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UNIVERSITY | INTERVIEWS

Expect decision by April

Final candidate interviewed yesterday for vice president for business affairs

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

Donald Chrusciel, the final candidate for the vice president for business affairs position, used his personality to answer questions at last night's open campus forum.

The forum, which took place from 4 p.m. to just after 5 p.m. in Booth Library Room 4440, was open to faculty, staff and students, although no students attended.

Chrusciel was asked how others would describe his personality and management style.

"Direct! They would describe him as direct," said Robert Augustine, dean of the Graduate School and chair of the search committee.

Chrusciel and others in attendance laughed, but solidifying Augustine's claim, Chrusciel jumped into the core of the question.

"I think they would say I harp on success and development," said the associate director of Facilities Planning and Management at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. "They would say, 'He's got his mantra: Are you successful? And before you can even answer that, he adds how do you measure that success.' From there I want to know where are their development and training gaps."

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ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Donald Chrusciel, candidate for vice president for business affairs, responds to questions during Monday afternoon's open session in Booth Library Room 4440.

LOCAL | CRIME

Sharp spike in alcohol violations last year

Alcohol purchases by minors jumped from 469 to 726

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

The number of minors charged with alcohol violations by the Charleston Police Department rose sharply in 2008, according to the department's newly released annual report.

From 2007 to 2008, the number of cases of "purchase or acceptance of alcohol by a minor" jumped from 469 to 726, according to the report.

Increased police patrols designed to enforce alcohol laws are responsible for the increase, said Police Chief Mark Jenkins.

"This past school year, we've been putting extra guys on patrol ... looking for open and blatant alcohol consumption," Jenkins said. "Definitely what we don't want is kids ... walking around the community with open alcohol containers."

While stopping public alcohol consumption is a high priority for Charleston police, busting house parties and small gatherings is not, Jenkins said.

"We don't make contact at parties unless we get a complaint," Jenkins said.

Consequently, the number of people charged with "possession of a keg without a permit" increased

"We get an underage kid and we start questioning them about where they got the cup ... and they usually tell us!"

— **Mark Jenkins, Charleston police chief**

from three cases in 2007 to four in 2008 and "sale of alcohol without a license" increased from three cases in 2007 to four in 2008.

When police do investigate a party, they look for minors, Jenkins said.

"We're looking for underage kids," Jenkins said. "We get an underage kid, and we start questioning them about where they got the cup ... and they usually tell us."

That caused the number of people charged with "gift or sale of alcohol to a minor" to increase from eight cases in 2007 to 49 in 2008.

Jenkins also said violations counted in the annual report do not include crimes charged by the University Police Department.

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NATION | TECHNOLOGY

New technology brings pros and cons

Electronic aggression caused by today's emerging technology

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

With new technology emerging fast, students are able to meet new people as they stay in contact with the old and gain knowledge at a faster pace.

While recent technology has its benefits, some issues still need to be dealt with.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recognized a new health risk for students called "electronic aggression."

Electronic aggression, also known as internet bullying, is described by the CDC as "any type of harassment or bullying such as teasing, telling lies, making fun of someone, making rude or mean comments, spreading rumors, or making threatening or aggressive comments."

These actions could take place in a chat room, e-mail, instant message, social web sites and/or text messaging.

Melanie Mills, graduate program coordinator for communication studies, said bullying is nothing new, but the online environment is.

"There are some differences in this environment that can make it particularly nasty," she said. "In this online environment, it is fairly easy to assume someone else's identity and behave badly."

Mills said bullying is more about the bully than the actual victim.

"What I mean is that bullies behave the way they do in order to elevate themselves at someone else's expense, which is immature and often reflects esteem issues," she said.

Mills said some bad behaviors do not merit a response.

"You can choose to ignore behavior that doesn't deserve any attention, but this is hard to do if you feel wronged," she said. "I think it is important to ask yourself, 'Do I need to dignify this with a response?' And if the answer is yes, then I would recommend doing (the response) face-to-face with witnesses."

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CAMPUS | UPGRADES

Gregg Computer Lab gets redesign

New layout, name developed after survey

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

The Gregg Computer Lab received a name change and a redesign earlier this month. A banner near its entrance now reads "Gregg Technology Center," and the inside has seen several layout changes.

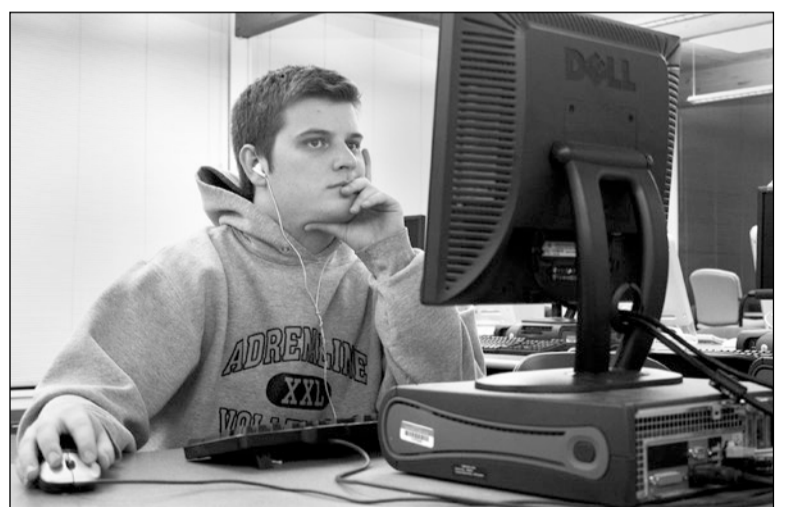
Don Braswell, Gregg Computer Lab coordinator, and his staff made the changes after a student survey approved a new design to become more "student-friendly" and increase student usage.

The Academic Technology Advisory Committee had a sub-committee, the Gregg Computer Lab Committee, report to it to see if the technologies at Gregg needed replacing.

Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs and a member of the Gregg Computer Lab Committee, helped distribute a survey to students. She said they wanted to make it more student-friendly because it is the largest campus computer lab.

To encourage student participation in the survey, three participants won 100 pages of free printing.

The survey period went on until Feb. 10.



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kevin O'Connell, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, works at a computer in the Gregg Computer Lab on Monday night. O'Connell said he likes working there better than the library because he can always get a computer and there is more space.

The redesign to the lab moved the long rows of computers previously in place into a horseshoe-like shape. This opened space up for two tables to become a collaboration area.

"I like the fact that they do have study tables because that was something they were missing," said Willie Morris, an English graduate student.

Rashida Cowan, a sophomore journalism major, prefers the old layout, but said she sees positives in the new one.

"This layout is decent, but I liked the long way before because it gave you more stretched-out space and more Apple computers," Cowan said.

The back area's wall was also taken down, exposing the multimedia area. Braswell said students before did not use the multimedia area frequently because the wall blocked it from students' view. Since then, usage increased.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>TUESDAY</p>  <p>42° 29° Partly Cloudy SE 5-10/15</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>50° 41°</p>
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WEATHER BRIEF

Warmer conditions on the way. Daytime temperatures will reach into the mid 50s by Thursday with a chance of rain on Wednesday night into Thursday.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Practice makes perfect



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Milton Allen, director of bands and instrumental division director, conducts EIU's Wind Symphony through a piece by Gustav Holst on Monday afternoon in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's band rehearsal room.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Women still struggle for equality

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Women are not the only ones involved in the process of getting the Equal Rights Amendment ratified in the United States Constitution. Some men have a strong connection to it as well.

"Men realize that this is a family and not just a female issue," said Emily Battin, former president for the Business and Professional Women.

Rep. Lou Lang, D-Ill., brings up the Equal Rights Amendment every year.

Battin spoke at 7 p.m. Monday in the Lumpkin Auditorium for the "The Equal Rights Amendment: Not Just a Blast from the Past" presentation. Battin discussed how the Equal Rights Amendment does not grant any rights not already there for women; it just provides a way to bring them forward.

"There are plenty of people who think the work is done," Battin said. "We have come a long way, but we have got a longer way to go."

However, these only mention "people" and not "women."

The Fourteenth Amendment gave African Americans the privileg-



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Emily Battin speaks of different countries that have Equal Rights Amendments compared to the U.S. Monday in the Lumpkin Auditorium.

es of American citizenship and the Fifteenth Amendment stopped the denial of the right to vote on the basis of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

In 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment was passed, giving women the right to vote.

Because of the slow progress for a federal Equal Rights Amendment, 21 states have passed an Equal Rights Amendment in their state constitu-

tion, Illinois included.

She brought up statistics about sexual harassment and discrimination in the military that said nearly one in three respondents of all ages say they have been taken advantage of sexually. She also brought up another statistic that said one in four women are sexually harassed or raped in general.

Also in the presentation, Battin said Washington and Connecticut are the best states for women's rights and

New Mexico and Louisiana are the worst.

The amendment failed in 1982, but is brought up again every year.

There are 15 unratified states in the U.S. Constitution dealing with the Equal Rights Amendment, with Illinois being one.

To be ratified, it means they have agreed to put that amendment into the Constitution.

Thirty-eight states are needed for the amendment to pass and 35 have ratified it so far.

Samantha Lynch, president of the Business and Professional Women on campus, said the presentation showed that people care about the Equal Rights Amendment.

"Some people don't know about these issues," she said. "I think it is important for people to know this is still an issue."

Mary Nance Miller, of the Coles County chapter of Business and Professional Women, helped bring Battin to Eastern.

"I think it will benefit women on campus and in the community," she said.

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LOCAL | MEETING

Conference to offer energy solutions

By JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

In an effort to help Illinoisans save energy and develop new technology, Lake Land College in Mattoon is holding its second annual Energy Innovation Conference on Feb. 25-27.

David Turnbull, a bioscience instructor at Lake Land College and the event's organizer, said the conference is designed for ordinary citizens, businesspeople and city government leaders.

"It's not a research conference

where it's people talking about what they're doing in the lab," Turnbull said. "These are people that are talking about practical solutions for your home, your business, your community."

The conference is scheduled to include about 30 presentations on topics ranging from "Wind Turbine Financing" and "The Future of Ethanol" to "Reducing Your Energy Costs" and "Residential Geothermal."

Although some presentations are free, admission to the full three-day conference costs \$50, Turnbull said.

Participants who sign up soon

could register for free.

"We have a sponsor that offered to pay for some people's registration, and there are a few slots open for that," Turnbull said.

The free portions of the conference include keynote addresses Wednesday on alternative energy by Chuck Hartke, former state Senator and former director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 1 p.m. and "Home Remedies and Cost Savings" by Doug Rye, national energy consultant, at 4 p.m.

Both will speak in the Lake Land College Theater.

Turnbull said the college will also host an electrical goods recycling program all day Wednesday and Thursday.

He said anyone can drop off televisions, computers, calculators, printers or other electrical goods at the Lake Land campus.

"If anyone has ... anything electrical, they can drop it off at the college," he said. "Normally, you have to pay a fee..., but this (drop-off) is free."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Career Services offers Mock Interviews

Mock Interviews will be available for education majors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Career Services, 1301 Human Services Center.

Appointments are required, but the cost is free. Call 581-2412 to make an appointment.

Resume critiques available today

A resume critique will be available for education majors preparing for the Mid-America Educators' Job Fair. The critique will be from 6 to 7 p.m. today in Buzzard Hall, Room 1430. Bring a jump drive to save one's work. For more information, contact Kelli Brosam at 581-2412 or kbrosam@eiu.edu.

Ringuette interviews for dean position today

Dana Ringuette, English department chair, will interview today and Wednesday for the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities position.

A social with the campus and community will be held as part of the interview process from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. today in the 1895 room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. All are welcome to attend.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

Charles Kyle, 23, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a 2:07 a.m. Wednesday arrest at Ninth and Cleveland streets, the University Police Department said.

A theft was reported at Alpha Sigma Tau on Wednesday, police said.

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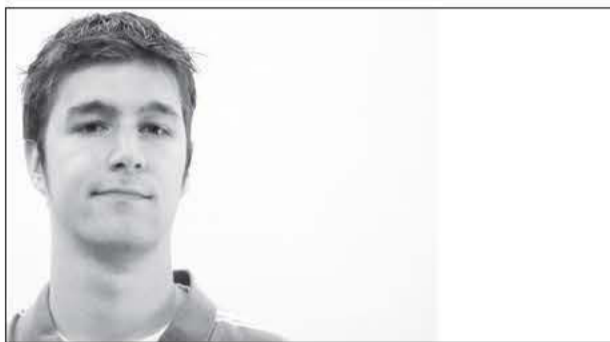
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Government creates
more problems

If history teaches us anything, the proverbial slippery slope, although not a logically pure idea, is a reality. People get swept away by any number of factors that do not make a whole lot of sense.

There is a certain category of laws Jesse Ventura fondly refers to as "stupid laws" – laws created simply to keep stupid people from doing stupid things. Now and again you will hear about one, such as a Massachusetts proposal to ban metal hooks used to hold things at places like Radio Shack. A California lawmaker wanted to ban holding pets while driving. Last year, an Illinois lawmaker proposed banning aluminum baseball bats from youth games. Spanking bans are proposed now and again. Now, we have governments telling us what we can eat: California banned trans-fats in restaurants.

Sure, one could make a case for any of these laws. However, there is something larger at play with the proliferation of laws designed to take responsibility away from people.

When we make these laws, it takes a bit of the already light burden of common sense away from people and makes them a little more dependent on the government.

It goes from silly to something of serious concern when a key piece of Barack Obama's economic agenda includes a credit card and mortgage rating systems, which takes basic economic responsibility away from people.

Will this encourage people to be more financially responsible?

It goes from silly to scary when people like Chicago Mayor Richard Daley promise cameras on every street corner within eight years; when there is federal legislation pending that would force internet service providers to store information about everyone's Internet activity for two years to fight child pornography.

It's scary when U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has advocated restricting speech on the Internet since his time in the Clinton administration; when Rep. Henry Waxman said last week that the federal government should stick its hands into political discourse on the Internet, make sure it's "fair."

To this day, Obama's campaign site says that he wants to clarify the "public interest obligations of broadcasters." We have a president who never paid lip service to the Second Amendment until he ran for office.

His ex-appointee Tom Daschle's health care plan was to ration care to the elderly. We'll put the Patriot Act to shame.

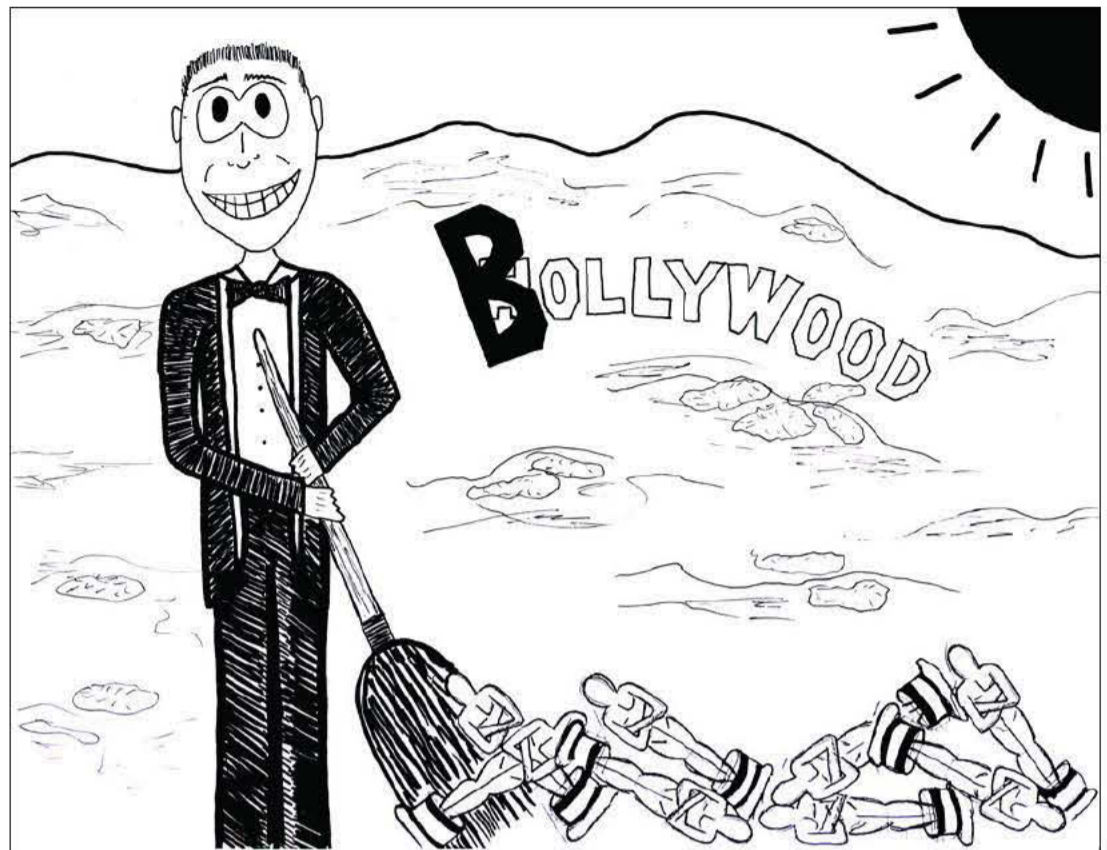
In the face of government-created problems and the housing crash-created recession, we get the scare tactics Obama derided during his campaign in a frantic effort to pass a bill the Congressional Budget Office says will do more harm than doing nothing at all.

Next, we will be scared into accepting massive, job-killing tax hikes on small businesses and corporations so that we can pay for spending that we didn't need in the first place.

Government creates problems. We ask the government for solutions. They inevitably make it worse and take away our rights in the bargain. The history of humanity repeats itself.

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Drawn from the News | Alycia Rockey



STAFF EDITORIAL

To Sen. Roland Burris:
Get out and stay out

It's like some kind of horror movie.

Just when you thought it was safe to trust Illinois politicians, one man weaseled his way into the United States Senate. Oh Roland Burris, what are we going to do with you?

After vehemently denying any association with the pay-to-play scandal surrounding former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, sources have confirmed you did in fact contribute to the disgraced governor's second gubernatorial campaign.

That's a bit of a pickle you're in there, Roland.

And let's be honest, you aren't really helping Illinois' image at all.

In a Dec. 9 press conference, federal prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald called Illinois one of the most corrupt states in the nation following Blagojevich's arrest.

"The conduct would make Lincoln roll over in his grave," Fitzgerald said in regards to the pay-to-play scandal.

Yet, while the governor still had the power to name you as President Barack Obama's Senate replacement, you maintained your innocence and said you had absolutely no part in the scandal.

Then it was discovered that you had in fact contributed money to Blagojevich's chief fundraiser, his brother Robert Blagojevich.

Your face must be awfully red.

Even with Illinois higher-ups like Gov. Pat Quinn and Sen. Dick Durbin calling for your resignation, you remain steadfast in your innocence and will fight it to the bitter end.

And oh, how bitter it will be if you give the Senate the opportunity to remove you yourselves.

No good can come from this attitude of self-rightness you put forward, Roland.

The Senate is against you. Illinois is against you.

There is no way you can possibly expect to walk away from

"If these allegations are true . . . then it is time for you to count your losses and get out of the Senate while you still have some unlikely shred of credibility."

this controversy without catastrophic damage on your political career.

You have no one to blame but yourself.

Tell us, Roland, how did you expect to get away with something like this?

Did you really think you could hide this fact forever without any whistleblowers coming forward to expose you for who you really are?

How could you possibly expect to make Illinois a better place, free from the corruption and greed of the Chicago machine, while basing your pleas with Congress on the lies and greed passed on from your good friend Blago?

And now, Roland, you don't have just a federal jury and the United States government to answer to.

We the people of Illinois demand an explanation.

If these allegations are true – if you really did donate and raise funds for Blagojevich to "curry favor with him" – then it is time for you to count your losses and get out of the Senate while you still have some unlikely shred of credibility.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

THE INTERNET CORRODES
SENSE OF REALITY

ARIZONA — Thirty-year-old aspiring model Paul Zolezzi committed suicide by hanging himself from the monkey bars at a Brooklyn playground early Friday morning. He wrote a short goodbye note to his family and friends, telling them he would "end . . . his life in Brooklyn" and that he "couldn't have asked for more." Rather than leave the note for someone to find after his death, however,

Zolezzi chose to post it as his Facebook status. We live in a time where every moment of our lives is Facebooked, texted, blogged, Twittered or YouTube'd. Anyone can claim a small space of Internet, a cyber-plot of land, and use it in whatever way they like.

In this semi-disconnected space, we can express anything. We can rejoice or rant; flatter or slur. The combination of free speech and anonymity protects even our cruelest accusations. We can use any words we want, even the vilest epithet,

and avoid responsibility or even ownership of that language.

It's startling that something meant to connect us all has become so alienating. The Internet has watered us down as a culture, disseminated emotions so that there's no way to tell what's real. Online, we can say anything, or be anyone. That freedom is great, until everyone becomes so overloaded that what we say and who we are don't really matter.

Heather Price-Wright
Arizona Daily Wildcat

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» Bullying

FROM PAGE 1

Katie McCarthy, a licensed clinical social worker for the Counseling Center, said as technology provides more means of communication, it makes sense that childish playground behaviors would also be seen occurring in electronic form.

"There is often a poorly supervised 'playground,' so some of the

worst forms of cruelty may surface when students feel that they can escape any consequences," she said.

Jordan Rozycki, a freshman exercise science major, said people who use technology for aggressive purposes may not see immediate consequences when doing so.

"It doesn't seem as confrontational when doing it," he said. "They think it will just help them get their point across clearer."

McCarthy said even though

technology has made it easier for students to communicate with each other on a regular basis, a face-to-face encounter is still crucial to have.

"If a person does not practice this sufficiently, they might instead avoid any direct conflict and not be able to express their own needs or advocate for their own wants during a person-to-person encounter," she said. "This could impair relationships with family, friends or significant others."

Ariana Falk, a sophomore elementary education major, said she sends text messages all the time, but knows texting is not the best form of communication all the time.

"That person doesn't get to hear what I texted," she said. "I'll stay up to 4 a.m. in the morning talking to them instead of meeting with them. It can deprive one of that one-to-one relationship."

McCarthy said there is a greater risk of miscommunication when overusing

technology to connect with others.

"People might become more distraught when they are waiting for responses, or more likely to 'read between the lines' to see a meaning that is not intended," she said. "Generally, the clearest communication can occur when discussed in person so that there can be the greatest clarity of intent possible."

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» Gregg

FROM PAGE 1

"I didn't know there was a multi-media area back there," Morris said. "Right now, some of my friends are working on documentaries using the software provided here."

Braswell said the center was renamed because Gregg Computer Lab is more than computers. Students can check out equipment and laptops, as well as do video editing, use collaboration areas and have access to training areas.

"This is considered more than a computer lab," Braswell said.

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» Chrusciel

FROM PAGE 1

He said the slogan of Eastern drew him in. He added his own spin to the slogan, which is "Big enough to matter, small enough to care."

"I dare to add a third aspect which is 'the interest to make a difference,'" he said.

That is a goal that is in conjunction with Chrusciel's stresses on development and success, he said.

Emphasis on development, training and level of personnel satisfaction were key points to his management style, which translated into his fiscal policy. Chrusciel said when cuts became inevitable and deferred maintenance was addressed, he would rely

on constituents and the provost to direct his department.

"The campus must be aware of the impact cuts will make on their services," he said. "This is why I make it a priority to involve constituents in the research process."

"Once again, it is an awareness issue when tackling the issue of deferred maintenance. This is something I see as the provost's responsibility. The provost should be able to look at the list of deferred maintenance and know what the departments, the deans, need. From there, if cuts are made, we need to realize what we are diminishing to avoid cutting into people."

Chrusciel admitted to minimal experience with bargaining units

and the banner system directly, but ensured that he worked with similar units and software products and would try to become familiar.

Despite his areas of indirect experience, Chrusciel said his biggest challenge would be assimilating into the position.

"I am a firm believer that there is no template or model that I can transfer from my previous positions to this one," he said.

Peggy Brown, assistant to the dean of academic computing, who attended all three open campus sessions, said, "I think all three candidates had very different personalities, experience and management styles. It will be difficult to evaluate these candidates."

Augustine said everyone who

attended the meetings scheduled throughout the day had until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday to return the evaluations to 1201 Blair Hall. After all the evaluation forms have been collected, the committee will comprise the comments into a report with a recommendation for hire for President Bill Perry by March 9.

"We hope to have named the new vice president for business affairs by April 1."

Chrusciel said if he were given the position he would plan to retire from Eastern.

"Which should give me another 30 years," he joked.

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» **Kickels**

FROM PAGE 8

Christensen is also on schedule to graduate this spring.

He passed for 2,269 yards and 17 touchdowns with six interceptions while completing 198 of 370 attempts for Iowa as a sophomore in 2007 when the Hawkeyes went 6-6.

The 6-foot-1, 215-pound former Lockport High School star is left-handed, and apparently an improved version of his father Jeff, who transferred from Northwestern to pass for 51 touchdowns in three EIU seasons – ranking third on the Eastern career list behind Tony Romo's 85 and Sean Payton's 76 – before playing for the Cincinnati Bengals, Philadelphia Eagles and Cleveland Browns.

Eastern Pro Days set, Walters preparing for draft

Eastern linebackers coach Forrest Jackson has announced the Pro Days as Eastern football players prepare for their future.

Junior Pro Day will be at 11 a.m. on March 6 in Lantz Fieldhouse or O'Brien Stadium, depending on weather.

Eastern's normal Pro Day will be at 11 a.m. on March 13 in Lantz Fieldhouse or O'Brien Stadium.

Former Eastern defensive end Pierre Walters said he would attend Illinois' Pro Day, which is on March 18.

"I'm going to use the Pro Day here at Eastern as a tool gauge as what to expect," Walters said. "It is nerve wracking. Trust me, I think about it everyday. I just stay within myself. I'm not too worried."

Walters said within the last two weeks the San Francisco 49ers, the Miami Dolphins and the Cleveland Browns all have been in contact with his agent.

He is training at Eastern and living in Charleston after spending a lot of time in New Jersey.

"I'm just trying to stay humble, and I haven't made it yet," Walters said.

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» **Racers**

FROM PAGE 8

The Racers jumped out to a 12-point halftime advantage and never let up in the second half.

Hudson, who leads the Ohio Valley Conference by averaging 27.4 points per game entering the contest, shot only 4-for-20 from the field, including 0-for-10 from 3-point range.

The loss knocked the Skyhawks into a first-place tie with Morehead State as both teams are now 12-4 in the OVC. Murray State improved to 11-5 and is in a tie for third with Austin Peay.

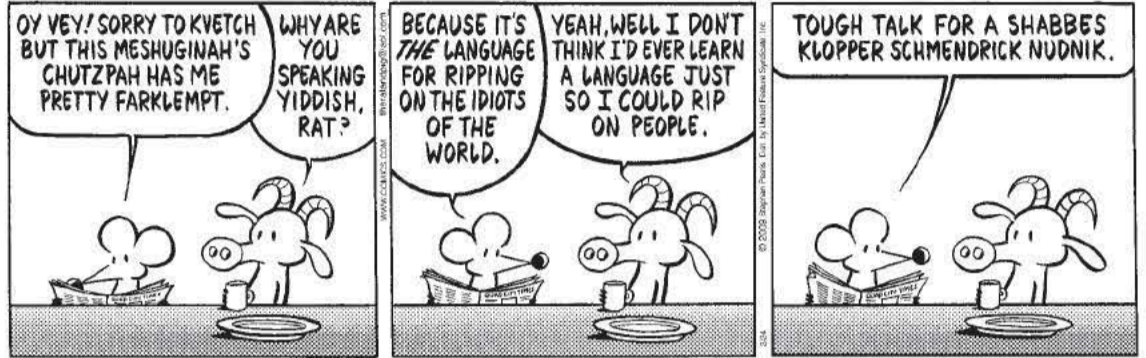
Murray State sophomore guard Isacc Miles led the Racers by compiling a triple-double with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

Freshman forward Ivan Aska led all scorers with 23 points and added 11 rebounds for Murray State.

MEN'S STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Tennessee Martin	12-4	19-8
Morehead State	12-4	16-13
Austin Peay	11-5	15-12
Murray State	11-5	15-11
E. Kentucky	10-6	18-10
E. Illinois	8-8	12-15
Tennessee State	7-9	10-17
Tennessee Tech	5-12	11-17
Jacksonville State	5-12	11-16
Southeast Missouri	0-16	3-25

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» **Murphy**

FROM PAGE 8

The Panthers started off the season 5-0 and won the Troy Cox Classic hosted by New Mexico State (14-3). The Aggies are receiving votes in the ESPN/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Poll.

The Panthers lost to South Carolina 4-2 in 11 innings and lost to James Madison 6-3 on Sunday in the South Carolina Gamecock Invitational. James Madison is 10-3.

South Carolina (11-1) is receiving votes in the USA Today/NFCA Division I poll, at the South Carolina Gamecock Invitational.

The Panthers will also play, according to this poll, No. 24 Southern Illinois and Kansas, which received votes, later this season.

The Panthers will play at the Owl Classic in Kennesaw, Ga., hosted by Kennesaw State this weekend. The Panthers will play Kennesaw State at 10 a.m. on Friday and Southern

Mississippi at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Panthers will also play North Carolina Central at 10 a.m. on Saturday. They will also play an opponent in bracket play on Saturday at either 4 or 6:30 p.m.

Chance for another streak

Although, the Eastern women's basketball team lost to Murray State on Saturday in Lantz Arena, and Eastern's 20-game home-winning streak ended, the Panthers (20-8, 13-3 Ohio Valley Conference) will have a chance to start the winning streak again.

Since the Panthers won on Thursday night against Tennessee Martin, they will host a first round opponent in the OVC Tournament. This will be the second time in the history of the program the Panthers will host a first round game. Eastern's opponent is still to be determined, but the game will start at 7 p.m. on March 3 in Lantz Arena.

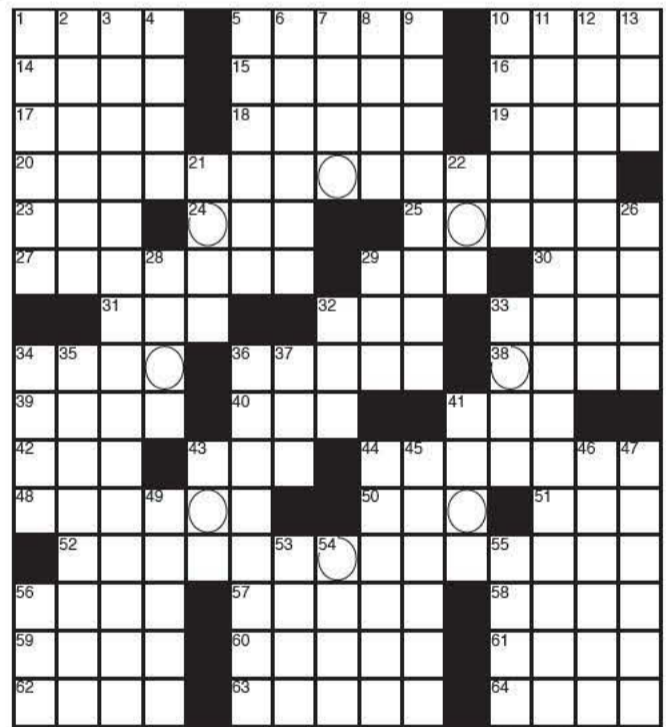
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- 1 Pickle flavoring
 - 5 Sheetful of cookies
 - 10 Eight: Prefix
 - 14 "The ___ Love" (hit by 42-Across)
 - 15 Nasty virus
 - 16 Setting for an Inaugural Address
 - 17 Representation of a state on the U.S. flag
 - 18 Silents actress Normand
 - 19 Jane Austen novel
 - 20 Book by 52-Across, with "The"
 - 23 Test for coll. seniors
 - 24 Opposite SSW
 - 25 Former body for 52-Across
 - 27 Dresses like a justice
 - 29 Synagogue-goer
 - 30 It's not free of charge
 - 31 Hobbit's enemy
 - 32 "The Bells" poet
 - 33 Frozen waffle brand
 - 34 Crash site?
 - 36 See 29-Down
 - 38 Winter forecast
 - 39 ___ Office
 - 40 Hobbit's friend
 - 41 52-Across once passed it, with "the"
 - 42 Rock band fronted by Michael Stipe
 - 43 Cartoon collectible
 - 44 Senses
 - 48 You can dig it
 - 50 "___ what?"
 - 51 Vintner's container
 - 52 Oath of office taker on 1/20/09
 - 56 Not of the cloth
 - 57 May 8, 1945
 - 58 "Oh, woe!"
 - 59 QB Michael
 - 60 Upper echelon
 - 61 ___ Stanley Gardner
 - 62 Actress Lupino and others
 - 63 Winter forecast
 - 64 Bakery loaves
- DOWN**
- 1 Medicinal amount
 - 2 Through regular order of succession
 - 3 52-Across, starting 1/20/09
 - 4 Old Italian money
 - 5 Valentine candy message
 - 6 Lets up
 - 7 Sir ___ Belch of "Twelfth Night"
 - 8 Nile queen, informally
 - 9 Not fully noticed
 - 10 Ancient Greek theater
 - 11 52-Across had one with John McCain
 - 12 Cry just before leaving
 - 13 Solid ___ rock
 - 21 "Mad Money" network
 - 22 Chop
 - 26 Sufficient, once
 - 28 Transmitted by speech
 - 29 With 36-Across, 52-Across's number two
 - 32 Suffix for many a computer attachment
 - 33 Biblical birthright seller
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 - 35 Spent too much (for)
 - 36 1960s hairdos
 - 37 Home state of 52-Across: Abbr.
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 - 43 What secondary recipients of e-mails get
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Florida at LSU |
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SCOREBOARD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
*Murray State 74, Tennessee-Martin 59
No. 6 Louisville 76, Georgetown 58
Charleston 86, Chattanooga 77

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
*Murray State 82 Tennessee Martin 68
*Ohio Valley Conference game

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KEVIN MURPHY

Soccer
recruits
solid class

The Eastern women's soccer team has announced four recruits will join the program, signing National Letters of Intent.

Morgan Boudreau (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North), Kayla Doran (St. Charles, Mo./Incarnate Word Academy), Jessie Morgan (Aurora/Waubonsie Valley) and Jessica Taldone (Crystal Lake/Crystal Lake South) signed with the Panthers.

They will join a program that finished 3-14-2 and 3-4-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

A national search is currently underway to hire the program's third head coach. Tim Nowak, who held the position from 2005-2008, resigned in January to take an assistant position at Arkansas that is assembling a new coaching staff.

Softball team take on competition, fares well

Although the Eastern softball team has dropped its past two games, the Panthers (7-2) have put on quite a showing away from Charleston.

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FOOTBALL | NOTEBOOK



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman linebacker Gordon Kickels waits on the sidelines during the Panthers' game against Jacksonville State on Sept. 27, 2008. Kickels was suspended from the Eastern football team for a violation of team rules. He was involved in an incident during the weekend of Feb. 13-14.

Kickels suspended after incident

Freshman linebacker violates team rules

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Eastern freshman linebacker Gordon Kickels has been suspended from the Eastern football team.

Eastern Sports Information Director Rich Moser said Kickels was suspended from team activities for violation of team rules. Kickels was involved in an incident that involved Eastern athletes during the weekend of Feb. 13-14.

Moser also said the incident has been turned over to the Office of Student Standards to conduct further

investigation, and Kickels is suspended until the investigation is complete.

Kickels played in 11 games this season, and notched 11 tackles, including six solo tackles. Three of his tackles were for a loss.

Searching for a quarterback

Eastern red-shirt junior quarterback Bodie Reeder is still in charge, for now.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said Reeder, the starter for the past 21 games, is still the No. 1 quarterback headed into the spring season.

The Panthers did not sign any quarterback recruits in its 2009 class on the Feb. 4 National Signing Day.

"We're interested in the possibility of perhaps someone making a move,"

Spoo said. "It's still open."

But Spoo said red-shirt freshman quarterback Doug Reynolds and red-shirt sophomore Luke Hockaday are the other quarterbacks left to challenge Reeder.

"It's not a knock on Bodie Reeder," Spoo told *The Daily Eastern News* in December. "Bodie has given us everything he's had, but he's given us kind of a one-dimensional approach. I think you've got to have a two-dimensional quarterback these days. The teams that we lost to were teams that had that type of guy. If it's not Bodie, we've got to look at our depth."

He said Reynolds' skills offer the Panthers a chance to move to the spread because he is a bigger, stronger quarterback who ran the spread

offense and option football in high school.

"I think there's going to be some changes in how we attack people, and I think it's going to give us a better chance to succeed," Spoo said.

Former Iowa red-shirt junior quarterback Jake Christensen had been a possibility according to the *Times-Courier*. Eastern and Illinois State were two of the schools he has been considering transferring to.

The senior is still attending Iowa this semester and would need to get a waiver from the NCAA after a rule change that restricts transfers from playing just one season at the next school.

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BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE RECAP

Racers tighten grasp on conference lead

Open up full-game lead over Panthers with 2 games left

Staff Report

Murray State's women's basketball team strengthened their grasp on the top spot in the Ohio Valley Conference with an 82-68 victory over Tennessee Martin Monday night.

The game was a make-up from a Jan. 31 contest, which was postponed because of massive power outages in Murray, Ky., after an ice storm hit Kentucky.

Three Racers scored in double-figures, led by senior guard Paige

Guffey who scored 24 points and had nine assists. The OVC's leading scorer, senior guard Ashley Hayes, added 22 points and seven rebounds while senior guard Ashley Guffey chipped in with 17.

The win increased Murray State's lead in the OVC to a full game. The Racers gained a one-half game lead on Eastern last Saturday with an 84-69 overtime victory in Lantz Arena.

Murray State can clinch an outright regular season title with victories in its final two games of the season or a loss by the Panthers in either of their final two regular season games.

With one more win, the Racers would clinch at least a tie in the conference, and would also clinch enter-

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Murray State	14-2	19-7
E. Illinois	13-3	20-8
Tennessee State	12-4	16-11
Morehead State	10-6	16-12
Southeast Missouri	10-6	15-12
Austin Peay	9-7	13-14
Tennessee Tech	6-11	8-20
Jacksonville State	4-13	7-20
E. Kentucky	3-13	6-19
Tennessee-Martin	0-16	2-23

led the Skyhawks with 24 points and senior center Phyllisha Mitchell added 21 and 11 rebounds.

The last-place Skyhawks lost their 16th consecutive game.

Men's Basketball

Murray State 74, UT Martin 59

The Racers held Skyhawks' senior guard and the nation's second leading scorer Lester Hudson to a season-low 15 points in defeating the first place Skyhawks Monday night. The loss snapped Tennessee Martin's 11-game winning streak.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday at Austin Peay |
5:15 p.m. - Clarksville, Tenn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday at Austin Peay |
7:30 p.m. - Clarksville, Tenn.

SOFTBALL
Friday at Kennesaw State |
10 a.m. - Kennesaw, Ga.

BASEBALL
Friday vs Saint Louis |
1 p.m. - Evansville, Ind.

SOFTBALL
Friday vs Southern Mississippi |
5:30 p.m. - Kennesaw, Ga.