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UNIVERSITY | MONEY

AAUP report cautions economy

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

The American Association of University Professors' release of a 2008-09 increase in faculty salaries across the country has been overshadowed by economic trouble, furloughs and layoffs not accounted for in the statistics.

Eastern has been cushioned by the blows of what the AAUP calls a "tsunami" economy, which it says is waiting to crash on faculty salaries. University Professionals of Illinois, the faculty union, said that this is no reason to for the university to take its eye off of the salary issue.

"As far as we know, most of the budget savings for Eastern are coming through attrition, not the reduction of pay or failure to compensate for inflation when contracts will be renewed," said Charles Delman, president of the Eastern UPI chapter.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said in a recent interview that Eastern is nowhere near drastic measures such as furloughs, layoffs and pay cuts.

But, his office still proposed a 2.5 percent cut in the headcount of faculty members in order to cut budget spending on personnel.

Pay cuts are not plausible for faculty at Eastern because their base salary pay is protected by a collective bargaining agreement, but the AAUP has cited a few institutions doing so.

Another controversy amidst the report is the fight to remain competitive. Statistics show some institutions have had to drop their starting salaries for professors to patch budget holes, and others must hold raises when contract revisions arise.

Delman said that Eastern should not follow these footsteps if the economy continues to decline in the future.

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CAMPUS | EVENT



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Richard Norton Smith, a historian and biographer, speaks about Abraham Lincoln in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Tuesday night.

Speaker celebrates Lincoln

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Biographer and historian Richard Norton Smith compared Abraham Lincoln to George W. Bush in his speech Wednesday.

Smith talked about Abraham Lincoln and his presidency at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"Lincoln is as relevant as the morning headline," Smith said. "Debate raged around him going to war and him as president the same as it did with Bush."

Smith said slavery made Lincoln miserable and it was in New Orleans, where Lin-

coln stumbled upon a slave trade when he knew he needed to change political parties.

Smith said there were actually two civil wars.

One was between the North and South and the second was inside of Lincoln's head.

"Lincoln invented wartime presidency and excessive use," Smith said. "He demonstrated a remarkable experience for growth and by the time he died, he outgrew the racist culture."

Smith mentioned how Lincoln passed the 13th Amendment, or Emancipation Proclamation, in the House of Representatives by only three votes.

This amendment was written in 1862 and said that all slaves would be declared free by 1863.

"He redefined the course of American history with this," Smith said.

Smith also said Lincoln was a contemporary figure whose legacy passes many 19th century presidents.

"He outgrew the ambitions that propelled him into politics," Smith said.

Smith also mentioned how Lincoln accomplished so much with only one year of formal education.

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UNIVERSITY | RALLY DAY

Students, faculty head to Springfield to lobby for higher education today

Large focus on fund for Renewable Energy Center

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

The administration will take nine students to Springfield today to lobby for state-allocated funds for the Renewable Energy Center and the overall affordability of higher education for Higher Education Rally Day.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, will accompany the students selected from the Student Action Team, as well as other faculty and staff to speak to legislators on the behalf of Eastern.

Students, faculty and staff from all universities and colleges in the state will fill the lawn at the capital for the rally, which begins at about 10 a.m.

From there, students will meet one-on-one with legislators to talk about the issues of their institution and gather support for campus causes.

Eastern has participated in Rally Day for about 10 years.

"Over the years, we have continued to

build a more substantial presence at Rally Day, which has helped to make Eastern more visible to the state government," Nilsen said. "Tomorrow, the purpose is to advocate for higher education to show just how important it is to the state of Illinois."

The Rally Day becomes competitive since students, faculty and staff from all over the state attend, reaching a population of more than 500.

With only 177 general assembly members to address them, many attendees will not be able to see legislators.

Other schools also pre-schedule some of their interviews with legislators, which Eastern does not.

Eric Wilber, Student Action Team chair and student executive vice president, said that regardless, all schools "are pretty well represented."

Wilber is one of the students attending the rally and has for the past two years.

He said students would have the chance to lobby legislators for the Renewable Energy Center, something that the action team has a lot of experience with.

"Last year, Gov. Blagojevich proposed to not increase the higher education budget

in state," Wilber said. "After the rally day, the general assembly approved a 2.5 percent increase. I'd like to think we influenced that."

However, since then, higher education institutions were asked to hold the increase on reserve to possibly be returned to the state government to address budget holes.

Nilsen said regardless of what can be achieved, it is important for students to talk to their state legislators.

"Our students are the future," Nilsen said. "They are the next generation of business professionals, politicians and other fields in this nation. Legislators need to hear the importance of a college education from the students' own words."

She explained this is why access and affordability is going to be a main staple in their lobbying strategy.

The group will leave at 7:45 a.m. today. In between sessions, Eastern's administration encourages students to sit in the galleries and watch the processes of the general assembly take place.

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CITY | PLANT

Public invited to see redesign of energy center

Staff Report

Eastern President Bill Perry will introduce an updated design of the proposed Renewable Energy Center from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the Rotary Room at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, 712 Sixth St.

The new design for the Renewable Energy Center was created after the Eastern administration received community input at public meetings earlier this year.

The Renewable Energy Center will be built near the intersection of 18th Street and Edgar Drive.

The biomass gasifier would supply the university's heating and cooling needs by burning plant matter.

If constructed, the center will replace the steam plant, which is operating on 1928 technology. Construction of the center was announced in November, but the administration retracted the announcement, citing the economy as a reason not to proceed with construction.

CITY | MEETING

Budget approved for next year

Water, sewer rates
increase as expected

By JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

The Charleston City Council unanimously approved a city budget for the new fiscal year at its meeting Tuesday night.

The budget, which takes effect May 1, includes spending cuts at various city departments, but also funds road construction and repaving as well as an upgrade for the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Mayor John Inyart said city officials allowed the public to view and comment on the proposed budget by putting the proposal on file in late March and by holding a public hearing before yesterday's council meeting.

"It's been available at the library, it's been available at city hall...we had a public hearing before the meeting tonight," Inyart said.

The council also approved a 7 percent increase in the city's water and sewer rates, raising the minimum rate from \$9.96 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.65 per 1,000 gallons.

Council members had postponed a vote on the increase at their meeting April 7 to allow for public comment, but said they received none.

Council members also approved a measure to keep water-tap fees the same while cutting procedural costs.

The council also approved two business grants worth \$15,000 from the city's Tax Increment Finance fund.

Money in the TIF fund comes from increased property tax revenues from businesses in the downtown TIF



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston city council member Lorelei Sims gives a departure speech during Tuesday night's meeting. The meeting was the last for Sims, as she decided not to run for re-election.

district and is used to fund business improvements in the district.

"As with all the other TIF grants we've released in the past months, all of these are matching grants," Inyart said. "All have performance contracts that specify what is to be done ... and when it is to be finished."

The grants give \$5,000 to Williams Rental, 506 Sixth St., and \$10,000 to the Sewing Salon, 718 Jackson Ave.

The council also approved \$1,000 of tourism funds for the Illinois High School Association's girls and boys

state track meets and \$1,500 for the IHSA's girls state badminton championships held at Eastern in May.

"I'm so glad we have that," said council member Lorelei Sims of the championships.

Council members also approved \$12,500 to pay for singers Heidi Newfield and Chuck Wicks to perform at the city's Red, White and Blue Days celebration in July.

At the meeting's end, Sims spoke, encouraging women to participate in government.

"I was very disappointed not to see any women...in the last council election," Sims said. "I encourage women to become involved in municipal government."

Sims, who will be replaced by newly-elected Tim Newell, said she learned many valuable lessons from her two terms on city council.

"I would not trade my time here for anything in the world," Sims said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

MADtv comedian Aries Spears takes the stage

Comedian chosen
from student surveys

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Aries Spears is known for his impressions.

He does impressions from Jay-Z to Snoop Dog, to Bill Cosby, and will perform at 9 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Andy Luttrell, a junior psychology major, will open for Spears since he won "Last Comic Standing."

Matt Caponera, University Board comedy coordinator, said he thinks there will be about 700 students in attendance at the show.

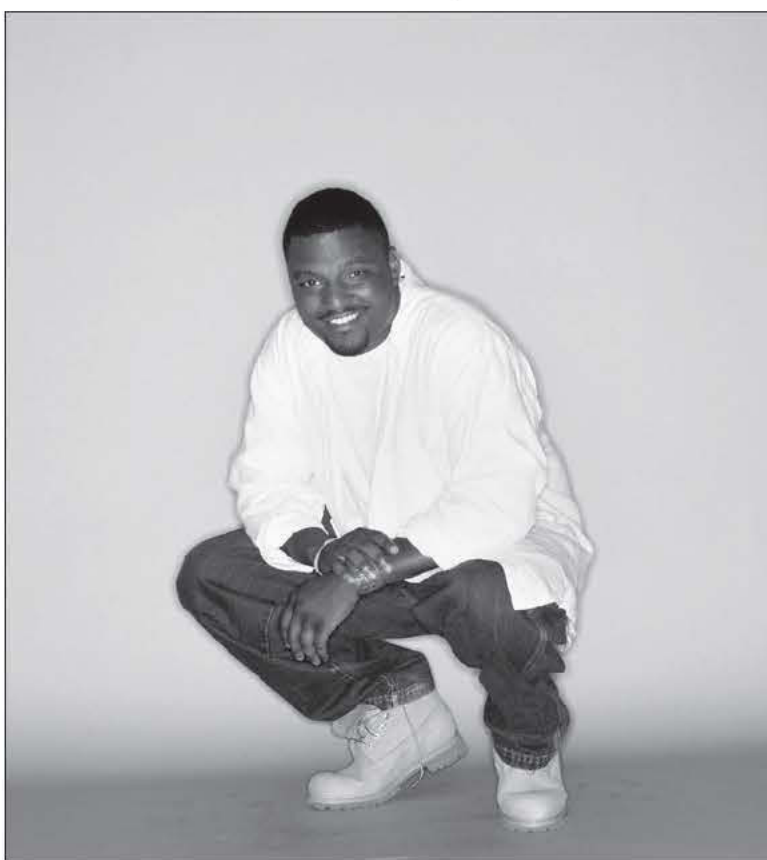
Spears appeared on MADtv for eight years and in movies "Jerry McGuire" and "Josie and the Pussycats" among others.

He was also on many XM Satellite radio shows as well as television appearances on "Def Jam Comedy" and "Comedy Sports Net."

He has appeared as a regular guest on talk shows such as "Chelsea Lately" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

Right now, he is touring colleges and comedy clubs throughout the United States.

Spears had a short stay on the "Best Damn Sports Show Period" after MADtv and appeared in the movie "Hood of Horror" with Snoop Dog as well.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Comedian Aries Spears will perform tonight at 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Spears performed on MADtv for eight seasons and is well known for his celebrity impersonations.

"We were looking for a bigger name comedian," Caponera said.

Caponera passed out surveys at several fall comedy shows where he had three people in the price range possible for the big comedy show and the student surveys picked Spears.

Some other names on the surveys were Kyle Cease, who has been in movies "10 Things I Hate About You" and "Not Another Teen Movie," and Norm McDonald from "Saturday Night Live."

Caponera said out of the 300 sur-

veys handed out, about 75 percent voted for Spears.

"He was a good name and good price," he said. "Most big comedians are \$20,000, but Spears was only \$10,000. UB likes to have one big comedian a year."

UB concerts helped comedy by chipping in \$4,000 and Apportionment Board took care of the rest.

"Budgets were tight this year and comedy couldn't do it any other way, so we decided to co-sponsor with them," said Sheila Hurley, UB concerts coordinator.

Mike Usher, UB chair, said when UB talked to other schools where Spears has performed, they got a good response.

"When we went to the (National Association for Campus Activities) conference in the fall, we talk to other schools," Usher said. "They brought up Aries Spears and we pushed to get him here."

Usher said when it came down to it, Spears was a great and well-known comedian.

Caponera said students should come hear someone of his caliber perform for free.

"Everyone has heard of Aries Spears who grew up watching MADtv," he said.

Caponera said next year Cease or college comedian Zach Galifianakis would be the choices for the big comedy act.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Community invited to drop off recyclables

Eastern students and local businesses are collecting recyclable materials today.

Recyclables can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Library and South Quad. Vehicles can unload in the parking lot north of O'Brien Stadium and Lantz Arena from 3 to 7 p.m.

Accepted items include glass, plastics, light bulbs, gently used clothing and small electronics.

The event is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association's Environmental Awareness Committee and local recycling firms Veolia and eRecycling.

Volunteers wanted for Panther Service Day

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and local residents are invited to participate in the seventh annual Panther Service Day on Saturday.

Panther Service Day 2009 will begin with an EIU/Coles County Community Brunch, sponsored by the EIU Alumni Association, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the front of Old Main, followed by an opening ceremony. In case of inclement weather, the brunch will be moved inside. From noon to 4 p.m., participants will be assigned specific service projects.

Volunteers are asked to designate the category of their interest: elderly care/support, nature/conservation, relief/disaster support or youth development/outreach.

Those interested in volunteering or attending these events should contact Ryan Kerch, student vice president for student affairs, at rmkerch@eiu.edu or 581-7673.

—Compiled by News Editor
Matt Hopf

BLOTTER

James Campbell, 53, of Charleston, was charged with possession of cannabis, driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of drug equipment and possession of a firearm after a 10:35 p.m. arrest at Grant Street and Fourth Street, said the University Police Department.

Nicholas Bonacker, 21, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and blood alcohol content more than .08 after a 12:31 a.m. Saturday arrest, police said.

A disorderly conduct complaint was reported on Thursday at the University Apartments, police said.

A theft was reported in Pemberton Hall on Friday, police said.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Marty Pattin's residence was incorrectly identified. He lives in Kansas City, Mo.

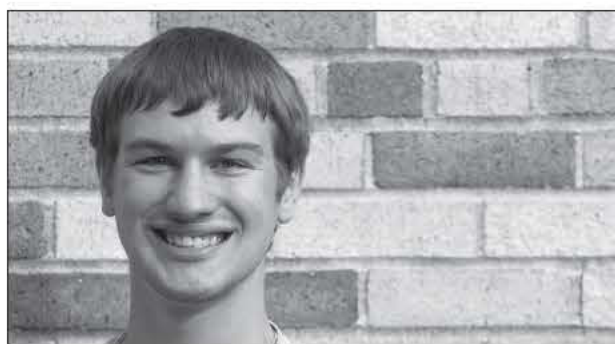
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Dispelling myths
about Tea Parties

When most people hear the words "tea party" they probably think about children playing house, or perhaps the original American demonstration that took place in colonial Boston in 1773. This was not the case on April 15. Who knew Tax Day could become a day to protest against government irresponsibility? While these Tea Parties were organized in the spirit of the Boston Tea Party, their premise was not "taxation without representation." The people who took part in the protests last Wednesday are a part of a growing number of Americans who are publicly voicing their displeasure with increased federal spending.

Contrary to the popular perception of MSNBC, CNN and the liberal blogosphere, this was a true grassroots movement brought about by non-profit organizations using the Internet to spread the word and organize possibly 2,000 events attended by up to 1 million people. There was no official organization by the National Republican Committee, no origins in Fox News and nobody was protesting the fact that the Democrats hold the majority control of the government.

The people at these "Taxed Enough Already" Parties were mostly present for one reason and one reason only: to demand the government stop excessively spending our tax money, along with money borrowed from overseas, while the government's ability to control our private-business sector grows and the national debt deepens.

Naturally, Obama's supporters repeated the all-to-familiar campaign promise that 95 percent of all Americans will receive a tax break. However, one little fact has been left out of the 95 percent tax-cut argument: The tax cuts enacted under President Bush will expire after 2010. Will President Obama extend these tax cuts or perhaps make them permanent? To the partygoers, the tax increases proposed in his budget don't indicate he'll stand behind such legislation. The initial outrage over President Obama's trillion-dollar budget proposal, coupled with the increased federal involvement in the private-business sector – unfortunately initiated by President Bush – and a realistic fear of higher taxes, has since grown into what we saw on April 15.

As of right now, additional Tea Parties are being planned for Independence Day. In a Rasmussen national telephone poll released Tuesday, 60 percent of Americans polled said that the federal government has "too much power and too much money." This doesn't appear to be a one-time nationwide flash mob. While the Tea Parties may have only represented a small portion of America, the fact that so many people met across the nation says something.

To me, the Tea Parties say there are Americans who have grown sick of the ever increasing \$11 trillion debt being piled onto their descendants, and the taxes that are helping to build that debt. They are the ones who refuse to give in to the continued Obama & Friends-will-save-us-all outlook on Obama and the Democrat's policies pushed by the national media, whether they voted for Obama or not.

How far this will all go remains to be seen, but don't expect the Tea Party movement to disappear anytime soon.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Avoid binge drinking
as a break from studying

The weekends are getting warmer, the end of the year is getting closer; the perfect time to hit up the nearest bar and/or house party and get drunk, right?

Not quite.

It is important to realize what most may use as a stress reliever and/or as a social activity should be taken seriously.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol is the most common abused and used drug in the United States among youth and more than 90 percent of that is consumed in the form of binge drinking.

College-aged students are a part of these statistics.

The CDC reported that binge drinking is highest with 18- to 20-year-olds at about 51 percent compared to other age groups.

Binge drinking is not a new concept, but it typically refers to men who consume five or more drinks or women who consume four or more drinks in a two-hour time span.

It is safe to say binge drinking takes place on just about every college campus; and it has its dangers, which can be anything from the mild, such as missing class to the severe, such as unsafe sexual activity, sexual assault and injuries.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimates that 25 percent of college students report academic problems because of drinking.

It also reports more than 400,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 have unprotected sex, more than 696,000 students in the same age group are assaulted and

"The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimates that 25 percent of college students report academic problems because of drinking."

599,000 students are unintentionally injured – all because of alcohol.

The consequences of binge drinking don't end there.

The CDC reported in 2005 that there were about 21,634 alcohol-related deaths in the United States, excluding accidents and homicides.

Furthermore, the NIAAA reports that about 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol related injuries including vehicle accidents.

Alcohol use and abuse is serious.

As the semester wraps up and you may want to take a night off from studying to relax and be social, just remember the consequences, because no one should become just another statistic.

For more alcohol-related statistics, check out www.cdc.gov and www.niaaa.nih.gov.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VIEW ON 'WAR' ALL WRONG

There's something so deeply anti-intellectual about Krystal Moya's column from Monday, which suggests that the last two weeks of every semester are the scene of a "war" in which students attempt to outflank cagey professors bent upon issuing low grades.

Is the relationship between professor and student as combative as this?

If that were the case, wouldn't professors then tend to view the failure of some students as a form of victory?

The fact is that we don't.

Professors are people who have dedicated their lives to informing others about subjects we find compelling enough to claim a lifetime's worth of attention, and when either through their ineptitude or our own, some students don't grok the material, we tend to view that outcome as our own defeat.

Reading Moya's set of recommendations for professors – that we give more quizzes to ensure our students are completing the assigned reading, that we require earlier proposals for final projects we can then more effectively micromanage, even that we collect (and then cor-

rect!) students' notebooks so as to ensure they are paying attention to what we say in class – makes me feel tired.

Note to Moya's beleaguered professors: drinks are on me after grades close next month.

They also make me glad I know so many students who are unwilling to similarly infantilize themselves, and who view the end of the semester as something more than a hunt for the ever-important A.

Chris Hanlon
Associate English professor

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ART OF SCULPTING



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Suzanne Drake, a junior 3-D art major, works on a plaster head sculpture in the sculpture art room in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Tuesday afternoon.

CAMPUS | REACTIONS

Students respond to diversity

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Minority groups on campus are sometimes accused of purposely separating themselves from the majority on campus.

Some students feel minority groups, such as the Black Student Union, the Asian-American Association and the Latin American Student Organization, serve a positive purpose for the campus community.

Kate Sullivan, a senior communications studies major, said she does not see a problem with minority organizations on campus.

"When it comes to some of the minority events on campus, I have a lot of friends who go to them," she said. "I think it is fun and another way to experience the culture."

Sullivan said people who have a problem with the organizations should experience some of the group's culture.

"If you think that it is a big issue then try to reach out to that group and get involved," she said.

TJ Rickey, a senior management information systems major, said he thinks minority groups are good for the entire campus community as a whole.

"I think any organization is a great idea and being with people

who are similar to you in any way possible," he said.

Rickey said exposure to others with similar beliefs and sense of culture is important.

"It's going to help every person in that group no matter what the group stands for," he said.

Lashawn Harris, a senior biology major, said minority groups on campus can give students a sense of belonging.

"If you are a minority and there is no minority organization, then you are going to feel that you are on campus by yourself," she said. "So, it's actually good for a support system."

When it comes to the debate about minority organizations isolating themselves from the majority on campus, Harris said she thinks some groups have a tendency to do that.

"I think it is wrong because as a whole we are EIU whether we are black, white, Hispanic, Latino," she said. "I think minority organizations do help, but at the same time they should have a more purpose to unify us."

Harris said to diversify the campus community, more minority organizations should come together.

"Not just minority meaning Black Student Union, or minority meaning Asian-American, but just minorities period, where they

have an event with all minorities present," she said.

Harris said overall she does feel Eastern is doing better when it comes to diversifying the campus.

"I am very happy with the progress, but if we keep trying to make ourselves available and embrace other cultures, then I think it will be better," she said.

Harris said students should also try experiencing other cultures.

"At a previous college, I was in All-Latin Alliance, and I am 100 percent, to my knowledge, African-American, but I learned their culture and they embraced me if I was Latin," she said.

Rickey said he also feels students should be aware of other cultures while they are on campus.

"This is important because students need to know what these groups stand for and to learn the cultures that Eastern shares," he says.

Rickey said in his hometown, he attended a college with only about 700 people.

"It was like 99.9 percent Caucasian," he said. "Coming out of there and coming to Eastern was not really a big change, but at the same time it was different. The earlier we can start seeing that not everyone is the same then the better off we can all be."

» Lincoln

FROM PAGE 1

He said Lincoln was someone who never stopped growing and learning from his mistakes.

Smith said Lincoln had an eloquence that has never been equaled as president and that Lincoln's is still important in history nearly a century and a half after his death.

"Lincoln had a political genius to master a situation," Smith said.

Smith finished his speech with a quote from W.E.B. DuBois where DuBois said he did not like Lincoln because he was perfect, but because he was not perfect yet still triumphed.

Smith is the director of the Lincoln Library in Springfield, which opened four years ago and has written books and opened museums about many past presidents.

Smith met former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar while they worked at the Gerald Ford Museum in Michigan together.

"I've known him for several years and heard him speak," Edgar said. "I love history and he makes it interesting and even non-history people enjoy him."

Nicole Mangiaracina, junior public relations studies major, said Smith held her attention for longer than a normal lecture would.

Several committee members of the Edgar Speaker Series at Eastern, along with Edgar himself, brought Smith to

"I've known him for several years and heard him speak. I love history and he makes it interesting and even non-history people enjoy him."

— Jim Edgar, former Illinois governor

campus.

Jill Nilsen, vice president of external relations and committee member, said she enjoyed how he told his stories as if he knew Lincoln in his speech.

Al Grosball, speaker series committee member, said no one had as much experience with presidential libraries as Smith.

"He has a perspective that few historians have," he said.

Smith has also served as director on the Hoover, Eisenhower, Reagan and Ford presidential libraries.

Grosball said Smith has shown on C-SPAN that he has amazing ability to communicate with his audience and tell insightful stories.

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» Salary

FROM PAGE 1

"Staying competitive in salaries is one of the main things we can do to attract and retain the best of the best," he said. "I mean, what do we have in Charleston, the beautiful scenery? The big city attractions?"

The average salary for an Eastern professor is \$86,000 annually. This does not include associate professors, assistant professors, or instructors. This is below seven master's institutions in Illinois and above 10. John Allison, Eastern chapter vice president, said it is important for Eastern to continue its process of becoming one of the best for faculty salaries, which it has begun over the last few years.

"With fewer faculty, quality in education suffers," he said. "One of Eastern's biggest sells is the student to teacher ratio, and when you cut that you lose appeal."

Both Delman and Allison said that as faculty numbers dissipate there are huge effects to the quality of education on the university. Class sizes enlarge, there is less attention for individual students, there are larger

workloads for professors that lead to less time to plan for their discipline, they cited. The AAUP also recognizes these consequences of large faculty cuts.

Delman and Allison said that UPI is unsure how the call to cut 2.5 percent of faculty will affect Eastern educationally.

"Really, it is too early to tell," Delman said. "But, I do think cuts could be made in many other ways that might not affect faculty, one of the hearts of this institution, as much."

Delman and Allison did want to caution the disparity in the numbers released by the AAUP, which openly printed that it had some non-inclusions. Factors like how long a member has been present and what discipline they tend to teach all affect salary amounts.


"It really is a matter that everyone should work together on to resolve and study," Delman said. "We all need more information on this but we can't forget about the alarm it has set off. This is an issue that deserves plenty of attention."

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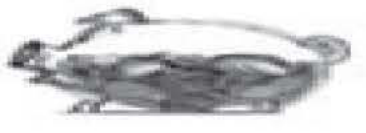
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LOCAL | MOONSHINE LUNCH RUN



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Motorcyclists arrive early Saturday in Moonshine, Ill., a township less than 40 miles away from Charleston. More than 700 motorcyclists traveled from all over the nation to get to the Moonshine Lunch Run. Moonshine consists of two people and one restaurant that serves “moonburgers,” which have been called the world’s best hamburgers by The Food Network.

No drive is too far for moonburgers

Motorcyclists are just a few of many who travel long distances to visit Moonshine, deemed to have the world’s best hamburgers

By **EMILY ZULZ**

Associate News Editor

When Terry Hammond was 8 years old, he met a long-distance motorcyclist that would influence the rest of his life.

Hammond and his father were at the gas station in Martinsville getting a tire changed when a long-distance rider pulled up.

“I’d never seen a guy like that in my life,” Hammond said. “You always saw the Harley guy. You saw this guy; you saw that guy.”

Hammond started firing away question after question at the rider.

He said the motorcyclist acted like Hammond was the president of the United States, and answered any question.

“And at the very end of the 20 minutes, he put his hand on my shoulder and he says, ‘I’ll tell you what, boy, you need to get a motorcycle, and I think you could be a long-distance rider.’”

From 8 years old on, all Hammond wanted to do was long-distance ride. And so Hammond became precisely what he always dreamed of. Hammond has traveled about 18,000 to 25,000 miles a year on long-distance trips on his motorcycle.

Then five years ago, Hammond, a farmer from Casey, started a motorcycle rally for long-distance riders — the Moonshine Lunch Run.

Moonshine, which has a population of two, is a small unincorporated community in Clark County. The entire town consists of one building — the Moonshine Store.

The store, built in 1912, is now owned by husband and wife Roylee and Helen Tuttle.

The store is known for their “moonburgers” which the owner before the Tuttles started.

The former record of hamburgers sold in one day at Moonshine was 858 burgers. That record was broken at the latest Moonshine Lunch Run on Saturday which sold 1,118 hamburgers.

About six years ago, Hammond listed the idea to make



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The world’s best hamburger can be prepared with bacon and topped with pickles, mustard and ketchup. Moonshine sold 1,118 hamburgers breaking its highest selling record on Saturday.

Moonshine one of those destinations on a motorcycle forum.

“Well they couldn’t even find it on the map,” he said.

He said some said, “I think this guy’s lying to us.”

Finally, Jerry “Blue Moon” Wagner, retired from the Navy, and decided to take a chance on Hammond.

He said he would drive up from Kentucky and meet Hammond at Moonshine.

Hammond suggested that Wagner first meet him at Casey and then Hammond could escort him to Moonshine.

Wagner was insistent he could find it with his GPS and naval experience, he said.

“I have been to Panama Canal and all over the world ... I think I can find a little store in the middle of nowhere,” Hammond remembered Wagner saying.

Hammond told him if he got lost to stop the first lawn mower or pick-up he saw for directions.

Wagner said he would meet Hammond there at 11 a.m.

Hammond was sure Wagner would not find the store

and got there early on the day in case he needed to go out and look for him.

When Hammond arrived, there Wagner sat with his blue motorcycle, in a blue jacket and holding a blue coffee cup.

“He took a sip of his coffee, and he went just like this, he goes, ‘I’ve been sitting here for 10 minutes deciding whether I was going to lie to you or tell you the truth. I’m going to tell you the truth. I have been down every gravel road in Clark County looking for this place and I couldn’t find it,’” Hammond said.

From that point on, they became good friends, and the next year the lunch run officially began.

Thirty people showed up the first year. The next year, 400 people showed up.

That number continued to rise, despite that the weather was getting worse and worse each year — until this year.

Saturday was the fifth Moonshine Lunch Run, and the skies were clear and sunny, with temperatures in the 70s.

“I knew when we’d have a day like this we would com-



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Moonshine reflects in the goggles of Jack Cole, Olney, Ill., who drove about 50 miles to get to Moonshine on Saturday. This was his fourth year to attend the Moonshine Lunch Run.

pletely blow up,” Hammond said.

About 700 or more motorcyclists showed up Saturday.

Line after line of motorcycles with their shining metal pulled up to Moonshine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for the infamous “moonburger.”

Every adjacent road was lined a quarter-mile long with almost every size, color and type of motorcycle.

One of the 700 motorcyclists to show up was Carole

“Womantriker” Helstrom, 64, of San Diego, Calif. Helstrom came from the farthest distance driving about 2,200 miles one-way.

This was her first time to Moonshine but her fourth motorcycle rally.

Helstrom started riding at 55 and many asked her if she was having a midlife crisis.

“But I thought about it, and after a long time thinking, I said, ‘No. I’m now getting to do the things that I would have

done were I not a single parent.’ I stopped skiing because I almost had a fall, and I said, ‘If I fall down, how’s my son gonna get home.’”

Riding has since provided an escape for Helstrom.

“I can’t explain it, but to be in the wind and to hear the birds and to smell the grass,” she said. “It’s as close to like a bird as you can get.”

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Astronomer to explain ‘stars that go bump in the night’

Mathieu will introduce stellar dynamics, stellar evolution during lecture

Staff Report

A visiting astronomer will explain what happens when stars collide as part of Eastern’s celebration of the International Year of Astronomy.

Robert Mathieu, professor and chair of the department of astronomy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will speak about “Stars That Go Bump in the Night!” at 7 p.m. today in the Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Science Building.

“We are fortunate, indeed, to have a scientist of Dr. Mathieu’s stature speaking at EIU,” said James Conwell, an Eastern physics professor who is organizing campus events for the International Year of Astronomy. “The topic of colliding and merging stars and the exotic objects that come forth should fascinate people of all ages.”

The lecture is free and open to the public.

“The distances between the stars are vast, and until recently, collisions between stars seemed highly unlikely,” Mathieu said. “Now, we think they happen quite frequently, particularly

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— Robert Mathieu, professor and chair of the department of astronomy at University of Wisconsin-Madison

when binary stars encounter each other within clusters of stars, and create stars that as yet are unexplained by standard stellar physics.

“These events bring together two classical fields of astronomy, stellar dynamics and stellar evolution. I will introduce the audience to the basics of both, and then embark on a journey into the wonderful worlds of star clusters and stellar collisions.”

The event is the latest in the yearlong celebration of the International Year of Astronomy, a worldwide commemoration of many historic astronomical achievements, including the 400th anniversary of Galileo’s first look through a telescope and

the 40th anniversary of man’s first steps on the moon.

Mathieu has served as president of the Board of Directors of the WIYN Observatory, and now chairs the University Committee of UW-Madison.

His research involves the formation and evolution of binary stars and the dynamics of star clusters.

He is also the principal investigator of an National Science Foundation project to upgrade the Student Assessment of Learning Gains instrument into a robust online tool suitable for evaluation use by individual instructors, entire departments, and developers of new teaching and learning approaches.



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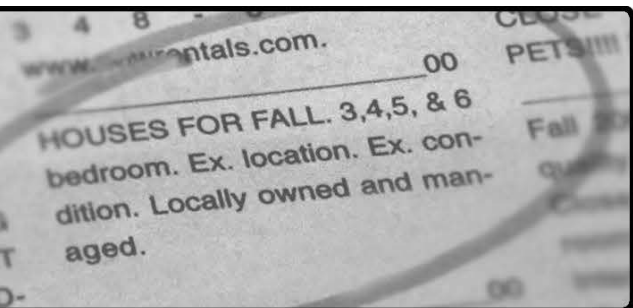
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FROM PAGE 12

At the Memphis Invitational competition, the Eastern men's and women's squads continued their strong season, with the men winning a team title and the women finishing in second. The Eastern men posted a score of 188.5 points, which was good enough for first place of the five NCAA Division I schools.

In individual events, Eastern athletes placed first in seven events

including sprinting, hurdling, jumping and throwing. In addition to the individual successes, the Eastern relay teams were also able to chip in with four victories.

On the men's side, freshmen DeMarcus Brooks and Zye Boey continued their strong season with dominant performances in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes. Brooks was able to edge Boey in the 100-meter dash in 10.33 seconds, compared to Boey's time of 10.35 seconds. Boey was able to get the win in the 200-meter dash 20.97 seconds, while

Brooks finished in 21.12 seconds.

Both runners' times in the two events broke the NCAA regional standard.

Also contributing on the men's side was sophomore thrower Tyler Arnholt, who won the discus throw with a personal best throw of 166 feet, 6 inches. The throw was good enough to place Arnholt in 10th all-time on the Eastern career list.

Junior jumper Ian Winston won the high jump event with a jump of 6'8.75".

Not to be outdone was the perfor-

mance of the Eastern women's track team, which placed second at the Memphis Invitational.

Their finish at the Memphis Invitational was the second time this season the women's team has placed second at an invitational (Indiana State Invite). Red-shirt freshman Megan Gingerich placed second in the 800-meter run 2 minutes, 14.69 seconds, which was good enough to secure her seventh place on the Eastern career-list in the event.

Not to be forgotten has been the consistent effort of junior thrower

Kandace Arnold.

Arnold finished second at the Memphis Invitational in the shot put, with a throw of 47'0.25", which marked the fourth time this season Arnold has broken the NCAA Regional mark in the shot put.

If the Eastern track and field athletes continue to perform with the consistency that they have displayed to this point in the season, than this truly could be a season to remember.

Neil Schneider can be reached at 581-7944 or at jnschneider@eiu.edu.

» Blast

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Saint Louis beat the Panthers 5-4 on Feb. 27 in Evansville, Ind., at the Evansville Tournament, and the Panthers took a 12-8 decision March 31 in St. Louis.

Eastern continues its home stretch today at 3 p.m. against Bradley.

The Braves will most likely throw freshman right-hander Justin

Ziegler against the Panthers.

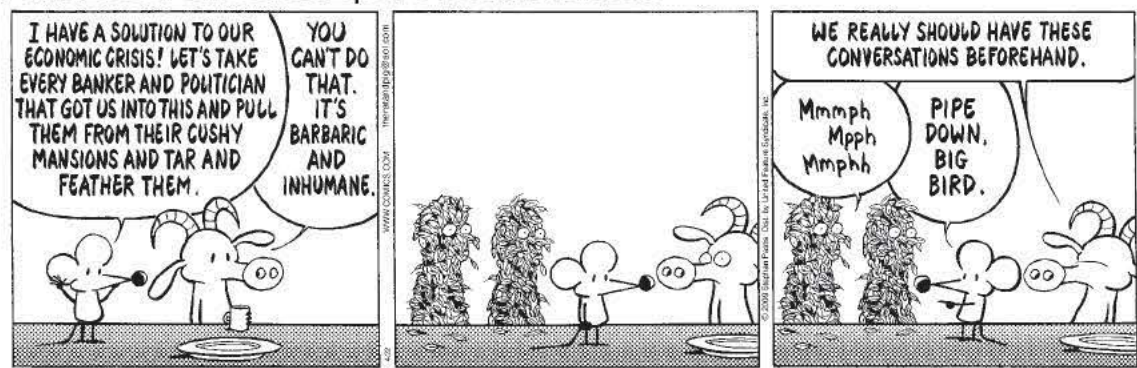
Eastern will counter with sophomore right-hander Matt Miller.

The Braves (18-19) are coming off a 3-2 loss in 10 innings against Evansville in Peoria. The Braves also lost the series against Evansville.

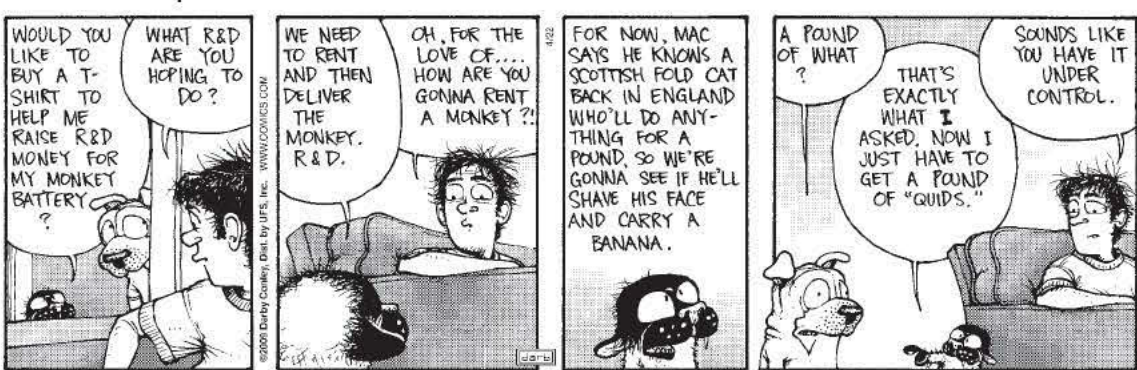
After today's game, the Panthers will play Division III Illinois College at 3 p.m. Thursday at Coach's Stadium.

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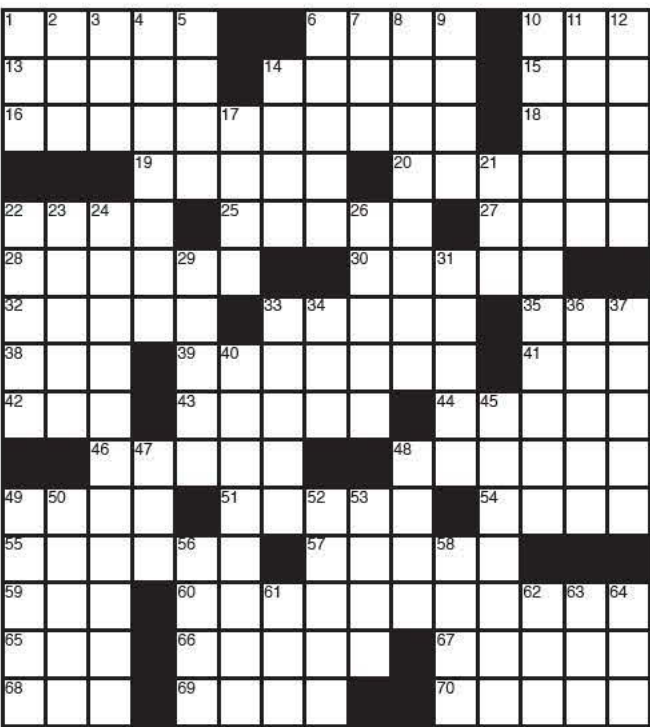
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- 1 Parroting sorts
 - 6 Stud on a stud farm
 - 10 Good name, casually
 - 13 Venue for some clowns
 - 14 Word before city or child
 - 15 Basis for some discrimination
 - 16 Mystery desserts?
 - 18 Thing to roll over, in brief
 - 19 East ____, U.N. member since 2002
 - 20 Central part
 - 22 Oscar winner Sorvino
 - 25 Acquired relative
 - 27 Musical with the song "Mr. Mistoffelees"
 - 28 Equal to, with "with"
 - 30 O.K. to do
 - 32 Orange feature
 - 33 Bates's business, in film
 - 35 Video shooter, for short
 - 38 Direction from K.C. to Detroit
 - 39 Stir up
 - 41 __-lda (Tater Tots maker)
- DOWN
- 1 Top end of a scale
 - 43 Miming dances
 - 44 Visibly frightened
 - 46 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
 - 48 High-hats
 - 49 Soprano Gluck
 - 51 Refrain syllables
 - 54 "Spare me!", e.g.
 - 55 Place for a lark
 - 57 Winter coat feature
 - 59 Diamond corner
 - 60 Sculler's affliction?
 - 65 Time of anticipation
 - 66 First-rate
 - 67 Many an art film
 - 68 __ judicata
 - 69 Hebrides isle
 - 70 Take as one's own



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- 8 Period of seven days without bathing?
- 9 Gaelic tongue
- 10 What the sky might do in an inebriate's dream?
- 11 Everglades denizen
- 12 Belfry sounds
- 14 Pic to click
- 17 Mideast V.I.P.
- 21 Zenith competitor
- 22 "Impression, Sunrise" painter
- 23 Cockamamie
- 24 Illustrations for a Poe poem?
- 26 Choir voices
- 29 Leader of the pack
- 31 Pick up bit by bit
- 33 Place for a crown
- 34 In vitro items
- 36 Mountain ridge
- 37 Group with a meeting of the minds?
- 40 Employment in Munchkinland?
- 45 Choir voice
- 47 Inflate, in a way
- 48 Spilled the beans
- 49 Honey-hued
- 50 Take a powder
- 52 Sitcom with the catchphrase "Kiss my grits!"
- 53 __ sausage
- 56 Tolkien beasts
- 58 "Beowulf," e.g.
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PANTHER BRIEFS

Tennis sponsoring spring clinic in May

Eastern head tennis coach John Blackburn is planning a special one-day Spring Tennis Clinic to be held May 3 for youths ages 7 to 18, according to a press release from Eastern's sports information.

Players of all abilities are encouraged to attend the informative clinic, which will take place between 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Darling Courts (or in the Lantz Fieldhouse because of inclement weather) and costs \$75 per participant.

The purpose of the special clinic is to raise funds for Eastern assistant coach Andres Weisskopf, who is an active member of the El Salvador's Davis Cup Team, and who has been invited to participate in the prestigious World University Games in Belgrade, Serbia.

One hundred percent of the funds raised will support his training, preparation and travel expenses.

"We're really excited for Andres to have this opportunity to represent his home country, it's a big honor, so we're going to give 100

percent of the proceeds of the clinic to support his travel and training," Blackburn said. "This will be a great clinic that will focus on stroke mechanics and tactics that will be perfect for junior players of all ages and levels of play."

Blackburn and a staff of current and former Eastern varsity tennis players and coaches will be in charge of the clinic, which will also feature detailed instruction on proper tennis mechanics, match play tactics and mental toughness. The clinic will be the perfect environment to learn the fundamentals of the game, as well as prepare for U.S. Tennis Association tournaments and high school tennis.

For more info, please contact Blackburn at 581-3326 or at jblackburn@eiu.edu.

Deadline to register is April 30.

Romo wins golf tournament in Illinois

Former Eastern quarterback and current Dallas Cowboys Tony Romo won the Will County Ama-

teur Golf Championship at Balmoral Woods Country Club in Crete.

Romo fired a three-under-par 69 Sunday to claim the event and finished with a 4-under par 140 at the par 72, 6,700-yard course.

Huber scores in West Virginia Power win

Although former Eastern baseball player Erik Huber had been playing the outfield in the minor league system, he returned to first base.

Huber is batting .250 through nine games with the Class A West Virginia Power.

He has scored six runs on seven hits. He has four 4 RBIs, including one home run. He has an on-base percentage of .333.

On Monday night, Huber went 1-for-3 with a run and was hit by a pitch. The Power (3-9) started a four-game series against the Bowling Green Hot Rods Tuesday night.

The West Virginia Power is a

Class A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Huber made his full-season debut with Class A Hickory, hitting .259 (125-for-483) with 12 home runs and 60 RBIs in 127 games in 2008.

He played in 45 games for Class A Short-Season State College, hitting .227 (34-for-150) in 2007.

He was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 12th round (368th overall) of the 2007 amateur entry Draft.

Haines signs with Camden Riversharks

Former Eastern baseball player Kyle Haines is now a member of the Camden Riversharks. Haines was a member of the Triple A Lehigh Valley IronPigs' roster at the start of the season, but did not play in a single game.

Haines signed with the Camden Riversharks, an independent member of the Atlantic league, based out of Camden, N.J.

The Riversharks begin their sea-

son Thursday at the Somerset Patriots.

Anderson-Hammond update in pro soccer

Former Eastern assistant women's soccer coach Jenny Anderson-Hammond is a member of the Women's Professional Soccer league.

SkyBlue FC earned its second point with a 1-1 tie against WPS member, the Chicago Red Stars. SkyBlue FC (0-1-2) is in fifth place in the WPS.

Anderson-Hammond has played in one match this season and has taken one corner kick on the young season. The team is a member of the Women's Professional Soccer league, which is a newly formed professional soccer league looking to replace the Women's United Soccer Association that ceased operations in 2003.

—Compiled by Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. He can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Galligan hires agent

By **COLLIN WHITCHURCH**
Assistant Sports Editor

Rachel Galligan has taken the next step toward becoming a professional basketball player.

The Eastern women’s basketball senior forward hired agent Tom Cross last week, which, not coincidentally, is the same agent as Panthers head coach Brady Sallee.

Galligan said the fact that he is Sallee’s agent made her confident in selecting him, but Sallee said all he did was give her Cross’ contact information.

“I’ve known him for a long time, and he represents a lot of kids so all I did was really give her his information,” Sallee said. “She kind of took the ball and ran with it. I just told her to pick someone she was comfortable with and once you do, let him go to work and that’s what she did.”

Galligan said speaking to Cross made her confident that he would be able to find a team for her overseas.

She said he represents women basketball players in Spain, France, Italy, Russia and Israel.

Cross sent out highlight tapes to a number of teams overseas, and Galligan said she will have a better idea of where she could be headed by mid-May or early June.

Sallee said there would likely be no concern over if she were able to get signed.

“I honestly don’t think it’s a matter of if, but when,” he said. “She’ll get over there. (Cross) will get her in a good situation and the rest will be up to her. That’s all you can ask.”

Carpenter will remain with team, only as manager

Sophomore guard Jerika Carpenter is no longer a member of the women’s basketball team, Sallee said Tuesday.

Carpenter will remain with the Panthers as a team manager, but will no longer be part of the team’s active roster.



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Eastern senior forward Rachel Galligan jumps up for a shot against Austin Peay at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament March 7 in Nashville, Tenn. She hired agent Tom Cross to help her basketball career overseas.

She played in three games as a sophomore, averaging 1.7 minutes per game and did not score.

As a freshman, she played three games and averaged two points per game in 17 minutes of action.

Sallee would not comment on the reason Carpenter is no longer on the team.

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MEN’S AND WOMEN’S GOLF | NOTEBOOK

Teams to play on familiar courses

By **DAN CUSACK**
Staff Reporter

Both the Eastern men’s and women’s golf teams will play on courses for the first time for the Ohio Valley Conference tournaments.

The women, who play Thursday through Saturday at the Crooked Creek Golf Course in London, Ky., will get their first look at the course when they arrive Wednesday.

They will play a practice round Wednesday and begin the tournament Thursday. The men’s team will play at The Shoals Golf Course in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Last season, the women’s team held its conference tournament at Muscle Shoals.

Junior Katie Imburgia said she kept a yardage book from the course and has been talking to the men’s team about the different holes.

“I played there over the spring break and still have a score book, so I made some copies for them,” Imburgia said. “It is a great course, and I know they will do well on it.”

Senior Matt Davis said he has talked to the women and heard the course is tough.

He said he will look at the book on the way to the tournament.

Teams work on short game

Senior Carrie Riordan said she thinks the team’s short game has improved entering the OVC Tournament.

The team has been playing round-robin 18 holes and head-to-head match-ups, which she thinks gives the Panthers a lot of work.

“We play 18 rounds with every girl, and whoever is closest to the hole wins the point,” Riordan said. “After each hole we tell coach our scores. It gets really competitive because we all want to do our best, and we all want to win.”

Riordan played her best this spring at Eastern’s last tournament. She finished third with a score of 154 (+12), which gave her a third-place finish.

For her efforts, Riordan was the only other player in the conference

to be named a nominee for the OVC Women’s Golfer of the Week.

She said it felt great and that it would be a big boast for her especially going into conference.

The Eastern’s women’s golf team is familiar with golfer of the week as Imburgia was given the award two weeks ago.

The men’s team won a triangular meet Friday against Chicago State and Southern Illinois Edwardsville at the Mattoon Country Club.

“It was good to play at a familiar course and win,” Davis said. “It helps having competition and playing well.”

League outlook

Coming into the OVC Tournament, Jacksonville State’s women golf team has four of the top six lowest golfers in the league.

Portia Abbott is has the lowest fall average with 74.4 in 25 rounds of play. Laura Cutler of JSU is third in the league with a 78 average in 25 rounds, Ashley Cox is fourth with a 78.1 average.

Despite having four of the lowest averages, Murray State has the lowest team average of the fall season. Murray State’s team average is 312.8 in 26 rounds of play, while JSU is averaging 313 in 22 rounds.

Eastern’s lowest golfer on the women’s side is Imburgia with a score of 79.9 per round.

Eastern is ranked eighth out of ninth in team average with a team average of 321.7 in 16 rounds.

Imburgia said she was worried when she saw where Eastern was ranked in the conference, but that the team plays better than their average later in the year.

“We are not that much behind a lot of other teams, so I think we have a chance,” Imburgia said.

Murray State and Eastern Kentucky are neck and neck on the men’s side with team averages within a point of each other.

Eastern Illinois junior Matt Bird is tied with the 12th best average in the conference with a 74.3.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 10, SAINT LOUIS 6

Tokarz's blast leads Panthers

Panthers hit six home runs in victory

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, breaking a six-all tie and leading the Eastern baseball team to a 10-6 victory against Saint Louis Tuesday at Coaches Stadium.

Tokarz drove a 3-1 offering from Billikens senior right-hander Chaz Salembier (2-2) over the fence in centerfield, scoring senior left fielder Curt Restko and freshman right fielder Zach Borenstein, who had both singled.

"He was throwing me all fastballs," said Tokarz, who leads the team with 12 long balls. "He threw me pretty much the same pitch 3-1 as he did 2-0, so I was looking for the same pitch and I got a good one to hit and it carried out of here."

The home run gave the Panthers (28-8) the win on a back-and-forth day that saw the lead change hands six times. Nine of the Panthers' 10 runs came off home runs, the only exception being an RBI single by junior first baseman Alex Gee in the bottom of the eighth following Tokarz's home run and a single by senior third baseman Zach Skid-

more.

The win snapped Eastern's first losing streak of the season at two games.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said he was pleased with what his team brought after a lackluster weekend against Jacksonville State.

"We seemed a little tired this weekend," he said. "This is what I call a pick-me-up game. We just picked each other up. This is what we did early on, and I think we kind of went back and referred to that."

The Panthers hit six home runs in the game. Along with Tokarz, they got two home runs apiece from Skidmore and senior shortstop Jordan Kreke. Borenstein hit the team's other home run.

Junior right-hander Richie Derbak picked up the win for Eastern to improve to 5-2 on the season. He finished the game with 2 2/3 innings, giving up two runs and four hits.

Senior right-hander Brian Morrell started for the Panthers and went five innings, giving up two earned runs on two hits.

He walked three and struck out a career-high eight Saint Louis batters.

The win gives the Panthers a season-series victory against the Billikens (20-2).

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Senior infielder Jordan Tokarz throws the ball to the pitcher during the game against Saint Louis Tuesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

SOFTBALL | NOTEBOOK

Eastern softball game canceled against Illinois

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Tuesday's game between the Eastern and Illinois softball teams was canceled. The game was supposed to be played at 6 p.m. at Williams Field.

"Due to a combination of weather, temperature and field conditions, today's game has unfortunately been cancelled," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette in a press release.

Both Schuette and Illinois head coach Terri Sullivan agreed that calling the game between the two schools was in the best interest of all involved.

Eastern has had only four games canceled this season. Last season, the Panthers had 15 games canceled.

"I thought when I first started coaching I thought I could challenge Mother Nature," Schuette said.

The Panthers return to action against Ohio Valley Conference teams when they play Southeast Missouri in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. Thursday at Williams Field.

Among elite in league

The Panthers (24-19, 8-6 OVC) are in third in the OVC.

Several players have a lot to do why they are in third place.

Eastern sophomore third baseman Kiley Holtz and Eastern junior right fielder Denee' Menzione are in the top 10 in multiple OVC rank-



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Eastern freshman left fielder Hayley Pieper throws to the infield after making a catch in the outfield during the first game of a doubleheader Saturday afternoon against Morehead State at Williams Field.

ings.

Menzione is ranked fifth in home runs this season (7), and Holtz is ranked eighth in home runs as well

(6).

Menzione ranks second in the league with 23 walks, which is tied for fourth all-time in a season at

Eastern.

Menzione's 28 runs ranks eighth in the OVC. Holtz and Menzione rank fourth and fifth in the league in RBIs.

Coppert moves up list

Eastern senior shortstop Sarah Coppert has moved up into the top 10 in many Eastern career records.

The Kaneland graduate is eighth all-time in hits (171), fourth all-time in doubles (34), tied for 11th in home runs (5), sixth all-time in RBIs (79), fourth in runs (112), fifth in stolen bases (56), eighth in walks (55) and eighth in at-bats (597).

She is fourth in the league with 16 stolen bases. Her 29 runs rank sixth in the OVC.

Danca goes to grad school

Eastern red-shirt junior center fielder Angie Danca is going to use her red-shirt year.

Although Danca is set to graduate in May, she has been accepted to Eastern's graduate school in kinesiology.

Danca is batting .302 this season with two triples, which ranks fifth in the OVC this season. She also has 34 stolen bases, which ranks eighth all-time at Eastern. Danca's 11 stolen bases this season rank 11th in the OVC this season.

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Eastern 10, Saint Louis 6
Eastern Kentucky 11, Xavier 6
Murray State 13, Memphis 7
Southeast Missouri 9, Evansville 5
Cincinnati 10, Morehead State 5
C. Missouri 4, S. Illinois Edwardsville 2
Ohio Valley Conference teams

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Tennessee Martin 11, Belmont 2
Tennessee Martin 7, Belmont 4
Morehead State 7, Ball State 5
S. Illinois Edwardsville 4, W. Illinois 1
W. Illinois 4, S. Illinois Edwardsville 0
Jacksonville State 4, Kennesaw State 2
Ohio Valley Conference teams

NHL

Detroit 4, Columbus 1
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1

MLB

Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2
Texas 5, Toronto 4



NEIL SCHNEIDER

Track continues to impress

To say that the Eastern men's and women's track and field teams have been having some success this season would be an understatement.

Out of five outdoor events this season, the Eastern track and field squads have finished no worse than second in overall team standings.

Last month, both squads placed second in the Indiana State Invite, while most recently the squads have finished first in both the Western Illinois Lee Calhoun meet and the Memphis Invitational competition.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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