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ADMINISTRATION

Board finally approves new UPI contract

By Shelley Holmgren
Administration Editor

The dotted line has finally been signed.

After months of tense negotiations, Eastern's Board of Trustees voted to approve the contract agreement between the administration and Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois.

All board members voted in favor of the agreement, with the exception of first-time board attendee Christy Anderson, the student executive vice president, who abstained from the vote.

Upon the board's approval vote, Leo Welch, the board chairman, said, "I feel this is a reasonable contract."

I hope it satisfied both parties and the best wishes on implementing the agreement over the next two years."

English professor John Allison, the UPI/EIU chapter president, agreed with Welch.

Allison thanked the board for arranging the special meeting, since

the board was originally not scheduled to meet again until March 11, and noted his support of the contract.

"I believe we were all able to achieve a contract beneficial for both parties," Allison said.

After adjournment, Allison signed on the line UPI members have been waiting to fill for quite some time.

With this agreement, the UPI members were able to secure a 1.5 percent salary increase retroactive for this year and a 1.25 percent increase for next year.

Although the UPI members were not able to gain contractual clarity in issues like credit units and implementation of the tuition recovery model, considerable progress was made with the implementation of furloughs at the university.

As stated in the contract's Memorandum of Agreement, furloughs will only be bargained over if the university declares exigency, substantial financial difficulties and can prove it.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Bill Perry discussed legislation affecting higher education during the Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday morning in the Edfingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

TECHNOLOGY

Committee takes steps to move past WebCt system

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
News Editor

Eastern has started the process of finding a replacement for WebCT, the current learning management system, by sending a survey to the members of campus Monday.

The process is necessary because, in December 2012, WebCT will no longer be available for licensing after the contract expires. Once this happens, WebCT will no longer exist since Blackboard bought out WebCT in 2006.

John Henderson, the interim assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology, and Lucy Campanis, an associate professor of family and consumer sciences, are in charge of the search process.

"Basically what has happened is one company has ate up another and we are left with the task of trying to figure out what is best for the faculty," Henderson said.

The Blackboard version Eastern has is the last true version of WebCT, but as of December 2012 it will no longer be available for licensing, said Julie Lockett the instructional technology specialist from the Center for Academic Technology Support, or CATS.

"Because of the survey, some people are concerned WebCT will go away, but if the university stays with Blackboard there are many similarities between the two systems," Lockett said. "However, there are still some differences."

A subcommittee was formed within the Academic Technology Advisory Committee with the goal of making a suggestion to CATS of what to go with next.

"Now we are in the beginning stage of trying to decide if we will continue to use Blackboard or get a new learning management system," Lockett said.

Sixteen people make up the committee and each is a faculty member.

"So we have faculty taking care of faculty," Henderson said.

As a committee, there has been no research into a specific system yet.

"Getting the information is the first thing we want to do to be able to represent campus while we do our research," Lockett said.

One of the hardest jobs the committee has will be projecting what these systems will be like in two years when they try to implement the new system.

"It's difficult to tell what the system will have as far as features in the coming years," Lockett said.

And the focus of the search will remain on the different features the systems offer and not the cost.

"Our cost is pretty much based on the skill levels we have to maintain the system on campus," Henderson said.

A system can be purchased for free at face value, but the cost kicks in when it comes to the services the company offers.

"It's a la carte, each company offers different levels of service," Henderson said. "Our overall cost will be determined on our ability to take care of what we have. The money won't be the issue, it will be what is best for the faculty."

Many of the questions within the current survey are based on a comparison to WebCT.

"This is because, well, WebCT is all we have known for the last 10 years or so," Lockett said.

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LOCAL



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Avery Drake, the co-manager of Villa Nova Bar and Grill in Charleston, sips a drink while interacting with a customer on Tuesday night at the bar. Villa Nova opened on Saturday and went through 20 kegs and 15 bottles of vodka early that evening.

New bar, restaurant opens near campus

By Nick Livers
Staff Reporter

A new bar for Eastern students will offer dancing and drinks within a block of campus.

Villa Nova Bar & Grill, 1415 4th St., opened Saturday in a location formerly occupied by Kahuna's.

Kevin Parrott, the co-owner of the new bar, said students should have a place off-campus to eat between classes.

"We just want to give an opportunity for students to have another place to go," Parrott said.

Drink and food specials vary from day to day, he said.

Parrott said they offer rib eye steak sandwiches, Philly steak sandwiches, jumbo fried shrimp, hamburgers and cheeseburgers.

Parrott said the close proximity to bars like Stu's, the Panther Paw, Ike's and the Penalty Box should help Villa Nova's business by bringing more students to that area.

Dave Sugrue, a manager at the Panther Paw, said other businesses at Villa Nova's loca-

tion have not done well in the past.

Sugrue said the Panther Paw did not lose any patrons because of Villa Nova's grand opening.

"Yeah, they had a cheaper beer special, but it doesn't look like it's going to affect us that much," Sugrue said.

The owner of the Penalty Box refused to comment on the opening of Villa Nova.

Parrott said he does not want to view the bars next to Villa Nova as competition, but would rather work together.

He said bar patrons tend to go to multiple bars in one night, providing relatively equal business for each of them.



"There are plenty of students around. It's not like there aren't enough students to take care of everybody," Parrott said.

Villa Nova is open 11 to 1 a.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 11 to midnight Sundays. They are not open Mondays.

"The kitchen having to be open until 1 a.m. is kind of stressful but we're going to give it a shot and see what we can do," Parrott said.

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EIU weather

<p>TODAY</p>  <p>Rain High: 43° Low: 29°</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p>  <p>Chance of snow High: 39° Low: 34°</p>
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what's on tap

<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>9 a.m. Microsoft Excel 2007 Booth Library will have a workshop on how to make spreadsheets in the E-Classroom in Booth Library.</p> <p>2 p.m. Resume critique Students can take their resumes to Career Services for a critique in less than 15 minutes.</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>3 p.m. Franklin on race This lecture presented by Klevor Abo, an instructor of African-American studies, will review Benjamin Franklin's thoughts on racial composition in the U.S. This lecture will take place in the Room 4440 Booth Library Conference Room.</p> <p>8 p.m. Observatory open house The Eastern Observatory will be open for a viewing of the winter constellations. The observatory is located southwest of the Campus Pond.</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Wind Symphony concert The Wind Symphony will perform significant literature drawn from the major masterworks of the modern Wind Band. The concert will take place in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for all others.</p> <p><i>If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.</i></p>
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ONLINE



Blog: Technology turnover

Apple comes out with a new iPhone every summer, right? So why should I buy one now? Shouldn't I wait? Answers to these questions and more can be found in Assistant Online Editor Christopher O'Driscoll's blog iPhone: Buy it now or wait it out? at DENNews.com.



Check out the Verge Friday

Keep a look out for an article on BickhamStock 3D, The Eastern Wind Symphony Orchestra-The Art of Wind Band and many others in Friday's section of The Verge.

Stock it up



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Denver Fidler, a senior English major, restocks the fridges with Mountain Dew after a rush of customers from 11:50 a.m. until noon Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Panther Pantry.

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eastern's arts & entertainment magazine

EIU History Lesson

February 24

2003 The Marketplace at Thomas Hall was unveiled with an expectation for high student traffic. The South Quad center was originally scheduled to open Fall 2002, but was set back because of the relocation of the fine arts departments.

1999 Station managers and student staff at WEIU-TV's "News Scan" broadcast made plans for producing a live, student-anchored newscast at least once a week. Under the compromise, students would anchor live once a week. Both students and administration agreed that more live broadcasts could follow once students became accustomed to the live format.

1978 The Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington officially authorized an Amtrak petition to discontinue ticket sales at the Mattoon depot. Two ticket agent positions were cut, regularly scheduled train stops continued.

EVENT

Stroll Off develops Greek community

By Seth Schroeder
 Activities Editor

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Zeta Phi Beta sorority both won the Greek Stroll Off Wednesday.

The Phi Rho Eta fraternity hosted the event in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Karrie Evans, the vice president of Phi Rho Eta and a sophomore political science major, described strolling as a choreographed, party walk in a single file line.

"It's predominantly African-American Greeks that stroll, but we also have multicultural Greeks," Evans said. "I started the event to bring diversity to campus for African American History Month."

The Stroll Off was organized into three categories such as the founder's stroll, a creative stroll and a present day stroll.

"The founder's stroll is the stroll your founders came up with. Some of these fraternities have been around for hundreds of years," Evans said.

The audience decided the winner for the event. Zeta Phi Beta won the sorority division unanimously. Alpha Phi Alpha had to perform two additional strolls against the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity before being declared the winner.

David Sims, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and a sophomore sports management major, said that his fraternity's last

stroll was its strongest.

"We came up with that last stroll together," Sims said. "We also created it in only a day."

Sims explained that this competition has been one of several events his fraternity has won recently.

"We won chapter of the year . . . Now we want to exceed at everything we do," Sims said.

Alpha Phi Alpha has also recently won scholar's bowl, the step show and the oratorical competition at its district competition.

"We used chapter of the year as a catalyst," Sims said.

Ashley Byrd, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho and a senior elementary education major, said even though her sorority did not win, she had fun competing.

"We stand out because there's not that many of us but we are always together," Byrd said. "Even those not strolling were here supporting us."

She also said that she was very proud of Zeta Phi Beta.

"It's friendly competition with our counterparts with greek-dom," Byrd said.

Evans agreed with Byrd and said that the competition was a great way to build unity among Greeks.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Phi Rho Eta hosted the first Stroll Off competition Wednesday evening in The University Ball Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Phi Rho Eta didn't participate in the competition but they did perform a stroll for the audience.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Three parking resolutions approved, new idea tabled

By Nike Ogunbodede
 Student Government Editor

The Student Senate tabled the resolution to have combined student parking instead of the current under-and upperclassman separated parking.

Student Senate member JR Patton, who wrote the resolution with Student Senate members Kaci Abolt and Zach Samples, voted to table their previously tabled resolution.

"We are not trying to punish anyone or make it easier for people to drive from class to class," the junior political science major said.

This is not a perfect solution, Patton said. The resolution would leave Eastern's parking lots divided into staff, student and visitor parking.

Abolt said tabling the resolution for another week would allow the Student

Senate and campus to get a better understanding of the resolution.

"Hopefully next week we'll have some more audience participation," said Abolt, a sophomore political science major.

The Student Senate members were told to continue to talk to Eastern students.

Three previously discussed resolutions were also approved while one new resolution was tabled.

The Student Senate passed a resolution authored by Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle and Student Senate members Kyle Scherle and Alex Lais to buy plaques for the Student Senate committee chairs.

Although the bill was passed, some of the Student Senate members were hesitant to approve the resolution.

Blake Pierce was one Student Sen-

ate member that was against the resolution deeming it an unnecessary participation award

"I don't think that just because you have a job title entitles you to a certificate that says you did a good job," said Pierce, a senior finance major.

The second resolution requesting a money allocation was passed allowing Christy Anderson and Zach Samples, the co-chairs of the Student Action Team, to travel to Springfield.

Anderson and Samples will be visiting Eric Wilber, the student executive vice president from 2008-2010, before bringing the newly assembled Student Action Team.

"This (resolution) is just to get us to Springfield so we can do some planning for our lobby day," said Anderson, a senior communication disorders and sciences major. "I think that it's es-

sential that we are there."

The Student Senate also approved 11 Eastern students to the Student Action Team, but Anderson is still accepting applications throughout the semester.

Student Senate member Miriam Torres said she was excited to start the lobbying process.

"It's important to meet with our representatives in Springfield," said Torres, a senior political science major.

The MAP Grant is one of the things the Student Action Team should lobby for, Torres said. Torres said because she has received the benefits of the grant she would want to lobby for it.

The Student Senate also passed the fan bus additional money allocation that was approved by the Appointment Board last week while it tabled the Student Action Team- Legislative

Luncheon.

The Student Action Team- Legislative Luncheon, if approved, would bring together the executives of the Student Action Team, Eastern executives, State Sen. Dale Righter and State Rep. Chapin Rose allowing them to further discuss lobbying on April 14.

"(Ceci Brinker and I) decided that if you're going to invite legislators here you're going to have to do it on a little bit higher caliber - we can't be feeding them (Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches)," Anderson said.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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THEATER

Incoming freshmen prepare to audition for scholarship

By Jennifer Brown
 Staff Reporter

The theater department plans to have auditions March 5 for incoming freshmen who have applied for the Excellence in Fine Arts scholarship, or the EFA scholarship.

The department first gave out the award in 1989, and each year it has had enough funding to award to two to three applicants.

Damita Lewis, the office manager of the Eastern theatre department, said the scholarship is specific to the theatre department.

"We normally have spring auditions," Lewis said. "If they choose not to go to Eastern, then we have one in fall."

Performance concentration-based applicants will present two one-min-

ute monologues of contrasting nature at the audition.

The scholarship applicants need to submit three items to qualify for the scholarship that include a resume, a headshot and three letters of recommendation.

"Some send letters from their acting coaches," Lewis said.

Linda Barter, the administrative assistant of the dean's office, said the scholarship was started by the Tarble family and is funded by the EIU Foundation.

Student applicants are required to major in theater and keep their grade point average at a 3.0 departmental level.

Lewis said the scholarship winners must also audition for each play, and if they do not get a part, they have to work behind the scenes.

"If they are doing student teaching, the department is more understanding," Lewis said.

Lewis said it is important for the students to get experience in order to maintain their scholarship with Eastern's theatre department.

"If they are performance (concentration), they are pretty strong so they will be cast in something," Lewis said. "While students can't be in two shows at one time, they can have two minor roles."

Lewis said the EFA students are required to work in all of the shows, and if they are not able to do so, they receive a warning by the department.



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RESIDENT HALLS

Dates with students to be auctioned off

Staff report

The hall councils of Ford, Weller, McKinney and Pemberton Hall will auction off about 30 dates with hall residents at 7 p.m. today in the Pemberton Grand Hall.

Jodi Elusky, a senior recreation administration major and the vice president of Ford Hall's hall council, said that this is the second year the halls have had a date auction. She said all proceeds from the auction will go to the Mattoon Public Action to Deliver Shelter.

"Last year we gave the money to the American Red Cross Haiti relief fund," Elusky said. "(The auction) helps give people a chance to get to know each other from different halls."

Elusky said they will auction off dates with both male and female stu-

dents and will also auction off dates with a building director and a football player.

She also said that the date details will be left up to the participants.

"We try and let them do whatever they are comfortable with," Elusky said. "They can go get coffee, some play board games or go to (the) dining halls to get to know each other."

While the auction earned around \$300 last year, Elusky hopes they earn around \$350 to \$400 this year.

She also said events like this are ways for the residence halls to work together.

"It's all about group activities," said Elusky. "We want to show how we can work as a team. It's usually been individual halls, but we want to work more as a group."

STAFF EDITORIAL

We stand with union members

It is amazing how quickly bad ideas spread. Last week, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker proposed legislation to strip unions of the right to collective bargaining. Protests erupted in Madison, the state's capital, and they continue in and around the Capitol Building. He claims the state's deficit makes it necessary to strip the rights of public worker's unions. Except, that is, for state police, local police and firefighters, who are exempt from the bill's effects.

Those unions supported him during his campaign but have since released statements siding with the protesters and expressing regret for their support for Walker. Union members have made clear they would take the cuts in benefits necessary to close the deficit, but Walker insists that their right to negotiate contracts is a problem for his government.

The 14 Democratic lawmakers fled to Illinois to stop the bill from being passed. Despite Walker's repeated warnings of the harsh consequences they could face, they remain in our great state. We got even more company this week when Indiana Democrats fled their state to stop Gov. Mitch Daniels from pushing through a bill that would have stripped unions of their rights.

Protests have erupted in Indianapolis as well. Unlike Walker, who appears to be holding firm, Daniels seems more open to dropping or changing his bill. But Democrats from both states say they will not return until such class warfare has ceased. Similar legislation has little chance of passing through the Illinois Assembly, but there are many in Springfield who want to kill unions. We encourage lawmakers to keep listening to their constituents and ignore these lobbyists.

Our undervalued and underpaid public servants deserve the right to negotiate health care and pensions. But their right to collective bargaining extends beyond their individual benefits. Unions also fight for the rest of us. A good example of this is negotiations over class sizes.

Class size directly correlates with the success of students. States usually want to increase class sizes to save money. Collective bargaining allows teachers to speak up for the students by stipulating class size in their contracts. They know they can give more time to students in a smaller class and they know that time helps students more than new textbooks or projectors ever could.

The war against unions is being waged on two of our borders. Eastern is recognized across the country for the teachers we produce. But if the rights of teachers to determine their contracts is ended here in Illinois, why would we expect our future teachers to come here to learn or stay here to teach?

We urge lawmakers in Springfield to reject such legislation. We also stand with the Democrats who fled Wisconsin and Indiana. And we wish to extend an invitation to them to drop by *The Daily Eastern News'* office if they are in the area.

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COLUMN

Good writing is the best special effect

Fans of immersive storytelling, take note: There is another technological marvel that will enhance the entertainment value of all the movies you watch, television shows you follow and video games you play. That's right, they've finally perfected smell-o-vision.

Scent Sciences Corporation unveiled their invention, the ScentScape, which they describe as "an innovative scent delivery system," that users can plug into their computers via USB port and enjoy a range of 20 scents like ocean, flowers and smoke.

The ScentScape is designed to work exclusively with video games for now, although they have not said which games yet. The scents will kick in contextually, so if your character is swimming in the ocean you can expect to smell the salt of the ocean and the gasoline from passing motor boats.

You don't have to have a ScentScape plugged in to smell something fishy about the value of such a device.

ScentScape is certainly not the first piece of add-on hardware that has been touted to consumers as a way to further immerse one in an entertainment experience.

Recently 3-D visuals, another advance inspired by the innovations of select movie theaters of our parents' generation, have been gaining traction in the market.

Moviegoers across the country pay a pre-



Doug T. Graham

mium on movie tickets to "get the full 3-D experience," which movie theaters would like you to believe is the best way to experience a movie.

I could not disagree more. To me, movies or video games that bank on their use of high-definition 3-D visuals, surround-sound systems or even odors to immerse their audience are using little more than cheap gimmicks to cover up their lack of quality writing.

I am concerned by the increasing trend of movies and video games that employ and tout these gimmicks, because instead of making a connection with the audience in a substantial way they are merely wow-ing them with technology and hoping they eat it up.

My favorite movie is "Casablanca," a film by director Michael Curtiz released in black and white in 1942. One of the best things about "Casablanca" is its great char-

acters, whose charm and complexities resonate with the audience and bring them in to watch their stories unfold. If a modern movie maker were to take script of "Casablanca" script and try to immerse the audience in it they would have a great many technologies at their disposal that Curtiz did not back in the '40s.

But a movie where the audience can not only see a tense conversation between Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, but also hear environmental sounds around them through surround-sound speakers, view in high definition the sweat glide silently down Bogart's brow with their 3-D glasses, and smell the stench of too many cigarettes and too much brandy on Bogart's breath, doesn't make a more immersive experience.

Modern directors use these gimmicks as crutches and if they continue doing so the audience will come to expect it.

The argument that one needs these gimmicks to create a good storytelling experience holds no water for this fact: Some of the best, most influential stories society has every experienced had no smell, high-definition visuals nor screen at all, just well-crafted words printed on paper by great writers.

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FROM THE EASEL



AMANDA LIMBACH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

Facebook is bad for relationship statuses

By Megan Tkacy
 Columnist

The birth of Facebook in 2004 triggered a dramatic change in the relationships amongst people in America.

Facebook, now global with more than 600 million active users, created a way for people to interact without having to leave their homes. Intended initially as a place for college students, Facebook is now open to anyone who claims to be over the age of 13.

I first joined Facebook in 2005, when I enrolled at Northern Illinois University, because I was curious as to what the hype was all about. At first it was great; I added my future roommate and browsed for students already at NIU to see what to expect from the school before I moved to DeKalb. I even met one of my best friends at NIU from Facebook before I had moved into the dorms. Once at school, what was once just a fun website started to consume everyone's lives.

Every time my roommate and I opened our computers we were checking Facebook, updating our pages and the competition over who had the most Facebook friends began.

Facebook took popularity contests to a whole other level. People began "friending" people they didn't know on Facebook and started walking around with a false sense of importance because they have thousands of "friends." Along with this, Facebook has encouraged people to put their whole lives out on the Internet under the assumption that people care about every little thought or activity of your day.

Truthfully, people don't. The message that really comes across when you constantly update your status about what you're doing every five minutes is really that you need to get a life and get off Facebook.

The power that Facebook gives people when it comes to their friendships is hilarious. You can block someone on Facebook, hide your information from others, even customize what you want certain people to see from your profile page. Realistically, if you don't want people to see what is on your Facebook then why are you posting it on the Internet?

Despite all this, Facebook has become very important to social life. Relationships, be they friendship or romantic, are declared on Facebook or else we don't see them as being "official."

People are so addicted to Facebook that many people don't consider someone their girlfriend/boyfriend until it says so on the person's page. In turn, once it's over on Facebook then it's over. The days of relationships just being between two people is a thing of the past, or is it?

I personally applaud anyone who lives in 2011 and does not have a Facebook. It proves that he or she is able to sustain relationships without relying on the Internet as a middleman.

Rumors about Facebook being shut down are spreading and I think it would be for the best. It would force people to pick up their phones and call the ones they care about rather than writing on their wall. It would eliminate unnecessary drama and force people hiding behind their computer screens to go out and make real friends.

The world is addicted to Facebook and has given it too much power over their lives, it would be interesting to see if life could go back to normal without it. I think we'll be just fine.

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GEOLOGY LECTURE



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kenisha Davis, a junior Spanish major with teacher's certification, leads the food line before a lecture by Roy Funkhouser, an alumnus from 1981, Wednesday in the Physical Science Building. Funkhouser provided the food and lectured about geology and geography professionals in the consulting world.

Alumnus presents consulting aspects

By Rachel Rodgers
 Campus Editor

Students were presented with nine main aspects that were "sure routes to failure as a consultant" during the "Geology/Geography Professionals in the Consulting World: Why So Many Fail" presentation.

Roy Funkhouser, a geologist and Eastern alumnus, presented information on what aspects lead to failure in environmental consulting firms.

Brett Koca, a junior geology major, said the presentation gave people a real viewpoint from someone who has actual field experience and in-depth knowledge on the subject matter.

Funkhouser has worked in environmental consulting for 25 years and is a joint owner of the Linebach Funkhouser, Inc., a private consulting firm.

"(Funkhouser) really gave me a good perspective on a wide range of what is really going on in the field and what to expect when you are out in the real world looking for a job," Koca said.

Some of the aspects Funkhouser discussed as ways to fail were inability to multitask, smartest person in the room syndrome, lack of maturity/credibility, inability to re-invent yourself and becoming a

communication moron.

Funkhouser said he wanted to get the message across that consulting is not as easy as everyone thinks it is and it is not cut out for everyone.

"There are many components in consulting that most people don't understand," Funkhouser said. "There is the sales component, the personal component and the networking component that go well beyond just the technical component of it."

Michael Boline, a senior geography major, said he went to the program to hear an expert's opinion on how the job market is faring and get advice for what the future might entail.

"I thought it was most interesting to hear about the different careers you can go into that don't involve geology or geography," Boline said. "He talked about different communication skills, technical skills and all kinds of stuff that you don't learn about on a day-to-day basis."

Funkhouser explained three different fields to look for job positions that consisted of government, private industry and consulting.

"The presentation answered a lot of questions about where to go beyond college because I know personally we have been told that there are jobs out there, but not a lot of us know exactly where we might

branch off," Boline said.

During the presentation, Funkhouser incorporated images of the Three Stooges and Austin Powers.

Funkhouser said being well rounded is very important to succeed in the consulting industry and you have to be able to wear a lot of different hats.

"You have to be part salesman, part technical expert, part psychologist, part problem solver and part entrepreneur to look at the opportunities that are out there," Funkhouser said.

Koca said his favorite aspect of the presentation was when Funkhouser compared inaccurate salary estimates with more realistic figures.

Inaccurate estimates had an \$85,000 salary whereas, realistically, Funkhouser said the salary would be more like \$35,000 for a starting consultant.

Before the presentation, a reception took place where food and beverages were available in the Phipps Auditorium in the Physical Science Building.

"It was a very encouraging thing to find someone this successful in his field who came from our department," Boline said.

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HISTORY

Journalism faculty show Franklin as news savvy

By Shelley Holmgren
 Administration Editor

Benjamin Franklin's resume could put most people to shame.

He invented the lightning rod, wrote the famous *Poor Richard's Almanac* and not to mention was also one of the Founding Father's of the country—no small task.

However, one of Franklin's most significant contributions was to the foundation of American journalism.

As a part of Booth Library's "Benjamin Franklin: In search of a better world," members of the journalism department spoke on behalf of Franklin's contributions to the press which still resonate today.

Journalism instructor Elizabeth Viall approached Sally Renaud, an associate journalism professor, and Lola Burnham, an assistant professor of journalism, to organize the presentation.

Renaud spoke on Franklin's origins in the printing business, including his sneaky debut in print.

At the age of 16, most teenagers are occupied by gossip, television and iPods. However, it was at this age that Franklin first wrote 14 letters under the pen-name Silence Dogood, which would become "a hallmark of American humor," Renaud said.

Dogood, as written by Franklin, was a middle-aged widow with "homespun, folksy tales" about colonial life. In the letters, which ran in his brother James' newspaper *The New England Courant* from April 2 to Oct. 8, 1722, Franklin poked fun at various aspects of life in colonial America including drunkenness of locals and women's fashion.

However, James was not aware his younger sibling was the mastermind behind the popular widow at the time. Renaud said the only concrete proof that Dogood was Franklin's creation was when he wrote, "My writing, Mrs. Dogood's letters."

Renaud added most scholars do agree Dogood was Franklin's doing.

"Other newspapers in this time were read, but not like the *Courant*," Renaud said. "People read the *Courant*. They talked about it. They fought about it. It offered a kind of journalism that mattered. It had a prickly temperament and a sense of social purpose and those two traits remain hallmarks of American journalism."

Franklin began his post career with a feud with rival printer Andrew Bradford, Burnham said. When Franklin and Bradford (who then published *The American Weekly Mercury*) collaborated to put a third printer and former em-

ployer Samuel Keimer out of business, the plan backfired.

In response, Keimer launched *The Universal Instructor in All Arts and Sciences and Pennsylvania Gazette*.

"I suspect it's the longest name in newspaper names," Burnham said.

At the time, Bradford was Philadelphia's postmaster. This meant he had full authority to refuse distribution to rival papers—including Franklin. However, Alexander Spotswood replaced Bradford as deputy postmaster general for the American colonies in 1730 and later appointed Franklin as postmaster general of the United States.

In 1758, they issued an order that all newspapers must be issued through the mail if they paid postage.

Burnham said the one important exception to this rule was newspaper single copies could be exchanged between printers at no postage. Although this had been practiced for some time, Franklin made this official.

"Before the telegraph, before the Associated Press, printers' exchange allowed for the free information throughout the colonies," Burnham said. She later continued, "They begin to think of this as an America, not the colony of Pennsylvania or the colony of different places."

From Franklin's role as postmaster came partnerships and networks that would shape his career, Viall said.

"You normally don't think of networks in colonial times, but if anyone could network it was Ben Franklin—and he did," Viall said.

In 1755, Franklin's network of printers ranged from New England to the West Indies. It involved 24 printers and had many key effects on American journalism, Viall added.

His partners were journeymen and apprentices that worked for his newspapers were very "like minded."

"He picked people who had a good work ethic. He picked people who had good skills in printing," Viall said. "He picked people who he knew would not go out and get drunk."

Journalists today could learn from Franklin to think with prudence and good character, Viall said.

"(Journalists should also try) to be altruistic and to help other people because that was really what (Franklin) was all about if you really look at it," Viall said. "If you apply that to journalism, you could do good things."

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STATE

Emanuel inherits money woes

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel will not have much time to celebrate his victory as Chicago's new mayor.

Emanuel, who overwhelmed the race with truckloads of money and friends in high places from Washington to Hollywood, will take control of a city in deep financial trouble with problems ranging from an understaffed police department to underperforming schools.

On Tuesday, Emanuel won 55 percent of the vote, easily outdistancing former Chicago schools president Gery Chico, who had 24 percent, and former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun and City Clerk Miguel del Valle, who each had 9 percent. He succeeds Mayor Richard M. Daley, who is retiring after 22 years in office as the longest-serving mayor in Chicago's history.

Emanuel was back at it early Wednesday, greeting voters at a South Side train stop and saying he was heartened by the support he received "and the opportunity to turn the page and start anew with a fresh beginning on tackling the problems that face the city of Chicago."

The city he inherits, though perhaps more beautiful than ever after years of extensive urban improvements, is in financial straits that it hasn't seen since before Daley's father, Mayor Richard J. Daley, came to power in the 1950s.

"Not since the Great Depression have the finances of the city been this

precarious," said Dominic Pacyga, a historian and author of "Chicago: A Biography." The city's next budget deficit could again exceed \$500 million, mostly the result of reduced tax revenue from the recession, and could reach \$1 billion if the city properly funds its pension system.

Emanuel, who takes office May 16, also faces a fractious political landscape.

He will have to find new leadership for the struggling public school system, as two top interim executives plan to leave. He will also need a new police chief, having said he would not renew Police Superintendent Jody Weis' contract. The department is suffering from low morale and staffing estimated at 1,000 officers below previous levels.

Members of the City Council, including a number elected Tuesday, have made clear they will demand more authority after years of domination by Daley.

In 25 years of public life, Emanuel has earned a reputation as a skilled politician and as a political operative, serving in both the Clinton and Obama administrations and as a congressman from Chicago. But the mayor's office will test his mettle as an executive.

Throughout the campaign, Emanuel has acknowledged he'll have to make budget cuts, and has promised to spread the pain as fairly as possible, starting with his own office.

But, like the other candidates, he has been vague about how he will ac-

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complish the reductions. And nothing he has suggested comes close to the projected deficit.

Emanuel said he can save \$110 million by streamlining "outdated and duplicative work processes to focus on front-line service delivery," according to his campaign. His campaign did not use the word "layoffs," but it did allude to "reducing layers of management bureaucracy and consolidating redundant tasks."

"What comes next is a bunch of ugly," said Ralph Matire, executive director of the bipartisan Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. "It's going to be a brutal budget year and there are not quick and easy fixes."

The politics of the cuts could be perilous. Most of the deficit is in the \$3.1 billion general fund, which pays for the police and fire departments, which have been cut significantly, since 2000, Matire said.

NATION

Video recording shows explosion's aftermath

By The Associated Press

DETROIT — Newly released audio and video recordings reveal chaos, calm and acts of charity in the aftermath of a suspected gas main explosion that leveled a Detroit-area furniture store, leaving two employees dead and critically injuring the owner.

The recordings obtained by The Associated Press through a Freedom of Information Act request include 911 calls, police and fire radio traffic and images captured by cameras mounted to police cars and inside a nearby business.

The audio recordings reveal how police and fire officials scrambled to get to those inside William C. Franks Furniture in Wayne on Dec. 29, while keeping peace outside.

The video footage does not show the event itself, but one of the police car cameras does show debris flying through the air and landing on the street and smoke lifting into the air. An officer then jumps out of his car and attends to a passerby who appears to have been injured by flying glass.

"What the hell happened to that place?" the man asks the officer.

Video shot from inside the neighboring Northside hardware store shows that building shaking at the time of the explosion and employees and customers scurrying outside to see what occurred. One woman, a clerk, covered her ears as the explosion rocked the store and signage in-

side swayed back and forth.

Meanwhile, Wayne police Sgt. Tom Warren and dispatcher Colleen Sondgerath fielded dozens of calls in the hours after the blast, many from concerned citizens.

"It's a zoo. It's chaos down there right now," Warren told one caller.

The dispatch calls also reveal efforts by Warren and Sondgerath to coordinate the many area police and fire agencies who lent support to the operation.

"Oh my God. We have the entire city on Wayne Road," Sondgerath said. "Actually, the entire county."

At one point, tempers became short between the dispatcher and a sister of one of the two people killed in the explosion.

Laurel Hunter told the AP on Wednesday that she called 911 simply to get information about her sister, 54-year-old Leslie Machniak. The voice on the other end of the phone line was "rude," Hunter said. The assistance given was "just horrible," she added.

Hunter was at home — a mile and a half from the furniture store — when the explosion shook her house. She turned on television news reports and "knew" Machniak was inside the store.

"That's why I called," Hunter said. "I was distraught. I was very upset. I was almost hysterical. Actually, if I didn't have a friend with me, I don't know what would have happened."

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SCIENCE

U of I professor talks about the language of chemistry

By Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor

A chemistry professor said educators must remember chemistry has a language of its own.

Greg Girolami, a professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, focused on the educator's perspective of chemistry and the history of chemistry during his lecture Wednesday.

The lecture was titled "Illuminating the History of Chemistry Through Books and People."

The language of chemistry can be broken into three areas, which are the ABCs, vocabulary and grammar, Girolami said. The ABCs represent the chemical symbols, while the vocabulary represents the nomenclature.

Nomenclature is "the systemic naming of chemical concepts," Girolami said.

The grammar represents chemical

concepts, which Girolami said educators enjoy teaching to students.

"As educators we are fascinated by chemical concepts and love to teach them to students," Girolami said.

Though, Girolami said the key to teaching chemistry is making sure students understand the chemical symbols.

"Chemical symbols can be difficult for students to learn because the modern chemical symbols are random and arbitrary," Girolami said.

He used the chemical table of Geofrey Etienne, a chemist in the 1700s, to emphasize how chemical naming can seem random to a casual observer.

Etienne used complex symbols to represent certain chemicals in his table that were not familiar to chemistry professors and educators in the audience.

"Our modern symbols are random and arbitrary just like the symbols back in the 1700s," Girolami said.

He emphasized to educators that students will not immediately understand

the chemical symbols and it is the job of educators to help them to understand.

"There is nothing logical about the symbols, we just have to memorize it," Girolami said.

Craig Wheeler, a professor of chemistry at Eastern, said Girolami's lecture was for faculty and students alike.

Girolami also spent much of his lecture discussing the history of chemistry. He talked about the chemist Edward Frankland who invented the concept of valence, the concept of chemical bonds, and improved upon the water quality in Great Britain during the 1800s.

"The single chemist of the entire history of the chemical enterprise that is least well-known is Edward Frankland," Girolami said.

Girolami is a graduate of University of Texas.

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As of Wednesday, Lockett said the committee had received 205 responses from 115 students, 75 faculty members and 15 staff members.

The deadline to turn in the survey is Tuesday.

"We wanted to catch anyone who had anything to do with the learning management system; whether that was from the student side, the instructor side or the organization side," Lockett said.

While the research has begun, the system change will not occur for a few semesters.

A specific timeline is not set, but the switch will not occur until closer to the December 2012 cutoff.

After deciding on a learning management system that best suits Eastern, the system will go through a series of server test and pilot systems before it goes live.

The committee will also look at

how compatible the new system will be with Banner, TurningPoint, Response and Turn It In.

"Whatever we have with WebCT we'll want with the new system we purchase," Henderson said. "We don't want instructors to totally have to rebuild their courses."

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STATE

Blagojevich welcomes intention to drop counts

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Rod Blagojevich has welcomed a move by prosecutors to dismiss three of 23 remaining corruption charges against the impeached former

governor.

Government attorneys announced at a pretrial hearing Wednesday they want to drop one racketeering count, one racketeering conspiracy count and one wire fraud count.

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Parrott is also the manager at the Villa Nova location in Mattoon

Parrott said the Villa Nova location in Mattoon is popular among Eastern students, but the distance between Charleston and Mattoon creates the possibility of patrons

driving under the influence.

The opening of Villa Nova in Charleston gives students a safer alternative to driving back from Mattoon, Parrott said.

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Despite reaching this agreement, the UPI members will only be able to take a short break from the negotiating table. As per the terms of the two-year agreement, UPI members will begin meeting next fall to determine the new bargaining terms for the next agreement, Allison said.

President Bill Perry and Welch also gave board members an update on legislation affecting higher education.

Currently, Perry is in the process of speaking with the Illinois Board of Higher Education on legislation detailing outcome based funding for universities.

Welch also expressed concern for the pending Senate Bill 135, sponsored

by Sen. Martin A. Sandoval, which amends the Public Community College Act and several other related legislation to remove the power to establish tuition rates and fees from the governance of Illinois public universities.

For the 2011 to 2012 academic year (and each year thereafter) the tuition and fee rates must be equal to the 2010 to 2011 rates.

"This (legislation) removes the power of governance groups and elected officials," Welch said. "Personally, I think this is the wrong way to go about this."

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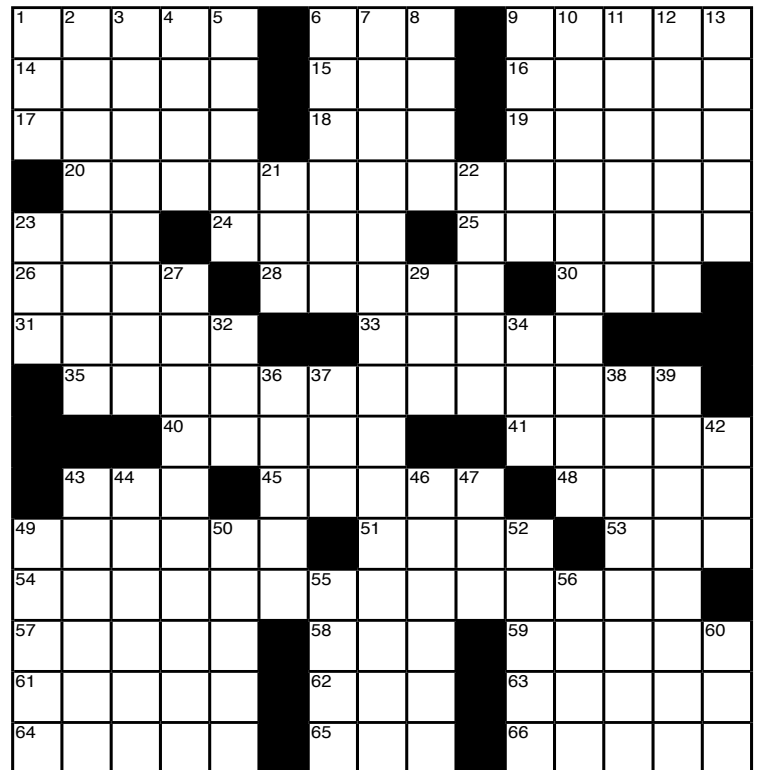
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- Much
- Flying hazard
- Painter Fra Filippo ____
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- "Carmina Burana" composer
- Mastermind
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NATION

Louisville halts DePaul's hot streak

By The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Monique Reid scored 28 points and Louisville's defense shut down No. 7 DePaul in a 68-55 win on Wednesday.

Shoni Schimmel added 11 points,

eight rebounds and six assists for the Cardinals (18-10, 9-5 Big East), who knocked off a ranked team at home for the fifth time this season.

Keisha Hampton led the Blue Demons (25-4, 12-2) with 20 points but DePaul shot just 34 percent from

the field and turned it over 20 times while posting its lowest point total of the season.

The Cardinals led by as much as 15 in the second half. DePaul pulled within seven points on two different occasions.

THREE, from page 12

The Panthers have been phenomenal this indoor season, which should have players and fans alike excited to see what they can do outside.

I think the OVC Indoor Cham-

pionship will be a great way to punctuate an already fantastic season for the Panthers, and set a great tone going into the outdoor season.

The OVC Indoor Championship

starts 3 p.m. Friday in the Panthers' very own Lantz Fieldhouse.

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CLARKSVILLE, from page 12

That should give Eastern more confidence than if they had lost to the lowly Mid-American Conference team, which would have extended the Panthers' losing streak to nine games.

Austin Peay is in good shape for the OVC tournament. Depending on what happens in the final two OVC games this week, APSU could be as high as the No. 2 seed or as low as the No. 4 seed.

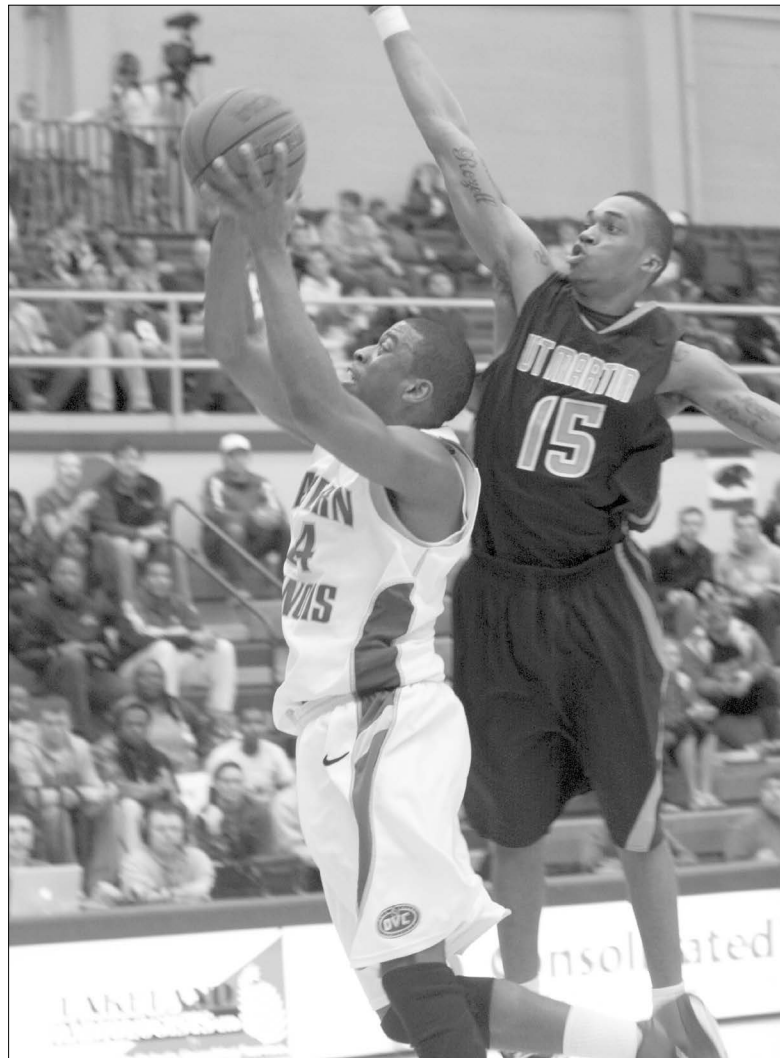
The last time these teams met was Dec. 4 when the Governors beat Eastern at Lantz Arena in overtime 77-73. The game was close, as the Panthers had a 13 point lead in the second half but could not hold on for the win.

Senior Guard Tyler Laser was able to play in that game and scored 15 points. Laser would play just two more games with the Panthers before suffering a season-ending back injury. Without Laser, the Panthers are 5-12.

Eastern has not had much success against Austin Peay, as it holds a 13-21 all-time record. The Panthers have really struggled on the road against APSU, as they have not won in Clarksville, Tenn. since Jan. 27 1997. On the road this season, the Panthers are 4-9.

Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Clarksville, Tenn.

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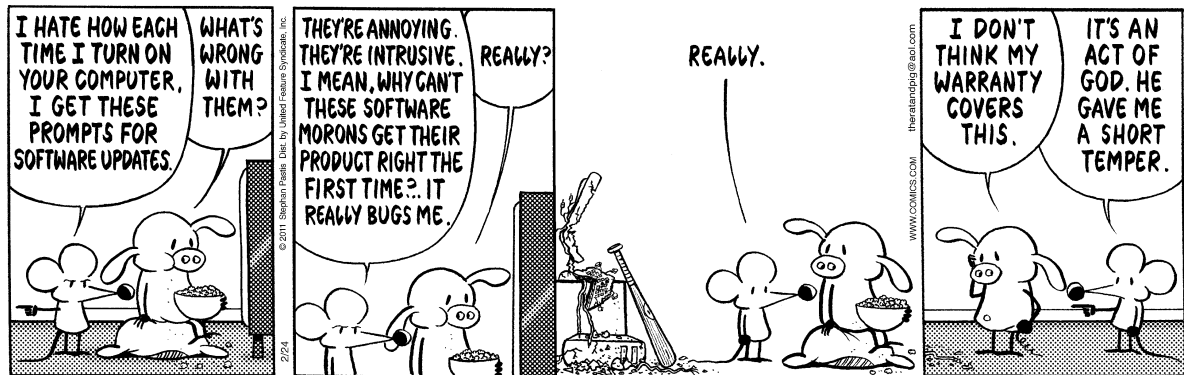


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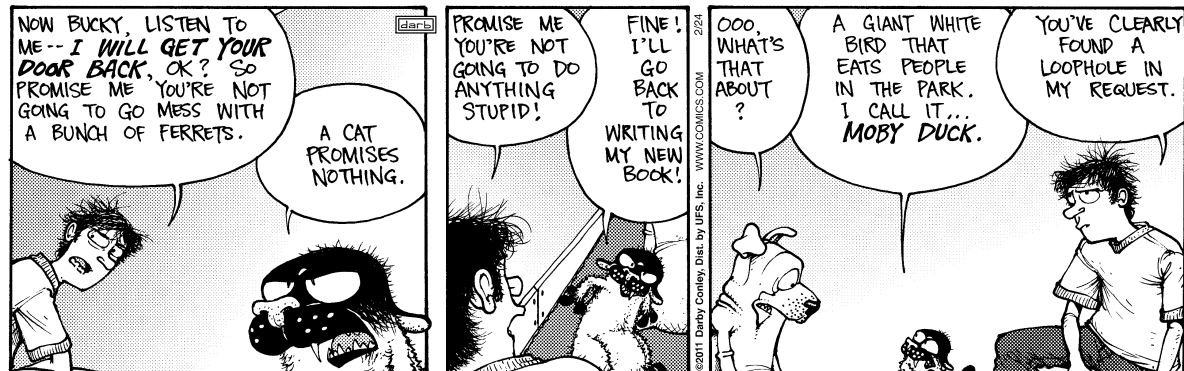
Zavier Sanders, a junior forward, gets in front of Tennessee Martin's Reuben Clayton to take a shot Feb. 1 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers play Austin Peay at 7:30 p.m. today in Clarksville, Tenn.

COMICS

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE BY STEPHAN PASTIS



GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY



BATTLE, from page 12

"We want it really bad," Wyss said. "Playing well at the end of the season just gives you momentum, which we could use to our advantage."

This being the last weekend of the regular season, Wyss said the team wants to keep its momentum.

But do not expect the win to come easy, Sallee said.

"We're going to have to steal one," Sallee said.

Sallee said being at home in the first game against Austin Peay might have made a big difference. He said being on the road against a hostile crowd is going to make it tough to win.

Austin Peay is 12-16 overall this season, while Eastern is 16-11, but Sallee said the team will not be fooled by a losing record. He said even though Austin Peay struggled in non-conference play, he expected them to be good.

"You knew in true Austin Peay fashion that they'd put it together at the end of the year," Sallee said.

Sallee said this year's Austin Peay team has something they have not had in years past — a point guard.

A true point guard, paired with a dominant post player and a good all around roster makes Austin Peay a tough team to beat, Sallee said.

"You knew in true Austin Peay fashion that they'd put it together at the end of the year."

Brady Sallee, head coach

Sallee said he hopes his team can play a balanced offensive game like he strives for.

Whether the top scorer is sophomore guards Ta'Kenya Nixon or Kelsey Wyss, sophomore forwards Mariah King or Sydney Mitchell, or anybody else on the team, he said he hopes the team plays balanced.

"We try to focus on execution more than who is getting what shots," Sallee said. "Because of that it's hard for teams to take good players out of it."

The game is set to tip off at 5:15 p.m. today in Clarksville, Tenn.

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SOFTBALL

Team ready for 'one of the best seasons'

New roster depth will help team's success in season

By Lenny Arquilla
 Staff Reporter

Head coach Kim Schuette said the main difference from last season is the amount of depth at each position.

"We have much more depth at each position. Our pitching staff is performing much better, and right now people are buying in to the program and where we are going and how we will get there," Schuette said.

Her players share her thoughts exactly.

"I feel like this could be one of the best seasons we've had," junior infielder/outfielder Jennifer Saucier said. "Everyone on the team can step up at the moment and contribute to the team. I think we are going to do even better than the first weekend now that we have the first games out of the way and everyone will be a bit more relaxed."

Senior pitcher Amber May has been dominant as of late, being named OVC Pitcher of the Week for the fourth time in her career.

"As a team, I think our biggest improvement is the depth we have in each position," May said. "We can put a number of different people on the field and still be very successful. Our hitting all together has improved. And I also think our mental

"As a team, I think our biggest improvement is the depth we have in each position."

Amber May, senior pitcher

thoughts have changed and improved. We have started to focus more on the little things that softball players struggle with."

Schuette said the freshmen on the team have been a really important addition to the team.

"They are a talented and fun bunch to be around. They love the game, they talk the game, they want to win and they have fun in their own little way," Schuette said.

Freshman pitcher Stephanie Maday said the team has high goals this season, with a championship being the main goal.

"Our expectations as a team are to improve from game to game always developing our skills to become better and reaching our ultimate goal of being champions," Maday said.

Maday said the team's offseason training regimen will greatly prepare the team for the upcoming season.

"During the offseason, we have



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Sophomore outfielder Jen Saucier had two runs, one hit and two RBIs during the weekend series against Tennessee Tech April 31, 2010 at Williams Field.

spent countless hours training in the weight room, mentally preparing ourselves in the classroom, and becoming fundamentally sound on the field," Maday said. "These combined have improved our overall abilities to excel at Panther softball. We are excited to finally get the season underway."

Schuette is very positive about the season ahead, saying she enjoys the team atmosphere and she feels the

team is more talented this year.

"We just need to score one more run than the opponent and things will take care of themselves," Schuette said. "All I know is I promise this team works hard and will continue to do so. I also promise they will be exciting to watch as I think we are more balanced and solid when you refer to the all around game. Pitching, defense and offense, you'll find it all in Panther

softball."

The Panthers play at 10 a.m. Saturday against Alabama State and at 3 p.m. against the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

The Panthers will play Stephen F. Austin 9 a.m. Sunday and 11:30 a.m. against Indiana State.

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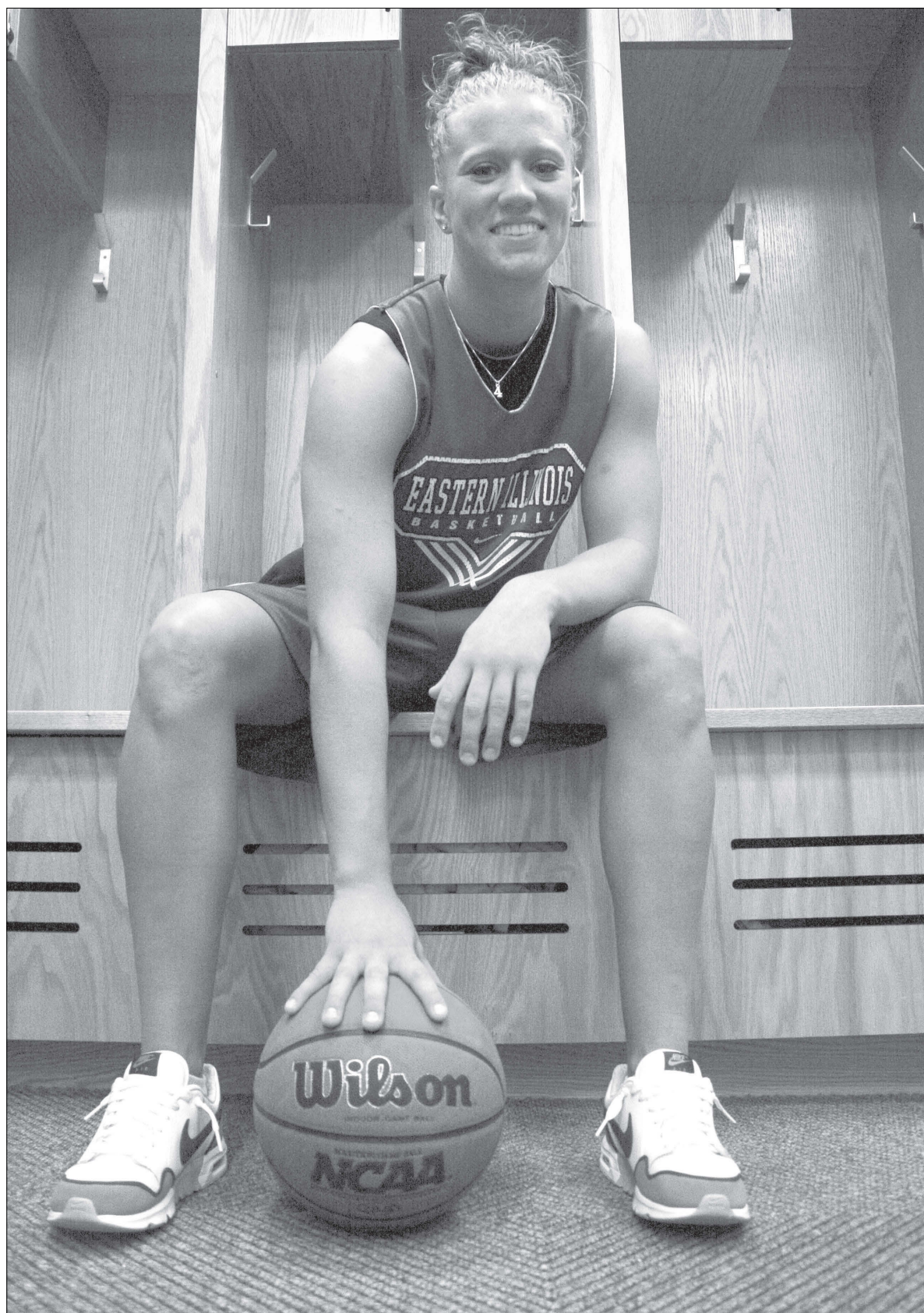
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Top Cat
 with sophomore guard Kelsey Wyss



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Kelsey Wyss, a sophomore guard, scored 21 points in the Panthers' Feb. 17 overtime win over Tennessee-Martin. Wyss also came up with a block at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

STUFFED

Wyss' block energizes team for overtime win

By Alex McNamee
 Staff Reporter

Kelsey Wyss' hand might have been throbbing, but the smile on her face was stuck from ear to ear, after stuffing (blocking) Tennessee-Martin's hope at beating Eastern in regulation Thursday.

With the game tied at 76-76 and six seconds left on the clock, Eastern's defense ran a zone look, trying to keep the Skyhawks' players in front of them to force a contested shot.

One Skyhawk, Jaclissa Haislip, got through the defense and found herself open on the far corner of the court, behind the three-point line.

"I don't know if I lost my girl or what, or if I was guarding somebody and she got past me, but I was looking around the court and there was a girl at the top, a girl at the bottom and number 20 was wide open so that was my next move," Wyss said.

Wyss did not want Haislip, 6-of-12 from beyond the arc at that point, to get a shot up. The sophomore sprinted to the shooter's corner and using "luck," blocked the shot.

"I don't think there's any skill to it. It was luck," Wyss said.

However, there was at least a little skill on the play Wyss made to get to the shooter, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said.

"I'd like to take more credit for it, but she has a pretty good basketball I.Q. and understood what she had to do and thank goodness," Sallee said.

Wyss did not just get one finger on the ball to tip it. She said she got her whole hand on it. It only hurt for a bit.

"I'm pretty sure it was a spike," Wyss joked. "That one hurt my hand."

Afterward, as her teammates celebrated with her, as the two teams headed into overtime, Wyss said she could not get the smile off of her face.

Wyss' Big Game

21 points
 7-of-11 shooting
 5 rebounds
 43 minutes

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 block

Sallee said Wyss' block was one defensive play that will go down in the books as one of the best single efforts he has seen.

"It was definitely one of those you're going to remember," Sallee said.

Wyss said the team was filled with "complete adrenaline" going into overtime. A close game like the one they were playing is a dream, Wyss said.

"Those are the games you play for," Wyss said. "That's when it's a test for yourself, your team and it's a test to see what you can come through to win those games."

In overtime, Wyss scored the Panthers' first points, a three-pointer to draw even with the Skyhawks, 79-79.

Throughout the overtime period, the fans were on their feet cheering on the Panthers. Wyss said the fans helped fuel the team.

"At the end of the game, a lot of us had played quite a few minutes and everyone was playing really hard, so their energy gave us a rush," Wyss said.

The Panthers went on to win the game in overtime, 88-85. Wyss scored 21 points; however, her one block on the stat sheet was a game-changer, Sallee said.

"In games like that you hear people talk about players having to make plays," Sallee said. "That was an instance where a player made a big time play."

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Staff Report

Eastern alum and current Washington Redskins' head coach Mike Shanahan will host the third annual Athletic Director's Gala.

The gala will showcase the athletic department's Blueprint for Success. The Blueprint for Success is part of the university's vision and master plan as well as part of the EI&U Expect Greatness campaign.

Mike Shanahan graduated from Eastern in 1974 and later went on to become the three-time Super Bowl winning coach of the Washington Redskins. Shanahan won two Super Bowls as head coach of the Denver Broncos in 1997-98, and earlier as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers in 1994.

VIEWS



Dominic Renzetti

Could it be three years in a row?

The Eastern track and field team will finish a chapter of its indoor season this weekend with the OVC Indoor Championship.

This will be the meet the team has looked forward to since the start of the year. The team will get to once again show its dominance in the OVC, as they have won the title the last two seasons on both the men's and women's levels.

I do not think this year will be any different. Talent wise, I believe the Panthers are miles ahead any team in the OVC. The Panther men are the only OVC team to be ranked in the top 130 teams in the nation, currently standing at No. 51. The Panthers have competed, and won, against teams ranked much higher than them, including teams sitting inside the top 10.

I do not like to sound cocky, but I do not think the Panthers will win this weekend, I think they will dominate. There is absolutely nobody in the OVC who can compete with them. Eastern track and field is simply on another level compared to other teams in the OVC.

In fact, I think the only non-Panther athlete in the OVC who will present any realistic challenge is sophomore Soufiane Bouchikhi of Eastern Kentucky. Bouchikhi, who comes to Eastern Kentucky from Belgium, is the No. 35 ranked athlete in the nation in the 3,000-meter run.

Bouchikhi dominated the OVC during cross country season, setting numerous OVC and Eastern Kentucky records. Bouchikhi took first at the OVC cross country championship, and was also named Runner of the Year. Bouchikhi also finished just inside the top 50 at the NCAA Cross Country Championship. The Panthers have a lot of great distance runners, but they will certainly need to step it up if they want to compete with Bouchikhi this weekend.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT AUSTIN PEAY

Streaking rivals to battle

Eastern renews Austin Peay rivalry in rematch

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Eastern-Austin Peay rivalry has been at its best in the past few seasons, with the two teams meeting at the peak of the conference for the past two seasons in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship game.

Eastern's women's basketball team has not fared well in the two title games, losing both.

Thursday, the two teams will meet for the second time this season – Eastern won the two teams' first meeting.

The teams are straddling the fourth and fifth place spots in the OVC, with the fourth place team (currently Eastern) getting a first round bye in next weekend's OVC tournament.

With plenty at stake, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee expects today's game to be a classic Eastern vs. Austin Peay game.

"It's going to be like a tournament game," Sallee said.

Sophomore guard Kelsey Wyss said the game against Austin Peay is going to be a game she and her teammates dream about playing in.

"It's going to be one of those ones you hope to play for," Wyss said.

Add to that the fact Eastern and Austin Peay are two of the hottest teams in the OVC right now – Eastern holding a seven-game winning streak and Austin Peay holding a five-game winning streak – and Wyss said the game is so much better.

On the line for both teams is not only a potential first round bye, but also the hot streak each team is on lately. Wyss said the team wants to win the rest of its games going into the tournament.

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Jessica Parker, a freshman guard, prepares to pass the ball to one of her teammates Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena. The Panthers take on Austin Peay at 5:15 p.m. today in Clarksville, Tenn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT AUSTIN PEAY

Team heads to Clarksville for must-win

Road struggles have been trend for Panthers

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

There are three possible scenarios for Eastern's men's basketball team after its game with Austin Peay.

One: The Panthers could beat Austin Peay on the road and have UT Martin lose to Eastern Kentucky at home. This scenario still gives them a chance to make the Ohio Valley Conference; however,

they would still need to beat Tennessee State on the road Saturday and have Martin lose to Morehead State at home.

Two: The Panthers could beat Austin Peay, but if UT Martin beats Eastern Kentucky. Since Martin has a one game lead over Eastern and holds the individual tiebreaker, the Panthers will be eliminated from tournament contention.

Three: Eastern loses to Austin Peay and its season is over before it gets a chance to play Tennessee State or see if UT Martin lost its game, putting an early end to the Panthers injury riddled and inconsistent season.

OVC Standings

1. Murray State 21-7 overall, 12-4 in OVC	6. Tennessee State 12-15 overall, 8-8 in OVC
2. Morehead State 21-8 overall, 12-4 in OVC	7. Southeast Missouri 9-19 overall, 6-10 in OVC
3. Austin Peay 17-12 overall, 11-5 in OVC	8. Tennessee-Martin 10-19 overall, 5-11 in OVC
4. Tennessee Tech 17-11 overall, 11-6 in OVC	9. Eastern 9-18 overall, 4-12 in OVC
5. Eastern Kentucky 15-13 overall, 9-7 in OVC	10. Jacksonville State 5-24 overall, 3-14 in OVC

The Panthers are coming off their first win since Jan. 20 when they beat Murray State on a game-winning shot by junior guard Jeremy

Granger. They most recently beat Toledo (4-23) 75-58 in ESPN's Bracketbuster event.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's basketball
Thursday - Austin Peay
5:15 p.m. - Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's basketball
Thursday - Austin Peay
7:30 p.m. - Clarksville, Tenn.

M&W Track and Field
Friday - OVC Indoor Championships
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