony 2-2, Lasee 3-6). Turnovers: Morehead State 12 (Stojakovic 4), Eastern 14 (Anthony 3). Fouls: Morehead State 20, Eastern 20. Techs: None. A: 2445.</small>

MEN'S SWIMMING
Saturday at Lantz Natatorium
Eastern 160, IUPUI 139
50 Yd. Freestyle- 1. Crittenden, Matt. 22.14, EIU, 16 pts. 2. Shaw, Justin. 22.15, IUPUI, 13 pts.
100 Yd. Freestyle- 1. Latham, Matt. 48.42, EIU, 16 pts. 2. Shaw, Justin. 48.61, IUPUI, 13 pts.
200 Yd. Freestyle- 1. Ethington, Joe. 1:46.48, EIU, 16 pts. 2. McGowan, Tyler. 1:47.08, IU-PUI, 13 pts.
500 Yd. Freestyle- 1. Hollingsworth, Eric. 4:59.42, IUPUI, 16 pts. 2. Noble, Brent. 4:59.55, EIU, 13 pts.
1,000 Yd. Freestyle- 1. Brescher, Steven. 10:23.71, IUPUI, 16 pts. 2. Mathieu, Tim. 10:36.30, EIU, 13 pts.
100 Yd. Backstroke- 1. Showers, Thomas. 55.24, EIU, 16 pts. 2. Steurer, Michael. 55.79, IUPUI, 13 pts.
200 Yd. Backstroke- 1. Steurer, Michael. 1:59.71, IUPUI, 16 pts. 2. Showers, Thomas. 2:04.89, EIU, 13 pts.
100 Yd. Breaststroke- 1. Levenhagen, Matt. 1:01.68, IUPUI, 16 pts. 2. Scaliatine, Matthew. 1:01.80, EIU, 13 pts.
200 Yd. Breaststroke- 1. Scaliatine, Matthew. 2:13.37, EIU, 16 pts. 2. Noakes, Craig. 2:15.97, IUPUI, 13 pts.
100 Yd. Butterfly- 1. McGowan, Tyler 53.05, IUPUI, 16 pts. 2. O'Hagan, Tim. 53.80, EIU, 13 pts.
200 Yd. Butterfly- 1. McGowan, Tyler. 2:02.31, IUPUI 16 pts. 2. Magner, Ryan 2:03.75, IU-PUI, 13 pts.
1 Meter Diving- 1. Laird, Joe. 288.45, EIU, 16 pts. 2. Riedy, Josh. 260.20, IUPUI, 13 pts.
3 Meter Diving- 1. Tuttle, Jaron. 306.05, IUPUI, 16 pts. 2. Laird, Joe. 274.00, EIU, 13 pts.
200 Yd. Individual Medley- 1. Steurer, Mi-chael. 2:02.89, IUPUI, 16 pts. 2. Noble, Brent. 2:03.01, EIU, 13 pts.
200 Yd. Freestyle Relay- 1. EIU 'B'. 1:28.53. 32 pts.
200 Yd. Medley Relay- 1. EIU 'A'. 1:39.68. 32 pts.
Site: Charleston

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING | WEEKEND RECAP

Panthers sweep conference opponent

Wins against IUPUI bring confidence, hopes of competition for February

By Ross Meister
Staff Reporter

The men’s and women’s swim teams swept Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis at home on “Paint the Pool Pink” day on Saturday at Lantz Natatorium.

The men won 160-139, and the women beat the Jaguars 165.5-127.5.

This is an improvement for the women’s team (2-7), which lost by four points (151-147) to IUPUI in the first meet of the season on Oct. 5. The men (5-4) swept the season series against the Jaguars.

“It was a great win and a good confidence booster,” said sophomore Emily Immel. “Obviously, if we just lost by that much last time, we trained harder this time. Everyone swam their hardest, raced well and everyone did their part in placing even if it meant just second or third.”

Although the Eastern men’s team swept IUPUI, both sides held a sense of respect for the other as both teams will swim against each other again at the Summit League Championship from Feb. 21 to Feb. 23.

“It felt good since we knew it was going to be tougher,” said senior Tim



Sophomore Emily Immel swims the 1,000-yard freestyle during the Saturday afternoon’s dual meet against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis. The Panthers defeated both IUPUI teams at Lantz Natatorium.

O’Hagan. “They have good guys and were good sports. It was a good win and gave us confidence since we knew we would see them again and they were going to be tougher.”

Junior diver Joe Laird returned from a one-week absence to beat all of IUPUI’s divers on his way to winning the 1-meter dive with a score of 288.45 – his second highest 1-meter diving score of the season. At this point in the season, the team expects Laird to continue to put forth a solid effort and succeed.

“We expect Laird to do well against Saint Louis,” O’Hagan said. “Laird placed first in the one-meter dive, and if he didn’t take first, we would have missed out on points. He performed outstandingly.”

Several individuals stepped up in the meet and improved their times. After losing the 100-yard breaststroke to IUPUI’s Matt Levenhagen, freshman Matt Scalatine fought off Levenhagen to win the 200-yard breaststroke in 2 minutes, 13.37 seconds.

“There were a couple of freshman who did well. Scalatine and Tim Mathieu did good,” O’Hagan said. “IUPUI had two new good swimmers, and we knew we had to step up and swim real well.”

Sprint freestyle seemed to set the tone in this meet for the men’s team, as sophomore Matt Crittenden won in the 50-yard freestyle (22.14), senior Matt Latham in the 100-yard freestyle (48.42) and junior Joe Ethington in the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.48).

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MEN’S AND WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK | ILLINOIS INVITATIONAL

Distance carries men; field events carry women

Men finish third; women finish fifth at Champaign meet

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

The men’s middle distance team second-place finishes carried the men to a third place finish, while field events carried the women to a fifth-place finish in Champaign at the Illinois Invitational hosted by Illinois on Saturday.

Illinois swept the team titles and won the men’s competition with 197 points, the women’s event with 208 points.

Eastern men scored 113 points, while the Eastern women scored 56.

“I thought we had another move in the right direction,” said Eastern head men’s track coach Tom Akers. “We had another solid meet and, hopefully, we can continue this into the Indiana Relays this weekend.”

The men’s middle distance team had a strong showing for the Panthers because of personal records and second-place finishes by sophomores Jason Springer, David Holm and Wes Sheldon.

Springer placed second in the 800-meter run with a time of 1 minute, 53.74 seconds. Sheldon placed second in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:30.72, and Holm placed second in the mile with a time of 4:13.85.

“Springer was one of the best of the meet,” Akers said. “He cut two seconds off his personal best in the 800-meter run. Holm had another great performance. He did not run as fast as he wanted to but he still set a personal best.”

Only senior Obe Eruteya won an event for Eastern. It was the triple jump. Eruteya’s jump of 14.86



Sophomore hurdler T.J. Evans practices the 60-meter hurdles during at practice at Lantz Fieldhouse. Evans finished third in the 60-meter hurdles this weekend at the Illinois Invitational. Evans finished in 8.47 seconds. Eastern men’s track team finished third out of six schools on Saturday at the Armory in Champaign. The women finished fifth out of eight schools.

TOM AKERS | EASTERN HEAD TRACK COACH

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meters was 0.74 meters more than the next competitor.

Senior hurdler Mike Embry had his best performance of the season with a second-place finish in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.44.

The Eastern women placed well in the field events.

Sophomore thrower Kandace Arnold finished fourth in the weight throw (16.15 meters), and finished fifth in the shot put with a throw of 13.91 meters. Junior jumper Jenna Uhe finished third in the long jump

(5.50 meters) and finished fourth in the triple jump (11.62 meters).

In track, freshman middle distance runner Terasita Williams finished fourth in the 3,000-meter run (10:43.85).

Akers said junior hurdler Chandra Golden and sophomore hurdler Caitlin Finnegan had solid meets and ran well in the preliminary rounds.

Golden finished sixth in the 60-meter hurdles.

“We have been conditioning all

NOTE FROM MEET

• Senior jumper Obe Eruteya was the only Panther to win an event on Saturday. Eruteya won the triple jump.

week, and I felt great coming in to the meet,” Finnegan said. “I knew U of I was a good team so I just went in there running as fast as I could. I was hoping to get a (9 seconds) flat in the 60-meter hurdles, but I stumbled a little between hurdles 2 and 3. I’m still happy with how I preformed because I know I can compete.”

Finnegan finished in 9.21 and three spots away from qualifying for the finals.

The men’s and women’s teams will perform next at the Indiana Relays on Friday and Saturday at Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

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TENNIS | WEEKEND MATCHES

Women’s tennis dominates Valparaiso

The Eastern women’s tennis team opened up its season with a win.

Eastern defeated Valparaiso, 6-1, on Sunday in Champaign.

The Panthers (1-0) won five of the six singles matches and won all three doubles matches.

Senior Sandra Sasidharan defeated Jenny Schwartz, 6-0, 6-2, at No. 1 singles. Junior Natalie Martin defeated Kim Sajevic, 6-0, 6-4, at No. 2 singles. Sophomore Hayley Homburg defeated Molly Keifer, 6-3, 6-0, at No. 3 singles.

Freshman Cara Huck defeated Lindsey Gustafson, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 4 singles, and senior Stephanie Harmazy defeated Julie Wingstrom, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 5 singles.

The Crusaders’ (0-1) lone win was at No. 6 singles. Christine Antrobus defeated sophomore Carrie Lawson, 6-4, 6-3.

The women’s tennis team will return to the courts against Northern Illinois at 1 p.m. on Feb. 9 in Rockford.

Men win season opener

The Eastern men’s tennis team defeated Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne, 7-0, on Saturday.

The Panthers (1-0) won all seven singles matches against the Mastodons (0-5). Eastern also won all the doubles matches.

The Panthers return to action at 4 p.m. on Friday against Marquette in Milwaukee, Wis.

—Compiled by Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Huffman contributes off the bench

Whiteland, Ind., native scores 10 points, commits one turnover

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Jessica Huffman has been looking for all the right things since returning from her stress fracture. She found them Saturday night. The Eastern sophomore guard finished with 10 points, three rebounds and three assists in Eastern's 68-52 victory against Morehead State at Lantz Arena.

Huffman, who has been struggling to play through an injury since early December, only committed one turnover in 15 minutes of play. Huffman was key in the second half for the Panthers.

The Whiteland, Ind., native scored five of Eastern's nine points to break open a 59-43 lead with 6 minutes, 7 seconds remaining in the game.

Huffman had a step and dribble-drive jumper, a jumper in the paint and a foul shot during that stretch.

"She played great," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "She played like the Huffman we all know. That's what she's been doing the last 3 of 4 games. It was no surprise or like 'oh, my gosh, where'd that come from.' She's playing very, very important minutes."

Huffman, the 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year, missed four games this season because of the stress fracture.

"I know she made some big, big buckets," Sallee said. "She defended for us and did some really good things for us on both ends of the



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Eastern sophomore guard Jessica Huffman lowers her shoulder and drives against a Morehead State defender. Huffman finished with 10 points and has been working through a stress fracture.

floor." As a freshman, Huffman averaged 5.9 turnovers per game, but brought that number down during her sophomore season (3.4 per game). Huffman takes it one day at a time.

» Defense

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Morehead finished 17-of-62 (27 percent) from the field the entire night.

"We have to defend to win," Sallee said. "When we defend like we did ... we can be this good. I think we got a little bit more comfortable with the (defense) in the second half. We tuned in a little bit with what we had to do to defend them."

Morehead State, which specializes in 3-pointers (34 percent accuracy), finished 3-of-16 from beyond the arc in the second half.

"(Sallee) said go over the screens (on Combs) and keep getting in their head," Sims said. "And that's exactly what we did. When they shot it, it was off."

Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale took care of Combs all night and especially in the second half.

Combs, who ranks second in the conference in 3-point attempts made (62), finished with five points.

Canale held her scoreless in the second half, and Combs finished 1-of-7 from the field in 30 minutes of play.

The Panthers also took advantage of Morehead's mistakes and finished with 22 points off turnovers.

The Panthers challenged shots and finished with nine blocks, as well. Six of the blocks came in the second half.

Junior forward Rachel Galligan had four blocks in the second half alone and finished with five overall. Sims and red-shirt sophomore



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Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale defends against a pass from a Morehead State player. The Panthers won 68-52 on Saturday night at Lantz Arena. Canale limited the Eagles' top guard Tarah Combs to five points. Canale is returning from an ankle injury, and started for the first time Saturday since the injury. Eastern held Morehead State to 22 second half points and as a team finished with nine blocks.

guard Megan Edwards each had one block in the second half too.

"In the second half, when we were challenging the shot, they weren't hitting them," said Eastern sophomore guard Jessica Huffman. "I think if we play defense, we're going to win."

Galligan blocked Morehead sophomore guard Brandi Rayburn's 3-point attempt in the second half.

"A lot of our defensive plays are making our offense," Huffman said.

The Panthers' offense worked too, and as in games past, Eastern got to the free throw line. Two of Morehead's starters, Rayburn and

sophomore center Brittany Pittman, fouled out of the game.

And Eastern, which came ranked fifth in the country in free throw percentage this week, did its work efficiently.

The Panthers finished 20-of-24 from the line.

Sims led Eastern (11-9, 10-2) with 15 points and six rebounds, and Galligan added 14 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore guard Jessica Huffman finished with 10 points.

"Sims killed us," said Morehead State head coach Mike Bradbury. "The problem with us trying to guard them is they've got five or

six kids that can score. With our athleticism – or lack thereof – we can't guard everybody. So we have to pick and choose who we guard. We chose wrong tonight."

Bozeman led Morehead State with a career-high 23 points and five rebounds, and Rayburn added 15 points and six rebounds. Pittman finished with 13 rebounds and three blocks.

The Panthers return to action against Jacksonville State at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in Jacksonville, Ala.

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She started at point guard last season and was a preseason conference selection this season.

"(The injury) is something I deal with every day," Huffman said. "Some days are worse; some days are better. It's tough, but I'm a tough kid, and I'm going to play through it."

Huffman still shows her athleticism. That hasn't faded. Huffman had a steal in the first half, drove down the court, crossed the lane and finger rolled the ball into the basket around 6-foot-3 Morehead State sophomore center Brittany Pittman.

Huffman's basket extended Eastern's lead, 20-10, with 9:24 remaining in the first half.

"I couldn't be happier because she stuck with what we were doing," Sallee said. "She's playing in that system. It may not be perfected for all her skills, but right now, it's perfectly suited to us winning a lot of games. And that's what she's about. That's what she cares about."

Huffman has that same philosophy.

"We're winning right now, so it's all good," Huffman said.

The Panthers (11-9, 10-2 OVC) played without Huffman for four games and went 4-0 in that stretch, while Huffman sat on the bench with a boot. She still wears a high black sock and ankle braces, but Huffman said she's glad she's back on the court.

Huffman and the rest of the Panthers return to the court against Jacksonville State at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in Jacksonville, Ala.

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» Baker

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Baker has refereed at the college and professional level.

He was as a football referee for the Big Ten Conference (1984-1990), a referee for the NFL (1991-2001) and is now a replay official for the NFL (2003-present).

Baker said he knew about the selection for a couple of weeks but could not say anything until this past week.

Baker couldn't have been an official in the game if there was an Eastern connection.

That is something that is becoming more common in the NFL.

Minnesota Vikings head coach Brad Childress, New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton, Denver Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo all have Eastern ties.

Perry said he is glad to have Baker in the Super Bowl, even if the other Eastern connections won't be playing in Arizona.

"The public's knowledge of a university is influenced in many ways," Perry said. "Among those ways are athletic program performance and associated individual performances. Alumni achievement is a powerful factor in university reputation."

Baker, a Charleston native, has been trying to balance being an athletic director since Aug. 21 and being a replay official at the same time.

Baker said the NFL and Eastern are understanding of his commitments to both. Baker could not attend every Eastern home football game, but was here for Homecoming and Family Weekend.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | POST PLAY

Eastern, Morehead battle it out in the post

Panthers lose rebounding battle, but outscore Eagles' bigs

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Eastern sophomore center Ousmane Cisse pulled down an offensive rebound off a missed 3-pointer by freshman guard Tyler Laser with 1 minute, 46 seconds remaining in overtime against Morehead State on Saturday night.

Senior forward Jake Byrne hit a turnaround jumper in the left post over Morehead State freshman center Kenneth Faried 30 seconds later to tie the game at 63.

Faried answered on the Eagles' next possession with a put back on an offensive rebound off a missed 3-pointer from the left wing by freshman guard Demonte Harper to give Morehead State a 65-63 lead with 37 seconds remaining in the game.

Eastern senior guard Julio Anthony sealed the Panthers' 66-65 win on a 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left.

The overtime period was more of a battle between the two team's post players, but this was not the case throughout the game.

Eastern (3-17, 2-10 Ohio Valley Conference) played a better post offense, and Morehead State (9-10, 7-5) dominated the offensive boards. Morehead won the rebounding battle, 39-29 with 19 offensive rebounds.

Eastern only had six offensive rebounds.

Cisse finished the game with 10 points and 11 rebounds – his first double-double of the season.

Cisse said Eastern's post players have tried to establish a stronger inside presence since the Panthers played at Tennessee Tech on Jan. 17. Since that game, Cisse has scored 9.3 points per game and pulled down 7.7 rebounds per game. Byrne's numbers in that span are just as good. He's scored 10.3 ppg and pulled down 7.3 rpg.

Cisse said Eastern's guards have been able to get him the ball inside and give him more a chance to score, but he said he's been able to distribute the ball more, as well.

"As long as we play as a team, we'll be fine," Cisse said. "We can't just count on the guards all the time. We have to be able to establish something inside."

Byrne said the biggest benefit to Cisse was the boost in confidence from having good games back-to-back.

"Any time someone has a big game, obviously they're going to have confidence going into the next game," Byrne said. "That's the biggest thing for our entire team – getting the confidence to go out there and play our best every night."

Even with good performances from both Byrne and Cisse, Eastern



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Eastern sophomore center Ousmane Cisse tries to power around Morehead State freshman center Kenneth Faried on Saturday night at Lantz Arena. Faried finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds, and Cisse finished with 11 rebounds and 10 points in Eastern's 66-65 victory in overtime.

was unable to keep Morehead State off the boards.

Faried finished the game with a double-double of his own (10 points, 14 rebounds) and eight of his rebounds were on the offensive side.

Byrne and Cisse said they both knew coming into the game Faried, at 6 feet 8 inches and 215 pounds, was going to play well in the post.

"He's a bouncy player," Byrne said. "He's definitely athletic. Sometimes the ball is going to go their way off the rebound. It's something we need to work on a little bit better, but at the same time, we fought through it."

Morehead State head coach Donnie Tyndall said he thought Faried held his own against Eastern's post players – except for early in the game.

"Eastern Illinois' big guys are more physical and stronger because they're older," Tyndall said. "(Faried) wasn't getting the post spot and, basically (the Panthers) were throwing over the top and getting easy layup shots. Cisse and Byrne both."

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said there were some rebounds the Panthers should have pulled down, but he said he was pleased with the rebounds Eastern's post players pulled away from Faried later in the game.

"(Faried) got in foul trouble too, so you think about if he would have played more minutes how many (rebounds) he could have come up with," Miller said.

Byrne said Eastern had trouble with Morehead State's zone defense early, and the middle of the lane wasn't open. He said Miller told him

the shot than him."

Eastern (3-17, 2-10 Ohio Valley Conference) was able to run this ball screen because Morehead State switched away from its zone defense to a man-to-man defense for Eastern's final possession.

"We played a lot of zone throughout the game," Eagles' head coach Donnie Tyndall said. "We decided to go man-to-man on the very last possession because we didn't want to give up the (3-pointer) in our zone. (Anthony) still made a tough 3."

Tyndall said Morehead State junior forward Leon Buchanan switched the ball screen on Anthony's last-second shot and was right there to guard the

shot.

"(Anthony) kind of hesitated and took a tough shot," Tyndall said. "You've got to give him credit."

Morehead State freshman center Kenneth Faried said the team made the switch to man-to-man so Eastern couldn't get a clear shot off.

"It'd be better for them to drive it to the hole and get a (2-pointer) and tie it so we can go to another overtime," Faried said. "Best case scenario, they jack up a (3-pointer) and we have a hand in their face, and they miss and (we) grab a rebound and we win."

But Anthony was able to make the shot.

"It meant a lot to me," he said.

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There hasn't been much of a reason to smile for the men's team this year. But that all changed Saturday night with Eastern's 66-65 overtime win against Morehead State.

Everyone was smiling. And for good reason. It was just the third time in 20 games this season the Panthers left with the winning score on their side of the scoreboard.

Eastern won its first regular season game of the year on Nov. 10 against Harris Stowe.

The Panthers then went 55 days and 11 straight losses before their next win on Jan. 3 against Murray State. Then another 24 days and six more losses before Saturday's win.

It has been a long season for the Panthers filled with more disappointments than bright spots, but for one night they were happy.

As the players spilled out of the locker room, there was an abundance of high-fives, fist pounds and slaps on the butt.

These guys wanted to celebrate with their teammates, post-game interviews be damned. As senior forward Jake Byrne and senior guard Julio Anthony answered questions about the win, several players jumped in to slap one of them on the butt or put their arm around someone's shoulder.

"As you can see, we're pretty excited about this win," Byrne said.

"We needed it," Anthony almost whispered.

After weeks of suffering through loss after loss and leaving the locker room with their heads down just looking to get away, the Panthers walked out of the locker room with their heads held high.

"This is a team that's been battling all year," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "They've continued to be resilient and fight through it. They've shown some toughness when they've dealt with a little bit of adversity. It was a great win for them. They're excited, they feel good about themselves and they should."

Byrne said Saturday night's win was the confidence boost the entire team needed.

"We can play with anybody," Byrne said. "I think this is going to be a great thing to go on for our next nine games."

The men's team was all smiles Saturday night, but nine games do remain on the schedule.

The Panthers are an extreme long shot to make the eight-team Ohio Valley Conference tournament, and several of the remaining games are against tough league teams. But perhaps the win against Morehead State was enough to propel Eastern to a few more wins to end the season. And quite possibly, a few more smiles.

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» Anthony

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Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the Panthers ran several plays at Morehead State in the final seconds of overtime, including a back pick, a shuffle cut and two staggered screens.

All of these plays were designed to get to the basket.

"We were trying to get some thrust going at the basket, and they did a pretty good job of defending it," Miller said. "Then it just kind of broke down, and Julio was able to step up there and make a play." Senior forward Jake Byrne said another set play designed for an inside shot

was called when Anthony got the ball from Catchings.

But the Panthers didn't run the play exactly right.

The set play was for a post player to set a ball screen.

The guard with the ball would then throw a swing pass to the shooting guard on the wing, and the post would be open.

"It's actually funny because both us post players went up because we just wanted to screen him," Byrne said. "We actually kind of hit a double (screen), which really helped him because that wasn't the play and it tricked (Morehead State), left (Anthony) wide open. No one better to hit

"I had to step up for our team. We stepped up tonight and showed we are a good team."

Eastern had a balanced offense, with four players in double figures

Anthony had a team-high 16 points on 4-of-7 shooting and finished 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

Morehead State (9-10, 7-5) had four players in double figures. Buchanan led the way with 17 points. The Panthers will be back in action against Jacksonville State at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Jacksonville, Ala.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Louisville at Connecticut
6 tonight on ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 2 Tennessee at No. 10 Duke
6 tonight on ESPN2

TRIPLE THREAT



Brady Sallee

Eastern women's head basketball coach Brady Sallee (above) has his team in prime position for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. The Panthers (11-9, 10-2 OVC) are first in the league and have a one-game game lead on Southeast Missouri (14-6, 9-2) with eight league games remaining.

Here are the top three remaining league games for the Panthers.

1. Samford — Eastern plays at Samford on Saturday, and the Bulldogs (15-6, 8-3) are one-and-a-half games behind Eastern. The Bulldogs have won eight of their last 10 games.

2. Southeast Missouri — Eastern plays at SEMO on Feb. 14 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. SEMO beat Eastern 55-51 on Jan. 5 at Lantz Arena.

3. Murray State — Eastern plays at Murray State on Feb. 16 in Murray, Ky. Eastern beat the Racers 62-59 on Jan. 3 behind 27 points from Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan.

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Smiles all around for Panthers

Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale had a huge grin on her face after she hit a 3-pointer in Morehead State senior guard Tarah Combs' face during Saturday night's game at Lantz Arena.

But that's Canale after every made shot. Big smile and fists pumping.

Junior forward Rachel Galligan was nothing but smiles after an offensive foul was called on Eagles' sophomore forward Britany Pittman. But the smiles have come easily for the women's basketball team this season.

They are atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings and have won 11 of their last 13 games. The have every reason in the world to be happy.

The same could not be said about the men's basketball team. This season has been plagued by long losing streaks, injuries to two of the team's top players and the loss of three others.

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ATHLETICS | FOOTBALL

Interim athletic director will oversee first Super Bowl

Baker will be replay official on Feb. 3

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

It's official.
He's also an official.
Eastern interim athletic director Ken Baker confirmed on Friday he would be in the replay booth for

Super Bowl XLII on Feb. 3 in Glendale, Ariz.

Baker cannot comment on the game because National Football League rules state he cannot until the end of the season, which includes the Pro Bowl on Feb. 10 in



Ken Baker

Hawaii.

Eastern associate athletic director John Smith said he found out last week Baker would be the replay official. He said Baker's selection was well deserved.

"He looked at me with a grin on his face and said he got the call," Smith said.

Smith said he knew Baker was going to be an official before the

NFC and AFC Championships games.

This will be Baker's first Super Bowl.

"Ken Baker's selection demonstrates very high regard for his ability as an official, his knowledge of the game and his integrity," said Eastern President Bill Perry.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 66, MOREHEAD STATE 65 (OT)

Anthony sinks game-winner

Panthers win second conference game in overtime; team wins third game of season

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Eastern senior forward Bobby Catchings held the ball near half-court.

The last seconds of overtime slowly ticked away with Morehead State ahead 65-63.

The Panthers tried numerous times to drive toward the basket, but Morehead State's man-to-man defense held tight.

Catchings, with nowhere to go and his dribbled already used, handed the ball off to senior guard Julio Anthony.

Anthony dribbled to the right, faked a drive to the basket and stepped back behind the three-point line.

He released the shot and it fell through the net with 2.8 seconds remaining in the game to give Eastern a dramatic 66-65 overtime win Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

It was the second time Anthony had a chance to win the game in the closing seconds. His 15-foot jump shot as time expired in regulation hit the left side of the rim and bounced away with the game tied at 57.

His made sure his second attempt counted.

"I stepped in and then I let it go," Anthony said. "The first shot I was leaning a little because I tried to take (the defender) off the dribble. But I stepped in and I was straight up with it and released it right at the top. Once I knew when it hit that point in the air, it was going straight in."

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Eastern senior guard Julio Anthony sets up Eastern's offense during Saturday night's game at Lantz Arena. Anthony made a 3-pointer near the end of overtime as Eastern defeated Morehead State 66-65.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 68, MOREHEAD STATE 52

Panthers shut down Eagles in second half with stingy defense

Teams' defense leads to easy offense

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern's defense buckled down in the second half.

For 4 minutes and 31 seconds, Morehead State did not score.

Morehead State freshman guard Chynna Bozeman's layup with 6:07

left in the second half pulled the Eagles within 16 points, but it was too late.

The stingy defense eventually led to a 68-52 Eastern victory on Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

Eastern limited the Eagles to 22 second-half points as the Panthers swept the Eagles (7-13, 5-7 Ohio Valley Conference). The win extended their four-game winning streak while they stay in first place in the

BOX SCORE

» For the box score for the women's basketball game, see Page 12.

league ahead of Southeast Missouri.

Eastern sophomore guard Dominique Sims said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee motivated them at half-time.

"Defensively, coach said, 'We need to get after them,'" Sims said. "Our team was so in sync, we were

talking defensively. Everybody was just like, this is where I need to be. 'I need to help here, but I got to be back right where I need to be.' It was just communication and team work."

Eastern, which ranks second in the league in field goal percentage defense, held Morehead to 22 percent shooting in the second half.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday at Jacksonville State |
5:30 p.m. — Jacksonville, Ala.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday at Jacksonville State |
7:30 p.m. — Jacksonville, Ala.

MEN'S TENNIS
Friday at Marquette |
4 p.m. — Milwaukee

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK
Friday, Saturday at Indiana Relays |
All Day — Bloomington, Ind.

MEN'S TENNIS
Saturday vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay |
9 a.m. — Milwaukee