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CAMPUS | EVENTS

Ending racism through comedy

Preacher Moss takes funny approach to 'deconstructing myths'

By Emily Zulz
Activities Reporter

One of Preacher Moss' best experiences was as the only writer for George Lopez.

Moss said people often wondered how Moss, as an African-American Muslim, could write for the Hispanic Lopez.

But Moss said it was possible because he looks at life from a universal perspective.

"I build ideas of what our core values are," he said.

This is how he addresses the issues he speaks of in his "End of Racism" comedy and lecture tour, which he will perform at 7 tonight in Lumpkin Auditorium as part of the University Board's Lecture series.

Moss said he does not look at the issues of race and diversity as an African-American or even as an American, but from a universal perspective.

PREACHER MOSS
• Started doing stand-up comedy at 17 years old.
• Has been a schoolteacher.
• Began touring with his racism comedy and lecture tour in 1997.

Moss will focus on how society needs to structure and restructure in terms of diversity and racism.

Part of the problem, he said, is when people are not 100 percent

informed. This "creates a much bigger monster," Moss said.

Moss's lecture is what he called "hybrid." It combines comedy with good information.

"One can't coexist without the other," he said.

Moss said comedy is a powerful tool when combined with issues.

Moss said he opens people's minds with the humor and then he can begin to deconstruct and reconstruct people's ideas.

People make judgments of what other races and people are like, he said.

"A lot of times, the fun is deconstructing myths," Moss said.

Addressing these myths of different races and people allows the audience to look at their individual thoughts and change them.

"You have to be able to deconstruct that," Moss said.

The problem with deconstructing ideas, Moss said, is that people are scared — just scared enough to not figure out why they're scared.

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NATION | POLITICS



GEORGE BRIDGES | MCT

President George W. Bush hands copies of his speech to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Vice President Dick Cheney as he delivers his annual State of the Union address on Monday in Washington, D.C.

ADDRESSING ECONOMY

State of the Union speech deals with war in Iraq, recession fears

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, standing before Congress one last time, urged the nation Monday night to persevere against gnawing fears of recession and stay patient with the long, grinding

war in Iraq. He pressed Congress to quickly pass a plan to rescue the economy.

"We can all see that growth is slowing," Bush said in a blunt acknowledgment of rising food and gas prices, increasing unemployment and turmoil in the housing and financial markets.

He cautioned against accelerating U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq, saying that would jeopardize progress achieved over the last year.

"We have unfinished business before us, and the American people expect us to get it done," Bush declared. It was his final State of the Union address and he faced a hostile, Democratic-led Congress eager for the end of his term next January.

With his approval rating near its all-time low, Bush lacked the political clout to push bold ideas and he didn't try.

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MATTOON | BUSINESS



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The new strip mall in Mattoon will be the future home of Buffalo Wild Wings (far right). The mall includes local businesses as well as chain retail stores.

GameStop, Buffalo Wild Wings locations coming to Mattoon

Proximity to Eastern draws national chains to build in strip mall

By Jordan Crook
City Reporter

Construction began on the Thompson Thrift Mattoon Marketplace in November 2006 and now, more than a year later, the project is practically complete with only a few vacancies left inside the strip mall.

Project Developer Ashlee Boyd said the location of the property, on Illinois Route 16 between Wal-Mart and Home Depot on the outskirts of Mattoon, was one of the main reasons the former K-

Mart location was chosen. "Being close to such large anchors of business will be good for business," he said.

Boyd said the area around the property had a lot of "underserved retail potential" the strip mall could effectively tap into as a source of income.

The proximity to the Thompson Thrift headquarters in Terre Haute, Ind., and closeness to Interstate 57, also played a part in the decision to build in Mattoon.

Boyd said the company advertised the project in several real estate and trade publications to draw businesses into the strip mall.

This advertisement worked well at bringing businesses into the project, Boyd said.

"We saw a good amount of interest from businesses," Boyd said.

So far businesses have filled almost all of the openings in the mall, leaving only a few possible stores vacant. These businesses include QQ Buffet, Jackie's Nails, Verizon Wireless, Hibbett Sports, Dollar Tree, Cato Fashion and Cash Store.

Two recognizable national chains will also be moving into the strip mall soon. Of the two currently vacant lots, GameStop has leased one and the other has been leased to a franchise location of Buffalo Wild Wings. Both are currently in the process of moving into the strip mall.

» SEE STRIP MALL, PAGE 5

CITY | CRIME REPORT

Former Eastern linebacker arrested

By Cathy Bayer
Police and Courts Reporter

A 2001 All-American football player was arrested in connection with reports of about \$7,000-worth of stolen electronics and a stolen credit card.

Former Eastern student Fred L. Miller, 26, was arrested at 10:26 p.m. Jan. 16 in the 2000 block of Eighth Street.

He was charged with residential burglary and is currently being held at the Coles County Jail. Miller's bond is set at \$50,000, so he must post \$5,010 to be released.



Fred L. Miller,
2001

Police said he was visiting from his home state of Florida, but listed a Charleston address as his home.

The Coles County Sheriff's Department declined to comment.

Miller was a linebacker for the Panthers from 2000 to 2004. He made the 2001 All-American Second Team and finished his Eastern career with 344 tackles.

Miller signed a free-agent contract with the St. Louis Rams in April 2004, but was later released by the team.

The arrest stemmed from a medical call placed Jan. 16 to the fire department.

The police officer on the call noticed a car parked near the apartment matched the description of a vehicle driven by an off-campus burglar.

The man reportedly made off with cash and a credit card and later made a purchase at McDonald's using the stolen credit card. Police checked surveillance tapes and began looking for the vehicle, a white 2001 Dodge Stratus.

After obtaining a search warrant, police recovered about \$7,000 worth of stolen items, including three computers, game consoles, a plasma screen TV, CDs, DVDs, stereos and video games, said Mark Jenkins, Charleston's interim Police Chief.

Some of the property has been returned after matching items with police reports, Jenkins said, but the department still has several unclaimed items.

Residential burglary is a Class 1 felony that carries a punishment of imprisonment of not less than four years and not more than 15 years in a state prison.

Miller is scheduled to appear for a preliminary bond hearing at 1 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Coles County Circuit Court.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>54° 17° Wintery Mix SSW 15 20 mph</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>25° 22°</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>31° 27°</p>
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WEATHER BRIEF

Expect light to moderate rain changing into snow later tonight as colder temperatures return to the area. Our skies will be mostly sunny during Wednesday and Thursday.

For current conditions visit EIU Weather Center at www.dennnews.com

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Britney Spears sees a psychiatrist, says manager

The Associated Press Spears.

NEW YORK — Barbara Walters says she has been contacted by Britney Spears' manager and "very good friend," Sam Lutfi, who says the pop singer has seen a psychiatrist.

Lutfi told her the 26-year-old pop singer "is suffering from what he describes as mental issues which are treatable," Walters said Monday on ABC's "The View."

"He said that she has been to a psychiatrist and that she, I assume, is starting some kind of treatment," said Walters, a co-host on the ABC daytime talk show.

"She has been having mood swings. She's been having trouble sleeping, and also she is in touch with her mother — 'cause we had heard she wasn't — and her mother has been very supportive of whatever it is that Britney is going to do."

Spears reportedly has had a rocky relationship with her mother, Lynne

Olsen won't be interviewed regarding Ledger's death

NEW YORK — Police Commissioner Ray Kelly says Mary-Kate Olsen will not be questioned by detectives about Heath Ledger's death.

"There's absolutely no indication investigators were going to speak to Mary-Kate Olsen," Kelly said at a news conference Sunday.

Ledger's masseuse, Diana Wolozin, found his body Tuesday in his Manhattan apartment.

She had an appointment with Ledger.

Police have said Wolozin made three calls to Olsen before dialing 911 for help, then phoned the 21-year-old actress a fourth time after paramedics arrived.

Olsen hasn't spoken publicly about the calls.

She has only said: "Heath was a friend. His death is a tragic loss. My

thoughts are with his family during this very difficult time."

Jamie Lynn Spears' TV show launches 4th season

LOS ANGELES — At least one Jamie Lynn Spears mystery is over.

The younger Spears sister's popular TV character is back at her fictional California boarding school, although the pregnant 16-year-old star of the children's show "Zoey 101" is staying out of the limelight herself.

"Zoey 101" ended its third season last month, shortly before Spears, younger sister of Britney Spears, announced she was pregnant with her teenage boyfriend's child. The show has continued to air in repeats since then, with little fanfare from the network, leading to speculation that its fourth season might be shelved.

"The new season is under way. It premiered last night," Nickelodeon spokeswoman Marianne Romano said Monday.

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

65-million-year-old Duckbilled dinosaur returns to its home in North Dakota

The Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — Dakota the duckbilled dinosaur is coming home.

The 65-million-year-old fossilized hadrosaur found in North Dakota's Badlands a decade ago has been studied by paleontologists, had its innards scanned by NASA and starred in a National Geographic television documentary.

The dinosaur, expected to arrive Friday in a big truck, will be ready for public display in the State Historical Society of North Dakota in Bismarck in early June.

The body portion weighs 8,000 pounds, and another portion weighs 1,500 pounds, including the tail.

A third part, including a leg, is much smaller.

Unlike most collections of bones found in museums, this hadrosaur came complete with fossilized skin, ligaments, tendons and possibly some internal organs, according to researchers.

"To have something that was found here in North Dakota come back here to the Heritage Center is so great to have happen," said Merl Paaverud, the center's director. "It'll be wonderful for our kids."

The dinosaur was discovered in 1999 near Marmarth by Tyler Lyson, 24.

He spotted its bony tail while hiking on his uncle's ranch in the Badlands.

Lyson, then a high school sophomore, noted the location of his find, but didn't come back until five years later, when he discovered the rest of the creature.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Not as easy as it looks



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Graduate student Adam Flack takes a portion of the United States Citizenship Test during the opening night of the Beyond Words - Museum of Oppression exhibit in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday night. Beyond Words is running until Wednesday. It is open today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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• **Map** - Dennews.com now has a map showing the location of Charleston's polling places and their accompanying precincts. The map will remain on the Web site until "Super Tuesday" on Feb. 5.



UNIVERSITY | TEXTBOOKS

A possible new foray into textbooks



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN BAILEY |

THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

E-Textbooks are a new tool, which could change textbook rental at Eastern. With some books coming now on CDs, this could reduce the number of things students carry.

However, electronic books not in near future, Nadler says

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Associate News Editor

Electronic textbooks are being used by an assortment of major textbook publishers, who are adapting to a small, but growing technological-savvy market.

With a new Textbook Rental building being planned for Eastern's campus, Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said the new facility is being designed to meet reading needs in the present and future.

"As we are designing the new facility, we are closely monitoring what impact electronic books might have as well as any new developing technology in the marketplace," Nadler said.

However, the short and long term expenses of switching entirely to e-textbooks would increase for Eastern also, Nadler said.

"An entire conversion to electronic books in the immediate future would be unwise," he said. "The cost of the electronic reading device alone, for example, would cost nearly the amount students spend for two years of book rental fees."

McGraw-Hill Education offers

almost 95 percent of its textbooks as e-textbooks. Amazon.com launched Amazon Kindle, a wireless device that allows for e-textbooks to be used, in November.

The Sony Company released the Sony Reader, a similar device like Amazon's Kindle as well.

As reported by InsideHigherEd.com, Will Moore, director of marketing for VitalSource Technologies, said the market for e-textbooks is not large but predicts rapid growth in the future.

Nadler said there has been conversation about the increasing acceptance of platforms in which e-textbooks can be used like laptops and Palm Pilots.

"To date, however, the use of these devices for e-books has yet to gain wide public acceptance, and there is no significant momentum in the marketplace," Nadler said.

Because of developing technology and unknown reliability factors, the advantages of using e-textbooks are limited, Nadler said.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said he is unsure of what the costs difference between e-textbooks and regular textbooks would be.

"There (is) still going to generate all the revenues to hire writers and do those kind of things," Cooley said. "Whether be cost savings, I

FACT BOX

Pros

- Scrolling through pages easier
- Portability in not having as many books to carry around

Cons

- Lack of availability
- High price of e-textbooks
- Cost of technological upgrades and licenses
- Initial price of device
- Difficulty of reading textbook or manuscript on small screen

don't know, but there would still be a fee associated with that."

He added the author and publisher would still want some revenues from e-textbooks as well.

Nadler said it is too early to tell if an e-textbook trend will develop, and investing significant resources in a short-term fad would be fiscally irresponsible.

"These issues are driving forces in the design, construction, maintenance and future use of the facility," Nadler said. "We are closely monitoring what impact electronic books might have, as well as any new developing technology and trends in the marketplace."

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ONLINE | PORTFOLIOS

Students falling behind in EWP requirements

Online system in the works to make submission easier

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Ellen Weyhaupt did not have to turn in an Electronic Writing Portfolio her freshman year.

She is a special case because she took a dual credit class in high school, which she said took the place of the EWP.

She will, however, have to turn one in for her sophomore year.

Weyhaupt, a sophomore dietetics major, is unlike some Eastern students who, according to the EWP

Annual Report, have not been turning in their EWPs.

In Spring 2006, 4,294 EWPs were submitted.

This was 342 more than the previous semester as stated in the EWP Annual Report.

The report is put together by Center for Academic Support & Achievement office and is available on Eastern's homepage.

Every semester the data gets collected to see how many students submitted their EWP, said Karla Sanders, Director of the Center for Academic Support & Achievement.

"We do not have that data yet for this semester; a report is being written for us to use with the new Banner system," Sanders said

Students are required to turn in an EWP each year. If they don't, holds will be placed on their academic records.

"Since the EWP is a graduation requirement, eventually students do not graduate if it is not complete," said Sanders. "As with most requirements, the majority of students complete their obligations, but some do not."

The EWP began in 2000. Before the EWP, Eastern made students complete a writing competency exam. Students who did not complete the exam also had a hold placed on their records.

"The EWP started because of dissatisfaction with the writing competency exam," said Mary Herrington-

Perry, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Writing Across the Curriculum, a group of Eastern professors, wanted to make students writing more sound. The EWP was the end result of their work, said Herrington-Perry.

Students can check to see if they are behind on their EWPs by logging on to PAWS and running a degree audit, Sanders said.

An online system of the EWP is being worked on.

"Currently, the online system is in development; we hope to have it up and running for Fall 2008," Sanders said.

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CAMPUS | FILM

'Free from genocide;' alum's movie to be shown

'Facing Sudan' tells stories of civil war, genocide in Africa

By Alisha Reed
Staff Reporter

When Eastern alum Bruce Janu met Brian Burns it changed his life.

That meeting led to the feature documentary entitled "Facing Sudan."

Burns was a janitor at the high school where Janu, a Chicago-area history teacher, worked.

Burns came into Janu's room one Friday afternoon asking who he could talk to about Sudan.

Janu was the sponsor of a student group entitled Teens Against Genocide (TAG).

Burns shared his stories about

having traveled to Sudan and Janu saw an opportunity to share this with his students.

"It evolved from something I was going to do for my classes to a feature-length film that basically says ordinary people can do extraordinary things," Janu said.

The film highlights the situation in war-torn Sudan but is told through the eyes of ordinary people who have made a difference there.

"I could sense Bruce's excitement when he came home after meeting Brian Burns for the first time," Janu said. "It was an exciting process to see Bruce's dedication to this film. It was not an easy process."

Part of the process included spending a lot of time working on the film.

"I spent two years working on this in my spare time down in the

basement," Janu said.

Janu did have help working on the film. His subjects supplied much of the footage from Sudan and he found two singer/songwriters from Pennsylvania - Tom Flannery and Lorne Clarke - willing to compose an original soundtrack for the film at no cost.

"Two years ago, if someone said to me that I would be making a documentary about Sudan, I would have told them they were crazy," Janu said.

"Facing Sudan" received two Best Documentary awards last fall from the Landlocked Film Festival and the Illinois International Film Festival.

The film is dedicated to Janu's two sons, Brennan and Quinn, with the message, "May the world you inherit be free from genocide and lush with tolerance and peace."

Janu has provided lesson plans along with the film in hopes that teachers will use "Facing Sudan" to fulfill his ultimate goals when making the film: education and awareness.

"Anyone can make a difference in this world, especially if you know what's going on," he said. "As more people know about Sudan, the more likely something will be done."

Some students have already been motivated by the film.

"I watched clips from the movie online when researching for a school project," said Brittany Hodgson, a sophomore at Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel. "It just made me want to do something to make a change."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Registration for mid-winter race underway

The Charleston Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Mid-Winter Challenge.

The race will take place on Feb. 2 and start at Carl Sandberg Elementary School. Participants can choose a 5K, 10K or 15K run. The 15K run will begin at 10:00 a.m., the 10K run will begin at 10:15 a.m. and the 5K run will begin at 10:30 a.m.

So far 20 people have signed up for the race, said Darlene Reed, one of the event organizers.

Interested participants can register at www.charlestonchallengeduathlon.com. There is a \$25 registration fee.

Participants can also register on the day of the event for \$25.

Eastern students will pay a registration fee of \$20, Reed said.

For more information call 217-345-6897.

Museum of Oppression returns to Eastern

Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression is back at Eastern for its seventh year.

The self-guided walking tour is taking place in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Participants walk through a series of sensory experiences presented through the written word, audio, video and staged displays.

The purpose of the tour is to enable visitors to gain a realistic perspective of what marginalized groups have faced in society.

Entry is free and open to the general public today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Applications available for Jaenike art grant

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

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

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

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

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The photo on the front page of Monday's issue of the Daily Eastern News was incorrectly attributed. The photograph was taken by John Bailey.

The DEN regrets the error.

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SPEAKING UP FOR EVERYONE

Northwestern U. — Generation Q — the Quiet Americans. That's what today's college students were labeled in a *New York Times* op-ed published last October. Thomas L. Friedman pointed out that considering how strongly today's decisions impact our future, we are "less radical and politically engaged" than we ought to be.

He's right. Campuses aren't driving the nation's decisions. But we're trying. From clubs to conferences, we advocate issues that matter to us, but that is not enough to achieve the radical demonstration that Friedman suggests.

Obtaining such a potent voice would require unity — an unlikely aspiration. Perhaps increased diversity within our institutions is responsible, but we, as students, are seldom passionate enough about the same issue to take unified action. Our inability to mobilize for a common cause, however, shouldn't weaken our voices. Our input is too essential.

"America needs a jolt of the idealism, activism and outrage ... of Generation Q," declared Friedman. "That's what twenty-somethings are for — to light a fire under the country."

However, we have been taught not to play with matches, and with such division among us, I doubt that an awe-inspiring fire will soon ignite. Luckily, drastic action isn't necessary.

Instead of publishing columns that call us quiet, the national media could simply give us a civilized voice. Provide college students with a daily opinion page in national newspapers and empower us with the ability to influence. We may lack the expertise to compete with current contributors, but our education and viewpoints are valuable nonetheless.

Nausheen Shaikh
Daily Northwestern

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Drawn from the news | Adam Tedder



STAFF EDITORIAL

New businesses can only help city of Charleston

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

Students and community members should applaud this announcement.

One of the businesses is a 20-25,000 square ft. shopping center that could house national and local businesses with construction expected to begin in the spring.

The shopping center would be built on five-acres of land east of Wal-Mart.

While some may argue that more national businesses could hurt local business people, we feel this is not the case.

A 20-25,000 square ft. shopping center will provide a boost to the local economy, which will help the community as a whole.

Inyart also announced plans for a hotel to be built on the east side of Charleston, near Wal-Mart.

The 68-room Sleep-In and Suites will house 2,000 square feet of meeting space, which could house meetings of up to a 100 people.

Under preliminary plans the hotel will include an indoor pool and the city is developing plans for an adjacent restaurant.

Another hotel in Charleston is a welcome addition. Currently, Charleston has two hotels, both located on Lincoln Avenue.

The two hotels, Days Inn and Best Western Worthington Inn provide Eastern parents and alumni a place to stay during homecoming and graduation.

However, the two hotels can only hold so many people and some Eastern alumni and parents have to stay in Mattoon, Tuscola or Effingham when they visit.

Charleston pales in comparison to the number of available hotels in the surrounding areas.

In Tuscola, you can find 11 hotels.

In Effingham, travelers can choose between 15 hotels to stay in.

And Mattoon has 10 hotels.

It doesn't make much sense to have parents of students who visit Eastern's campus stay in hotels that are out of town.

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Mayor John Inyart announced that new businesses are coming to Charleston.
• **Stance:** We feel the new businesses will help put money back into Charleston's economy and the city should be commended for their efforts.

It inconveniences parents and other visitors, and it doesn't help much with stimulating Charleston's economy.

This hotel will allow more money to stay in Charleston and be pumped into the economy, which is always a good thing.

During his State of the City Address, Inyart also mentioned his desire to bring recreational opportunities to Charleston for young people. Inyart mentioned a skating rink, a family entertainment facility or a movie theater as possible options.

Inyart believes with the number of young people from the university and teenagers within 30 minutes driving time of Charleston, a facility aimed at entertaining the youth could do well.

While we agree that Charleston needs more youth oriented entertainment, we hope Inyart focuses on bringing an entertainment business to Charleston that is not a movie theater.

There is one movie theater in Charleston, the Will Rogers Theater, that is located on the square, and the Showplace 10 is located off Route 16 in Mattoon.

Diversifying entertainment options will help make the business more profitable.

The city should focus on developing a skating rink or family entertainment facility instead of a movie theater.

The mayor also noted private and public additions to the community during the past year.

These include reconstruction of the McDonald's on Lincoln Avenue, a new Starbucks and Walgreens, expansion of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, improvements to Fourth, Sixth and Seventh streets and Jackson Avenue Bridge.

Overall, the state of the city is good and students and community members should applaud the city's efforts for economic development in the city.

"The city should focus on developing a skating rink or family entertainment facility instead of a movie theater."

CONTINUE THE DEBATE



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KATIE ANDERSON

Virtual hunts unsettling

In 2003, Texan John Underwood created live-shot.com.

For a "small fee," some sources list, \$1,500, "hunters" could log on to the site and watch an animal (deer, antelope, etc.) they ordered as it was herded to a feeding station conveniently located in front of a camera.

The "hunter" could then use his mouse to line up a shot and click the animal.

Except that click would really be a shot from a .22 caliber rifle, also located in front of the feeding station.

The kill could then be processed and shipped to the customer's home or donated.

Some call this "remote-controlled" hunting. Underwood thinks of it as the next step.

"First it was rocks and clubs, then we sharpened it and put it on a stick. Then there was the bow and arrow, black powder, smokeless power and optics," he said in a 2004 interview.

This was simply progress.

Texans did not agree with Underwood and in 2005, Live-shot.com was shut down and Internet hunting became illegal in the state.

Last August, Illinois joined Texas and 32 other states to prohibit this type of hunting within its borders and a federal bill to end "computer-assisted remote hunting" is currently in the House waiting to be scheduled for debate.

HR 2711 amends the federal criminal code "to prohibit and to establish penalties for knowingly making available a computer-assisted remote hunt."

This form of killing needs to be stopped nation wide, and I will be following this bill (www.govtrack.us) because I want this form of killing stopped.

I do not hunt, but I am not anti-hunting.

Hunting is closely regulated and keeps animal populations in check. It helps maintain balance in natural habitats and prevents disease outbreaks and starvation.

I know hunters, in general, love and respect nature, and are some of the greatest contributors to conservation efforts.

Ducks Unlimited is one of the leading wetland conservation entities in North America.

When a hunter is in the field, the day is about communing with nature, having a good time and matching his skills and tools against the elements.

The animal has the chance to see and smell the hunter. Often there is no kill in the end, but it is still gratifying.

And when the hunter does make a kill, he has to deal with the realities of killing and death.

He must hear the sounds, smell the blood. And he has the responsibility to clean and dress the animal.

Clicking a button to "hunt" an animal is not hunting.

It does not take preparation, knowledge of the land and animals. It does not require patience or skill. It is killing for the sake of killing.

Taking a stand against this type of "hunting" does not pit me against hunters. It does pit me against those who believe that this hybrid of video game and hunting which eliminates the reality of killing is acceptable.

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CAMPUS | ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Service sorority welcomes new members

By **Amanda Valentine**
Staff Reporter

Victoria Masellis joined a service sorority on Sunday.

Masellis, a sophomore secondary education major, said she joined Epsilon Sigma Alpha because it was a new opportunity to meet friends as well as do something good for the community.

"I thought it would be a good experience," she said.

Masellis was one of 14 girls initiated into the sorority Sunday night.

ESA Vice President Brittany Buchanan led the initiation.

"ESA is an organization that focuses on service to Eastern's cam-

pus and our community here in Charleston," said Buchanan, a junior elementary education major. "We strive to help others in any way we can, whether it be through fundraising or volunteering."

At the initiation, the new pledges were joined by fellow ESA members, including ESA president Kate Burke. The pledges were handed candles and pledge pins welcoming them to ESA. They were then asked to light their candles and recite an oath in acceptance of their new sorority sisters. The ceremony was followed by the new members' first pledge meeting.

ESA was founded at Eastern in February of 1990 and is not affiliat-

ed with the Greek system. It is considered a Registered Student Organization because they focus on service rather than social events.

ESA is different from other organizations on campus, Buchanan said. Even though the group participates in social events, their focus is on philanthropy.

"The reason we are together in the organization is to help others," she said.

One of ESA's main fundraisers is for their national philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The group also volunteers on a local level.

"We do community service around Eastern and Charleston,"

said Kathy Murray a junior biological sciences major.

The group also donates money to the Easter Seals.

"It's an organization that helps with the disabled. It helps them get jobs and function through daily life," Murray said.

Buchanan believes the best part of being in the sorority is seeing her ideas come to fruition.

"ESA has given me countless opportunities to take leadership positions," she said. "I love being able to come up with ideas and make them happen."

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» Moss

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Moss said he takes complicated issues and, by adding humor, makes them accessible for everyone.

Ryan Kerch, UB lectures coordinator, was blown away by Moss' performance at the NACA convention and booked him to perform his "End of Racism" comedy and lecture tour.

"He'll tell jokes and then rather than leave it as a joke, he'll step back and really make you think about the issues he's talking about - mostly race and diversity," said Kerch, a junior biology major.

Moss presents the material in a lightened mood that does not make you depressed but makes you think about it later, Kerch said.

"He makes such a serious complicated issue a lot more comfortable for people to talk about," he said.

Amy Baumgart, a graduate assistant in student life office, saw Moss perform at her undergraduate university and said he is entertaining.

"He touches on an important subject but besides that he was a writer for 'Saturday Night Live,' so he has a comedic twist to what he's talking about," Baumgart said.

Heather Zike, acting assistant director for the student life office, said it's good to show different views on campus because it helps create open-mindedness among others.

"I hope that anyone that comes to campus, someone can take something away from it and learn something about themselves or about what the person is actually lecturing on," she said.

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» Strip Mall

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While it was the nearness to traffic and commerce that drew Thompson Thrift to build on the property, it was the closeness of Eastern that drew GameStop to the area.

Chris Olivera, vice president of public relations for GameStop, said the company has taken to looking at college areas more closely as it expands its store locations across the country.

"It does make sense to look at the college demographics," Olivera said.

He said one of the prime examples of this trend is the success of GameStop stores around the University of California, Los Angeles.

Olivera said this is due to gamers becoming older and taking their interest in video games with them as they graduate and go to college.

"The landscape of who plays video games has changed," he said.

Olivera could not give an exact date of when the store in Mattoon would be opening.

Though the Mattoon GameStop will be part of the national company, Buffalo Wild Wings is a franchise restaurant, which will not be owned by the national company but by a different individual or company.

Rick Williamson, regional marketing manager for Buffalo Wild Wings, said this kind of arrangement is common in the restaurant industry with other chains like McDonald's or Kentucky Fried Chicken.

He said a franchise location basically means the owner will operate his own restaurant while using the recipes and brand name of Buffalo Wild Wings.

Williamson said the owner of the Mattoon location, who could not be reached for comment, is also opening a store in Macomb.

The Mattoon location is expected open this year on May 1.

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MORE ONLINE

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» Union

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He called on lawmakers to approve a \$150 billion plan - worked out with House leaders - to avoid or soften any recession through tax rebates for families and incentives for businesses to invest in new plants and equipment.

He also pushed Congress to extend his tax cuts, which are to expire in 2010, and said allowing them to lapse would mean higher tax bills for 116 million American taxpayers.

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Misconceptions of people of Kazakhstan explained

Washington University professor, who has worked in the country, points out inaccuracies of 'Borat' film

By Erin Matheny
Staff Reporter

The movie "Borat" is not an accurate representation of Kazakhstan.

Michael Frachetti wants students to know that.

Frachetti, a professor in the anthropology department of Washington University in St. Louis, spoke on Monday to Eastern students during a lecture titled, "Living on the Edge: The Emergence of Mountain Pastoralism in Inner Eurasia."

Frachetti said, historically, the image of the Kazakhstan people has been quite warped.

He said that upon the release of "Borat," people who knew he had done work in Kazakhstan began to ask him how accurate the movie was.

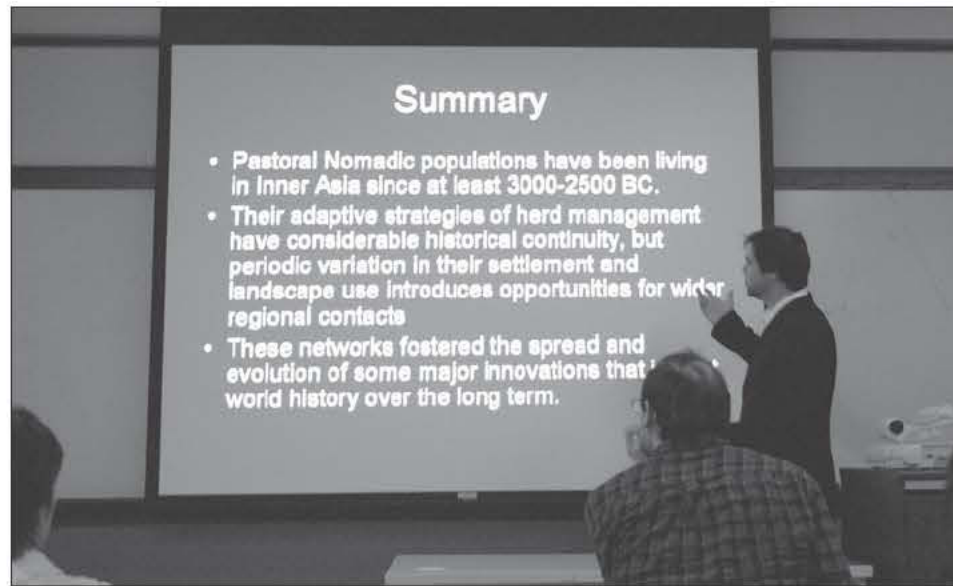
He explained that nothing was accurate, including the fact that the movie was shot in Romania, not Kazakhstan.

"In Almaty, the cultural epicenter of Kazakhstan, people drive more Mercedes-Benzes than we can dream of," Frachetti said.

The image of the Kazakhstan people has been relegated to being "backwards," when in fact it is the fastest growing area outside of the Baltic States, Frachetti said.

Frachetti spent most of the lecture explaining the archaeological record of the nomadic pastoralists in Kazakhstan, particularly in the Kosku River Valley and Dzhungar Mountains region, which is where Frachetti studied.

Frachetti showed pictures of the area and



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dr. Michael Frachetti, a professor in Washington University's anthropology department, gives a lecture on nomadic pastoralists of Kazakhstan Monday afternoon in Blair Hall.

explained some of the archaeological evidence he said contradicts the historical image of these nomadic people as wanderers and uncivilized bandits.

This portrayal of the nomads is supported even in contemporary publications, citing extreme back and forth movement across the upper European area, Frachetti said.

The similarity between ceramics is another line of evidence people use to further the view of nomads as wanderers, since the pottery has a wide displacement.

While Frachetti made clear he does not feel the other people who came up with these theories did poor work, he has another theory as to the life of the nomadic pastoralists.

The nomadic people, contrary to the view

of them wandering aimlessly from area to area, may have been tied to specific areas, living there for long periods of time, Frachetti said.

One site Frachetti studied had a house that had evidence of being occupied and rebuilt on four different occasions, the oldest of which dated back to around 2,000 B.C.

This provides proof the people were living on the same piece of land for a long time and may have been familiar with the land they lived on, Frachetti said.

Frachetti also told students about an archaeological site where archaeologists uncovered a pile that contained a kneecap, finger and toe bones arranged in a line near a female skeleton.

At first, this occurrence baffled the archae-

MICHAEL FRACHETTI | PROFESSOR AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

"In Almaty, the cultural epicenter of Kazakhstan, people drive more Mercedes-Benzes than we can dream of."

ologists because they could not figure out why these bones would be piled there together, Frachetti said.

It was later determined that the bones had been removed with care, so as to remove gold and other goods the woman had on her body when she was buried.

The care with which the bones were removed and then piled suggested to Frachetti and the other archaeologists that perhaps the people taking the goods knew the woman and the area in which she was buried.

This again would contradict the idea that nomads were uncivilized wanderers with no ties to anyone or any area, Frachetti said.

Frachetti showed pictures of his base camp area and the camp he lived in while doing his work in Kazakhstan.

Frachetti told the audience that after living in tents for four months, when he arrived back home in American he needed to balance things out.

He said he did this by wearing suits every day and driving a nice car.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

Edgar serves his game suspension

By Matt Daniels
Editor in Chief

Southeast Missouri head coach Scott Edgar's comments about league officials in a post-game radio interview following the Redhawks 82-78 loss to Morehead State last Thursday earned him the one-game suspension handed down by the Ohio Valley Conference office.

Edgar did not travel with his team for its 86-85 loss at Murray State, a game televised nationally on ESPN2.

In the game against Morehead, the Eagles attempted 48 free throws compared to SEMO's 28.

"It was absolutely pathetic. A team comes in and they shoot 48 free throws and we shoot 28. It was absolutely pathetic," Edgar said on Southeast Missouri Radio Network after the game. "I look forward to my phone call coming tomorrow from Dale Kelley (OVC men's basketball coordinator of officials) and from the commissioner. We go on the road and every time we touch somebody, we get called for fouls, OK? Now they need to understand I did not come and take over this program for this league to continue to run over my kids or this university."

"And when they want to call, they can call and they can warn Scott Edgar. Forty-eight to 28 is absolutely pathetic. Put it on the OVC sports

OVC STANDINGS

School	Overall	OVC
Austin Peay	13-8	9-2
Murray St.	12-7	8-3
Morehead St.	9-10	7-5
E. Kentucky	9-10	6-5
Tennessee St.	9-11	6-5
SE Missouri	11-11	6-6
UT-Martin	10-12	6-6
Samford	9-11	6-6
Tennessee Tech	9-13	6-6
Jacksonville St.	4-16	2-10
E. Illinois	3-17	2-10

TOP 10 SCORERS

Name	School	PPG
1. L. Hudson	UTM	26.9
2. B. Price	TSU	19.0
3. A. Fisher	TTU	16.7
4. G. Robinson	TSU	16.1
5. D. Reed	AP	15.3
6. R. Martin	EIU	15.1
7. M. Weddle	UTM	14.9
8. M. Rose	EKU	14.8
9. A. McKenzie	TTU	14.0
10. G. Robinson	UTM	13.6

TOP 10 REBOUNDERS

Name	School	RPG
1. D. Northern	TTU	8.9
2. G. Robinson	UTM	8.5
3. K. Faried	MOR	8.1
4. A. McKenzie	TTU	8.0
5. L. Hudson	UTM	7.7
6. F. Lockett	AP	6.6
7. D. Dials	EKU	6.5
8. B. Foust	SEMO	6.4
9. C. Williams	SEMO	6.4
10. A. Mbodji	JSU	6.1

TOP 10 ASSIST LEADERS

Name	School	APG
1. N. Stojakovic	MOR	6.6
2. D. Bray	JSU	6.6
3. B. Price	TSU	4.8
4. D. Wright	AP	4.5
5. K. Thomas	MUR	4.4
6. L. Hudson	UTM	3.8
7. C. Wright	UTM	3.5
8. T. Peterson	SAM	3.3
9. J. Toles	JSU	3.2
10. A. Fisher	TTU	3.1

network tonight."

OVC Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher issued a statement Friday that said Edgar's comments "were not consistent with the principles outlined in the OVC's sportsmanship statement."

Edgar was not available for comment during Monday morning's league teleconference. He came onto the call, but was disconnected from the call and could not be reached for comment.

Morehead State head coach Donnie Tyndall said the big lead his team had might have factored into the free throw discrepancy.

"They press on almost every possession. It lends itself to more turnovers, but it also lends itself to more fouls," he said. "We were up 18 with eight minutes to go and they had to start fouling. I guess Coach (Edgar) and I will have to agree to disagree, I still love him, but I thought the offi-

ciating was fine."

Bulldogs still adjusting to new home

Samford is in its first year playing at the Pete Hanna Center after 45 years at Seibert Hall. So far, the team has had mixed results at its new home with a 5-6 home record.

In their three home games prior to Saturday's 63-49 win against league leader Austin Peay, the Bulldogs shot 35 percent from the field. Against the Governors, Samford connected on 23 of their 44 field goal attempts, including 10-of-26 from 3-point range.

"We have not played well in our building with the exception of the Austin Peay game," Tillet said. "It's spacious, it's beautiful, but it feels sometime like we're playing on a neutral floor."

Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos, in his 18th season at Peay, said

he was impressed by the new 5,000-seat facility.

"I had read newspaper accounts of how they hadn't shot the ball well on their home court, but we sure changed that for them," he said. "Glad I don't have to go back there this season."

Hudson still second in scoring average

Tennessee-Martin guard Lester Hudson is still second in the nation in points per game through Sunday.

Hudson, a 6-foot-3, 190-pound junior, is averaging 26.9 points, second to Virginia Military Institute's Reggie Williams' 27.3 average.

However, Hudson leads the nation in points scored with 592.

Last-second finishes highlight weekend

Along with Murray State's win against Southeast Missouri and East-

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ern Illinois' win against Morehead State, one other league game was decided by one point this past weekend.

Tennessee State's LaDarius Weaver hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give TSU a 73-72 win at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn.

"We were fortunate to get out of Cookeville on Saturday," TSU head coach Cy Alexander said. "We were lucky to win, but we've been in nail biters like that it seems every game."

TSU has lost four games this month by a combined 11 points.

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NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Brady back to practice, but Belichick still mum on ankle

The Associated Press

NFL

PHOENIX — Tom Brady was back where he belongs Monday, behind center for the New England Patriots' first practice session of Super Bowl week.

The NFL's Most Valuable Player missed three practices last week with a tender right ankle, which was taped for Monday's training at Arizona State in nearby Tempe. According to the Chicago Tribune's Dan Pompei, the designated pool reporter, the star quarterback appeared to

have a slight limp but participated in all phases of practice, including jogging the length of the field twice at the end of drills.

Coach Bill Belichick, as usual, declined to comment on injuries or elaborate on Brady's presence.

NBA

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 23 points, 17 assists and nine rebounds, and the New Orleans Hornets ran away with their ninth-straight win, 117-93 over the Denver Nuggets on Monday night.

Peja Stojakovic hit four 3-pointers and finished with 19 points for

New Orleans, and Jannero Pargo and David West each scored 13 points.

Dallas 103, Memphis 84

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Josh Howard hit his first eight shots on the way to 26 points and Dallas shot 54 percent in a victory over Memphis.

Howard finished 10-for-17 for Dallas, which won its fourth straight and 12 in the last 14.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 18 points and Kyle Lowry scored 17 points for Memphis, which lost its third game in the last four.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

DURHAM, N.C. — Candace Parker's leaper with 22 seconds remaining lifted No. 2 Tennessee past No. 9 Duke 67-64 on Monday night, snapping the Blue Devils' 24-game home winning streak.

Parker led the Lady Vols (18-1) with 17 points, but briefly gave Duke (15-5) hope with 3.4 seconds left when she missed the first of two free throws that would have iced it.

Ohio State 89, Penn State 53

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jantel Lavender scored 22 points and Ohio State used a first-half burst to zip past

Penn State, handing coach Jim Foster his 650th career victory.

Marsilla Packer added 12 points and seven assists and Ashlee Trebilcock had 11 points for the Buckeyes (16-4, 7-2 Big Ten).

MLB

BOSTON — The Red Sox obtained reliever David Aardsma from the Chicago White Sox for Willy Mota and Miguel Socolovich on Monday in a trade involving three right-handed pitchers.

Aardsma started last season with Chicago and went 2-1 with a 6.40 ERA and 36 strikeouts in 18 games.

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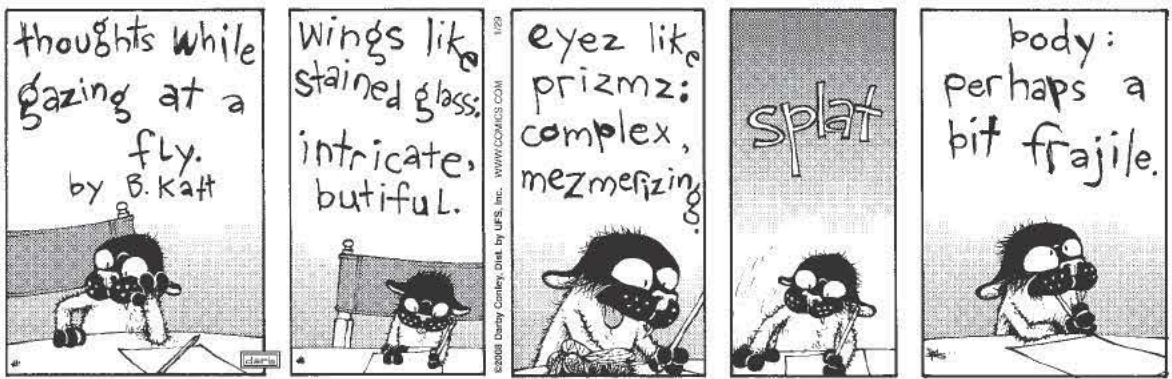
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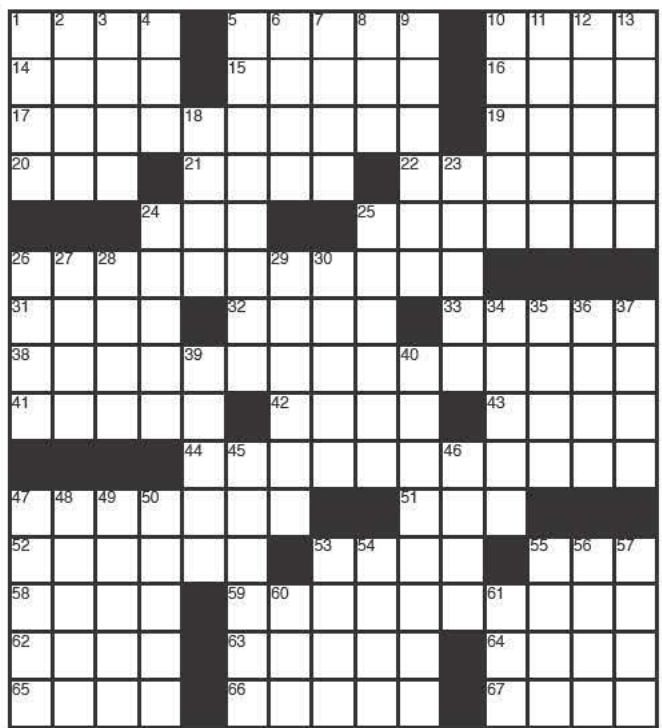


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- ACROSS
- 1 Comment not to be taken seriously
- 5 ___ Marley's ghost in "A Christmas Carol"
- 10 Con game
- 14 Unwanted spots
- 15 Band together
- 16 Poi source
- 17 Response to a knock
- 19 29,035 ft., for Mt. Everest
- 20 Have a bawl
- 21 Designer label letters
- 22 Heap kudos on
- 24 "For instance ..."
- 25 Empathize with
- 26 The important thing
- 31 A Chaplin
- 32 Sluggers' stats
- 33 Lhasa ___ (Tibetan dogs)
- 38 Doctor's query
- 41 Scattered about
- 42 Entre ___
- 43 Metropolitan ___
- 44 "Never!"
- 47 Some apartments
- 51 Uno + due
- 52 Apartment window sign
- 53 Kudrow of "Friends"
- 55 Mediterranean fruit
- 58 Both: Prefix
- 59 Discounter's pitch
- 62 Computer with an iSight camera
- 63 Have an ___ mystery
- 64 Plow pullers
- 65 Unit of force
- 66 Teammate of Snider and Hodges
- 67 Classic computer game set on a seemingly deserted island
- DOWN
- 1 1975 Spielberg thriller
- 2 Eerie cave effect
- 3 One not associating with the likes of you?
- 4 Private eye, for short
- 5 Place to find auto parts
- 6 Have ___ with
- 7 Half of an E.P.A. mileage rating
- 8 Pony players' locale, in brief
- 9 Paging device
- 10 Incredible bargain



PUZZLE BY ALAN ARBESFELD

- 11 Where the San Andreas Fault is: Abbr.
- 12 "Ain't!" retort
- 13 Shaker's partner
- 18 Genesis patriarch
- 23 Convened again
- 24 "Can you believe this?" look
- 25 Come clean
- 26 Knocks the socks off
- 27 Alternative to a Twinkie
- 28 From the top
- 29 Steakhouse selections
- 30 Attach, in a way
- 34 Terrible twos, e.g.
- 35 Browse, as the Web
- 36 Sportscaster Hershiser
- 37 Hang around
- 39 Dickens's Drood
- 40 "Can I come out now?"
- 45 Armed conflict
- 46 Battleship shade
- 47 Sober
- 48 Rock opera with the song "Pinball Wizard"
- 49 Densely packed, in a way
- 50 Pour salt on, perhaps
- 53 Apollo's instrument
- 54 N.Y.S.E. debuts
- 55 Full of guile
- 56 Tees off
- 57 Fellow
- 60 Step on it
- 61 Soccer ___

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» Postseason

FROM PAGE 12

After his team beat the Panthers by 11 points (82-71) on Jan. 5, SEMO head coach Scott Edgar said it took a good performance from the Redhawks to beat Eastern – which was playing without sophomore guard and leading scorer Romain Martin.

“Eastern Illinois is playing as hard and as together for things not to be going their way,” Edgar said.

UTM head coach Bret Campbell said most people don’t realize how close Eastern has been

against conference opponents.

“I thought with five minutes to go we were going to be lucky to hang on,” Campbell said after the Skyhawks’ 69-63 win on Jan. 10. “Certainly my hat goes off to Eastern Illinois players. They’re playing through a lot of adversity. When your best player is not up to par like (Eastern sophomore guard) Romain Martin, it affects your whole team.”

Morehead State head coach Donnie Tyndall echoed similar sentiments about the Panthers.

“The right guys take the right shots on their team,” Tyndall said after Eastern’s win on Saturday night. “Their record is not indicative on

how good their team is. To their credit, they played hard and played well and deserved to win the game.”

JSU head coach Mike LaPlante said until a team is mathematically eliminated, it is not out of the hunt for a tournament berth in the OVC.

“Our only chance for us and Eastern Illinois is to get back in it, to win games,” LaPlante said. “There’s not a whole lot of games left and not a whole lot of margin left.”

But Eastern Illinois head coach Mike Miller remained mum on the issue.

“We don’t talk about it at all, and I never have,” Miller said. “In playing 20 league

games, you just have to take care of business.”

Eastern Illinois senior forward Jake Byrne was optimistic about the teams’ chances after Saturday night’s win against third-place Morehead State.

“I think (the win) is going to be a great thing to go on for our last nine games, and maybe make a run for it and get in the tournament,” Byrne said. “We can play with anybody.”

-Editor-in-Chief Matt Daniels contributed to this story.

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» AD

FROM PAGE 12

“What I do is kind of serve as a liaison between a student’s athletic experience and a student’s academic experience,” Richard said. “I think certainly (the position of athletic director) is an administrative position that requires knowledge of NCAA rules and the university.”

Richard, who is also the department chair of the communication disorders and sciences, said she has some of that knowl-

edge. But becoming an athletic director was not the right decision to make career-wise for her because her professional contacts are not in that field.

One former Eastern athletic department member who did apply is Paul Lueken, the athletic director at Slippery Rock – a Division II school in Pennsylvania.

Lueken served as director of athletic development and assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions at Eastern from 1990-94.

The *Charleston Times-Courier* confirmed Lueken’s interest in the position on Jan.

10. Lueken declined to comment Monday about his application because the committee has not made an official decision.

Lueken was also a candidate for Eastern athletic director in 1997 when Rich McDuffie was hired.

Ken Baker is currently serving as the interim AD after McDuffie was relieved of his duties in August.

Mary Anne Hanner, the chair of the athletic director search committee, said Monday night that the committee had reviewed all of the finalists and information from both telephone interviews and reference

checks. Hanner said she could not release the number of finalists or their names until she had presented the information to Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs and hiring agent for the athletic director.

Hanner said she should meet with Nadler today, and they would contact the finalists.

“As soon as that’s done we will make (an official) release,” Hanner said.

Hanner said the release could be as soon as the end of this week or next week.

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» Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

Also sophomore forward Maggie Kloak is big when Galligan needs a breather.

But when Galligan missed five games in November because of a toe injury, Kloak was huge.

Kloak scored 12.4 ppg in Galligans’ absence and she averages 7.0 points on the season.

She finished with 22 points and eight rebounds helping Eastern to a 66-55 victory against Morehead State in Morehead, Ky.

Kloak’s 22 points at Morehead State was a career-high. Her previous high was 16 points against Tennessee Tech earlier this season on Dec. 6.

The Panthers average 69.5 points in Ohio Valley Conference games, while league opponents average 62.4 points.

The team’s conference scoring is higher than last season and the opponent’s scoring is down as well. This equates to winning more games.


And all of this will be key if the Panthers want to dream big.

They currently sit at 11-9 and 10-2 in the OVC.

The starters and bench can carry them to them to the OVC Tournament and possibly the NCAA Tournament if they continue to play on the same, high level.

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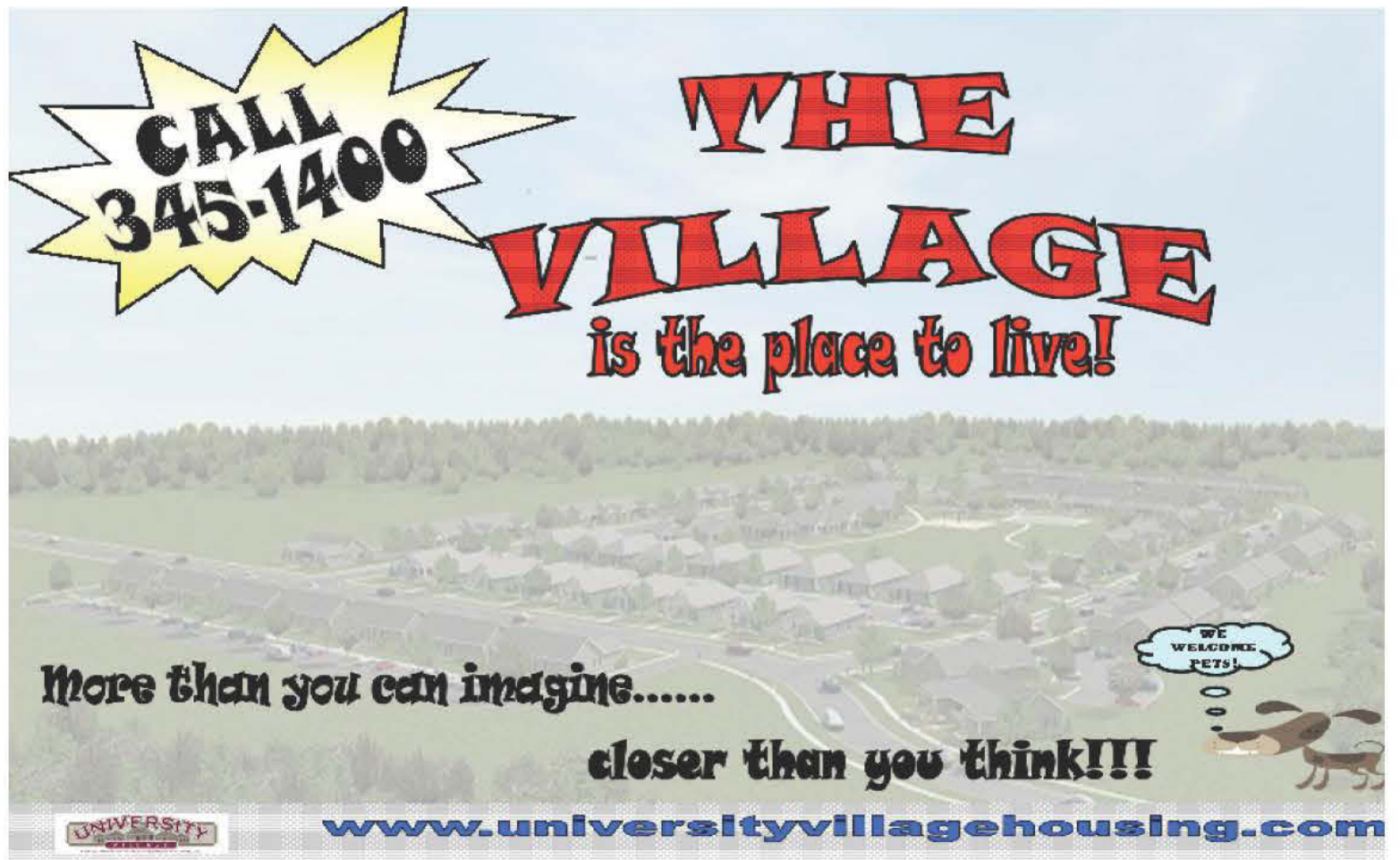
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Sophomore has toured Europe for tennis

Her sophomore season has just begun, but Hayley Homburg has already accomplished quite a bit on the tennis court at Eastern. In 2007, she became the first Eastern player to be named OVC Freshman of the Year, and along with partner Natalie Martin became the first Eastern doubles team to receive a national ranking (No. 56 in the Fila College Rankings). Homburg recently sat down with staff reporter Mike Mears to talk about the upcoming season, owning a movie collection comparable to Blockbuster and rocking out to Queen.

How did you first get into tennis?

My mom plays tennis. She started when she was in her 20s, so I was introduced to it when I was a baby, and I would always come and watch her.

What is your outlook for this season?

Personally, I'm just going to try to do my absolute best. I think what I'm really excited for is to play doubles with Natalie (Martin) after what happened last year. We did really well.

What do you like about teaming with Natalie?

Everything. The chemistry is great on and off the court. It's unbelievable. I just love playing with her. We complement each other with our match play as well as giving each other positive feedback after points and everything. I've never played with somebody that was so much fun and yet so dedicated to tennis. It really is uplifting to play with her.

How do your games complement each other?

We're both all-court players, and we love to be at the net. I play on the forehand side, and she plays on the backhand. We just work so well together.

Tell me about your freshman year.

It was definitely a really fun experience. Getting those awards has made me more motivated to do even better this year and in the years to come. I had high expectations for myself in the beginning, and I thought my goals were reached. Getting those honors was really nice, but it's not everything I have in store for me.

Do you prefer singles or doubles?

Doubles. I love the team atmosphere. Anything that involves the team. I like playing singles. I like the strategy and everything, but playing with Natalie makes everything a lot more fun.

Tell me about Tennis Europe.

Tennis Europe was an organization put together for students in high school that had so much experience or a ranking in the United States Tennis Association (USTA). It's a tennis team for the United States (U.S.) that got together and traveled Europe. We went to Paris, Amsterdam, Netherlands and Nice, France. It was a great experience. We had three coaches who were in their mid-20s. We all had to fend for ourselves and nobody really knew each other. We had people from California, New York and everywhere in between. It was a great experience. We played against some of the top people in Europe. A man that ran a country club I played tournaments at told me about it. He introduced it to me and told me it would be a great thing to get into if I had time



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore tennis player Hayley Homburg has a passion for tennis, but also loves to play the acoustic guitar in her free time as well. Homburg has not only competed in the Wisconsin Whiteman Cup, but in Europe as well.

to do it. We were there 32 days, I believe, the summer before my sophomore year of high school.

What about your time in the Wisconsin Whiteman Cup?

It's one of the biggest Midwest tennis tournaments that you can get into. There's so many coaches from colleges that go to scout players there. Basically, there's a Wisconsin team, a northern Illinois team,

a southern Illinois team, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan. It's in Muncie, Ind., where Ball State is, and you compete against each other kind of like a dual match.

What's the strongest part of your game?

I don't think I can disclose that. What if other teams look at this?

Well, they still have to beat you

whether they know it or not.

I know, I'm just kidding. Strongest part of my game, I'd have to say it's my mental game. Even if I'm down in the first set I can pull things together and really get focused and bring it back if I need to.

Have you always been like that?

Well, through experience it always gets better. I'd have to say back in

the day, in high school, there were times that if something bothered me it would get to me a little more than it does now.

What part of your game needs improvement?

Everything. I really can't pinpoint one thing. I'm sure my coaches could. I need to work on almost everything. I'm never satisfied.

What are your goals for the rest of your career here?

Our biggest goal as a team is to get a conference title. As a personal goal, it's just to take one match at a time. My goal is to defeat whoever I'm playing in singles and doubles. Throughout the rest of my years, I can't really say right now. I don't want to focus too far in the future.

Have you given thought to playing after college?

I'm only a sophomore. I honestly don't even know what I'm going to do for my major yet.

Who did you model your tennis game after?

I don't want to be cliché because everyone is a fan of Maria Sharapova, but she does have a great game, and her mental game is unbelievable. That's probably who I look at most.

Do you have any pre-match routine?

So many people have asked me this question. I'd love to say that I listen to my music or a specific song, but just being with my teammates, that's what gets me pumped up and ready to play a match.

What music are you listening to these days?

These days I have a mixture of things. I like rock, country, a little hip-hop and rap here and there. My favorite band, I don't want to be too old-school, but I've grown up with Queen all my life. If I didn't mention Queen my dad would be upset.

What are your favorite movies?

I can't pick one. My dad and I are movie critics and fanatics. That's our hobby – to watch movies. If you walked into our house we probably have more movies than Blockbuster. I'm not gonna lie. But the all-time classic, since I was so little, is "Grease." "Caddyshack" is up there, too.

Who are your best friends on the team?

You know, our team is pretty close. Everybody is close. Yeah, Natalie and I are doubles partners, and we have a connection that's different from anybody else, but we're all pretty close. Some of us live in the dorms together, so we're together all the time. Anybody that's off campus we stay in touch with and get together every weekend.

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Ohio State at Penn State |
6:00 p.m. tonight on ESPN

NBA
Minnesota at Chicago |
8:00 p.m. tonight on Comcast
SportsNet



KEVIN MURPHY

Deep team is good sign

Tennessee Tech coach Amy Brown recognizes it. Morehead State coach Mike Bradbury recognizes it.

Both Brown and Bradbury recognize how deep the Eastern women's basketball team can be.

And that team has an offense that has propelled the Panthers to four consecutive wins and 11 wins in their last 13 games.

The offensive production has mainly been from junior forward Rachel Galligan. The Bloomington native averages 18.6 points and 5.9 rebounds. Bradbury said before Saturday's game Galligan could be the conference player of the year. Galligan, though, was not the leading scorer at Lantz Arena when Eastern defeated Morehead State 68-52.

It was sophomore guard Dominique Sims.

"Sims killed us," Bradbury said. "The problem with us trying to guard them is they've got five or six kids that can score. With our athleticism — or lack thereof — we can't guard everybody. So we have to pick and choose whom we guard. We chose wrong tonight."

Sims stuffed the stats with 15 points, six rebounds, three assists and two turnovers.

Sims plays the guard on the offense and guards the post on defense.

Junior guard Ellen Canale, who is typically a defensive guard, has increased her scoring as well. She finished with nine points against the Eagles and scores 7.9 points per game.

Red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards can score, too. Her season high of 17 points came against Tennessee-Martin. She averages 7.4 points.

The bench is solid, too.

There's sophomore guard Jessica Huffman who can put up points. Huffman, the 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year, missed four games this season because of the stress fracture. She started at point guard last season and was a preseason conference selection this season. Huffman gives the Panthers a scoring punch off the bench, averaging 8.6 points.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | POSTSEASON CHANCES

Latest win helps chances

Eastern is four games out of postseason berth

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Eastern's 66-65 win against Morehead State did more than just secure the Panthers' second Ohio Valley Conference win and third overall win of the season.

It also improved Eastern's slim chances of making the first round of the OVC Tournament on March 4 at first round campus sites.

The Panthers got some help from the teams they are chasing also.

Thursday and Saturday night's games reshuffled the conference standings to an extent, but also muddled the middle of the league.

Three-and-a-half games separate Austin Peay (13-8, 9-2 OVC) at the top of the league and a four-way tie for the last tournament berth. Southeast Missouri, Tennessee-Martin, Samford and Tennessee Tech all have 6-6 league records.

Eastern Kentucky (9-10, 6-5) is at the top of the logjam of middle-of-the-pack teams. But ECU head coach Jeff Neubauer said he is not discussing the conference tournament with his team.

"We've found ways to win, but not consistently," Neubauer said. "I think that's probably consistent throughout our conference. The standings stuff will work itself out, hopefully in the right way, if we can become more consistent."

Eastern Illinois (3-17, 2-10) is tied for last place in the conference with Jacksonville State and four games behind the four-way tie for the eighth tournament spot.

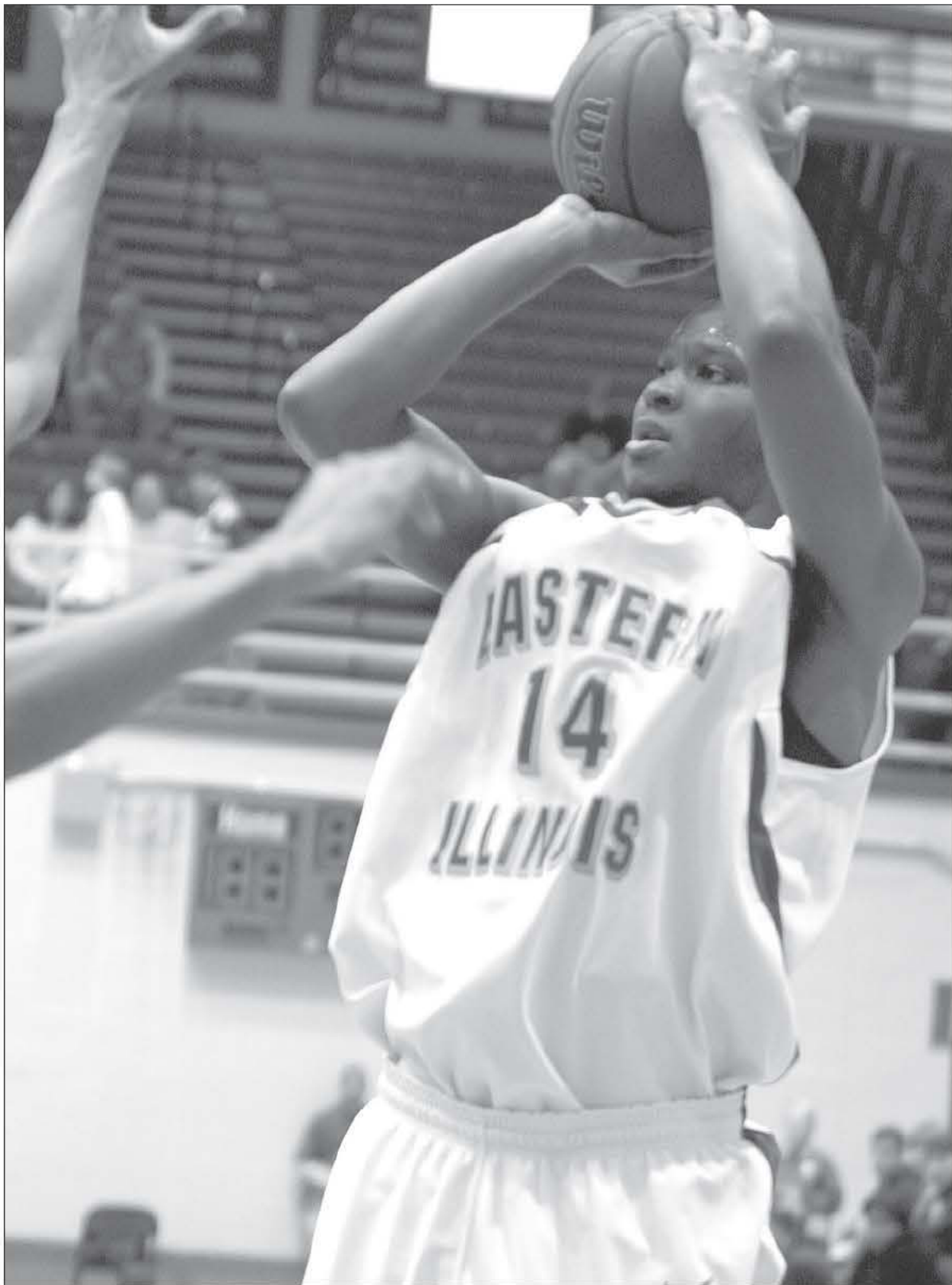
The Panthers have eight league games remaining this season including two each against JSU and Samford — teams Eastern has not yet played.

The four other games will be rematches against teams Eastern has already played.

Eastern beat one of these opponents already.

The Panthers first league win was an 83-80 overtime win against Murray State. Eastern lost to the other three opponents by an average of 11 points.

But the Panthers battled back from an 18-point halftime deficit against



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Senior forward Bobby Catchings takes a jump shot over a Morehead State defender Saturday night against the Eagles at Lantz Arena. Catching and the Panthers are currently tied for last place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

UT-Martin on Jan. 10 to lose by six.

Because Eastern is at the bottom of the conference, any wins the Panthers get in the next month will be twice as good as Eastern gets one in the win column and its opponent

gets another loss — closing the gap in the teams' records.

But with eight conference games remaining with Eastern needing realistically to win at least six of these games, what are their chances?

Good if you ask other coaches in the OVC. And the consensus is the same. Eastern is a better team than its record indicates.

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ATHLETICS | AD SEARCH

Samuels not one of finalists for new AD

Two other potential candidates deny interest

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Lake Land College athletic director Denny Throneburg and Illinois-Springfield athletic director Rodger Jehlicka both declined to apply to become the new Eastern athletic director.

Add three more names to the list of who will not be the new AD.

Former Eastern men's basketball coach Rick Samuels said Monday it was a tough decision to make, but he would not apply for the opening.

Samuels currently works in the alumni and development office at Lincoln College in Lincoln and said he enjoys his work as a fundraiser.

"It's not too much different from coaching," Samuels said about building relationships as a fundraiser. "Lincoln College is a product I enjoy selling."

Samuels said his job is easy because Lincoln College has a faithful group of alumni.

Patrick Osterman, the assistant athletic director for media relations at Georgia Southern, also did not apply at Eastern.

Before being hired at Georgia Southern in October 2004, Osterman worked at Eastern for seven years as the assistant sports information director.

Osterman said he is not qualified to be an athletic director, nor did he want to apply.

"I am happy working in the sports information field," Osterman said. "We're in a great situation at Georgia Southern."

Dr. Gail Richard, Eastern's NCAA faculty representative, also said Monday she did not apply for the position.

Richard said her role as NCAA faculty representative entails making sure there is a balance between athletics and academics for Eastern's student-athletes.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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