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CRIME

Campus burglaries on the rise

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Associate News Editor

Approximately 21 thefts or residential burglaries have occurred on campus since spring break. Five of these cases, four of which were classified as residential burglaries by the University Police Department, were in Douglas Hall.

Jordan Baumgardner, the associate resident director of Douglas Hall, said signs have been posted around the building to remind students to lock their doors.

"(We) have increased awareness by talking with all the residents, and have had increased presence of UPD within the halls," Baumgardner said.

Campus burglaries have doubled from 11 in 2006 to 22 in 2008, according to the 2008 Annual Security Report. Five of the burglaries in 2006 were in resident halls, and there were 21 resident hall burglaries in 2008.

Ryan Risinger, the crime prevention officer at the UPD, said there is a greater opportunity for theft in residence halls.

Baumgardner said most of the items stolen were gaming systems and laptops, and they have all been taken from residents' rooms. Risinger said iPods and personal electronics are also common items.

"Due to the warmer weather and increased activity, these (burglaries) have started to occur," he said.

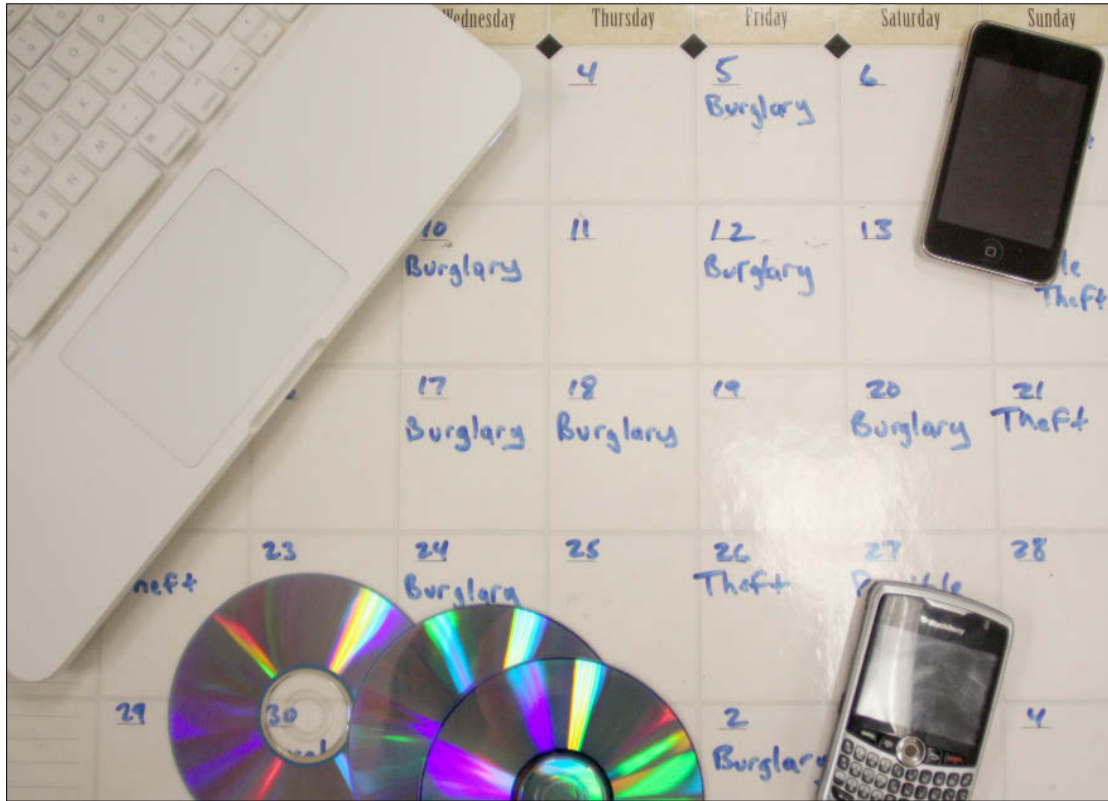


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"We have not had many problems throughout the school year involving theft/burglary."

Baumgardner said the most common times for these burglaries to occur have been in the middle of the day, usually between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. He said this could be because it is when many students

enter and leave the building. Resident assistants and directors are not allowed to enter a student's room if they are suspected of burglary, and would need permission from those in administrative positions if they did wish to enter a room.

Baumgardner said most of the burglaries have first been reported

to either an RA or the director on duty. Then the director informed the resident to contact the UPD to report it. After that, the RA or director would write an informal report.

"At the present time, no one has been caught," he said.

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UNIVERSITY

Improvements to building still in process

By Doug T. Graham
Staff Reporter

The idea for a new physical science building is by no means a new one — and neither is the building.

The Physical Science Building was built in 1939. The north and south wings and the Phipps Lecture Hall were added in 1972.

Eastern's Campus Master Plan, updated every 10 years, outlines the administration's plan for the construction and remodeling of new buildings on campus and states the following about the current science buildings:

"Neither the Life Science nor Physical Sciences Building is appropriate for departments with heavy mechanical-electrical-plumbing system requirements (Biological Sciences and Chemistry in particular); the cost to renovate them for such uses is prohibitive. It is better that such departments move into a new space designed specifically for their purpose."

The Master Plan goes on to read, after the new space is built, the remaining Life Science and Physical Science buildings can house fewer system-intensive departments.

Steven Daniels, chair of the Physics Department, said the plan to build a new science building is by no means a recent goal.

Daniels, who arrived at Eastern in 1991, said there has been talk of the construction project as far back as the late '90s.

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FACULTY SENATE

Senate votes to elect executive positions

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

The faculty senate voted to elect three members to assume executive positions beginning this summer and unanimously approved the re-election of John Pommier to serve as chair of the senate.

Pommier will be joined by Jon Coit on the executive board as the re-elected senate recorder, along with Michael Mulvaney, who will serve as the vice chair of the senate.

Mulvaney, a first-year senator, will transition to the position currently occupied by fellow member Dawn Van Gunten, whose term expires at the end of the school year.

Van Gunten nominated Mulvaney to succeed her position and said the opportunity would place him in favorable standing to move up in the faculty senate.

Before accepting, Mulvaney said he had a concern as far as taking on an executive responsibility and in turn nominated senate member John Best, who declined to fill the position of vice chair.

"I enjoy just being back here at the back of the table," Best said. "I'm happy with that role."

Andrew Methven of the biology department then nominated Marjorie Worthington of the English department to fill the position. Worthington also turned down the suggestion based on the extra responsibility potentially added

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CITY

Council passes 2010-11 budget

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

The Charleston city council passed the 2010-11 city budget at Tuesday's meeting.

The budget was introduced during the March 23 meeting and has since been available for public inspection in City Hall and the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

The projected expenditures are \$27.17 million and the projected revenues are \$27.71 million.

The council amended the budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year, which was approved last year, to reflect the correct numbers the city is ending with for the year.

"We have had to hack quite a bit out of the current year's budget," said Mayor John Inyart.

The council also passed the increase in the city's water rates.

All metered users, including off campus Eastern students, will now be charged \$11.14 for the first 1,000 gallons or less and \$10.65 per 1,000 gallons for the next 9,000 gallons.

Eastern will be charged a flat rate of \$10.72 per thousand gallons.

"This is part of our annual rate adjustment," Inyart said. "We had placed this on file during last week's meeting and have had very little concern about it."



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Mayor John Inyart discusses the items on the budget at the Charleston City Council Meeting Tuesday evening at City Hall.

Following the water rate increase, an increase in the city's ambulance fee was introduced.

The rates for Charleston residents, including Eastern students, for basic life support will increase from \$265 to \$372.40.

"We are trying to keep base with the cost it actually takes to provide this service," Inyart said. "We have taxes to make sure the ambulances are available, but the people who are going to ride in them are going to pay for them."

The fee will be available for pub-

lic inspection until the May 4 city council meeting.

The ordinance to amend special use alcohol licenses was approved by the council.

This ordinance aligns the special use permit with the other liquor licenses available within the city to allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays.

A bid award for a mandatory process for the water main replacement beneath 18th Street was given to the single bidder, Bryant Construction, of Harrisburg, for the

amount of \$63,200.

The state does not allow deconstruction of state roads for city projects, and the city's water main replaced under 18th Street must be placed under Route 16.

The process, called jack and bore, includes drilling holes on either side of the street and pushing the pipe through instead of laying it, as will happen down the rest of the street.

At the beginning of the year, the city applied for a two-year grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The city accepted the grant in the amount of \$337,000, and will use the fund to improve the level of housing for low-income homes.

The loan will be put in the books as a forgivable loan, meaning the loan payment will not go into affect until 10 years after the upgrade, and if the owner stays in the house, the payment will not be paid back.

The council approved three tourism grants to be awarded the Coles County Modified Racing Association for the 2nd Annual North West Summer Nationals, to the Eastern Athletic Department for the IHSA State Track Meets and to Eastern's Department of Kinesiology for the IHSA Badminton Championships.

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Sunny

HIGH 71°
LOW 43°
Today looks to be the last sunny day of the week. Clouds move into the area for tomorrow, with temperatures up near 70. By Friday, scattered showers and thunderstorms move into the area, and are expected to stick around through the majority of the weekend. Temperatures this weekend will be in the 70s.

WEATHER TOMORROW

Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 69°
Low: 45°

Friday
Rain & T-Storms
High: 70°
Low: 51°

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Leasing bigger busses on senate agenda

Staff Report

The student senate will consider a resolution to encourage the university to lease shuttle busses capable of transporting a larger number of people during their meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

If approved at next week's meeting, the senate will issue the recommendation to take effect next fall to accommodate increased student usage.

The proposal cites the fee all students must pay to support the service and states students should therefore not be turned down from attempting to take the bus based on limited seating.

Eric Davidson is also scheduled to present the shuttle bus survey results to the senate, which will recognize both the senator of the semester and senator of the year.

The senate will also consider a series of line-item transfers in the sum of \$470 for travel to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the weekend of May 29-30.

Dan Rolando, recently elected to assume the position of student vice president for student affairs in the fall, is up for approval on the consent agenda to take over the position for the remainder of the school year in place of Mark Olendzki, who formerly held the position before he formally resigned April 14.

Dunkin' proceeds for scholarship



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Beth Wieser, a senior elementary education major from Buffalo Grove, makes Lisa Bradley, a senior political science major from Downers Grove, fall into a dunk tank Tuesday afternoon in the Library Quad. Sigma Pi was hosting a philanthropy event where all proceeds went to a scholarship in the names of deceased Sigma Pi members Chris Tredennick and Cameron Chana.

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Sports relationships

Online reporter Kyle Pruden talks about the relationships people have with different sports. Read his blog at DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

A theft was reported Saturday at Taylor Hall. The incident is under investigation, the University Police Department said.

Brian Koch, 21, of 1019 Blueberry Hill Ave., Mt. Vernon, was arrested at 10:10 p.m. Saturday. Koch was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal trespass to state-supported property. He was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 10:18 p.m. pending a \$1,000 bond, the UPD said.

A theft was reported Monday at Gregg Triad. The incident is under investigation, the UPD said.

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HONORS More than \$30,000 awarded in honors grants

Eight awarded money for research project

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Summer and fall undergraduate research applications reached a high this year, with 24 applicants turning in potential research projects.

"The summer competition was very competitive for summer grants," said Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College.

People apply and their professors write letters of support. A committee then reviews all the proposals.

This year, there were 24 applicants for summer and fall, which is the highest number that the honors college has seen so far.

Out of those, eight were chosen and awarded money to conduct their research by the council on undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity.

"Most are a single student, but sometimes the student will work with more than one faculty member," Irwin said.

The student gets \$3,000 to conduct their research over the summer, some of which will be done abroad.

The professors who work with the students get \$500.

"Depending on the project, some present their research at a conference and some get it published," Irwin said.

The truth about Columbus

Maeagan Walsh, a senior elementary education major with a math concentration, will do her research on Christopher Columbus.

"I was in social studies and (our professor) had us chose a historical event (to write on) with 10 primary sources and two secondary sources," she said. "I wasn't looking forward to it at first. He suggested Christopher Columbus and I ended up really enjoying it."

Walsh did her initial project on how Columbus was a rapist and a thief.

"I was not taught these things (as a child)," she said. "I hope this broadens horizons in teaching a little bit."

Walsh started this project this semester and did not know a lot when she first started researching.



Eastern's Honors College funds undergraduate research for summer and fall semesters. This year, 24 applicants applied for funding through the college.

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NCUR Conference

This weekend, a number of students who received grants last year went to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at the University of Montana. This is the second year Eastern has participated at the conference. "It's nice for students to present research somewhere else besides Eastern's campus," Irwin said.

"I learned that they didn't treat the Indians well at all," she said. "Columbus said they were kind, gentle people but they should be slaves."

Walsh created a unit plan to make the research kid-friendly and to allow children to find out about Columbus through primary sources.

"I think it's important for kids to find things out on their own," she said.

Certain things could be excluded when teaching children, such as how

the Indians were raped.

Walsh also dislikes how children are taught that Columbus discovered America.

"We were already there," she said.

She also mentioned a book she read on the topic, "A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies" by Bartolome de Las Casas about destructive things that were done by the Spaniards.

John Bickford III, assistant professor in the early childhood elementary middle level education, was the professor involved with Walsh's study.

"(Columbus) was a terrible person and in class, I brought in documents on Columbus," Bickford said. "Maeagan got really interested and started studying on her own. It was her idea to look at the history upon which teaching tools are based."

The study will also look at what teachers know and how they teach this.

"People like their historical figures to be very simple and it's the same way with Columbus," Bickford said. "They like to pigeonhole people — there's a lot more to the story."

Student studies caffeine effect on rats

Daniel Cassidy, a senior biology/pre-med major, has been studying the effects of caffeine on newborn rats for two years.

This study is in conjunction with research another student is conducting on the effects of caffeine on a rat's respiratory system and the two studies were compared.

"Obviously, we found caffeine produces a higher heart rate," he said.

This year, Cassidy will study the effects of the drug Dipropylcyclopentylxanthine, commonly known as DPCPX, on newborn rats, which will also be studied by another student in the respiratory system and the results of this study are still pending.

"I'm interested in medicine and pharmacology," Cassidy said. "I'm planning to be a doctor and that's why I'm interested in the research."

Cassidy received \$500 last year to do the caffeine studies and is receiving \$3,000 this year to do continuing studies with DPCPX.

Kip McGilliard, an associate professor in biological sciences, worked with Cassidy.

"My lab has been studying respiration in newborn rats for many years and we were interested in expanding to look at heart rate," McGilliard said. "There was not a good technique previously for studying newborn rats the size of your finger."

Cassidy got the smallest electrodes he could find and placed them on the chest of a newborn rat, less than a week old, with a harness, which allowed him to record electrocardiograms, or heart rates, of the rats.

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EVENT

33rd Celebration: A Festival of the Arts kicks off Friday

Arts, craft booths, music, food to be displayed

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Students, faculty and community members will get the chance to celebrate the return of spring with children's activities, craft booths, music and food, among other activities, this weekend.

"Celebration is a way to draw attention to the arts for the campus, community and region," said Michael Watts, functions coordinator for Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Celebration includes a showcase of Eastern's music department's ensembles, emerging and professional musi-

cians and ensembles brought in, arts activities for children, displays of visual arts and fine crafts by area artists and arts demonstrations to help show how such artworks are created, instruments played and so on.

Dan Crews, event coordinator, said Celebration first started as an attempt to establish a Chautauqua in southern Illinois.

A Chautauqua is a traveling, educational experience that includes events such as a symphony orchestra, speakers, etc.

The event became more of an art festival over the years.

Crews said Celebration is a chance for the campus to invite people from outside community and Charleston residents to campus.

"Some people avoid coming to campus because we are so busy during the year," Crews said.

"Celebration is a way to draw attention to the arts for the campus, community and region."

Michael Watts, functions coordinator for Doudna Fine Arts Center

Celebration also brings diversity to campus through international events, such as an Asian fashion show, a Japanese dance group and South Pacific dance demonstrations.

"All these artistic differences make up our culture (and society) and we want to highlight some of those," Crews said.

Crews said the event celebrates getting done with another academic year. "It's good to keep the art in front of

people's minds," he said.

Jeff Boshart, a professor in the arts department, said people who apply to have craft booths at the fair must send in three photos, three of their work and one of their booth and the artists were picked from there.

Boshart will pick the top three booths and the winners would be awarded money prizes.

This year, two art education majors helped put together the event along

Pantherstock

The winners of Battle of the Bands and people who have performed at Open Mic for University Board Mainstage will perform at Pantherstock. The performers include The Staff Blues Band, Mugwump Specific, Andy Van Slyke, Mitch Davis and Little Boy Jr. on the main stage, and Ian "12K" Winston, Zach Wcislo and Charles Scott on the acoustic stage.

with members of the Eastern's chapter of the Illinois Art Education Association/National Art Education Association, plus other education majors who are volunteering to staff the program for Celebration this year.

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VIEWS



Joe Astrouski

Take steps to take kids serious

Monday morning, my state and local government class opened with a group discussion of education policy.

While my classmates passionately debated issues of teacher pay and student achievement, my mind (naturally) wandered to John and Kate Gosselin, the divorced parents of "...Plus Eight" fame.

The Gosselins, who put their octuplets on reality television only to make a public spectacle of their deteriorating marriage represent, to me, the real problem behind the decline of the American education system: They're not serious.

No parents who are sufficiently serious about their kids' futures would ever expose them to the glare of national television, allow that glare to drive their family apart, and then sell themselves to the tabloid press.

And no country serious about its children would watch them do it. It's plain that, at least in our state, government leaders aren't serious enough about children, either.

In February, Gov. Pat Quinn issued an ultimatum to state legislators: Either approve an income tax increase with exemptions for the poor and middle-class, or cut \$1.2 billion from education statewide. Moreover, in his state-of-the-state address, Quinn described his plans to become the "building governor" with road projects and a new high-speed rail.

Meanwhile, Republicans, led by Quinn's opponent State Sen. Bill Brady, have dug in their heels against any tax increase, even though the state's flat tax rate hasn't changed in decades.

Both approaches are wrong. As former Republican Gov. Jim Edgar noted last week, the state's budget can't be fixed without both cost cuts and higher taxes.

But neither state Republicans nor Democrats are serious enough to embrace that approach.

Instead, they seem to prefer budgetary gridlock and political fundamentalism.

As troubling as our politics and our culture are, we can't lay all the problems of American children at the feet of celebrity wannabes and politicians. The fault, as Shakespeare noted, "lies not in our stars, but in ourselves." Indeed, many of us here aren't as serious as we should be about education.

Two weekends ago, I overheard another Eastern student complaining about student teaching in a small (though, to my experience, quite nice) central Illinois town.

"All of south Illinois is a sh**hole," she said. "(The town) is a big sh**hole, the people are just stupid ... kids all want to be farmers."

She went on to illustrate the students' idiocy by explaining that they didn't know what a "graphic artist" is. To be honest, after four years of college, I don't really know what a graphic artist is, either.

But it seemed to me that a woman who couldn't see the value in her students or their community and gleefully both at length cannot possibly take her duty as a teacher seriously.

But there is hope. Most of us who have made it to (or through) college have done so because someone took us seriously. That someone could have been a mother who helped us with algebra homework.

It could have been a neighbor who helped us practice piano. It could have been a basketball coach who taught us discipline. It could have been anyone who cared.

Whether a parent, a politician or a university student, we can all make a difference in kids' lives and education.

We just have to take them seriously.

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Earth Day means commitment, no matter how large or small

Thursday marks 40 years since the first-ever observance of Earth Day, and today we find ourselves faced with the inevitable penalties prompted by centuries spent abusing our planet.

Two decades after the first collective calls to action were recorded and reciprocated, we find ourselves on the brink of a full-fledged green revolution.

This movement is long overdue, yet garners little interest from the typical individual who shrugs his shoulders at the screaming need to transform into a clean energy economy.

As a society, we have opted to dismiss taking the initiative and have rather taken to passing our problems on to the next generation to seek short-term solutions.

In the meantime, our combined inaction will climb to such immense proportions that a landfill or adopt-a-highway venture will be incapable of curing the consequences we are bringing upon ourselves.

In the effort to protect the future and improve the present, we believe it necessary to actively involve ourselves in acquiring the change we so desperately need.

The measures we have taken in the past on campus have paid off and will only continue to intensify if more ordinary people make an extraordinary difference by simply making an effort.

Originally established in 1992, Eastern's recycling program has expanded to conserve water and energy through the installation of highly efficient equipment and green technology.

This method in past years has enabled the campus to divert upward of 56 percent of its waste through recycling efforts.

"The measures we have taken in the past on campus have paid off and will only continue to intensify if more ordinary people make an extraordinary difference by simply making an effort."

Last year, the Illinois Recycling Association rewarded Eastern's extensive environmental endeavors with the 2009 Outstanding College and University Recycling Program award.

Our university has set an attainable precedent for other schools to follow suit, led by Facilities Planning and Management and backed by administrative support.

We believe we can do more by broadening the scope of our concentrated efforts.

We would like to see leadership among our peers spread over a wider range of people.

While the student government University Development and Recycling committee has made strides toward advancing the green movement on campus, we think the impact could be greater if all facets of the university were onboard with the pursuit of sustainability.

We would like to see the pursuit of sustainability more effectively interwoven into the foundations of Eastern, including the Master Plan and the visions shared by those in charge of expanding and advancing the university.

We hear about the little things we can do to save energy and money in the grand scheme of becoming more sustainable, and the fact of the matter is, if every person does what little he can do, miniscule, seemingly meaningless changes add up.

We are not asking people to drastically change their ways for the better of an ambiguous tomorrow 20 or even 200 years down the road.

We are asking for a commitment, however small, to the only world we have.

FROM THE EASEL

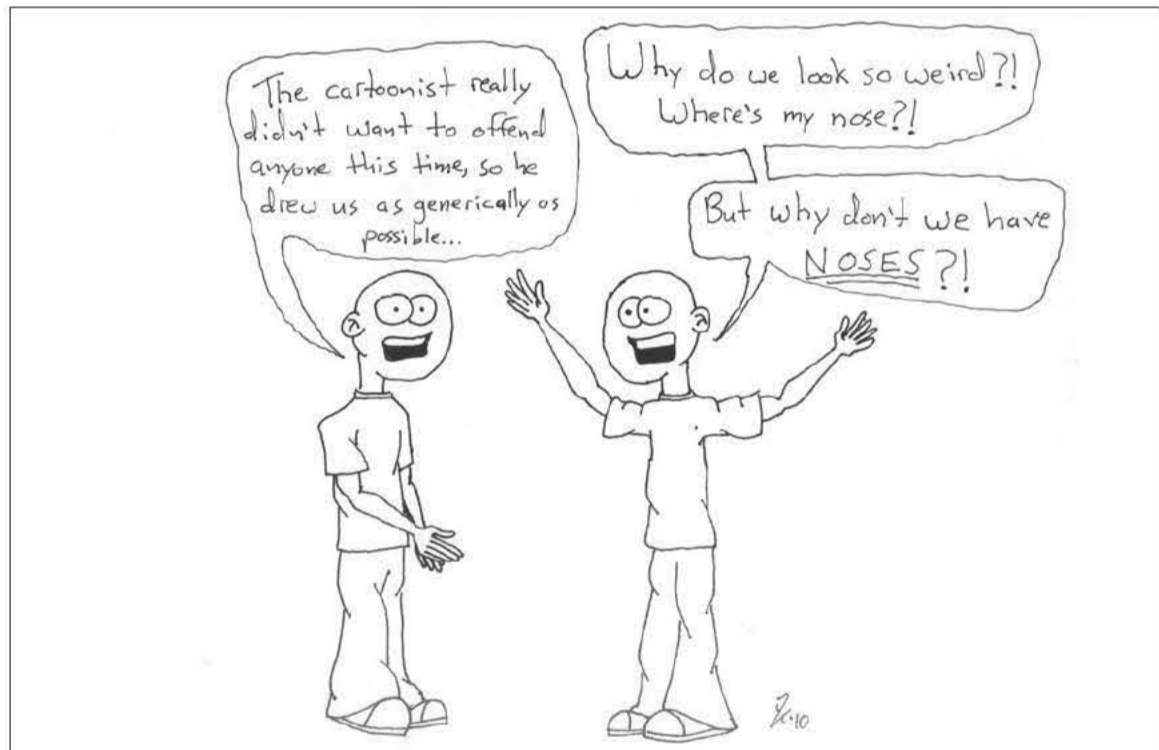


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Funding higher education in Illinois

By Aaron Brooks
The Northern Star
Northern Illinois University

Our system of higher education is as broke as a college student.

In Illinois, public universities are not receiving adequate funding; I am sure we have all read, heard or received e-mails that have exposed us to this.

More so, if you look at the Governor's 2011 Budget Operations Report for Higher Education, you will see that funding for higher education is going to be cut another \$94 million.

Our universities need money. If they are not

getting it from the government, then they will have to get it from us.

If \$500 in tax were to be collected on the 12,910,409 people in Illinois, as of July 2009 according to the Census Bureau website, it would raise \$6,455,204,500.

That figure would effectively double the money that is spent by both the state and federal government on higher education in Illinois.

Sounds good, right? Should be enough to pay the bills? Wrong.

If we were to impose a tax for higher education on the entire population, that would mean we would have to expand access to higher education for the entire population.

More students mean more lecture halls, residence halls, professors and support staff, which all means higher cost.

Even though cost will be more than \$500 a year, I still believe that taxing for higher education is better than our current pay-by-use system.

We must expand our public universities and community colleges.

According to the datum given for Illinois' 18-24 year old population, 18-24 year olds made up 9.8 percent of the state's population in 2000.

To read more, visit NorthernStar.info

PHIPPS AUDITORIUM

Pair of films to show importance of corn

By James Roedl
Staff Reporter

The films "King Corn" and "Big River" will be making a splash in student's cornflakes Wednesday.

Chris Liangen, a geology-geography professor, organized the showing after looking for films that would be relevant to his agriculture classes.

He found "King Corn" and "Big River," two documentaries by Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis, who graduated from Yale in 2002 and wanted to find out why corn was in so many of the items they consumed.

"It's got a lot of...the history of agriculture in the U.S.," Liangen said.

In "King Corn," the pair plants an

acre of corn to understand the process.

While the documentary was filmed in Iowa, it is important here because Illinois grows approximately 15 percent of the nation's corn annually.

As the film progresses, Cheney and Ellis learn about the benefits and negative aspects of corn.

"Big River," the first film, is a companion film that follows Cheney and Ellis as they go down the Mississippi river to the Gulf of Mexico to see how the corn they planted impacts the environment.

"In "Big River" and "King Corn" it's sort of that, how does the environment come back and impact us like a two way street," Liangen said.

Director Aaron Woolf will be at

the showing to answer questions after the showings.

"Its got the themes of how corn, in the case of the movies, became part of what we eat here in America," Liangen said. "Bits and pieces of it are scattered all over everywhere."

Illinois has continued a tradition of cash crops in its agriculture rather than substance farming.

"Illinois for the most part has been produce as much as you can produce to try to make as much money as you can," Liangen said.

Because the chemicals sprayed on crops are absorbed into the ground, some enter waterways causing environmental damage.

Cheney and Ellis explore this in "Big River" when they go to a toxic

portion of the Gulf of Mexico.

The films focus is on the environmental effects of agriculture, but do not lay blame on farmers.

"By and large farmers are great stewards of the land cause if they're not their bottom line gets compromised," Liangen said.

Liangen explained that corn and its byproducts are inexpensive and rarely are used for food.

He said that a third of corn grown in America is used as livestock feed, and a growing portion is used to make bio-fuels.

In the end Liangen said that conservative farming methods can help solve the problem without hurting production.

Conservations practices in fram-

ing will definitely help reduction erosion, reducing runoff into streams and lakes and the flow of the water cycle," Liangen said.

In the end, Liangen said it comes down to the American public as consumers to help change the status quo of growing corn and soy beans.

"Right now the American public by what we buy in the grocery stores is dictating that we need to grow more corn," Liangen said.

The films will be shown in Phipps Auditorium in the Physical Science Building, "Big River," from 3 to 4 p.m. and "King Corn" from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

Alaska native tells of seeing climate change

By Courtney Runyon
Staff Reporter

Huslia Tribal Council member Oriville Huntington is giving students a chance to hear about the impact climate change has on Alaska.

He will give a presentation on how climate change has impacted Native American communities in Alaska in his lecture, "Coping with Climate Change in Native Alaska" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Lecture Hall of Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Huntington comes from Huslia, a small town of about 300 Native Alaskans. He said climate change is im-

pacting their whole community.

As a hunter, Huntington sees diseases he thinks abnormally warm waters have caused. He also noticed trees and flowers blooming in the fall instead of the spring because of the abnormally warm weather.

A serious problem, Huntington said, is the melting ice caps. The traditional way of obtaining food will become increasingly difficult because of the warming temperatures.

"What you all have done down there has affected our very lives up here," he said.

Huntington said he knows his arguments must be scientifically proven,

but traditional wisdom is what his culture understands. He is willing to travel wherever it takes to protect the values his elders have passed on to him.

Huntington says he wants to help stabilize his community of Huslia as the climate change begins to threaten their way of life. He believes knowledge is a tool, but will not compromise his traditional wisdom he has gained from the elders of the tribe.

"So the inspiration came from the Native American elders who guided me in my young life and today, with love and kindness," said Huntington.

Huntington was raised on the Koyukuk and Yukon rivers in north-

ern Alaska and learned to fish as well as gather, hunt and trap animals.

He has written several articles and papers. The article "Social & Cultural Geography," which Huntington co wrote with Annette Watson, was published in 2008. Huntington said he is obligated to make other people aware of the climate change and condition of Alaska for the future of mother earth.

Huntington feels it is an honor to carry out the thoughts and stories of the Native American elders into this generation and to leave something for those who follow.

"Within that the culture from thousands of years ago comes out and

is shared as I speak and present," he said.

Huntington, who has a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology, has presented lectures to thousands of people around the nation. He said he hopes students of all ages come to hear the lectures. Huntington's goal is to affect at least one person per lecture with his story.

Donald Holly Jr., an assistant professor of anthropology, encourages all students to attend the lecture.

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New Springfield bishop called extremist on abuse

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The Vatican's choice for new bishop of the Springfield diocese once blamed the devil for lawsuits over sexual abuse within the Roman Catholic Church and proposed shielding the church from legal damages.

Thomas Paprocki, an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Chicago, was announced Tuesday as the church's ninth Springfield bishop.

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests said it was disappointed with Paprocki's promotion.

"It says to us that the Vatican is more interested in doctrinal purity than child safety — or at least that child safety isn't the No. 1 priority," said David Clohessy, SNAP's executive director.

Paprocki, 57, said three years ago that the principal force behind the waves of abuse lawsuits was "none other than the devil."

He said the cost of litigation was making it more difficult for the church to perform charitable works. An attorney himself, Paprocki pro-

posed that the courts revive an old policy of shielding nonprofit organizations from lawsuits over negligence and abuse.

"The settlement or award of civil damages is punishing the wrong people, namely the average parishioner or donor whose financial contributions support the church but who have no role in the supervision of clergy," Paprocki said in October 2007 during a special Mass for judges and attorneys.

Paprocki didn't immediately return a call seeking comment Tuesday afternoon. A message seeking comment also was left Tuesday afternoon with the papal nuncio's office in Washington.

In a news conference earlier in the day, Paprocki said the church must address sexual abuse to help restore trust. "I know what a painful and what a troubling issue that this sin and this crime is that confronts us in the church," he said, according to *The (Springfield) State Journal-Register*.

Paprocki was ordained in 1978. He co-founded the South Chicago Legal Clinic to offer legal services to the

poor and later became a top aide in the Chicago archdiocese.

He succeeds Archbishop George Lucas, who was named to lead the Omaha archdiocese last June.

Brady says he'll release tax returns

CHICAGO — Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Brady will release his income tax returns after all, announcing the change of heart Tuesday just hours after his Democratic opponent, Gov. Pat Quinn, took him to task over the issue.

Brady said last week that opening his returns when he ran for governor four years ago hurt his business interests, which include real estate and construction. He added that voters could learn about his financial ties by looking at a disclosure form he files with the state.

But apparently stung by the criticism from Quinn as the governor released his own 2009 returns Tuesday, Brady issued a brief statement later in the day saying he would release his tax documents so that they could not

"I won't let anything stand in the way of my determination to bring a clean break to Illinois."

State Sen. Bill Brady, Republican gubernatorial candidate

serve as a distraction.

"Pat Quinn wants nothing more than to turn attention away from the failures he has led us to," the Bloomington senator said. "I won't let anything stand in the way of my determination to bring a clean break to Illinois."

Brady didn't specify what day his returns would be unveiled, only that it would be this week.

Quinn had embraced the topic as a political stick with which to beat his rival, telling reporters Tuesday morning that Brady's failure to disclose details of his earnings raised questions about possible conflicts of interest.

"Illinois doesn't need a shady governor," the Chicago Democrat said before aides handed out copies of his returns.

And Quinn hammered at Brady's comments last week that there was "nothing to be gained" from letting voters see his returns.

"What's to be gained? What's to be gained is the trust of the people," Quinn said.

The governor also accused Brady of bucking a tradition of candidates from both parties choosing to release their returns, adding that anyone running for office who chooses not to "really should rethink their candidacy."

Quinn did not offer any specifics on how Brady's dealings as a businessman might conflict with his duties as an elected official, saying only that the Republican's failure to subject his returns to scrutiny raises the possibility he had something to hide.

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The tourism grants are given from a fund, which is accumulated by the hotel and motel tax within Charleston.

The three groups will be hosting events, which have the potential to attract overnight guests to the area.

"The tourism fund is doled out to different groups to help organize

events that promote over night stays," Inyart said.

The grants range from \$500 to \$1,000, which will help the groups pay for advertisement.

The council also approved the Bed and Breakfast city code amendments.

The amended code was introduced

during the April 5 city council meeting; however, minor changes were made to the ordinance since.

"The ordinance is no longer in complete agreement with Zoning Board's recommendation," said City Attorney Brian Bower.

It compiles the information regarding bed and breakfast establishments

within the city and clarifies definitions used within the ordinance.

Finally, the city council approved an agreement with Charleston for the execution of the Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Program.

The plan is done by geographical information system, which records

the different road, water and sewer utility systems onto a map.

"I believe this has benefited both sides," said Eric Wilber, the student adviser on the city council.

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Risinger said students need to remember to lock their doors, even when using the restroom.

"Make sure that you trust your roommates and their friends," he said. "Know who is in your room."

Awareness and trying not to make yourself an easy victim are the best ways to combat theft, Risinger said. The UPD has access to cameras, but they are not always monitored.

Risinger's tips for combating personal theft are locking up electronics if you are leaving for the weekend, keeping a list of serial numbers of expensive items and report any possible thefts to the UPD as soon as an item is missing.

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to her present workload.

Mulvaney ultimately relented and was appointed to the executive board, along with 41 other committee appointees approved by the faculty senate out of the 69 people who volunteered.

Worthington said how many people volunteered for each position determined the process observed for nominating these committee members. She said each number was written on a slip of paper and drawn from a cup to facilitate the process of appointment.

The faculty senate is also looking to elect an at-large faculty member representative of Unit A to the council on academic affairs.

Van Gunten said a special election will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday staff the position, and those interested in running may file a nomination petition to her with 10 signatures by 4 p.m. on Friday.

Van Gunten also announced that

"I enjoy just being back here at the back of the table."

John Best, faculty senate member

she is seeking 100 faculty volunteers for Prowl Service Day to be conducted for new students the week before classes resume in August.

She prefers that 25 faculty members from each college be delegated for the event and said faculty volunteers to assist with the EIU Reads program are also in demand.

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BUILDING, from page 1

"Since that time we've had Doudna, a new Textbook Rental and a new power plant," said Daniels. "A lot of things are going up."

There have been efforts to modernize the 71-year-old Physical Sciences Building, but because of the solid brick walls, it is hard to hide the often-unsightly improvements. Daniels said most wires added to the building in the last 70 years have to be attached to, not run through, the walls.

There are concerns with the current facilities that run deeper than the appearance of the Physical Science Building.

Daniel Sheeran, chair of the chemistry department, said many of the rooms with chemical labs and chemical testing instruments do not have good enough ventilation systems.

He said the best way to properly vent rooms is by having hoods, which are ventilation machines that suck up air and filter it, above every workstation that uses chemicals. Sheeran said, in an average room, there are only hoods along a single wall, which means chemicals travel all the way across the room before being properly removed.

"For the most part, short-term exposure is not going to be terribly harmful, but there is some risk," Sheeran said. "There is a greater risk to faculty because, unlike students who may be in a lab only for a single semester, faculty are there semester in and semester out. They may have



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accumulated exposure from chemicals that could have some potential health risks."

Sheeran said it is possible to install enough hoods to eliminate the risk of health benefits, but it is so expensive that they would be better served building a new space.

Another problem with the Physical Sciences Building is its tendency to leak water. The office now occupied by Sheeran has had a pipe break twice in the last two years.

The flooding resulting from these leaks not only leaves a musky smell, but carries a great risk to the expensive equipment used by students and faculty. To protect the equipment, plastic canopies have been erected over important equipment.

John Mace, the chair of the Psychology Department, said because the building was not designed for its current use, there are many examples of rooms that aren't right for the curriculum.

"We have a lab, which is essentially is almost a computer classroom, but it really needs to be designed for a research methods class. It's not enough just to have banks of computers," Mace said. "Eastern is just too good of a program not to have that."

"As the University improves, past student's degrees improve, the value of the Eastern name improves and that helps everybody."

Steven Daniels, chair of the Physics Department

Daniels said improving the science facilities would not only benefit students in the College of Sciences, but everyone in the university because of the amount of general education classes conducted there. He said it helps more than just current and future students, but past students as well.

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MLB

Guillen brushing off criticism

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — In typically colorful fashion, Ozzie Guillen brushed off criticism Tuesday about his team's slow start. Before a game against the Tampa Bay Rays, the outspoken Chicago White Sox manager said he isn't concerned by what most others think of him.

"There is one person I don't want to be angry at me and her name is Ibis Cardenas Guillen because if she gets angry at me, it's going to cost me a lot of money. My wife. Everybody else, I could care less if they like me or not," Guillen said.

Guillen has been the subject of newspaper columns and local sports radio chatter following Chicago's 2-5 road trip. The White Sox began the day 4-9 and in last place in the AL Central, five games behind first-place Minnesota.

"Are they angry at me because we're

"I always take the blame because why should they blame somebody else? I'm the one who put those guys out there. I'm the one who believes in those guys out there."

Ozzie Guillen, Chicago White Sox manager

playing bad? Well, they should. If they're going to blame me because we play bad, they should because since I've been here in this seat, I've never blamed anybody. Maybe one day I blamed the players just because they were watching a (football) game when we were playing (last season) in Texas," Guillen said. "I always take the hit. I always take the blame because why should they blame somebody else? I'm the one who put

those guys out there. I'm the one who believes in those guys out there."

Guillen doesn't even mind being the drawing card if fans attend White Sox games to boo him.

"If the fans are mad at me ... just one thing, figure it out, how many people we hold here? 50,000 people? 50,000 people please come here and boo me because at least we're going to have people in the stands," Guillen said.

MLB

Mets beat Cubs, 4-0

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Pelfrey followed up his save Saturday night and seven scoreless innings Tuesday night and Jose Reyes returned to the starting lineup and had a two-run triple among his four hits, leading the New York Mets to a 4-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

The Mets took advantage of a two-out walk to Pelfrey in the second to score the game's first runs against a stingy Carlos Zambrano. Pinch-hitter Fernando Tatis had a two-run hom-

er in the eighth inning for New York, which has won the first two games of a 10-game homestand.

The punchless Cubs have lost four in a row, scoring just six runs during the skid.

Mets top prospect Ike Davis went 0 for 3 with a walk in his second big league game and made a nifty running catch behind first base in the fourth. His dad, former Yankees reliever Ron Davis, was in the crowd after not having enough time get to Citi Field from Arizona to see his son's debut Monday.

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for the 2010 season.

Hutchinson earned All-Big 12 Conference and the Decatur *Herald & Review* Area Volleyball Player of the Year as she helped the Green Wave advance to the IHSA Sectional Finals.

"I am really excited about Reynae joining our Panther squad," Price said in a press release. "I think she will be the type of player that will come in and immediately want to make an impact, which is why we recruited her from the beginning."

As a member of the Green Wave, Hutchinson averaged 4.3 kills and 3.2 digs per set.

"One of her advantages is that she is a very versatile player who can play several different positions, which on the court makes her a true threat," Price said in a press release. "I am looking forward to coaching Reynae this fall. I think that she has a ton of

potential and will come in ready to work hard."

Voorhees leads Panthers to sixth

Senior Jaymie Voorhees led the Eastern women's golf team to a sixth-place finish this weekend in the two-round Bowling Green Falcon Invitational.

Out of 65 competitors, Voorhees placed seventh with a score of +14.

The tournament served as the final weekend before this weekend's OVC Championships.

Senior Katie Imburgia and freshman Emily Calhoun placed 26th, while junior Veronica Bernier and freshman Lauren Williams placed 40th and 52nd respectively.

—Compiled by Assistant Sports Editor Alex McNamee

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Henry (2-3). Both pitchers threw 21 strikeouts.

Schmitz said his hitters are jumping on pitches and lunging on them, and need to improve on it.

"We do slow BPs (batting practice), to lob the pitches in there with the hitters staying back and wait on the ball," Schmitz said. "That has been the biggest thing that we haven't done a good job in staying back this year."

Schmitz said if a batter leans for-

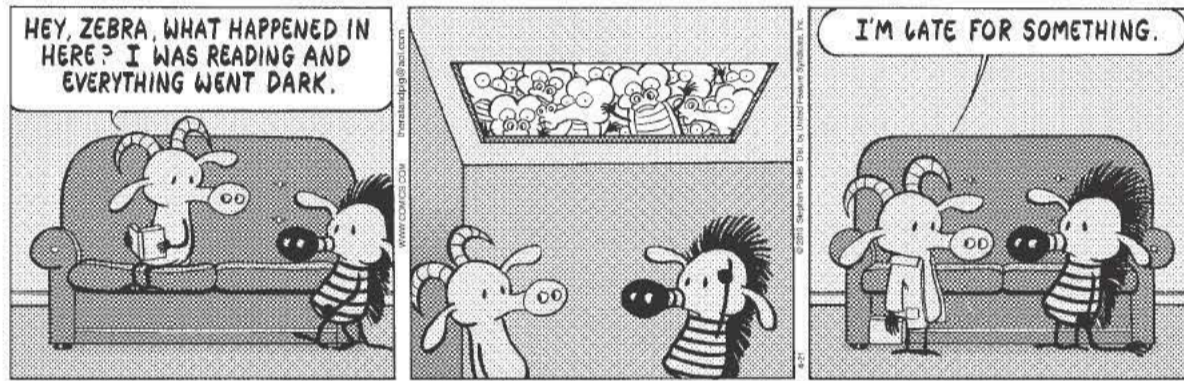
ward into pitches, the batter would swing at bad pitches because he can't hold off from swinging. There is not a proper batting stance when leaning forward, the coach said, and correct batting stances are important for success.

"We are in a bit of a funk right now and we need to get out of it," Schmitz said.

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BASKETBALL | RECRUITMENT

Bringing in young and new talent

Talented recruits look to contribute to program's climb

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

The Eastern men's basketball program made strides this season by winning 19 games, including a playoff game.

Well, head coach Mike Miller is all smiles as he announces the first signees for the 2010-11 incoming class in star recruits Tommy Woolridge and Isaac Smith III.

Woolridge, a 6-2, 170-lb shooting guard, hails from Chicago Foreman High School and was coached by Terry Head.

During his senior season, Woolridge averaged 11.8 points per game, 3.4 assists, 4 rebounds, and 2.7 steals.

In a press release, Woolridge liked Miller and assistant coach Chrys Cornelius.

Miller said not only is Woolridge a top athlete, but he played with top talent in teammates Mike McCall and Lavonte Dority.

Both also signed Division I scholarships, with McCall going to Saint Louis and Dority going to South Florida.

"They had an outstanding team," Miller said. "Tommy had a good year, and did a lot of good things. He is a very versatile player and he is very similar to guys who you see in this

league in terms of a perimeter player who could do a lot of different things."

Miller said that Woolridge is a different player from junior guard Tyler Laser, but Smith brings in his own unique skills.

Smith, a 6-3, 185-lb guard from Chicago Saint Leo High School, was an All-Chicago Catholic League team member as a junior. As a junior, he averaged 18 ppg, 6 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals. As a senior, Smith had 20.7 ppg for his high school coach Noah Cannon.

"Isaac is a high level athlete," Miller said. "As he comes in, he may be one of our top two or three athletes on this team next year. He has shown that ability as a guard playing above the rim, being fast with the ball.

"I've seen him play in different settings where he has that versatility to play as a scorer, playmaker, really defend on the ball and his athleticism gives him the ability to do all those things."

The Panthers have always wanted to have a strong state recruiting strategy, especially in the Chicagoland area. Eastern has recently signed sophomore guard Jeremy Granger (Elgin), senior guard T.J. Marion (Aurora), freshman forward Shaun Pratl (Chicago Ridge) and 2009 graduate Billy Parish (Naperville).

"I think with the success these guys are playing with here, it will open the door for the future to bring in more guys," Miller said.

The coach wants to continue bring-



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Men's basketball head coach Mike Miller looks at the scoreboard during a game against Austin Peay on Feb. 25 in Lantz Arena. Miller announced the two newest signees, Tommy Woolridge from Chicago Foreman High School and Isaac Smith III from Chicago Saint Leo High School.

ing in top talent.

"As we go through, we need to make sure that every time we bring a guy into the program that they're productive," Miller said. "Ultimately, we try to get better. Each guy upgrades

us in some way."

Miller said he recruits on needs, like if he needs a scorer, shooter, ball handler, rebounder or defender.

Later this off-season, Miller said he is looking for two to three more play-

ers to fill out his roster. He wants to have a mix of incoming freshmen and transfer student athletes.

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All Access
with Dan Rowe, freshman center fielder

Panther black belt in center field

By Dion Martorano
Staff Reporter

Most freshman athletes come in and have to adjust to a new style of game play. But freshman center fielder Dan Rowe is consistently trying new things he never has before.

A natural infielder, mostly having played second base, Rowe has been thrown into the outfield as a collegiate athlete and is currently the starting center fielder. That would not be much of an issue if not for one thing.

"Being in the outfield is just a huge change for me," Rowe said. "I never even owned an outfield mitt. I don't think I even played outfield in little league. I knew I was terrible at judging the fly balls from the few times I was out there... It is just weird; I am just so used to the infield. I am getting the hang of it now."

Rowe has been the lead off man for Eastern in 13 games this season, which is something he has never done before either.

"I just thank God he stuck with me," Rowe said. "[Coach Schmitz] keeps me in there and gives me the opportunity; he has a lot of faith in my bat. It is nice to have that confidence."

Rowe does not lack the confidence in anything he does, and wants to send a message to opposing pitchers: Do not hit him with a pitch. He has a black belt in karate.

"All the guys on the team know it and joke about it," Rowe said. "They are like, 'Can you kill me?' There have been some interesting cases where some of the guys want me to kick them, I'm not going to say it hasn't

happened. I am pretty sure they regret it."

If having a black belt in karate was not enough of a thrill for him, he can also ride a unicycle. He did not try it until he was 13 or 14 years old but he said he learned it pretty quickly.

"My buddy had one and my mom did it when she was younger," Rowe said. "She used to always tell me stories. I gave it a try and it was really hard and I kept going at it for the whole day. There was no way I was going to bed until I figured it out. I learned it in one day. I couldn't ride it until it was dark out. It was really rough the first time."

If baseball does not pan out and he does not get drafted, he has some big plans for afterwards.

"I am going into law enforcement; I am a (sociology) major and criminology minor," Rowe said. I want to move into SWAT and the ultimate goal is to work for the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency). I can't see myself doing anything else. I am always on the go and I have always been interested in law enforcement stuff. I have always leaned towards it... There is no way I can sit behind a desk all day. That is just not me. I get bored really easily."

That does not mean he is giving up on baseball. Every time he goes to a professional game he said he feels like he can be out there one day.

"Every time I go to a professional ball park I get a weird feeling like I step out there and I just get a weird feeling that most ball players get, like I can be out there," Rowe said. "It reminds me to keep going. It would be the ultimate (goal) to get paid to play.



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Dan Rowe, a freshman sociology major from Crystal Lake, and center fielder for the Panther baseball team, steps behind the dugout during a baseball camp for Charleston-Mattoon youth started by graduate assistant coach James Conrad Monday evening. Rowe was helping run the camp with fellow teammates.

"I am trying to take the Rowe name to another level."

Dan Rowe, freshman center fielder

I want to stay out of getting a real job as long as I can."

At the end of the day, though, he is a family man. While on the field he admired former New York Yankee Roger Maris' way of playing but when it comes to his heroes, he looks up to

his father and grandfather.

"My parents have always been there for me and my dad really knows the game," Rowe said. "I am trying to take the Rowe name to another level. My grandpa is a major influence on my life. He is the definition of a

man. I definitely want to be like him in every way. He was just a great guy; he taught me the game of baseball. He was always there for me and always believed in me. I always told my grandpa that I would play on TV one day and each time I get closer to getting there. I believe he knows where I am. He didn't get the opportunity to see me play Division I ball. I feel he is always there watching over me."

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BASEBALL | EASTERN VS. ILLINOIS, 6:35 P.M.

Slowing down Illini attack

Schmitz's crew will focus on stopping steals

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

The last time Eastern's baseball team faced Illinois on April 13, it was not a pretty sight.

The Illini (16-15, 4-5 Big Ten) stole the game with eight successful steals and handily won 10-1 at Illinois Field in Champaign.

But the Panthers will have a chance for revenge as they face Illinois at 6:35 p.m. today at Grimes Field in Mattoon.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said he was not happy with all the steals his team allowed the Illini to get. Illinois has 74 steals this season.

"We really had a freshman (Troy Barton) in there on that game and he's just not able to stop the running game," Schmitz said. "It's one of those deals that they could pick all you want and still he shows when he is throwing to home."

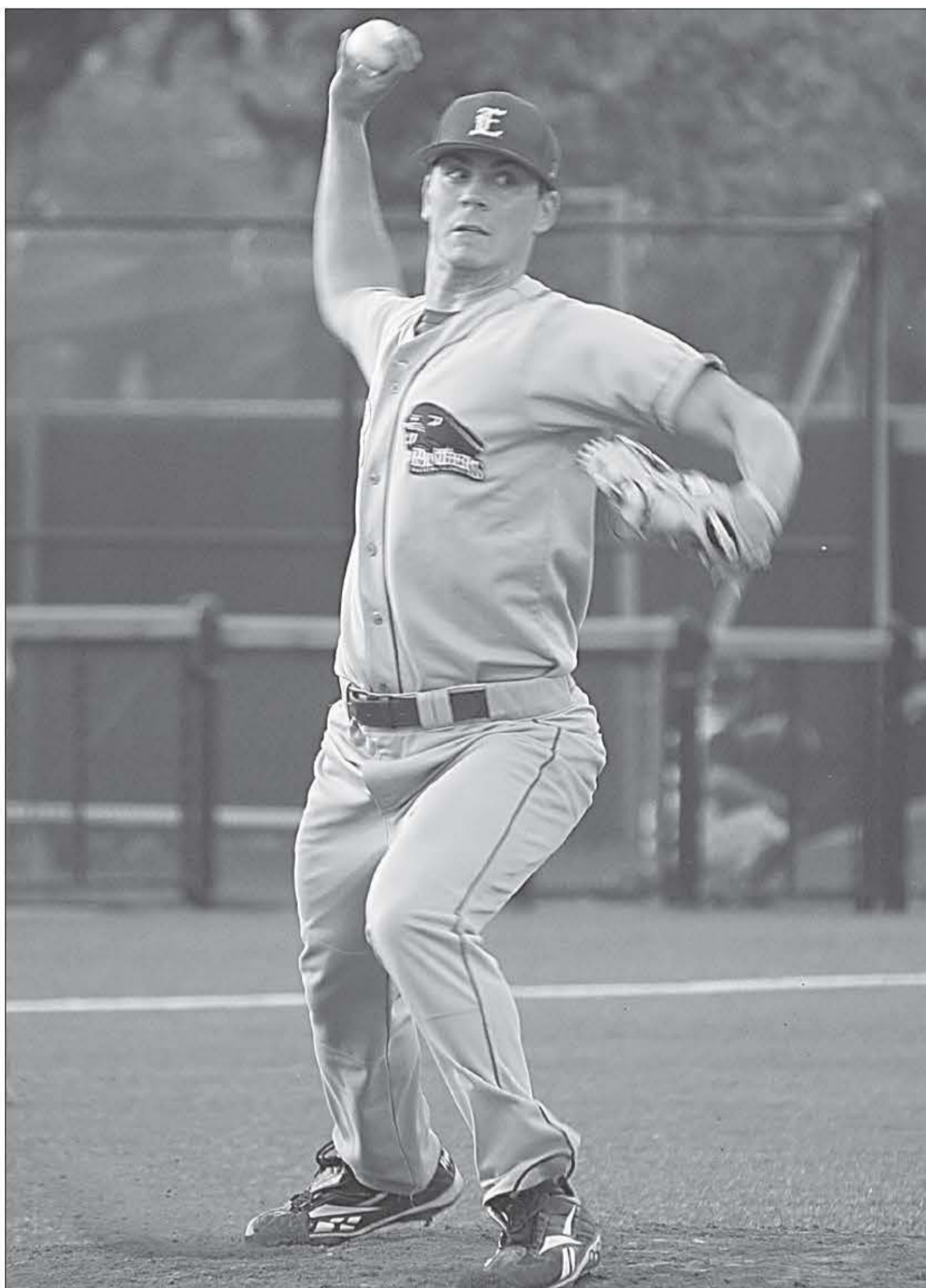
Schmitz said the personnel last game was not adept at keeping runners close. Instead of going with Barton this time around, Schmitz said he would go with junior pitcher Mike Recchia (3-4, 4.77 ERA) for some experience.

"It's a big game for us and Mike is one of our better arms," Schmitz said. "We will have more veterans that day."

The opposing pitcher will be Illini freshman Matt Milroy (1-0, 9.00 ERA).

The loss to Illinois last week is not the worst thing Eastern (9-25, 4-8 Ohio Valley Conference) faced as it was swept by Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn., last weekend.

The Panthers were shut out on back-to-back losses Saturday to Golden Eagle senior pitchers Adam Liberatore (4-4) and Lee ATTACK, page 9



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Sophomore Mike Martin pitches against the University of Illinois Champaign April 13 at Illinois Field. The Panthers play Illinois today in Mattoon at Grimes Field.

VIEWS



Collin Whitchurch

NFL Draft chance to make a mark

The NFL Draft begins Thursday and, as always, hundreds of college football players will embark on their journey to professional football.

For Eastern, success in the National Football League has been a big deal. When former wide receiver Micah Rucker received a chance with the Pittsburgh Steelers two years ago, it was a big deal. When former defensive end Pierre Walters signed and made the Kansas City Chiefs last season, it was a very big deal.

Then, of course, there's Tony Romo. Enough said.

This year, the chance for Eastern to have a player selected in the seven-round draft appears as good as any time in recent memory. The only difference is that the guys who are being coveted by NFL scouts aren't the guys a lot of people have heard about before. There's no quarterback with a laser, rocket arm. No flashy wide receiver. No quarterback-crushing end.

The Eastern player who has the best shot at having his name called this weekend is none other than offensive tackle Chris Campbell. But it doesn't end there. Senior offensive tackle Otis Hudson, Campbell's high school teammate, serves a chance as well.

But it's Campbell who has generated the hype. The 6-foot-5, 326-lb. lineman out of Chicago Marshall was selected to play in the Texas vs. The Nation All Star Game in February (the same game Walters played in last year). Additionally, former NFL scout Daniel Jeremiah, who has worked for both the Cleveland Browns and Baltimore Ravens, recently Tweeted "Campbell is a big time sleeper. Lots of buzz around the league."

Likewise, Russ Lande of *The Sporting News* came out with an article on NFL Draft sleepers April 13. In the article, Lande highlighted both Campbell and Hudson. Saying about Campbell: "Campbell has the talent to become a good starting left tackle, but he has a lot of work to do first," and of Hudson: "Not only does Hudson have good size and athletic ability, but he has adjusted well to a position change... He is a very competitive blocker who is able to control his man if he can lock up on him."

So needless to say, things are looking up for the pair, who weigh in at a combined weight of nearly 700 lbs.

The prospect of them landing in the NFL is monumental. It was huge when Walters caught on with the Chiefs last year. But the case with Walters, just as the case with Rucker and even Romo, is that they were undrafted free agent signings. Eastern hasn't had a player selected in the draft since cornerback Chris Watson was selected in the third round in 1999.

Campbell and Hudson aren't the most well-known names on campus. They're no Walters and they're definitely no Romo.

But after Friday, for them, that could begin to change quickly.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Finnegan, Winston bring in track honors

Seniors Caitlin Finnegan and Ian Winston landed Ohio Valley Conference Track and Field Athlete of the week honors this week for their weekend performances.

Finnegan finished in first place in the 400-meter hurdles at the Vanderbilt Invite with a time of 1:01.90.

The time was good enough for second all-time in the Eastern record books.

Also, it was the second best performance of the year in the OVC in 400-meter hurdles, with Finnegan trailing the leader by .04 seconds.

"I'm really excited about Reynae joining our Panther squad. I think she will be the type of player that will come in and immediately want to make an impact."

Kate Price, head volleyball coach

Finnegan also competed in the 100 meter hurdles and 4x100 relay, placing third and first, respectively.

In his first performance of the outdoor track season, Winston placed first at the Southern Illinois Edwardsville Gateway Class

in the high jump with a jump of 7'0.25".

The jump set the Eastern school record and put him in first in the OVC.

With the jump, Winston became the first Eastern athlete to clear a jump of seven feet and his jump currently ranks 21st in the nation.

Price signs Mattoon star

Eastern head coach Kate Price announced Tuesday that she has signed Mattoon High School volleyball player Reynae Hutchinson HONORS, page 9

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball
Today vs. Illinois
6:35p.m. - Grimes Field

Softball
Thursday at Indiana State
3 p.m. - Terre Haute, Ind.

Men's soccer
Saturday vs. Western Illinois
Noon - Lakeside Field

Baseball
Saturday at Murray State (DH)
1 p.m. - Murray, Ky.

Softball
Saturday vs. Austin Peay
1 p.m. - Williams Field

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NATIONAL SPORTS

MLB
Phillies at Braves
6 p.m. on ESPN

NBA
Bobcats at Magic
6 p.m. on TNT

MLB
Cubs at Mets
6 p.m. on CSN

MLB
Cardinals at Diamondbacks
8:30 p.m. on FSN

NBA
Spurs at Mavericks
8:30 p.m. on TNT