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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

April 22, 2003 ♦ **TUESDAY**

Putting out
the flames

Eastern baseball hosts
University of
Illinois-Chicago
at 3 p.m. at
Coaches Stadium



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Parties share goals

♦ *Candidates talk about
plans, platforms at
Student Government forum*

By Niki Jensen and Avian Carrasquillo
STAFF EDITORS

The 11 potential candidates for Student Government executive branch positions presented their platforms and answered audience questions Monday before elections begin Tuesday and Wednesday.

Margie Tucker, executive director of the student Elections Commission, opened the debate by introducing the candidates to about 30 audience members.

Caleb Judy, Amy Leonard and Bud Wierenga, the three candidates running for student body president, listened as Tucker asked them what they believed to be their biggest accomplishments thus far.

Both Judy and Wierenga cited the passing of the concert fee last spring as their greatest accomplishments while Leonard chose her appointment as the vice president for business affairs, a position she currently holds.

Tucker then opened the floor for questions and reminded the presidential candidates they each had just one minute to respond.

When asked about their stances regarding the network fee, all three candidates said they supported increasing it to pay for an update of the network infrastructure.

In the race for executive vice president, Bill Davidson said that he wanted to increase the Student Action Team's involvement and is not afraid to stand up for the students.

Kyle Donash for the Students Voice Party said that he has been very active in Student Senate and would continue to do so if elected.

Shermann Thomas said that although he has no prior Student Senate experience his mentors were previous executive vice presidents and that they are still coaching him.

In his opening address, Thomas made an appeal to the audience by saying, "I don't have a lot of Student Senate experience, but I have a lot of passion."

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DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill Davidson, who is running for executive vice president, informs students about issues he hopes to cover while in office Monday evening in the University Walkway of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amy Leonard of the Students Voice Party and Bud Wierenga of the Reckless Abandon Party listen to Caleb Judy discuss issues he wishes to cover as student body president Monday evening in the University Walkway of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

No bonus in store for faculty

By John Chambers
NEWS EDITOR

Faculty members will not receive a bonus this year. Bob Wayland, director of employee and labor relations, said April news of a \$1.4 million rescission came too early for there to be a bonus.

The recently settled four-year contract with the University Professionals of Illinois had provisions for a one-time bonus, equal to a 1.5 percent salary increase, if there was not state rescission by May 15. The bonus would have been equal to 1 percent if the call back was less than or equal to \$500,000.

As long as the state has only recommended and not requested the 2.7 percent in cuts yet, the bonus could still be a reality, said UPI President David Radavich.

Discussion at the Council on University Planning and Budget Friday left the impression this and next fiscal year's call back is "not a done deal," Radavich said.

The bonus depends on if the state's news of a proposed call back fits the contract terms of a rescission.

"A mid-year rescission is basically any action on the behalf of the governor," Wayland said. "We've been

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UPD officers not backing appointment

By Tim Martin
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

University Police Department officers have grouped behind the Fraternal Order of Police in fear acting Chief Adam Due will be named permanent chief.

The fraternal order, the labor union for the UPD, issued a press release Friday summarizing the problems some officers have had with Due. The three areas of conflict are officer safety, interdepartmental communications and attitude/interpersonal relations, the release stated.

Members of the fraternal order first went on record of their concern on Jan. 17, 2002, when 17 of 18 police officers cast a "no confidence vote" against Due, who has held the acting chief position since the summer of 2001. "Police Department morale is at an all-time low and the pot is ready to boil over," the release stated.

Those numbers have since gone down when a revote was taken on April 3, where 13 officers voted no confidence. A total number of voters was not given in the press release, but the UPD Web site lists 15 officers.

"Those three categories outline a management style by Chief Due," said Ted Street, president of the Fraternal Order of Police Illinois State Lodge located in Springfield. "And there continues to be no address in

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Redesigned site aims at informing, serving student body

By Holly Frejich
STAFF WRITER

A redesigned Student Senate Web site is aimed at better serving and informing Eastern students about issues affecting them.

Brian Scios, Web master and Student Senate member, designed the Student Senate Web site linked to Eastern's Web page.

Scios took his own ideas and the ideas of fellow Senate members and used them to update the previously existing Student Senate

page.

One link Scios added that he is especially excited about is the elections page. Scios said the page will list every candidate running for election on April 22 and 23 and each candidate will write a description of why he or she is qualified for the position they are running for.

"In the past, it seems as though students simply vote for people based on their names and not their qualifications," he said. "I feel that this will allow students the oppor-

Spotlight: Eastern

♦ In the spotlight this week is the new Student Senate Web page.

This article is part of a series focused on events, people and organizations in our community.



tunity to learn what candidates stand for and give them a better idea of why they should or should

not vote for that person."

Scios said students have asked for a place on the Internet where they can go to reference the schedule of the Panther Express Shuttle Bus. Since the Student Senate is in charge of the shuttle, Scios added a link on the site leading students to the schedule.

Another important link on the Web site is one allowing students to give their feedback on how they feel about issues dealt with by the Student Senate and issues relating to the school in general.

"I have been disappointed in the number of people who have actually posted messages on the page," Scios said. "It is important for students to know what is going on with things such as the state and university budgets."

Scios said the only people who have posted messages are senate members. He feels that it's because most people are unaware of the opportunity they have to express their opinions.

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Undergraduate art on display this week

By Kelly Schumacher
STAFF WRITER

Eastern will hold a one-day viewing of a variety of new paintings from undergraduate artists Tuesday at the Burl Ives Studio Building.

The show, Visual Dialect, will feature works of seven Eastern students from Professor Christopher Kahler's Painting 4, 5 and 6 classes.

This semester's show marks the fourth major exhibition of advanced painting students' work since the start of the tradition that began in the fall of 2001. The exhibition will be held in the Podesta Gallery from 5 to 9 p.m.

The artists whose work will be on display include: Jason Bly, Pete Brodeski, Nam Clark, Mike Harvey, Theresa Rose, Ryan Vila and Chris Wille.

All participating artists are responsible for creating the work, advertising, hanging the show and catering the opening.

"The work ranges from self-portraiture to organic abstraction and will illustrate work that is

coming out of the painting program," Kahler said.

Each artist has his or her own individual artistic style on display at the event. Bly uses classical realism techniques with a contemporary twist to explore old stories and traditional fables.

Brodeski, who designed the poster for the event, documents personal events, situations and emotions that have shaped his life.

Clark's paintings explore society's stereotypes of African Americans through the eyes of popular culture, a press release stated.

Harvey's highly expressionistic paintings investigate the hazards and fragility of the body.

Rose uses images of Barbie and her packaging to explore social issues that plague women in our contemporary society.

Vila uses a comic book style and humor to deal with serious issues such as stereotyping, race and love.

Wille uses organic abstractions to explore references to the body and the nature of voyeurism.

Finding comfort in uncertain times

By Dan Valenziano
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

For the last two years, workers at the Counseling Center have spoken with a number of students about their anxieties over war and terrorism.

Because of the nervousness, Mark Kiel, a Counseling Center employee, will host a presentation entitled "Uncertain Times: Living with the Prospect of Terrorism in time of War" Tuesday.

The presentation will be at 7 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The purpose of the workshop, Kiel said, was to examine some of the geopolitical happenings around the world and the way those things affect students on an individual level.

"In the course of the last two years our nation has undergone a series of traumas," Kiel said.

Kiel said he would examine how these events are alike or different and how individuals can cope with these occurrences.

Kiel said many students who had family members or friends who went to war in Iraq and Afghanistan came into the center for counseling.

"We had spikes of (students) when the war began," Kiel said. "People had loved ones who were called up."

Keil said some students may feel distant from things such as the war in Iraq. He said, the ideas "will be brought home."

Kiel said the idea for the session came from a request during one of the lifeskills workshops.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

A juicy job

Shannon Finn, a sophomore elementary education major, restocks Dole Apple Juice into a display refrigerator Monday evening in the Thomas Hall Convenience Store.

Night of art kicks off celebration

By Lamon Woods
STAFF WRITER

A week long devotion to the four main pillars of art; dance, drama, visual arts and music, will kick off Tuesday at Carl Sandburg Elementary School with Fine Arts Night.

Fine Arts Night is the beginning of a full week of activities intended to inform the children of Carl Sandburg Elementary School about the many interesting aspects of the fine arts. It will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

Teachers see the event as a great learning experience for the children and feel that it will prove to be the most important night.

"Tuesday is the biggest night of the week for us," said Jamie Willis, an art teacher at Carl Sandburg. "We are looking forward to the kids and their parents coming in and enjoying all the activities we will have."

The night will begin with Motherlode, a group that will kick off the evening as all the families arrive. Following Motherlode, students and parents will be able to participate in many different workshops, which will be run by Eastern art education majors, who will share their knowledge of visual arts with the families.

Workshops will be set up in third grade classrooms, the art room, the music room and the library. These workshops will involve all four of the main components of the fine arts.

The visual arts workshops will give children the option to become more familiar with and actually participate in some of the areas of the visual arts. Origami, kites, bookmaking, puppets, chalk-in and masks are planned to be offered to those in attendance.

The music, drama and dance workshops will be led by a number of guest artists who will intro-

duce some of the many other parts of the fine arts.

Each child will receive one ticket for a hands-on visual art workshop and two yellow tickets for participatory and listening workshops in the music, drama and dance section.

Even though Tuesday might be the biggest night for Fine Arts Week, presentations will continue throughout the rest of the week. During morning presentations, Eastern art majors will give demonstrations on intaglio printing, glass beads, Chinese brush painting and masks and theater in the cafeteria. During the midday music performances, Allison Fischer, a member of the U.S.A. Ballet Company in Blooming, will join the students of Carl Sandburg. According to Willis, Fischer will see all classes during one of their physical education periods (April 23, 24, 25, 28, 29). Willis said she is very pleased Fischer could come.

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CORRECTIONS

- ◆ A story in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly listed the hours for the South Side Cafe. The cafe is open from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and is closed on Sunday.
- ◆ An editorial story in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly stated which Student Senate member coordinated efforts to resolve issues with the city regarding misbehavior at the last Homecoming parade. The senate member was Kyle Donash.

The News regrets the errors.

POLICE BLOTTER

Criminal damage to property

- ◆ A 2000 Lexus was damaged Thursday while parked in "W" lot, police reports stated.
- ◆ A Pontiac was damaged while parked in the LSD lot, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

Illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor

- ◆ Andrew M. McKeague, 19, of

Carman Hall, was arrested at the residence hall Friday at 12:45 a.m., police reports stated.

◆ Steven A. Madigan, 19, Lockport, was arrested Friday at 12:45 a.m. at Carman Hall.

He was also charged with criminal damage to government supported property, resisting a police officer, possessing an ID of another and disorderly conduct, police reports stated.

Unendorsed candidates defend qualifications, devotion

◆ *Student Government hopefuls react to Daily Eastern News picks*

By Niki Jensen
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

As the election process is a vital cornerstone of the quintessential American representative democracy, student government candidates not endorsed by *The Daily Eastern News* enter today's Student Government elections voicing the reasons why they should be elected to serve Eastern's student body in the forthcoming school year.

Student Body President

Student body president candidate Amy Leonard, of the Students Voice Party, cites her previous experience in student government affairs as a qualifying factor for her push for the presidency.

A junior political science major, Leonard said she has been a member of the Student Senate for two years, in which time she has served two years on the parking committee, three years on the parking and appeals committee and a year as an Apportionment

Board member among other involvements.

Serving as the current chair of the Apportionment Board, Leonard said she is dedicated to serving Eastern's students.

"I am in the Student Activities Office almost 90 percent of the day working for the students," she said.

As previously reported in the News, one of Leonard's main platforms focuses on the creation of a multi-functional online community that will better serve the students.

"Ninety percent of students I've talked to use the Internet," she explained as the rationale for the platform.

Bud Wierenga, of the Reckless Abandon Party, is also seeking the position of student body president.

Wierenga said it is his enthusiasm and love for the students that sets him apart from Leonard and Caleb Judy, the endorsed candidate representing the Campus Change Party.

"I know I can represent the students the best. I'm there for the students," he said.

Executive Vice President

Leonard's party-mate Kyle Donash, of the Students Voice Party, said his many campus lead-

ership roles have provided him with the skills and attributes to be an effective executive vice president.

In addition to serving on the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council in high school and making the transition to the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Council, Donash notes his recent Charles "Tight" Carter Award for Outstanding leadership and contribution to student government as an example of his commitment to the university.

Donash's top priorities include increasing student participation on the Student Action Team and building better relations with the members of the Board of Trustees.

Opposing Donash in the executive vice president race are Bill Davidson, the endorsed candidate of the Campus Change Party, and Sherman Thomas, a candidate with no party affiliation.

Student VP for Student Affairs

Lindsey Baum, also of the Students Voice Party, is running for student vice president

for student affairs. Referring to her position as a member of the Student Senate, Baum said, "I've always made sure the students' voices are heard in every student government decision."

Baum's campaign highlights the creation of a freshman leadership conference, which she said would unite freshman students and "produce great new leaders."

Matt Kulp, a candidate with no party affiliation, and incumbent Lisa Flam, endorsed candidate of the Campus Change Party, also seek the position of student vice president for student affairs.

Wanting to expand the number of Recognized Student Organizations, or RSO's, on



Bud Wierenga

"I know I can represent the students best. I'm there for the students."



Amy Leonard

"I am in the Student Activities Office almost 90 percent of the day working for the students."

Eastern's campus, Kulp said, "I want students to be able to create their own RSO's based on their hobbies."

A self-described outgoing and enthusiastic motivator, Kulp said, "I have a feeling that I can promote more involvement (among Eastern students) than the other candidates who are running for this position."

Five polling places to open for student exec elections

By Niki Jensen
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The five polling stations set up throughout Eastern's campus mark the arrival of the highly contested Student Government elections to take place today and Wednesday.

Students can cast their votes today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Coleman, Carman and Taylor halls, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and the Student Recreation Center, said Margie Tucker, executive director of the elections commission.

With last year's spring election yielding 1,229 student votes, Tucker said she expects an even greater turnout for the current race.

"I'm hoping for 2,000 students to vote," she said.

Sharing in Tucker's optimism is current Student Body President Alison Mormino, who cites an expanded elections commission and the distribution and posting of fliers as evidence that Student Government is serious about getting more Eastern students to the polls and diminishing the long-standing apathy that has notoriously plagued Eastern's campus.

"The students that you could potentially elect make decisions on tuition rates, student fees, (they) sit on the Board of Trustees and are on various committees that affect students' lives on a daily basis."

"Voter turnout has been increasing steadily each of the past years," Mormino said.

There's been a bigger increase in publicity this year, so I think there will be a bigger turnout."

—Margie Tucker

Tucker said the increase of candidate-sponsored publicity - particularly slogan-filled fliers - is a factor that may contribute to a high voter turnout in this election.

"There's been a bigger increase in publicity this year, so I think there will be a bigger turnout," she said.

Mormino agreed, acknowledging that the candidates have done a good job marketing themselves to the student body.

In fact, Tucker said "you can't go anywhere on campus without seeing something about the elections."

In addition to visual publicity, Tucker said many candidates have taken the grassroots approach of presenting and discussing their platforms at various campus group meetings, including those of fraternities and sororities and other Recognized Student Organizations.

While voter turnout results will soon indicate the success of the election, Mormino strongly urges Eastern students to "weigh in" and voice their opinions by voting.

LaBamba's brawlers name attorneys, request defense at preliminary hearing

◆ *One male charged with aggravated battery has lawyer, second asks for public defender*

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Eastern students Brian P. Golden, 21, and Scott W. Street, 23, made their initial appearance in court Monday for charges of aggravated battery stemming from an incident at LaBamba's restaurant.

Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters said the purpose of the initial court appearance is for the defendants to be aware of the charges against them and announce their defense counsel.

"They announce if they have an attorney, say they're hiring one or request that the court assign an attorney," Deters said.

During Monday's initial appearance, Golden informed the court of his representation. Attorney David Eberspacher will serve as Golden's defense counsel.

Street could not afford to hire an attorney and therefore requested a public defender be appointed to him.

Golden and Street are facing three charges of aggravated battery for their involvement in a fight that occurred at 1:17 a.m. April 13 at LaBamba's, 1415 Fourth St. The fight left two Cook County men, Paul

Romanowski and Scott Leehner, injured. One victim was treated and released from Sarah Bush-Lincoln Health Service emergency room following the altercation. The second was kept overnight for treatment and observation.

Street and Golden were arrested at 10 p.m. April 13 at Charleston Police Department.

Information was filed April 16, charging the men with three counts of aggravated battery and bail was set at \$1,000, 10 percent of the \$10,000 bond.

The men were restricted from contact with the victims or their residences in Lemont and Westmont.

A preliminary hearing date was set during Monday's initial appearance. The hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. May 12.

Deters said probable cause is determined at preliminary hearings.

"If they do not waive, usually they will have a witness testify with the facts of the offense and the court determines probable cause," Deters said.

Once probable cause is established, the defense can choose a bench trial with only a judge or a jury trial. Deters said jury trials are most often chosen.

The trial date is then set following established probable cause. State statutes list aggravated battery conviction punishments as two to five year imprisonments with possibility of fines and parole.

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EDITORIAL

Students need to have plan B

To effectively cope with late-year budget problems, Eastern's administration has vowed to scrutinize small summer classes and decide what needs to get cut. They'll collectively axe small classes full of freshmen before canceling a class full of seniors who need the classes to graduate on time.

But shutting down classes hurts anyone who is trying to finish a degree in a reasonable amount of time. Underclass students trying to get a jump on those 120 hours do it in summer school and often depend on that opportunity to take lighter loads during the year. Other students trying to make up for a poor performance sometimes rebuild their grade point averages in the summer as well.

Still, Eastern has to get money from somewhere, and it looks as though summer school is that somewhere. Students who plan to supplement their regular academic years with summer courses need to start planning for potential disasters now.

Students should register as early as possible to ensure a class will be available or to ensure said class remains open. They should also formulate some kind of backup plan. No summer class is guaranteed, so students need to have something else lined up in case an all-important course falls through.

One smart move would be to check the courses offered at Lake Land College or a hometown community college. Be sure the course will transfer with hours and correct credit intact and create a Plan B.

The administration, on the other hand, needs to use careful judgment when deciding which classes to cut. For example, a class of five freshmen may look expendable, but if they are EIU4 students to whom the university has promised a timely degree, the class should meet as planned.

The administration should be open to student and faculty concerns about canceling classes rather than relying on numbers to make the call. Closing one summer class won't derail the education of most students or the work of most professors, but special circumstances could tell a different story than enrollment numbers do.

In tough budget times, tough decisions must be made. But canceling important classes is one of the toughest decisions of all and should be made with the greatest care and consideration for students and faculty.

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

At issue
Administrators cutting summer classes to alleviate budget problems.

Our stance
Students need to formulate alternate options in case planned classes are cancelled and always plan ahead.

OPINION

A few idiots mar excellence



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Everyone loves a good concert. Some people shell out big bucks to enjoy their favorite musical act, which can be a truly fun experience.

Others view concerts as the perfect opportunity to get drunk and make asses of themselves. Unfortunately, at Friday's Counting Crows performance in Lantz Arena, a selective few put a damper on my much-anticipated concert experience with their foolish antics.

I've been waiting excitedly for almost a month to see the Crows live, and I assumed the other 3,000 students and area fans would attend with the same attitude. I just wanted to hear some good music and have a fun time.

I showed up to Lantz with my boyfriend and his 17-year-old brother, a huge Counting Crows fan. While waiting outside the arena doors, two obviously intoxicated college girls dropped their pants and urinated in the bushes next to Lantz. At least a hundred others in the line witnessed this display of public idiocy, since it was still light out and the girls didn't make an effort to conceal that they weren't properly potty trained.

I was proud to give my boyfriend's little brother his first taste of the classy, ladylike behavior exhibited by certain Eastern sorority members.

"A group of obnoxious guys shouted 'get off the stage' and... 'show us your tits.'"

During the concert, the embarrassing antics of my peers continued. We stood patiently during Sixpence None the Richer's opening set, which I thought was pretty damn good. Apparently, a few other drunken degenerates standing behind us did not agree. A group of obnoxious guys shouted "get off the stage," and the always charming, "show us your tits," to lead singer Leigh Nash. Sixpence None the Richer has gained fame as a Christian rock band, so I doubt Nash would find the hecklers' requests very amusing.

Meanwhile, people of all shapes and sizes attempted to push their way up to the front of the stage. I understand everyone wants to get close to the band, but it's incredibly rude to assume those around you won't mind if you step in front of them.

I've been in my fair share of rowdy concert crowds, and I wasn't expecting to have to throw elbows and exchange insults with anyone at a Counting Crows show. I just wanted to stand there and not be bothered.

As for those "fans" to my left, who were talking and laughing loudly during lead vocalist Adam Duritz's piano solo, you really knew how to ruin a good moment.

And what concert experience would be complete without the mad rush for the door when the lights go up? The same girls with the overactive bladders shoved their way through hundreds of people waiting to get out of the venue, proclaiming through giggles that they were going to be sick. Tired and frustrated, I felt compelled to shout a few expletives at them.

Now I'm not trying to claim I'm the Emily Post of concert etiquette, but I was disappointed with my peers' manners Friday night.

The University Board is going to be hard-pressed to find acts to perform at Eastern if we get a reputation for having an uncouth crowd. Sean Kelly, guitarist for Sixpence None the Richer, said he was happy with the fans' energy, and the University Police Department removed only two intoxicated students from Lantz.

However, from my limited experience, I encountered enough debauchery to make me ashamed of a few of my fellow concert goers.

We're all adults. So next time a big act comes to our little campus, let's lose the childish behavior.



by Ben Erwin

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Evidence, not editorializing, needed

In response to the column "Tell it like it is, fellow patriots," published in the April 2 edition of *The Daily Eastern News* the word radical means extreme and uncompromising. Gloria Steinem's comments are considered radical because they are just that, extreme and uncompromising.

Your clear evidence President Bush was not fairly elected depends on which newspaper you happen to be reading at the time. It was the actions of Gore and/or his associates that first brought the issue to the courts.

Neither side was innocent in that contest. Gore took a gamble and lost.

As for Michael Moore, by his own admission, the majority of the facts presented in his book were false. His next book was over 60 percent plagiarized and the so-called documen-

tary was mostly staged for effect. Comments by him on his own Web site can hardly be called reliable as to what happened or who is right.

As an American, you are entitled to your opinion. Just answer me this, did you vote in the last election?

Did you even pay attention to what was going on or did you just switch over to MTV? How many of those at that concert you went to voted? Did Ani DiFranco vote?

When you actually get out into the world, when mommy and daddy are no longer paying your way, and you get your facts in order is when your opinion, for all it is, will be more to me than birdcage lining.

Roy Kubicek
graduate student in history

Columns testament to free speech

I'm writing in response to the column, "Tell it like it is, fellow patriots," published in the April 2 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The fact the column was published serves as a testament to one thing: Americans have the right to free speech and often abuse it with ignorant accusations replete with vulgarity and other symptoms of un-reasoned, un-substantiated and altogether ridiculous commentary.

I don't know what sickens me more: the fact that Eastern would publish such buffoonery, or that admis-

sion standards are low enough that those who might compose it are permitted to attend any institution of "higher education."

A quick review of our constitution, and a reminder that we live in a Republic — not a direct democracy — should cure our unfortunate "patriot" of her blindness toward the country she is, so obviously, undeserving of.

I don't care how much I disagree with a president (e.g. the perjury of Bill Clinton), I will never bark like a disgruntled child, nor do I expect that those who do will be taken seriously.

Chester A. Feather
sophomore philosophy major

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Melissa Fitch, a senior elementary education major, cuts out butterflies in preparation for a science fair Monday afternoon in the Instructional Technology Center in Buzzard Hall. Today at Carl Sandburg, there will be a science fair.

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State combats teacher shortage with scholarship opportunities

By Jennifer Chiariello
CAMPUS EDITOR

A five-year teaching commitment will provide students with free tuition and some Eastern students are anxious to see the fruits of the new program.

The Illinois House of Representatives approved a free college tuition plan for state college students who make a five-year commitment after graduation to any state elementary or secondary school.

State Representative Lou Lang, D-Skokie, a sponsor of the bill, said in a press release: "Qualified teachers are increasingly out of reach for many school districts in Illinois and an affordable college education is frequently out of reach for many Illinois students. This bill aims to bridge the gap between the two models."

Eastern students are excited about the tuition plan.

"I think it's great," said Lauren Carmichael, a sophomore elementary education major. "I need the money. It allows those who are non-minority education majors to receive

college funding while still giving their commitment to teaching."

Other students think five years is too long of a commitment for students.

"Eastern's education program is a good, well-respected program, and it's a good idea to want to keep Illinois teachers here since Illinois is short on teachers," said Kristen Plugge, a junior elementary education major. "But I think five years is too long. I think three years would be better."

Plugge said she plans on teaching outside the state after graduating.

Eric Hatzel, a junior secondary business education major, said: "It could work both ways. I think it would be beneficial because if you know that's what you want to do for the rest of your life, your school is paid for. If you have other majors or minors it might not be as beneficial because you might not want to stick with teaching for five years."

The House voted 85-6 to advance the plan to the State Senate.

The state will need nearly 64,000

"With unrelenting tuition increases, college falls further out of reach for working-class students."

—Lou Lang

teachers during the next four years and 2,225 positions went begging in 2002, according to the State of Education Board study. Meanwhile, teacher preparation enrollment in Illinois decreased 10 percent in the 1999-2000 period. Of the teachers who enter classrooms, 30 percent leave after three years.

"Even in a growing economy, a college education often races by the children of average working families, and in a stalled economy — with unrelenting tuition increases, college falls further out of reach for working-class students," Lang said.

State Sen. Righter to answer Faculty Senate questions

By Tim Martin
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

State Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, will update the Faculty Senate Tuesday on the proposed state budget and pending legislation that can affect education.

Righter, who represents Charleston as part of the 55th district, said some 16 percent of Eastern's budget has been cut in the last two years.

He said for the Fiscal Year 2002 budget, \$54.8 million was appropriated to Eastern. The

FY04 budget Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed April 9 suggested \$47.6 million for Eastern. The cut was because of the slow economy and Eastern picking up the cost of group insurance, Righter said.

"I dunno — it sounds like a stupid answer, but it's an honest



Dale Righter

one," Righter said when asked what he could do to help ease Eastern's budget cuts.

"What money there is for Eastern and higher education overall depends on all the other numbers in the budget too.

"It's always a dollar for dollar offset. To get a piece, you need to carve off others."

Eastern will likely give back 2.7 percent or \$1.4 million for this fiscal year and 8.2 percent next year.

The Faculty Senate will discuss the possibility of drafting a recon-

sideration letter for the Board of Trustees after their request for a third faculty member on the presidential election committee was denied, said Faculty Senate chair Anne Zahlan.

Zahlan said she hopes the letter will be sent out later this week.

A presidential search committee will likely begin steps in August, Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, previously said.

The distribution of Technology Enhancement and Management

(TEAM) money will also be discussed by the Faculty Senate.

Barbara Lawrence, associate professor of chemistry, said the monies are given to faculty for development of courses and to support curricular use of technology but that a committee for the distribution process is needed.

The senate will also discuss the Council of Illinois University Senate.

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.




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Charleston housing charity receives \$77,000 state grant

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity granted \$77,453 to three area non-profit organizations.

Charleston's Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education (HOPE) of East Central Illinois is among the three organizations, which also include the Embarras River Basin Agency of Greenup and Mattoon's Public Action to Deliver Shelter.

HOPE, a homeless shelter and the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, provides shelter to homeless citizens and shelter as well as support for victims of domestic abuse.

A grant for \$15,921 was assigned to HOPE.

"It was nice to receive the grant," said Jim Walters, executive director of the organization. "Non-profit agencies like ours usually receive funding cuts."

Walters said the group applied for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs grant in November 2002 and was recently notified of the award.

Approximately \$10,000 of the grant is already dedicated to a project for remodeling plumbing and bathrooms in the domestic violence shelter.

"Our domestic violence shelter is an old, old facility, and it is nice to have improvements," Walters said.

The grant assignment comes from federal

money, and the finalized national budget must approve the grant before it can be dispersed.

"As soon as the money is there, we'll begin the project," Walters said. "We should start in mid-May or early June."

The remaining money, almost \$6,000, will be dedicated to running HOPE.

"We'll use that for just daily operations," Walters said. "It will help toward utility bills and other basics."

Non-profit organizations like HOPE rely on grants and donations.

"A big funder is the Department of Human Services," Walters said.

Money from Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office, the Illinois Criminal Justice and Information organization and federal money through the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

"Those and private donations are what keep us running," Walters said.

HOPE of East Central Illinois is a combined homeless shelter and Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

It was founded in 1979 and has served more than 4,000 people since then.

The Coalition Against Domestic Violence offers an emergency shelter for domestic violence victims and their children. Following shelter stays, a transitional housing program leads victims to independent living in local apartments which is accompanied by counseling until victims can develop successful independence.

Project Vote Smart awards political science scholarships

By Jennifer Chiariello
CAMPUS EDITOR

Project Vote Smart's founding board has approved to cover all expenses for up to five Eastern students to spend 10 weeks at its unique political retreat center.

The program is headquartered in an exclusive high-tech wilderness park 6,000 feet up in the Rocky Mountains.

Project Vote Smart is considered the nation's most independent, dependable and accurate political research organization with more than 5,000 sponsoring news organizations and libraries. The project conducts background checks on over 30,000 political candidates and issues, according to a press release.

"We are still building the retreat research center and are in need of students willing to work on everything from candidate interviews and presidential research to building corral fences and painting lodge facilities," said Lisa Coligan, a Project Vote Smart representative, in a press release. "The big payoff is seeing the hundreds of news stories and thousands of citizens who now write their thanks and appreciation for our defending the citizens' right to the facts instead of the rhetoric. The work is hard and terribly important, but you get to live in an incomparable paradise that features fishing, hiking, swimming, boating and horseback riding."

Political Science students were surprised to hear about the summer internship offered but were familiar with Project Vote Smart.

Ronnie Deedrick, a junior political science major, said he is familiar with Project Vote

Smart's database.

"I think it's a good program for the simple fact it's a very nonpartisan database and really convenient for those who don't know much about politics or their government officials," Deedrick said.

Amanda Sartore, a junior political science major, said she uses Project Vote Smart to get information on senators and representatives.

"It's a good tool the student action team used in Student Activities," she said.

Brian Scios, a sophomore political science major, said the internship sounded like a good idea.

"I think it's a great idea, and I've always felt strongly about educating everyday citizens about candidates and elected officials," Scios said. "I've always tried to make it a point of mine to educate students on the elected officials at Eastern, and if we could do that on a national level, it's very important because it's people running your world, your government. You should really know what they are doing."

Although political science, speech communication and journalism majors are particularly encouraged to apply, interns from all backgrounds, including recent college graduates and graduate students, are accepted and eligible for scholarship support.

Students must commit to a 10-week internship, which can be scheduled at any time.

Additional information and applications for Project Vote Smart internships are available on the Vote Smart Web site, www.vote-smart.org. Students can also call the Voter's Research Hotline for more information, (888) 868-3762.



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Bonus:

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informed by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Bureau of the Budget that we must reserve (\$1.4 million)."

"We would take issue with that," Radavich said.

The union was waiting to see what the legislature does with the budget, Radavich said.

The legislature has until May 31 to constitutionally approve Gov. Rod Blagojevich's recommendation for next fiscal year.

"Things are just so uncertain every day," Radavich said. "It wouldn't surprise me if (the call

back) did become official, and it wouldn't surprise me if it didn't."

No matter what day the state asks for the call back, the university does not have the funds, Wayland said.

"May 15 was sort of the deadline we put on this," he said. "What we're saying is that's money not available."

The faculty contract was negotiated over 11 months. There was concern over the amount of a rescission, but there was no idea if it would be small enough to allow for a faculty bonus.

"At the time we made this agreement, we had no idea this was going to happen," Wayland said.

UPD:

University reviewing candidates for police chief position

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trying to change the management style."

Due and multiple UPD officers declined comment.

The university began a review of candidate files for the UPD Chief — acting chief is an interim position — on April 7, said Lynette Drake, director of Health Services and chair of the search committee. Drake could not comment any further on the search or the matter.

Street said the press release was released to the media after on-campus attempts to handle the situation were unsuccessful. By Street's count, there were four or five meetings with administration.

"In general terms, (Due) his personality is confrontational, he has poor communication skills within the department with the officers," Street said. "As they bring safety and equipment issues to his attention, he is non-reactive. He doesn't address the officer safety issues in the way of replacing equipment or existing mechanical equipment for the cars."

Bob Wayland, director of employee and labor relations, previously said administration is preparing to negotiate a new labor agreement with the UPD where the situation of police chief will be discussed.

"In general terms, his (Due) personality is confrontational; he has poor communication skills within the department with the officers."

— Ted Street

The UPD is allotted one representative on the search committee, as stated by the EIU Web site.

"A selection committee, which may include the vice president for business affairs, the director of facilities planning and management, the manager of design and construction, the dean or director of the area affected by the project, the appropriate vice president or designee and a representative from purchasing shall evaluate all firms submitting responses," the Web site stated.

Street questioned the one UPD representative, which he said Due handpicked.

"What occurred was the university selected one of Due's friends who (Due) promised to promote him from sergeant to lieutenant," he said. "That particular sergeant is not representative of the super majority, that 80 or 90 percent that voted 'no confidence.'"

"We don't believe he can be unbiased and objective."

Forum focus on Azerbaijan

◆ International student will lead last event of semester

By Dan Valenziano
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The last International Forum of the semester is set to take place Tuesday.

Gulnar Mammadova is an international student studying pre-engineering. She will be presenting information regarding her home country of Azerbaijan at 2 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I'm going to give general information about my country," Mammadova said.

Azerbaijan, which is located North of Iraq, South of Russia and West of the Caspian Sea, has a population of close to

eight million people, according to the 2001 CIA World Fact Book.

Mammadova said she will shed light on the customs and traditions of Azerbaijan. Mammadova said she wanted to do this presentation because few people know anything about her home.

"I'm going to focus on what we do in our daily lives," Mammadova said. "I'm going to talk about people, food, traditions and customs."

Mammadova explained her country has more to offer than culture and tradition. Azerbaijan has a rich history as well.

She said the third oldest human skeletal remains ever recovered were recently found in Azerbaijan.

International Student Adviser Sue Songer had only positive things to say about

"I'm going to focus on what we do in our daily lives. I'm going to talk about people, food, traditions and customs."

— Gulnar Mammadova

Mammadova.

"She (Mammadova) is one of the best (international) students we have," Songer said.

Songer said the forums are presented once a month, and about 100 people usually attend.

Songer said free refreshments are provided at the forums, which usually last about two hours.

Site:

New Web page offers additional access, information

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Also listed on the Web site is a calendar of events page. Scios said the page is designated to help students become more aware of events taking place on and off campus. He also said the calendar lists all the events in one place, making it easier for students to access more information at one time.

Scios is now in the process of adding a co-curricular transcripts link to the Web site. The link will be an online submission form allowing students to submit a list of organizations and clubs they have been involved in and some important information about each one.

"I encourage people to look at the Web site and gain all the pos-

sible knowledge they can about the events taking place at this University, whether they be extracurricular activities or the signing of a new bill here at Eastern," Scios said. "I feel the more people know, the more involved they will become."

Another useful link on the Web site for students is the scholarship applications link. Bill Davidson, speaker of the Student Senate, feels that it is one of the most important aspects of the Web site. This link is one in which students can access scholarship applications and apply for them in the comfort of their dorm rooms.

"I feel this link will be a more efficient way for students to look and see what types of scholarships are out there and are available for them to apply for," Davidson said.

The students should be looking to next year and all the scholarship opportunities that are offered. The Web site makes it easier for the students to find the type of scholarships they are look-

ing for, he said.

Scios said he added the link for the scholarships in order to enable students an easier way to gain knowledge of applications available to them.

"Whenever students are looking (for scholarships), they always seem to have a difficult time finding the right scholarships for them," Scios said. "Putting all their possibilities in one place saves the students the trouble of searching all over the place for scholarships that are useful to them."

"Since this site is so young, students don't really know what to expect," Davidson said. "Most students don't even know the site exists. Once they realize the usefulness of the links, I feel they will be accessing the site more frequently."

As far as the turn-out on the feedback page, Davidson is not worried. He thinks the feedback will be greater when students start to access the site and learn more about what the student government has to offer.

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Amanda Sartore, who is running unopposed for vice president for academic affairs under the Students Voice Party, said she will implement a scholarship search created by students that will incorporate administration to improve the Eastern community.

Sartore added some humor

when she said, "I'm gonna kinda get into my platform (right away) since no one's running against me."

In the race for vice president for student affairs, each member spoke about their qualifications.

Matt Kulp said that he has a good relationship with students and will make it a point to go to the students with vital information.

Lindsey Baum, of the Students Voice Party, said that she will inform the students and will involve students in a leadership constituency council.

Lisa Flam, who is seeking her second term as vice president

for student affairs with the Campus Change Party, said that her year of experience gives her an advantage that will enable her to jump in and get things done and avoid the time it would take to learn the position.

Larry Ward, who is running unopposed for vice president for business affairs under the Campus Change Party, gave his platform.

Ward said that he will make students aware of what they're paying for and wants to create a Web site where students can check that information. Ward said that he also wants to make students aware of what the

Polling places and times

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involve cutting through a lot of red tape but it can be done. Ward said the money could come as additional allocations from the Apportionment Board and be preceded by an extensive interview process.

He said he wanted to educate students about "what you pay, where it goes and how you can get some of it back."

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BY AARON MCGRUDER

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FOOTBALL

Success in Spring drills

◆ *Defensive unit dominates scrimmage as offense continues to search for replacements for key personnel*

By Aaron Seidlitz
STAFF WRITER

Spring practice and team scrimmages such as the Blue-Grey game, which took place Friday afternoon, provide the Panther football team with a fresh start.

It is also a transition period, when coaches try to fill out their roster and watch as players fight for roster spots. This spring is an especially important transition period for the Panthers as they try to fill the large shoes of last year's Walter Payton award winning quarterback Tony Romo.

The quarterback race to replace Romo has been the most fiercely contested battle in spring practice this year for the Panthers. So far, two candidates have distanced themselves from the field. The Blue-Grey game was the first scrimmage of the spring for junior Andy Vincent and sophomore Ben King to showcase their skills.

"Andy Vincent has stepped out in front of the other two right now, and that is mostly because of his experience, which is so crucial right now," Eastern coach Bob Spoo said. "This is an opportunity for these quarterbacks, and the rest of the players, to show their talents."

"But it's tricky; sometimes they try too hard, and that certainly doesn't help them. But the effort has been there so far, and that is important."

Beyond just the quarterback race, the rest of the players are trying to either prove themselves for the first time or show that their ability is still intact.

For the experienced players, spring practice is a time to fine-tune their game and prove to the coaches that they are ready to become the leaders of this team.

"I think the whole idea of spring ball is to see where your spot is going to be in the fall," Eastern senior Andre Raymond said. "But it's all about fun though too. We go out there and have a good time."

Raymond, who is expected to fill in for the loss of running back J.R. Taylor, doesn't have as much pressure on him to have a good spring as the less experienced players.

Players who are coming off a red-shirt season

"The whole idea of spring ball is to see where your spot is going to be in the fall."

—Andre Raymond

are looking to prove how good they are and what they can offer the team.

"It is very critical for those guys, for red shirts, to see how they can compete, and it's interesting to watch them develop and vie for different spots," Spoo said. "Two guys who have stood out so far this spring have been Jermaine Mobley and Kevin Walz. As a wide receiver, Mohley is a guy who could provide some help for us this year. Walz, as one of our safeties, has been a pleasant surprise."

On the same note as Walz, the rest of the defense put in a surprisingly good performance at the Blue-Grey game.

The defense, which was the weak spot of last year's team, became an aggressive unit at the scrimmage and proved that they have made strides in improving since last year.

"For a while this team has been led by the offense, but to win a national championship, the defense needed to step up and make plays," Raymond said. "This is a group of players who have been playing with each other for two or three years, and they are really showing how well they play together."

One last thing spring practice will provide this year's team will be the opportunity for the offense to learn new offensive coordinator John Carr's style of play. Even though there will be some new wrinkles to Carr's squad next season, the basics of the offense will remain the same.

Because of the similarities in Carr's offense to last year's coordinator Roy Wittke's offense, the team has not had to worry about learning an entirely new offense.

"There are some similarities between what I've done and what coach Wittke did over the past couple of years," Carr said. "The only real difference is in terminology, and the players haven't had a problem with that."

"Because of this, the tempo has been really good early on, and the offense is looking good."

BOSTON MARATHON

Kenyans continue rule of Boston

BOSTON (AP) — His name sounds like "chariot," and he certainly rolled through the streets of Boston, from Hopkinton to Heartbreak Hill.

Robert Cheruiyot became the 12th Kenyan in 13 years to win the Boston Marathon on Monday, and his countrymen took the next four spots in the 107th running of the race.

With the top three finishers running for the first time in Boston, Kenyans seem poised to keep their grasp on the race.

"I was well-prepared," said the 24-year-old Cheruiyot (pronounced cheh-REE-yot). "It is a marathon to make your name known in the world."

Svetlana Zakharova of Russia won the women's race to prevent a second straight Kenyan sweep. Marla Runyan, who is legally blind, was fifth — the best finish for a U.S. runner since 1993.

The men's and women's winners in the field of 20,260 each won \$80,000.

Cheruiyot pulled away from Timothy Cherigat at the 22-mile mark, led by 16 seconds with 1 1/2 miles left and won by 23 seconds

in a time of 2 hours, 10 minutes, 11 seconds.

"I like the way people make encouragement along the way," Cheruiyot said. "They are happy about Africans and I like that very much."

Cheruiyot won his only other marathon, last December in Milan, and primarily has competed in 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) races, and half-marathons.

But he handled the longer distance extremely well even though the temperature at the noon start in Hopkinton, 26.2-miles west of the finish line, was 70 degrees with a light wind.

It rose to 71 as the runners reached the midpoint, then dropped to 58 as the leaders approached the finish.

Benjamin Kimutai finished second, Martin Lel third, Cherigat fourth and Christopher Cheboiboch fifth.

Another Kenyan, Vincent Kipsos, came into the race with the best time of any runner in the field and set a fast pace.

He led for most of the first half, then dropped out at about 14 miles.

Williams:

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Chicago is more of my ideal place for him because I'd love to see him in a Bears uniform, and who knows if Tommy Maddox is going to equal last season's performance for the Steelers.

As long as Romo doesn't get the same problem that former

Illinois quarterback Kurt Kittner faced last season, like being drafted to a team with Michael Vick, he just may succeed.

As for Taylor, where he ends up is all up in the air. Maybe he can become Mr. Irrelevant and be drafted by Houston with the final pick of the draft. At least he'd have a free trip to Disney World.

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Flames bring 21-13 record to Coaches' Stadium

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Going into the tilt, Alvarez was tied for the national lead in wins (9) and ranked 10th in earned run average at 1.44.

The Panthers will hope to not see a letdown in competition when they face UIC. The Flames boast an impressive 21-13 record and have won six of their last seven games.

Illinois-Chicago has taken a positive turn since the hiring of head coach Mike Dee five years ago. Dee has won more than 100 games in the last three years, and the Flames had the 20th best record (39-16) in the nation last season.

Facing the Flames on the hill will be freshman righthander Mike Budde. The six-foot hurler has three decisions and all were losses, but Schmitz needs Budde to be sharp come conference time and a lot is expected from the Providence Catholic High School (New Lenox) graduate.

"We're trying to get some new arms going," Schmitz said. "(One of those arms) is Budde, and we will need him to win the OVC."

Although the contest is non-conference, the game takes on significance due to the rivalry with Illinois-Chicago.

UIC is not as close as other rivals such as Illinois State, but Schmitz mentioned the game still has a sense of extra importance.

"All of the schools in Illinois provide us with rivalry," Schmitz said. "A lot of our players know (players on) UIC."

If the Panthers can defeat Illinois-Chicago and sweep a double-header with Bradley in Peoria Wednesday, Eastern will be over the .500 hundred mark for the first time all season. Schmitz said being above .500 would be nice, but he would like to see the Panthers improve their overall play.

"Well (.500) is kind of a mental thing," Schmitz said. "But we just feel like we need to get better production in the bottom of our order."

A key to providing the Panthers with offense in the bottom of the lineup is junior infielder/designated hitter Nolan Cork. The co-captain sparked Eastern with three RBIs during the Southeast Missouri series including his second home run of the season.

"Cork really boosted our lineup," Schmitz said. "We just need to be playing confident baseball going into the weekend (conference) games."



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Senior Aaron Shelbourne makes a pitch during a home game at Coaches' Stadium. Shelbourne has produced more with his bat than his arm, with seven homeruns and 26 RBIs this season.

Romo:

Several teams show interest in Eastern quarterback

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Romo confirmed that the Pittsburgh Steelers, Minnesota Vikings and Dallas Cowboys have contacted him about their interest.

"Before I would've said that it was between two or three teams, but now lots of teams have shown interest," Romo said. "There's no clear cut way to find out anything involving this stuff."

Spoo is not concerned about where his star quarterback will go because he's confident that Romo can adapt to any system and situation.

"He has the right attitude going into the pro level, and coach Wittke has prepared him well for anything they want to throw at him," Spoo said.

One thing that's definite is the fact that Romo will be in front of ESPN's coverage of the 2003 NFL Draft to find out which team he will be employed with. Romo will be the first Eastern player to be selected since cornerback Ray McElroy was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in 1995.

"I'll be watching both days," Romo said. "I'll definitely be interested in it."

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White Sox fall 9-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Ellis Burks and Karim Garcia each homered twice Monday as the Cleveland Indians won for the second straight day, beating the Chicago White Sox 9-2.

Carlos Lee went deep in his fifth straight game, matching a club record. But it wasn't enough to catch the Indians, who have won two straight for the first time since the season-opening series against Baltimore.

Milton Bradley added a pair of RBIs, and Jake Westbrook (1-2) got his first victory as a starter since July 25, 2001.

Westbrook didn't have his best outing, allowing two runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. But he didn't need to be sharp — not with the way his teammates were picking on Chicago's pitchers.

The Indians roughed Jon Garland (0-2) up early, tagging him for five runs and five hits in just 2 2-3 innings. Garcia got it started with a two-run homer in the first inning, and Bradley added a two-run double in the second.

Burks made it 5-0 with his first homer, a solo shot, in the third. Garland was relieved after he walked Casey Blake, with White Sox fans jeering as he left the mound.

But Rick White didn't fare much better. Omar Vizquel hit an RBI triple in the fourth inning, and Burks led off the fifth with his second homer of the day. It was the 22nd two-homer game of Burks' career.

Garcia hit another two-run shot in the ninth off White Sox closer Billy Koch for his fifth career multihomer game.

The White Sox offense didn't give their pitchers much help, either. Chicago was 0-for-5 with runners in scoring position through the first five innings, stranding a runner at third in both the first and second innings.

Lee finally spoiled the shutout in the sixth. Magglio Ordonez led off the inning with a double, extending his hitting streak to 17 games. Two outs later, Lee sent the first pitch from Westbrook soaring toward left field.

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OVERTIME



Matt Williams
SPORTS EDITOR

NFL Draft could call two Panthers

The NFL draft is an exciting thing for football fans across the country, and now Eastern can be a part of that excitement for the first time in eight years.

Since cornerback Ray McElroy was drafted in 1995 in the fourth round by the Indianapolis Colts, Eastern football fans have had no real reason to pay close attention to the draft.

This year, the Panther faithful have two reasons to keep their eyes attached to their television screens Saturday and Sunday: Walter Payton Award winner Tony Romo and the not-to-be-forgotten J.R. Taylor.

That's right folks. We have not one, but two potential players that may trade in their Eastern jerseys for ones with NFL logos.

Do these two guys have any shot of being drafted?

I want to start with the less obvious Taylor, a guy who has sort of had to sit in the shadows of Romo.

I have seen Taylor at his best, and his numbers at Eastern speak for themselves. I was in attendance for his 308-yard, record breaking performance against Florida Atlantic, where he showcased both speed and power by breaking tackles and outrunning everyone on the field.

Taylor averaged 126 yards per game on the ground last season, including 17 touchdowns. Those sound like some darn good numbers to me. Are they good enough coming from Eastern though?

Taylor seems to think so, and I'll go ahead and back that up. He's quick enough and has been working with ex-Buffalo Bills wide receiver Don Beebe to improve his quickness.

By no means is Taylor going to go in the top four rounds, but anything after is game. These are the rounds where players are rewarded on effort and potential, both of which Taylor has.

Let's now move on to Romo, who I think is a lock to at least get drafted in one of the seven rounds.

I will list Romo as one of the top ten quarterbacks in the draft, and he did not hurt himself in the NFL combine. Plus, they don't give the Walter Payton Award to just anybody.

The division 1-AA status tagged to Romo should not have any effect on where he goes in the draft. Nobody should question Romo's ability to find open receivers, and he has the strength to send the ball long if need be.

My ideal place for Romo would be either Chicago or Pittsburgh. Those are the places where I think he can make an impact. Kordell

SEE WILLIAMS ♦ Page 10

NFL DRAFT

Romo's road to draft day



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Eastern senior quarterback Tony Romo may be handing his Panther jersey over for an NFL one come this weekend. Romo expects to be one of the 262 players selected in this year's NFL Draft.

By Matthew Stevens
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

What a difference four years makes. In four years, Tony Romo went from competing for a starting job to having his name potentially called at the 2003 NFL Draft on Saturday and Sunday.

Romo has traveled down the road that has led him to be named the best football player at the 1-AA level as the Eastern quarterback received the 2003 Walter Payton Award.

"I would like to think I elevated my position but you never know," Romo said. "I think that I showed them some things at the combine and the Paradise Bowl game."

The Burlington, Wis. native is now projected to be a middle to late round draft pick, but Panther coach Bob Spoo wasn't even sure he'd pan out in Charleston.

"I didn't know he'd be this good because you only hope people you recruit will get better," Spoo said.

However, history has proven the kind of player Romo has turned out to be at Eastern.

"He's a self-made guy that developed himself into an outstanding college quarterback that can make all of the throws," Spoo said.

NFL executives are very sneaky about discussing individual prospects in the fear that other teams might snatch them early. This process leaves players like Romo in limbo over where he might be selected.

"I honestly still have no idea where I will be selected," Romo said.

One concern that could be eliminated from the rumor mill is the idea that competing at the 1-AA level has hurt Romo's draft stock.

"I have spoken to individuals representing a number of teams and that has never come up in the conversation," Spoo said. "They want to know what kind of player he was for us and that's not a concern."

Earlier in the month, Romo had been pursued by the two teams that he has local ties to (Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears) but recently more teams have started to call him.

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BASEBALL

Eastern looks to douse in-state Flames



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Junior catcher Eddie Rivera awaits a pitch in a recent home game at Coaches' Stadium. Eastern plays host to Illinois-Chicago Tuesday at 3 p.m.

♦ Panthers have won four of past five heading into game against UIC

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The Eastern baseball team will look to continue its hot streak and in the process extinguish the Flames, as it faces Illinois-Chicago 3 p.m. Tuesday at Coaches' Stadium.

The Panthers are winners of four of their last five games and took two out of three on the road from defending Ohio Valley Conference Champion Southeast Missouri State over the weekend.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said the series against SEMO was one of the best showings of the year for Eastern (17-19, 4-5 OVC). Eastern won the first game of a double-header 5-1 behind a complete game victory by senior pitcher Damon White.

The Panthers went to extra innings in the second game of the twin-bill and won in dramatic fashion on a walk-off homer by outfielder Pete Stone in the eighth inning.

Eastern lost its chance for a sweep Sunday after surrendering five home runs to the Indians and dropped the game 22-9. Despite the Panthers inability to break out the brooms, Schmitz was satisfied with the weekend games.

"I was so pleased with the series," Schmitz said. "We had two of our better pitched games. We didn't panic when we were down in the games, and we beat a really good pitcher, (Tim) Alvarez in the first game."

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